



# TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	June 5, 2025	TIME:	1:00 PM
PLACE:	City of Eloy City Hall, 595 N. C St., Eloy, AZ 85131 Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 289 864 112 975 1 Passcode: FZ6Ud9n3 520-705-5153 Jason's Cell		
Shaded items are action items: Action may not be taken on any other items on the agenda.			
	TAC Members	Guests/Staff	
Attendees:	Duane Eitel, Casa Grande	Jason Bottjen, SCMPO	
	Ben Navarro, Coolidge	Jay Gomes, ADOT (V)	
	Matt Rencher, Eloy	Natasha Sichling, Pinal County (V)	
	Will Randolph, ADOT (V)	Rupel Patesh, Pinal County (V)	
	Tara Harman, Pinal County (V)	(V): Attended virtually	
ITEM	AGENDA ITEM		
1	Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions	1:00 PM	
2	Title VI Statement		
3	Call to the Public: This item is to provide an opportunity for citizens wishing to address the Technical Advisory Committee on issues within the jurisdiction of the Sun Corridor MPO planning area that are not on the Agenda. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes or less.		
	A Call to the Public was made and no member of the public was present.		
4	RTAC Update (Information Only)		
	Kevin Adam was not in attendance.		
5	ADOT Planner Report (Information Only)		
	Will Randolph provided the attached update.		
6	ADOT Southcentral District Report (Information Only)		
	Priscilla Thompson provided the attached update.		
7	FHWA Report (Information Only)		
	Romare Truely was not in attendance.		
8	Air Quality Update (Information Only)		
	Jason Bottjen gave the following update: •SCMPO June 2025 (Winter 2024) Air Quality Conformity □The 30-day review and public comment period ran from April 24th to May 24, 2025. □No public comments were received. □Approval of the FY2025-2029 TIP and Finding of Conformity are on today's agenda.  •SCMPO December 2025 Air Quality Conformity □The updated Air Quality project list has been submitted to MAG and coding SCMPO projects into the MAG master-network has begun. □Approval of the compiled updated air quality project list and 30-day public comment period is on today's agenda. □The 30-day public review and comment period is tentatively scheduled for September 11, 2025 through October 12, 2025.		
9	MPO Update (Information Only): • MPO Progress Report (9.1) • Federal Ledger (9.2) • Project Update (9.3) • SCMPO Annual Assessment (9.4) • RTAC Priority Project Bill 2026 Allocations (9.5)		

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	<p>9.1: MPO Progress Report •Staff meetings &amp; activities 9.2: Federal Ledger •The Remaining Obligation Authority (OA) is \$0 for FY25.</p> <p>9.3: Design Progress Report •No change to what is in the agenda packet</p> <p>9.4: SCMPO Annual Assessment •An agenda item on the July 8, 2025 Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting will be to approve an annual assessment of \$5,000 for each Sun Corridor MPO member agency.</p> <p>9.5: RTAC Priority Project Bill 2026 Allocations •The RTAC Board approved the development of the 2026 RTAC Priority Project Legislation which will request \$480M for infrastructure projects. •The SCMPO Region 2026 allocation is \$33,139,200. •I'll be setting up meetings in the next couple weeks with each agency. •The Priority Project List for the SCMPO Region will be on the August 21st TAC and September 9th Executive Board agendas for approval. •Each agency will present their projects to the Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board at the September 9th meeting. •We'll need to develop fact sheets for each project that will be submitted to RTAC by mid-September to be included in the 2026 RTAC Priority Project Booklet.</p>	
10	<p style="text-align: center;">Consent Agenda</p> <p>All items listed below with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion and one vote of the Technical Advisory Committee. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a TAC member or member of the public so requests. In the event of a request, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:</p>	
	<p><i>Matt Rencher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ben Navarro seconded.</i></p>	
10.1*	Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the April 24, 2025 TAC Meeting	<b>APPROVED 5-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</b>
	<p><i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Meeting Minutes from the April 24, 2025 TAC meeting was approved.</i></p>	
10.2*	Recommend Approval to Advertise the December 2025 Air Quality Project List and Conformity Analysis for 30-Day Public Review and Comment Period	<b>APPROVED 5-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</b>
	<p><i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, advertising the December 2025 AQ Project List and Conformity Analysis for the 30-Day Public Review and Comment Period was approved.</i></p>	
10.3*	Recommend Approval of Amendment #15 to the 2023-2027 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)	<b>APPROVED 5-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</b>
	<p><i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, Amendment #15 was approved.</i></p>	
10.4*	Recommend Approval of the Sun Corridor MPO 2026 Title VI and LEP Implementation Plan	<b>APPROVED 5-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</b>
	<p><i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Sun Corridor MPO 2026 Title VI and LEP Plan was approved.</i></p>	
11	Recommend Approval of the New Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Update	<b>APPROVED 5-0</b>
	<p><i>Ben Navarro made a motion to approve the New Finding of Conformity for the Draft 2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program and RTP 2050 Update. Matt Rencher seconded.</i></p>	
12	Recommend Approval of the Draft FY 2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Update, contingent on the new finding of conformity	<b>APPROVED 5-0</b>
	<p><i>Ben Navarro made a motion to approve the Draft 2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program and RTP 2050 Update, contingent on the new finding of conformity. Tara Harman seconded.</i></p>	
13	Recommend Approval of the Sun Corridor MPO Travel Policy	<b>APPROVED 5-0</b>
	<p><i>Ben Navarro made a motion to approve the Sun Corridor MPO Travel Policy. Will Randolph seconded.</i></p>	
14	Recommended approval to advertise, negotiate, and select a consultant for the Sun Corridor MPO Scoping Program	<b>APPROVED 5-0</b>
	<p><i>Ben Navarro made a motion to approve advertising, negotiating, and selecting a consultant for the Sun Corridor MPO Scoping Program. Matt Rencher seconded.</i></p>	
15	Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County	

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	<p><i>Ben Navarro provided the following update for Coolidge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Coolidge Safe Routes to School study is progressing.</i></li> <li>• <i>The Arica Railroad Crossing project is complete.</i></li> <li>• <i>The Raymond Ave. paving project will be completed end of June &amp; the Northern paving project will be completed in mid-July.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update for Casa Grande:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>McCartney, Pinal Ave. to I-10 and Trekell, Rodeo to McCartney are being widened to 4 lanes with raised medians.</i></li> <li>• <i>Adaptive traffic signals on all main Casa Grande roads have been turned back on.</i></li> <li>• <i>Casa Grande is starting to use artificial intelligence for public involvement.</i></li> </ul>	
16	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting, June 10, Call-in</li> <li>• MPO/COG Directors Meeting, June 12, Phoenix</li> <li>• MPO/COG Planners Meeting, June 13, Phoenix</li> <li>• RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting, June 16, virtual</li> <li>• State Transportation Board Meeting, June 20, Payson</li> <li>• RTAC Board Meeting, June 23, virtual</li> <li>• Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting, July 8, Eloy</li> </ul>	
17	Future Agenda Items	
18	Next SCMPO TAC Meeting Date - August 21, 2025 in Florence	
19	Adjourn	1:31 PM

June 5th, 2025

ATTN: TAC Members

Subject: ADOT MPD Report

**1. FY26-30 Five Year Construction Program:** The tentative Five Year Construction Program is available on the ADOT Website and public meeting comments closed May 23rd. The final adoption will occur at the STB June 20th meeting. Also recently was the Call for Project Nominations for ADOT's P2P process to be considered in ADOT's FY27-31 Five Year Construction program. Projects nominated were submitted to the P2P manager on May 2nd.

**2. Transportation Alternatives:** The ADOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) projects submitted for May 5th are currently being evaluated and review meetings are being rescheduled. Please visit the TA Program website for detailed information, program guide and application. <https://azdot.gov/TA>.

**3. ADOT SMART Program:** New applications are continuously being accepted, and any questions regarding applications should go to [azsmart@azdot.gov](mailto:azsmart@azdot.gov) <https://azdot.gov/planning/grant-coordination/az-smart-fund>.

**4. Federal Discretionary Grants:** Please continue to visit USDOT's website or the ADOT grant coordination page <https://azdot.gov/planning/adot-grant-coordination-group> for the NOFOs and deadlines.

Status of ADOT studies:

**1. 287/87 SR Corridor Profile Study:** The next phase of the project is solution prioritization evaluating project life cycles, B/C ratios, and risk analysis. Project management meetings have been ongoing, candidate project solutions have been submitted to the P2P call for projects, and the most recent TAC meeting occurred June 5th.

**2. Passenger Rail Study:**

The current FRA Step 1 initiation package—comprising the scope of work, schedule, and budget—has cleared FRA management review and is currently under legal review. This process is expected to take a few weeks. Once approved, ADOT and FRA will proceed to finalize the Step 2 grant agreement to move into the services development plan. While the exact timeline for approval is still being determined, a tentative start date in summer 2025 is anticipated.

The latest executive leadership meeting was held Monday April 28th, including members from SCMPO, MAG, and PAG to discuss the latest status of the project while addressing any concerns and comments.

Project Website: [azdot.gov/PhoenixTucsonPassengerRail](https://azdot.gov/PhoenixTucsonPassengerRail)

**3. N/S Corridor Tier 2 Study:** This study is continuing to move forward while the ADOT MPD regional planner is in coordination with the PM on this study and the SR 287/87 study. Northern Segment 1 - Progress meetings were held with the Four Southern Tribes and cooperating agencies. The NOI was published in April for its 2 year time frame for completing the EIS, and three public meetings were held in May, two in person and one virtual. Southern Segment 2 - Had a kickoff meeting with the Four Southern Tribes and cooperating agency meetings occurred in May. Deliverables are ongoing, and will continue to have bi-weekly core team meetings.

Please visit the project website for any other needed information.

<https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/north-south-corridor-study-proposed-new-transportation-route-pinal>

**4. Other studies** are also occurring including freight, ITS studies, and numerous transportation alternative studies.



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ATTENDANCE				IN-KIND MATCH				
Name	Title	Organization	Email Address	Elected Official (✓ if yes)	Federal Funded (✓ if yes)	Hours Worked On Project Preparation Meeting Travel	Miles Traveled	Initials
Tara Hammon	Sr. Transportation Planner	Pinal County	tara.hammon@pinal.gov			1 .5 0	0	Teams
Duane Eitel	Deputy Public Works Director	City of Casa Grande	deitel@casagrandeaz.gov			1 .5 .5		#
Ben Navarro	Public Works Director	City of Coolidge	bnavarro@coolidgeaz.com			1 0.5	0.5	MR
Matt Rencher	Public Works Director	Eloy	mrencher@eloyaz.gov					Teams
Will Randolph	Regional Transportation Planner	ADOT	wrandolph@azdot.gov		X			
Adam Langford	Transportation Planner	Works	adam@worksconsulting.com					
Brent Crowther	Project Manager	Kimley Horn	Brent.Crowther@kimley-horn.com					
Brittanie Hambrick	GIS Analyst	Works	brittanie@worksconsulting.com					
Dan Marum	Principal	Wilson & Company	dan.marum@wilsonco.com					
Anthony Casselman	District Administrator	ADOT	acasselman@azdot.gov		X			
Dawn Cartier	Principal	Civitech	dcartier@civitech.com					
Deborah Brunner	Transit Manager	City of Casa Grande	deborah_brunner@casagrandeaz.gov					
Douglas Eberhart	Senior Environmental Planner	Wilson & Company	douglas.eberhart@wilsonco.com					
Piscilla Thompson	Assistant District Engineer	ADOT Southcentral District	pthompson@azdot.gov		X			





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Irene Higgs	Executive Director	SCMPO	ihiggs@scmpo.org		X			
James Meyer	HPMS Manager	ADOT	jimeyer@azdot.gov		X			
Jason Botjen	Deputy Director	SCMPO	jbotjen@scmpo.org		X			
Jay Gomes	Traffic Engineer	ADOT	jgomes@azdot.gov		X			
Jennifer Henderson	Project Coordinator	ADOT	jhenderson@azdot.gov		X			
Jennifer Love	SR. Transportation Planner	AECOM	jennifer.love@aecom.com					
Tina Munoz	Transit Group Manager	ADOT	tmunoz@azdot.gov		X			
Joe Ortiz	Managing Director of Development Services	Pinal County	joe.ortiz@pinal.gov					
Jon Vlaming	Community Development Director	City of Eloy	jvlaming@eloyaz.gov					
Jothan Samuelson	Transportation Engineer	Works	jsamuelson@worksconsulting.com					
Kevin Adam	Director	RTAC	kadam@rtac.net					
Lucas Murray	GIS/HPMS Analyst	ADOT	lmurray@azdot.gov		X			
Mark Henige	Program Manager	ADOT	mhenige@azdot.gov		X			
Michael James	Planning Director	CivTech	mh.james@civtech.com					
Mike Blankenship	Principal	Green Light TE	mikeb@greenlightte.com					

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