

Title VI Annual Report



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

INTRODUCTION

The Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is committed to ensuring the full participation of all populations in regional planning activities. The Sun Corridor MPO nondiscrimination policy addresses Title VI, and federal and state statutes. Extensive public outreach and data analysis is conducted to provide equal benefit to protected populations and to protect those populations from shouldering a disproportionate burden during the planning process. This annual report details progress made, activities undertaken, and goals for involving the public in the transportation planning process.

For more information about this report or other civil rights concerns, please contact the Sun Corridor Title VI Coordinator, Irene Higgs, at (520) 705-5143.

REVIEW OF PROGRAM AREAS

To ensure compliance, each program and subrecipient is reviewed by the Sun Corridor MPO staff as contracts and planning agreements are developed. This includes a review of Title VI provisions to ensure adherence.

Program Areas

The Title VI Coordinator provides oversight to the program areas. Annually, the Title VI Coordinator will report data collected throughout the year and outline, in the Annual Report, the steps for each program area to comply with Title VI Program requirements.

- Executive Board Meetings
- Technical Advisory Meetings
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Air Quality Conformity
- CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan
- Planning Studies

Listed below is an overview of each program area, data collected and program review.

Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meetings

It is the function of the Executive Board to act as a policy body, coordinating transportation planning and related implementation activities within the Sun Corridor MPO transportation region. The Board must approve all agreements and contracts, the Unified Planning Work Program/Budget, and the Chairman must sign all appropriate documents related to contracts and agreements.

The activities include, but are not limited to, approving previous meeting minutes, approving various federal required documents, and discussing and planning various transportation-

related activities. Additionally, there is open discussion regarding the Regional Transportation Plan, Air Quality Conformity, Transportation Improvement Program, Pinal County Safety Plan, Transportation Alternative Projects, Safe Routes to School studies, and CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan.

At all Executive Board meetings, the Sun Corridor MPO staff reads the Title VI statement, posts the Title VI Notice to the Public, makes available as handouts “Your Rights Under Title VI,” and the “Self-Identification Survey”. The Self-Identification Survey (English/Spanish) is also included on all agendas, website, and the MPO email meeting blast. No LEP services were requested for any of the meetings. One Self-Identification Survey was completed by the public on-line; the remaining entries are based on our best guess:

ETHNICITY/RACE

SUN CORRIDOR MPO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS								
Self-Identification Survey		9-Jul-24	10-Sep-24	12-Nov-24	14-Jan-25	11-Mar-25	13-May-25	10-Jun-25
ETHNICITY/RACE:	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hispanic/Latino	2	0	3	1	3	3	2
	African American/Black	3	1	1	1	1	0	0
	White	16	13	12	12	12	14	11
	Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	# Survey's Completed - Hard Copy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	# Survey's Completed - On-Line	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

The July 1, 2024– June 30, 2025 Executive Board meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 10:00 A.M. and are rotated between the cities of Casa Grande, Eloy, and Coolidge. The public meetings are held at locations that are easily accessible and ADA compliant. Accommodations based on language and disability are available with at least a 48 hour notice prior to the meeting. No special accommodations were requested.

Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meetings

Date	Location
July 9, 2024	City of Eloy Council Chambers
September 10, 2024	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers
November 12, 2024	City of Coolidge Council Chambers
January 14, 2025	City of Eloy Council Chambers
March 11, 2025	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers
May 13, 2025	City of Coolidge Council Chambers
June 10, 2025	Virtual Meeting

Agendas were posted a minimum of 5 days prior to the meeting at the following locations:

- Sun Corridor MPO website: scmpo.org
- City of Casa Grande City Hall

➤ Emailed to SCMPO Distribution List

The annual calendar of meetings was published in both English and Spanish on November 21, 2024, in the Casa Grande Tri-Valley and posted on the Sun Corridor MPO website at scmpo.org. The notice states the date of the meetings, time of the meetings, and location of the meetings. It also provides meeting agenda location information. Upon request, citizens may request and receive, at no cost, an e-mailed meeting agenda or mailed a hard copy.

Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC has the authority, and primary responsibility to conduct technical reviews regarding all work activities of the Unified Planning Work Program; to recommend project awards; and to advise the Executive Board on appropriate actions to be taken for the overall planning direction of the region.

The activities included, but were not limited to, approving previous meeting minutes, approving various federal required documents, and discussing and planning various transportation-related activities. Additionally, there is open discussion regarding the Regional Transportation Plan, Air Quality Conformity, Transportation Improvement Program, Pinal County Safety Plan, Transportation Alternative Projects, Safe Routes to School studies, and CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan.

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ETHNICITY/RACE

Self-Identification Survey		22-Aug-24	30-Oct-24	12-Dec-24	27-Feb-25	24-Apr-25	5-Jun-25	TOTAL
ETHNICITY/RACE:	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hispanic/Latino	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
	African American/Black	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	White	8	8	5	6	5	6	38
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	# Survey's Completed - Hard Copy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	# Survey's Completed - On-Line	1	1	0	1	0	1	4

The July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 TAC meetings were generally held on the fourth Thursday of every other month at 1:00 P.M. through Webex, Teams, and in person. Participants also had the option to call into the meeting. Accommodations based on language and disability are available with at least a 48 hours notice prior to the meetings. No special accommodations were requested.

Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

Date	Location
July 6, 2024	Pinal County Historic 1891 Courthouse, Florence
August 22, 2024	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers
October 24, 2024	City of Coolidge Council Chambers
December 12, 2024	Pinal County Historic 1891 Courthouse, Florence
February 27, 2025	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers
April 24, 2025	City of Coolidge Council Chambers
June 5, 2025	City of Eloy City Hall

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City of Coolidge Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Study

The Sun Corridor MPO published a Request for Proposals on September 19, 2024, to utilize a consultant to complete the City of Coolidge Safe Routes to School Study for the City of Coolidge. The contract was awarded to Kimley-Horn, Inc. on December 9, 2024. This project is tentatively scheduled to be completed by September 2025.

Public Outreach

A Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Four Factor Analysis was conducted for this project using available U.S. Census Bureau 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates data. It was determined that 1,803 individuals within the study area are Spanish speaking individuals that speak English “less than very well”.

Under the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Safe Harbor provision, it is necessary to translate materials when five percent, or 1,000 individuals, whichever is less, speak English “less than very well.” Limited English Proficient Spanish speakers for the study area fall under the DOJ Safe Harbor provision, there is a moderate to high likelihood that LEP persons will engage with the study and materials and services needed to provide language assistance are attainable from availability and cost standpoints. Due to the results, the study team (SCMPO) will provide the following for this study:

- Develop contacts, mailing/email lists, and other means to initiate and continue communications.

- Include Title VI language in all advertisements for the public.
- With reasonable advanced notice, provide requested interpretation/translation services at all public meetings.
- Provide digital and printed materials in the LEP language of the identified group (Spanish).
- Use visual images and other formats, especially at public meetings, when feasible.

Public Events

School Walking/Biking Assessments (March 4 & 5, 2025)

- On March 4 and 5, 2025, Kimley-Horn staff and study team members completed walking and biking assessments for each school in Coolidge. The purpose of the Walking and Biking Assessments was to evaluate issues and barriers to school children walking and biking to school.



Parents and Students Crossing Vah Ki Inn Road at the Former Crosswalk Location



Students Walking in Parking Lot

Walking and biking assessments were completed for the following schools:

- Coolidge Alternative Program (CAP)
- Coolidge High School
- Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT)
- Imagine Prep Coolidge and Imagine Coolidge Elementary School
- Heartland Ranch Elementary School
- West Elementary School
- Coolidge Junior High School



Coolidge Little League Baseball/Softball Games (May 1, 2025)

Sun Corridor MPO and Kimley-Horn staff were present at several baseball and softball games at Kenilworth Sports Center (671 E Coolidge Avenue, Coolidge, AZ 85128) on the evening of May 1, 2025, to engage with the public and gather input for the current Safe Routes to School (SRTS) study. The booth had a map poster board of the city and an observations/results poster board with photos from the school observations set up for viewing and to encourage conversation and further questions from the public. Nearly 50 project flyers with the link/QR code to the SRTS parent survey (available in English and Spanish) were handed out, and over 30 quality conversations were had.



Coolidge Little League Baseball/Softball Games – May 1, 2025

Summer Learning Program Kickoff Block Party (May 29, 2025)

Sun Corridor MPO and Kimley-Horn staff were present at the Summer Learning Program Kickoff Block Party hosted outdoors next to the Coolidge Library on the afternoon of May 29, 2025. We had a booth with coloring sheets, candy, temporary tattoos, and other giveaways to attract attendees. We had an observations/results board with photos from the school observations as well as updated survey results and map board. 75 flyers were handed out with a similar number of quality interactions. Multiple attendees mentioned they had already heard of the SRTS project and participated in the survey during the school year.



Coolidge Summer Learning Program Kickoff Block Party – May 29, 2025


Virtual Public Involvement

The approach to involving the public was centered around community-based values, with the goal of identifying the diverse needs and wants of the general public that may utilize the study area. Therefore, providing virtual engagement opportunities to allow for input at a time and place that is convenient for the public was necessary.

Two surveys were used to gather information on specific topics related to the project tailored to different audiences. Both surveys were made available in English and Spanish.

Parent Survey

This was used to survey parents of children attending each school in the study area. Using the National Center for SRTS Parent Survey as a basis, this survey was created in SurveyMonkey so that it could be easily shared, linked to the PublicCoordinate map, and added to flyers via a QR code. The Kimley-Horn team will enter the results of the survey in the National Center for SRTS Database once the survey is officially closed. A total of 111 surveys were completed.



Parent Survey About Walking and Biking to School (Coolidge)

Your child's school wants to learn your thoughts about children walking and biking to school. This survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete. We ask that each family complete only one survey per school your children attend. If you have multiple children attending the same school, please chose only one to fill this out for.

Your responses will be kept confidential. Neither your name nor your child's name will be associated with any results.

Please view the [interactive map](#) to provide location-specific comments.

Thank you for your participation! **If you would like to be entered to win a gift card, please leave your contact information at the end of the survey.**

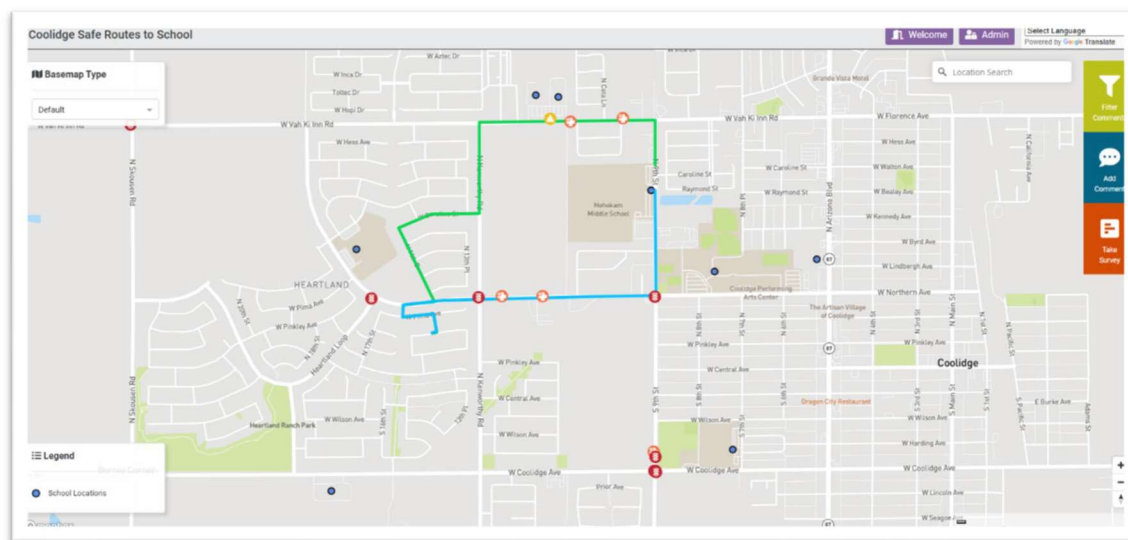
Haga [clic aquí](#) para realizar la encuesta en español.

Teacher/Student Survey

The National Center for SRTS Student Travel Tally was sent to teachers to collect student data in their classrooms. On various days, teachers were tasked with asking their students how they arrived and left school that day. Filled out surveys were received from all grade levels, and Kimley-Horn will enter the results into the National Center for SRTS Database.

Interactive Map (PublicCoordinate)

PublicCoordinate is a proprietary Kimley-Horn tool which is a streamlined, sophisticated interactive map that makes it easier than ever to solicit feedback from the public. This tool allowed for comment input, toggling between multiple project alternatives and base maps, Americans with Disabilities (ADA) web accessibility, custom branding, and survey integration. A total of 17 comments were added to the map.



City of Casa Grande Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Study

The Sun Corridor MPO published a Request for Proposals on August 29, 2024, to utilize a consultant to complete the City of Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study for the City of Casa Grande. The contract was awarded to Alta Planning + Design, Inc. on January 7, 2025. This project is tentatively scheduled to be completed by April 2026.

Public Outreach

A Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Four Factor Analysis was conducted for this project. The assessment used U.S. Census 5-Year ACS data to identify the language and proportion of residents (five years and over) within Casa Grande city limits that speak English less than “very well.” Spanish was identified as the top LEP language likely to be served by the Casa Grande SRTS Study, with 6.46 percent of the total population (five years and over) speaking English less than “very well.” As this exceeds the LEP language threshold (5 percent of the population to be served), the SRTS Study will provide public-facing documents and translation services in Spanish. No other languages identified met the LEP threshold.

Under the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Safe Harbor provision, it is necessary to translate materials when five percent, or 1,000 individuals, whichever is less, speak English less than “very well.” Limited English Proficient Spanish speakers for the study area fall under the DOJ Safe Harbor provision, there is a high likelihood that LEP persons will engage with the study and materials and services needed to provide language assistance are attainable from

availability and cost standpoints. The following resources have been identified to provide LEP assistance:

- Promotional translation services for written outreach materials.
- An in-house team of native speakers to provide support for translation services and quality control.
- Use of web-based translation and telephonic interpretation services, when required.
- Title VI information made available in Spanish by the Sun Corridor MPO, including:
 - Title VI and Nondiscrimination Notice to the Public
 - Complaint Procedures
 - Complaint Form
 - Title VI Informational Brochures
 - Self-identification cards to voluntarily collect demographic data

Walking and Biking Audits

In Spring 2025 Alta Planning + Design, Inc and study team members completed walking audits for 10 schools in Casa Grande. The purpose of the walking and biking audits was to evaluate issues and barriers to school children walking and biking to school.

Walking and biking audits were completed for the following school:

- Mission Heights Preparatory High School, April 22, 2025
- Grande Innovation Academy, April 29, 2025
- Pinnacle High School - Casa Grande, May 1, 2025
- PPEP TEC - Alice S Paul Learning Center, May 1, 2025
- Cactus Middle School, May 7, 2025
- Legacy Traditional School - Casa Grande, May 8, 2025
- Palo Verde Elementary School, May 8, 2025
- Saguaro Elementary School, May 13, 2025
- Mesquite Elementary School, May 14, 2025
- Cottonwood Elementary School, May 14, 2025



Public Events

Palm Island Aquatic Center, Casa Grande – June 7, 2025

On June 7th, two planners from Alta Planning + Design and one staff member from the City of Casa Grande hosted a booth for the Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study at the Palm Island Aquatic Center, 1115 N Brown Ave, Casa Grande, AZ 85122. The booth included an outreach board with a map of participating schools, photos from recent walk audits, and a QR code linking to an online survey. All materials were available in English and Spanish and surveys were provided both electronically and in hard copy. Stickers and water bottles were available for attendees, and approximately 25 people visited the booth during the event.



Palm Island Aquatic Center, Casa Grande – June 7, 2025

Student Travel Tally + Parent/Caregiver Survey

Alta created a modified online version of the standardized Student Travel Tally form for Casa Grande schools. A link to the survey was sent to all project schools so that teachers can easily collect student travel data. Alta also modified the standardized online Parent/Caregiver Survey for Casa Grande schools. A link to the survey was sent to project schools to forward to parents and caregivers in accordance with their regular communication channels. The Student Travel Tally and Parent/Caregiver Survey was made available in English and Spanish. Paper surveys were made available upon request from schools.

Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study Survey

An online study survey was developed for the public to provide feedback through engagement online, including a mapping exercise and a survey. Activities were designed to foster communication and collaboration with the public to identify safety priorities and needs. The online study survey went live in June of 2025 is available in English and Spanish and will be available through September 30, 2025. There have been 15 survey responses to date.



City of Casa Grande
**Safe Routes
to School
Study**

Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study Survey

The City of Casa Grande is conducting a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Study for its public, charter, and private K-12 schools to make walking and biking to and from school safer, easier, and more fun for students.

We want to hear from you! Please indicate below what issues and challenges you currently see on the streets around your school.

School (Required)*

Please select a school you are sharing issues about.

-Please select-

Issue Category (Required)*

Please select the category that best represents your issue. (Select all that apply)

☐ Comfort (e.g., inadequate shade or lighting, unhoused people, etc.)

☐ Driver Behavior (e.g., speeding, failure to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, etc.)

☐ Safety (e.g., inadequate lighting, lack of pedestrian/cyclist separation from traffic, busy street, etc.)

☐ Sidewalks (e.g., missing, uneven, too narrow, non-ADA compliant curb ramps, etc.)



City of Casa Grande
**Safe Routes
to School
Study**

Encuesta de Ruta Escolar de Casa Grande

La Ciudad de Casa Grande está realizando un Estudio de Rutas Seguras a la Escuela (SRTS) para sus escuelas públicas, charter y privadas, desde preescolar hasta el bachillerato, con el fin de que caminar y andar en bicicleta sea más seguro, fácil y divertido para los estudiantes.

¡Nos gustaría saber su opinión! Indique a continuación qué problemas y desafíos observa actualmente en las calles cercanas a su escuela.

Escuela (Requerido)*

Seleccione una escuela sobre la que desea plantear problemas.

-Seleccione-

Categoría y descripción del problema (Requerido)*

Seleccione la categoría que mejor represente el problema. (Seleccione todo lo que corresponda)

☐ Comodidad (por ejemplo, sombra o iluminación inadecuadas, personas sin hogar, etc.)

☐ Comportamiento del conductor (por ejemplo, exceso de velocidad, no ceder el paso a los peatones en los cruces peatonales, etc.)

☐ Seguridad (por ejemplo, iluminación inadecuada, falta de separación entre peatones y ciclistas del tráfico, calle muy transitada, etc.)

Ubicación del problema (Requerido)*

Coloque una chincheta en el lugar concreto del mapa donde se encuentra el problema. Haga clic (o clic con el botón derecho del ratón) directamente en el lugar al que desea mover el marcador azul. Envíe varias respuestas si tiene varias ubicaciones.

Find address or place

Zoom in to Neighborhood level to set location

Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS | Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau ... Powered by Esri

Lat: 32.901522 Lon: -111.729689

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Air Quality Conformity for the Pinal County PM-10 and PM-2.5 Non- Attainment Areas

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a multi-year (5 year) program of transportation projects that is consistent with and implements the goals and objectives described in the Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Update. The TIP is required to be

prepared in complete detail identifying projects, assign projects in appropriate periods, and to identify costs associated with each project as well as funding source. All federally funded transportation projects within the Sun Corridor MPO planning boundary must be programmed in the Sun Corridor TIP. All regionally significant transportation projects that are local or privately (developer) funded and that impact air quality conformity are also required to be programmed in the TIP.

Administrative changes, as well as TIP Amendments are posted on the Sun Corridor MPO website at scmpo.org. The Sun Corridor Technical Advisory Committee meetings as well as the Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board meetings are open to the public, thereby providing an opportunity for the public to comment on any TIP changes done by the Sun Corridor MPO. Air Quality Conformity Analyses and TIP Amendments go out to the public for 30-day review.

On November 7, 2024 the legal advertisements for the 30-day Public Notice for the January 2025 Air Quality Conformity Analysis for an amendment to the FY 2023-2027 Sun Corridor MPO TIP and Sun Corridor MPO Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Update, were published in the Casa Grande Tri-Valley paper and posted on the Sun Corridor MPO website at scmpo.org in both English and Spanish. Following the 30-day comment period, no comments were received by the public.

On April 24, 2025 the legal advertisements for the 30-day Public Notice for the June 2025 Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO TIP and Sun Corridor MPO Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Update, were published in the Casa Grande Tri-Valley paper and posted on the Sun Corridor MPO website at scmpo.org in both English and Spanish. Following the 30-day comment period, no comments were received by the public.

CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan Update 2025

CAG, in partnership with the Sun Corridor MPO, provides Mobility Management (MM) for both Pinal and Gila counties. The Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (Plan) identifies transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes; provides strategies for meeting these needs; and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation. Demographic maps and data are reviewed annually to ensure that services are being offered to the minority and low-income populations. CAG and Sun Corridor MPO are committed to providing outreach to nonprofit agencies providing services to persons with disabilities to discuss regional coordination and collaborative planning opportunities in human services transportation. This includes outreach to stakeholders in both Gila and Pinal County to ensure agencies from the small urban and rural areas have an opportunity to participate in regional coordination efforts.

To ensure equal benefit to protected populations and to protect those populations from shouldering a disproportionate burden during the planning process, public participation is welcomed and encouraged by CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO. There are numerous and varied techniques/activities to provide the opportunity for public and stakeholder involvement. CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO obtain input in a variety of ways including,

but not limited to public hearings, newspaper advertisements, small and large group presentations, committee meetings, website postings and e-mail correspondences.

On December 9, 2024, the legal advertisements for the 30-day Public Notice for the CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan was placed in the following newspapers:

- AJ News
- Casa Grande Dispatch - (Through Tri-Valley Dispatch)
- Florence Reminder
- San Manuel Miner
- Copper Basin News - (Kearny, Dudleyville, etc.)
- Superior Sun
- Silverbelt - (also Apache Moccasin, Copper Country News)
- Maricopa Monitor
- Payson Roundup

Committees: The formal process to review and approve this Plan included input from the following committees and local stakeholders beginning in September and concluded in January.

- Gila-Pinal Rides Committee Review– November 13, 2024
- CAG Technical Transportation Advisory Committee – Recommend Approval of Plan Update – March 30, 2025
- Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee – Recommend Approval of Plan Update – April 24, 2025
- Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board – Approval of Plan – May 13, 2025
- CAG Management Committee – Recommend Approval of Plan Update – April 17, 2025
- CAG Regional Council – Approval of Plan Update – April 24, 2025

Gila–Pinal Rides Committee Meeting

The Gila-Pinal Rides Committee is the steering committee for transit coordination issues within the CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO Region. The committee is comprised of transit providers and stakeholders from both Gila and Pinal Counties and rotates meeting time and locations or being held virtually. Presently, the Regional Mobility Manager brings together the FTA 5310 and 5311 providers, as well as interested stakeholders, to help coordinate transit, and to advance innovative ideas for the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Region as a whole. The Gila-Pinal Rides Committee holds bi-monthly meetings with attendees from various agencies interested in public transportation. The meetings act as a forum to determine where the greatest needs are, to identify gaps in service, look for opportunities to coordinate services, provide collaboration among providers and help overcome the challenges faced throughout the Region.

5310-funded providers in the CAG/SCMPO region also identified the following anticipated funding needs in the upcoming fiscal years:

Agency	Description Request	Fiscal Year	Federal Share \$	Local Match \$	Estimated Amount \$
Central Arizona Governments	Regional Mobility Management	FY24	\$110,000	\$27,500	\$137,500
	Regional Mobility Management	FY25	\$110,000	\$27,500	\$137,500
Payson Senior Center					
	Preventative Maintenance	FY25	\$12,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
	Preventative Maintenance	FY26	\$12,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
	Operations	FY25	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
	Operations	FY26	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
	Plus Ride Management Software	FY25	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
	Plus Ride Management Software	FY26	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
HOPE Inc.	Capital - Preventative Maintenance	FY25	\$2000	\$500	\$2,500
	Operations	FY25	\$0	\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTAL:		FY25	\$151,500	\$57,500	\$205,000
		FY26	\$149,500	\$57,000	\$202,505

The Gila-Pinal Rides Transportation Coordination Committee is the steering committee for transit coordination issues within the CAG and SCMPPO Region. This steering committee is comprised of transit providers and stakeholders from Gila and Pinal Counties and meets six times a year (bi-monthly).

Each meeting focuses on provider updates to provide insight, harvest best practices, and determine where coordinated efforts can be enhanced among the active group within the region. The Committee, in turn, will measure their activities with the goals and future of coordination in the CAG and SCMPPO Region. Primary goals were identified as well as recommendations to enhance regional training efforts and reach out to transportation stakeholders currently using, directly or indirectly, 5310 and 5311 transportation resources. The "Title VI Notice to the Public" is provided at all committee meetings. No special accommodations were requested.

Gila-Pinal Rides Transportation Coordination Committee 2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule

Wednesday - January 29, 2025	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
April 14-16 AzTA Conference	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / Flagstaff
Wednesday - May 21, 2025	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - July 23, 2025	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - September 25, 2025	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - November 12, 2025	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD

Pinal County Safety Plan/SCMPO Network Screening Crash and Analysis Tools Update

The Sun Corridor MPO contracted Greenlight Traffic Engineering to complete this project. Notice to Proceed was issued on June 22, 2023. This project is complete.

Public Outreach

A LEP Four-Factor analysis was conducted for this project. Using available 2022 census data, it is determined that of the 439,655 individuals within the Pinal County region, 355,714 (80.9%) speak only English, and 83,941 (19.1%) speak a language other than English at home. Of those speaking another language at home, 25,156 (5.7%) are reported to have limited English proficiency. Individuals of limited English proficiency indicated on the census that they speak English “less than very well”.

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Public Events

Casa Grande Silent Witness Night, September 24, 2024

Sun Corridor MPO staff, aided by Greenlight Traffic Engineering staff, hosted a booth at the Casa Grande Silent Witness Night. An exhibit showing the outcomes of the study's selected project locations, an exhibit of the County's crash hot spots, and information postcards linking to the SCMPO web page were displayed. Staff interacted with the public and gathered feedback on their perception of the safety of the County's roadways and the selected project locations. Approximately 150-200 members of the public and local agencies attended.



Casa Grande Silent Witness Night, September 24, 2024

Florence 3rd Friday Food Truck Friday Event Series, February 21, 2025

Sun Corridor MPO staff, aided by Greenlight Traffic Engineering staff, hosted a booth at the 3rd Friday Event in Florence. The booth included an exhibit showing the County's top 20 crash segments and intersection location hot spots, and potential project locations that resulted from the study. An exhibit showing safety projects funded from the previous 2019 county-wide Pinal County STSP and 2016 Sun Corridor MPO STSP, as well as 10 HSIP Applications submitted to ADOT in May 2024, and information postcards linking to the SCMPO webpage, were displayed and distributed. Staff interacted with the public and discussed the outcomes of the study and the public's perception of the safety of the County's roadways. Approximately 30 to 40 members of the public were engaged.



Florence 3rd Friday Food Truck Friday Event Series, February 21, 2025

The 61st Annual Lost Dutchman Days in Apache Junction, February 22, 2025

Sun Corridor MPO staff, aided by Greenlight Traffic Engineering staff, hosted a booth at the Lost Dutchman Days event in Apache Junction. The booth included an exhibit showing the County's top 20 crash segments and intersection location hot spots, and potential project locations that resulted from the study. An exhibit showing safety projects funded from the previous 2019 county-wide Pinal County STSP and 2016 Sun Corridor MPO STSP, as well as 10 HSIP Applications submitted to ADOT in May 2024, and information postcards linking to the SCMPO webpage, were displayed and distributed. Staff interacted with the public and discussed the outcomes of the study and the public's perception of the safety of the County's roadways. Approximately 70 to 80 members of the public were engaged.



The 61st Annual Lost Dutchman Days in Apache Junction, February 22, 2025

Online Engagement

Event participants were invited to provide feedback through engagement online, including mapping exercises and a survey. Activities were designed to foster communication and collaboration with the public to identify safety priorities and needs.

English Survey

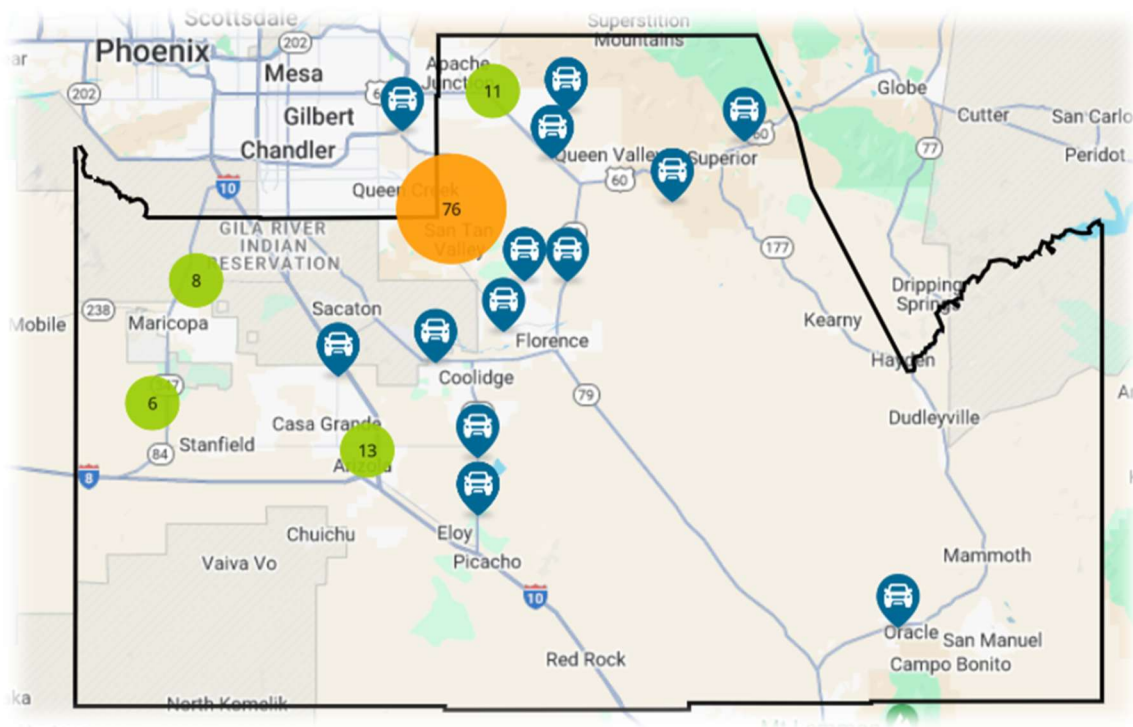
- Total surveys completed = 560

Spanish Survey:

- Total surveys completed = 1

Social Pinpoint Mapping Survey

- Biking pins dropped = 58
- Walking pins dropped = 22
- Driving pin dropped = 131



Social Pinpoint Mapping Survey

Title VI Survey Results

English Title VI:

- Total completed = 180

Spanish Title VI:

- Total completed = 0

ANSWER CHOICES ▼	RESPONSES ▼
▼ American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.67% 3
▼ Asian / Pacific Islander	3.33% 6
▼ Black or African American	3.89% 7
▼ Hispanic	8.89% 16
▼ White / Caucasian	76.67% 138
▼ Multiple ethnicity / Other (please specify) Responses	5.56% 10
TOTAL	180

REVIEW OF SUBRECIPIENTS

At the current time, the Sun Corridor MPO does not have any subrecipients.

REVIEW OF CONSULTANT CONTRACT

The Title VI Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the preparation and execution of all planning study contracts for consultants to ensure Title VI compliance. During the reporting period, the Sun Corridor MPO executed the following planning-related services/activities. The projects used a combination of federal and/or in-kind matching funds.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for all MPO planning projects included the Title VI Assurances, nondiscrimination statements, and language pertaining to the incorporation of all Title VI provisions in every subcontract. Additionally, as part of the general RFP requirements for contracted planning studies, all federally funded projects are assessed for a DBE goal. The Sun Corridor MPO encourages and supports firms that are verified Disadvantaged Businesses Enterprises (DBE) and/or Minority Business Enterprises (MBE). All RFP's are distributed to an extensive list of contractors, including DBE/MBE firms. All firms must be registered in AZ UTRACS to be eligible to apply.

Central Yavapai MPO and the Sierra Vista MPO established Consultant On-calls for Planning and Engineering studies. These On-call list can be utilized by all COG/MPOs in Arizona.

Executed Contracts

- Pinal County Safety Plan/SCMPO Network Screening Crash and Analysis Tools Update – Greenlight Traffic Engineering, LLC # MPD218164-7.1
 - DBE Goal Assessment – 0%.
 - Submitted a Bidders/Proposers list in the AZ UTRACS
 - Contract included Appendix A and E of the Assurances, DBE Provisions, Prompt Pay and Reporting Provisions
 - Consultant reported monthly in the ADOT LPA DBE System to ensure compliance
 - Title VI Training PowerPoint Provided
 - No findings
- SCMPO City of Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study – Alta Planning + Design, Inc. # MPD9150-2.4.01
 - DBE Goal Assessment – 0%.
 - Submitted a Bidders/Proposers list in the AZ UTRACS
 - Contract included Appendix A and E of the Assurances, DBE Provisions, Prompt Pay and Reporting Provisions
 - Consultant reported monthly in the ADOT LPA DBE System to ensure compliance
 - Title VI Training PowerPoint Provided
 - No findings
- SCMPO City of Coolidge Safe Routes to School Study – Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. # MPD9150-2.4
 - DBE Goal Assessment – 0%.
 - Submitted a Bidders/Proposers list in the AZ UTRACS
 - Contract included Appendix A and E of the Assurances, DBE Provisions, Prompt Pay and Reporting Provisions
 - Consultant reported monthly in the ADOT LPA DBE System to ensure compliance
 - Title VI Training PowerPoint Provided
 - No findings

TITLE VI TRAINING

The following trainings took place during the reporting period:

Sun Corridor MPO

- August 22, 2024, SCMPO TAC Title VI Training
- September 10, 2024, SCMPO Executive Board Title VI Training
- June 13, 2025, ADOT Title VI Training, Irene Higgs and Jason Bottjen
- June 23, 2025, SCMPO Staff Training, Jason Bottjen

INVESTIGATIONS, LAWSUITS AND COMPLAINTS

No investigations, lawsuits or complaints have been filed against the Sun Corridor MPO or its member agencies from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. A copy of the Complaint Log is included as an attachment (Exhibit “A”) of this document.

GOALS

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

INTRODUCTION

In FY 2026, the Sun Corridor MPO has identified the following goals to ensure full compliance with Title VI, and state and federal statutes.

REVIEW OF PROGRAM AREAS

The Title VI Coordinator provides oversight to the program areas. Annually, the Title VI Coordinator will report data collected throughout the year and explain the steps for each program area to comply with Title VI Program requirements.

- Executive Board Meetings
- Technical Advisory Meetings
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Air Quality Conformity
- CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan
- Planning Studies

Listed below are the goals for each program area.

Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meetings

It is the function of the Executive Board to act as a policy body, coordinating transportation planning and related implementation activities within the Sun Corridor MPO transportation region. The Board must approve all agreements and contracts, and the Chairman must sign all appropriate documents related to contracts and agreements.

The activities will include, but are not limited to approving previous meeting minutes, approving various federal required documents and discussing and planning various transportation related activities. Additionally, there will be open discussion and updates regarding the Air Quality Conformity, Transportation Improvement Program, CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan, Regional Transportation Plan, Coolidge Safe Routes to School Study, Scoping/Engineering Studies, and Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study.

The July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 Executive Board meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of every other month at 10:00 A.M. and are rotated between the cities of Casa Grande, Eloy and Coolidge. A call-in option is available at all meetings. The public meetings will be held at locations that are easily accessible and ADA compliant. Accommodations based on language and disability are available with at least 48 hours prior to the meetings. At all Executive Board meetings, the Sun Corridor MPO will read and posts the “Title VI Notice to the Public” and makes available as handouts “Your Rights Under Title VI” and “Self-Identification Survey” in English and Spanish. The Self-Identification Survey

(English/Spanish) is also included on all agendas, website, and included in the MPO email meeting blast.

Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meetings

Date	Location
July 8, 2025	Eloy City Hall Chambers
September 9, 2025	Casa Grande Council Chambers
November 11, 2025	Coolidge Council Chambers
January 13, 2026 (Tentative)	Eloy City Hall Chambers
March 10, 2026 (Tentative)	Casa Grande Council Chambers
May 12, 2026 (Tentative)	Coolidge Council Chambers
June 9, 2026 (Tentative)	Telephonic Meeting

Agendas will be posted a minimum of 5 – days prior to the meeting at the following locations:

- Sun Corridor MPO website: scmpo.org
- City of Casa Grande City Hall
- City of Casa Grande Public Library

The 2026 calendar of meetings will be published November/December 2025 in the Casa Grande Tri-Valley Dispatch and posted on the Sun Corridor MPO website at www.scmpo.org in both English and Spanish. The notice states the date of the meetings, time of the meetings and location of the meetings. It also states where the agendas for the meetings are posted. Upon request, citizens may receive, at no cost, an e-mailed meeting agenda or mailed hard copy.

Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC has the authority and primary responsibility to conduct technical reviews regarding all work activities of the Unified Planning Work Program; to recommend project awards; and to advise the Executive Board on appropriate actions to be taken for the overall planning direction of the region.

The activities will include, but are not limited to approving previous meeting minutes, approving various federal required documents and discussing and planning various transportation related activities. Additionally, there is open discussion and updates regarding the Air Quality Conformity, Transportation Improvement Program, CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan, Regional Transportation Plan, Coolidge Safe Routes to School Study, Scoping/Engineering Studies, and Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study.

The July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 TAC meetings are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of every other month at 1:00 P.M. and are rotated between the cities of Casa Grande, Eloy, Coolidge, and Florence. A call-in option is available at all meetings. The public meetings are held at a location that is easily accessible and ADA compliant. Accommodations based on language and disability are available with at least 48 hours prior to the meetings. At all TAC meetings the Sun Corridor MPO will read and post the “Title VI Notice to the Public” and makes available as handouts “Your Rights Under Title VI” and “Self-Identification Survey”

in English and Spanish. The Self-Identification Survey (English/Spanish) is also included on all agendas, website, and included in the MPO email meeting blast.

Sun Corridor MPO TAC Meetings

Date	Location
August 21, 2025	Pinal County Courthouse
October 23, 2025	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers
December 11, 2025	City of Coolidge Council Chambers
February 26, 2026 (Tentative)	City of Eloy City Hall
April 23, 2026 (Tentative)	Pinal County Courthouse
June 4, 2026 (Tentative)	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers

Agendas will be posted a minimum of 5 – days prior to the meeting at the following locations:

- Sun Corridor MPO website: scmpo.org
- City of Casa Grande City Hall
- City of Casa Grande Public Library

The 2026 calendar of meetings will be published November/December 2025 in the Casa Grande Tri-Valley Dispatch and posted on the Sun Corridor MPO website at scmpo.org in both English and Spanish. The notice states the date of the meetings, time of the meetings and location of the meetings. It also states where the agendas for the meetings are posted. Upon request, citizens may request and receive, at no cost, an e-mailed meeting agenda or mailed hard copy.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Air Quality Conformity for the Pinal County pm-10 and pm-2.5 non-attainment areas

Administrative changes as well as TIP Amendments are posted on scmpo.org. The Sun Corridor Technical Advisory Committee meetings as well as the Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board meetings are open to the public, thereby providing an opportunity for the public to comment on any TIP changes done by the Sun Corridor MPO.

A legal advertisement is planned for September 2025 for the 30-day Public Notice for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the December 2025 Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program and will be published in the Casa Grande Tri-Valley Dispatch paper and posted on the Sun Corridor MPO website at scmpo.org. All public notices will be made available in English and Spanish.

A legal advertisement is planned for the 30-day Public Notice for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the June 2026 Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2050 and will be published in the Casa Grande Tri-Valley Dispatch and posted on the Sun Corridor MPO website at scmpo.org. All public notices will be made available in English and Spanish. The public will be given 30 days to comment.

CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan 2026

The Sun Corridor MPO will continue to partner with CAG to provide Mobility Management (MM) for both Pinal and Gila Counties. CAG and Sun Corridor MPO are committed to providing outreach to nonprofit agencies providing services to persons with disabilities to discuss regional coordination and collaborative planning opportunities in human services transportation. This includes outreach to stakeholders in Pinal County to ensure agencies in Pinal County from the small urban and rural areas have an opportunity to participate in regional coordination efforts. The Gila-Pinal Coordination meetings will be held every other month in Pinal and Gila Counties with the local and regional transit providers. Updates to the Human Services Transportation Coordination plan will begin in August 2025. CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO will obtain public/stakeholder input on the update to the Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan to ensure equal benefit to protected populations and to protect those populations from shouldering a disproportionate burden during the planning process. Public participation is welcomed and encouraged by CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO. Methods will include but not be limited to, public hearings, newspaper advertisements, small and large group presentations, committee meetings, website posts and e-mail correspondences. All public notices will be made available in English and Spanish.

Public Notices will be placed in the following newspapers:

- AJ News
- Casa Grande Dispatch - (Through Tri-Valley Dispatch)
- Florence Reminder
- San Manuel Miner
- Copper Basin News - (Kearny, Dudleyville, etc.)
- Superior Sun
- Silverbelt - (also Apache Moccasin, Copper Country News)
- Maricopa Monitor
- Payson Roundup

City of Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study

Alta Planning + Design, Inc. and study team members will conduct four informational and educational SRTS presentations targeting the following groups/existing committees: City of Casa Grande City Council; SRTS Study Stakeholders; SCMPO Executive Board; and Public/School Community Meeting. The presentations will be to introduce the SRTS Study project and educate on the 5 E's of SRTS (Engagement, Encouragement, Education, Engineering, and Evaluation).

The Alta team and study team members will conduct two additional public engagement pop-ups to give students and members of the public an opportunity to learn about the project, SRTS in general, and provide input for the SRTS Study. The online survey and mapping tool will be open to the public through September 30, 2025.

In Fall 2025, Alta Planning + Design, Inc and study team members will complete walking audits for 10 additional schools in Casa Grande. The purpose of the walking and biking audits is to evaluate issues and barriers to school children walking and biking to school at each specific location.

- Casa Grande Middle School
- Casa Grande Union High School
- Cholla Elementary School
- Desert Willow Elementary School
- Evergreen Elementary School
- Ironwood Elementary School
- McCartney Ranch Elementary School
- Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School
- Villago Middle School
- Vista Grande High School

City of Coolidge Safe Routes to School Study

Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. will conduct 3 informational and educational study presentations to include the Coolidge SRTS Study Stakeholders, the Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board, and a Public/School Community Meeting. The presentations will be to inform on the SRTS Study project recommendations and educate on the 5 E's of SRTS (Engagement, Encouragement, Education, Engineering, and Evaluation).

SUN CORRIDOR MPO WEBSITE

Update website to include approved Title VI documents. An accessibility test on the SCMPO website was completed in 2023 and it scored a 48 out of 75. We are looking at plugins/software that will bring it up to a score of 75 or higher. This will be a goal for this year.

REVIEW OF SUBRECIPIENTS

Continue to review all program areas and subrecipients for compliance with Title VI requirements.

REVIEW OF CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

The Title VI Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the preparation and execution of all planning study contracts for consultants to ensure Title VI compliance. Continue to review all contracts for compliance through contract review, training, onsite visits and personal interviews of staff.

Consultant Contracts

- City of Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study
- City of Coolidge Safe Routes to School Study

- SCMPO Engineering/Scoping Program

Contract Compliance

- Title VI Training
- Ensure contract includes most recently signed Assurances, Appendix A and E of the Assurances, DBE Provisions, and Prompt Pay and Reporting Provisions.
- Consultant reports monthly in the ADOT LPA DBE System to ensure compliance.
- Provide Technical assistance.
- Correct deficiencies if necessary.

TITLE VI TRAINING

The Title VI Coordinator will seek and offer Title VI training opportunities to MPO staff, committee members, and consultants in FY 2026.

- **Sun Corridor MPO Staff** - Annually, provide staff with Title VI Training, to include new hires. Staff will partake in FTA/FHWA Title VI Training that is made available throughout the year.
- **Executive Board** - This training will occur annually and functions as part training and debriefing regarding highlights from the previous reporting year. The training portion is high-level and is tailored to identify and address major challenges and special emphasis areas findings from the Title VI Implementation Plan and Annual Goals and Accomplishment Report.
- **Technical Advisory Committee** - This training will occur annually and functions as part training and debriefing regarding highlights from the previous reporting year. The training portion is high-level and is tailored to identify and address major challenges and special emphasis areas. Findings from the Title VI Implementation Plan and Annual Goals and Accomplishment Report.
- **Subrecipients/Consultants** – Subrecipients and Consultant contracts will be reviewed to ensure that the assurances are being followed, which will be followed by training. The content of the training is developed specifically to address the issues/challenges facing each subrecipient as communicated through the subrecipient review. At the current time, the Sun Corridor MPO does not have any subrecipients.

INVESTIGATIONS, LAWSUITS AND COMPLAINTS

The Sun Corridor MPO will strive to have zero complaints for FY2026.

APPENDIX A - COMPLAINT LOG

Annual Report Date: July 1, 2024– June 30, 2025

Title VI Complaints, Investigations and Lawsuits						
Description/Name	Date Month, Day & Year	Funding Source (FHWA or FTA)	Summary (Basis of Complaint)*	Status	Actions / Final Findings	
Complaints						
1) None						
2)						
3)						
Investigations						
1) None						
2)						
3)						
Lawsuits						
1) None						
2)						
3)						

*Specific category, i.e. Race, Color or National Origin

Report to be Submitted Annually to ADOT Title VI Department; a NIL Report is Required