

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	August 21, 2025	TIME:	1:00 PM		
PLACE:	Pinal County Courthouse, Ironwood Room, 135 N. Pinal Street, Florence, AZ Call Number - 1-323-673-4336 Access Code – 582 026 703#				
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	Starla Anderson, SCMPO			
	Matt Rencher, Eloy	Jill Dickey, SCMPO			
	Will Randolph, ADOT (V)	Amy Moran, Wilson & Co (V)			
	Tara Harman, Pinal County (V)	(V): Attended virtually			
ITEM	AGENDA ITEM				
1	Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions				
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.				
	<i>A Call to the Public was made and no member of the public asked to speak.</i>				
4	RTAC Update (Information Only)				
	<i>Kevin Adam was not in attendance.</i>				
5	Sun Corridor MPO Engineering Program Update (Information Only)				
	<i>Starla Anderson gave the following update:</i> • We are preparing the RFQ for Professional Engineering Services. We are hopeful to have the RFQ out by October for solicitation and have a contract in place to begin services by the end of the year. We will be seeking TAC members to participate in the selection committee. • Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) – Call for projects anticipated to be Fall 2026. This will give us time to review crash data & eligible projects • Transit Planning Funds (5305, 5307, 5339) Call for projects anticipated to be early September 2025. Sun Corridor is able to submit 3 applications. We intend to submit 1 application for the City of Eloy for a Transit Feasibility Study Update from 2019. 20% match required. • Transportation Alternative Funding – award letters should be coming out this week for FY26 funding. The 2026 awards will be for Eloy's Safe Routes to School Study and Eloy's final design/construction sidewalk project on Battaglia Road. The tentatively funded, but not awarded projects for 2027 are Casa Grande's design of West Viola Street and Coolidge's final design/construction of a Regional Park Walking Trail. A call for projects is anticipated later this year for remaining 2027 funding, which is approximately \$2M. 2028 tentatively includes Eloy's final design/construction of the sidewalk project on Battaglia Road. The remaining 2028 available funding is approximately \$14M. • Bridge Funding – anticipated call for projects is October 2025. The applications will be due in December and award notification is scheduled to be at the end of February. There are 2 types of funding. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, which requires a 5.7% match. This funding is eligible for scoping the project. The 2nd type of funding is the Bridge Formula Program (BFP) funding, which is 100% covered (scoping is not eligible). ADOT has allocated \$3.9M of STBG funding and a minimum of \$6.7M of BFP funding. Please see attached handout of "fair" bridges/culverts eligible for potential funding.				
6	Air Quality Update (Information Only)				
	<i>Jason Bottjen gave the following update:</i> • SCMPO December 2025 Air Quality Conformity The 30-day public review and comment period is scheduled for September 11, 2025 through October 12, 2025. The Air Quality Tip Amendment, Finding of Conformity, and any public comments received will be on the October 23rd TAC Agenda. • SCMPO June 2026 Air Quality Conformity We provided comments this week on the DRAFT Air Quality Conformity schedule I'll be sending the AQ project lists out to TAC members for updates in late early November • Pinal County The Pinal County Air Quality Control District (PCAQCD) is proposing to revise local air quality regulations to support regional ozone attainment efforts. On November 7, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reclassified parts of Pinal County as a "moderate" nonattainment area for the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). This change requires PCAQCD to adopt additional control measures to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). This proposed rulemaking will be open to public comment starting today, including a virtual public meeting on September 25, 2025. Public comment period ends 5pm on September 26, 2025. <i>I sent out an email this morning that has the County website and ways to submit comments.</i>				
7	ADOT Planner Update (Information Only)				
	<i>Will Randolph provided the attached update.</i>				
8	FHWA Update (Information Only)				
	<i>No Update Given</i>				
9	ADOT Southcentral District Report (Information Only)				
	<i>Priscilla Thompson provided the attached update.</i>				

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10	<p>MPO Update (Information Only):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPO Progress Report (10.1) • Federal Ledger (10.2) • Project Update (10.3) • SCMPD Letters of Support (10.4) • SCMPO FY2025-2029 TIP Amendment #1 (10.5) • AZ Corporation Annual Report (10.6) <p>10.1: MPO Progress Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff meetings & activities <p>10.2: Federal Ledger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Remaining Obligation Authority (OA) is \$0 for FY25. <p>10.3: Design Progress Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change to what is in the agenda packet <p>10.4: SCMPD Letters of Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We provided Letters of Support for SS4A Applications for member agencies Casa Grande: Systemic Intersection and Rail Crossing Safety Enhancements project Coolidge: Systemic Intersection and Corridor Safety Enhancements project Eloy: Systemic Intersection Safety Enhancements project Pinal County: Systemic Intersection and Corridor Safety Enhancements project. • 3 Letters of Support for AZ SMART Grant Applications for Local Match Reimbursement for SS4A Applications Casa Grande Coolidge Eloy <p>10.5: SCMPO FY2025-2029 TIP Amendment #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Administrative Amendment was submitted on July 25, 2025. • The amendment captured changes made to the FY 2023-2027 TIP via Amendments #14 and #15 that have already been approved by ADOT, FHWA, and FTA. • We used the June 2025 Air Quality Conformity process to put the new FY2025-2029 TIP out for the 30-day comment and review period. We had to wait until we received the Finding of Conformity Letter from FHWA & FTA to start using the new TIP. <p>10.6: AZ Corporation Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Arizona Corporation Commission requires that the Annual Report is completed and submitted by August 20 each year. • The Report updates physical location, statutory agent, capitalization, and officers. • The Annual Report was submitted August 7, 2025.
11	<p>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>Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:</p> <p><i>Ben Navarro made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Matt Rencher seconded.</i></p>
11.1*	<p>Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the June 5, 2025 TAC Meeting</p>
	<p>APPROVED 5-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p>
	<p><i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Meeting Minutes from the June 5, 2025 TAC meeting was approved.</i></p>
11.2*	<p>Recommend Approval of Amendment #2 to the FY2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)</p>
	<p>APPROVED 5-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p>
	<p><i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, Amendment #2 to the FY2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO TIP was approved.</i></p>
12	<p>Recommend Approval of the FY2026 Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Sun Corridor MPO Region Priority Project List</p>
	<p>APPROVED 4-0 <i>(Will Randolph Abstained from voting)</i></p>
	<p><i>Matt Rencher made a motion to approve the RTAC Priority Project List for the Sun Corridor MPO Region. Nina Arredondo seconded.</i></p>
13	<p>Recommend Approval to Appoint Nina Arredondo as the Pinal County Representative to the SCMPD Technical Advisory Committee</p>
	<p>APPROVED 5-0</p>
	<p><i>Ben Navarro made a motion to approve appointing Nina Arredondo as the Pinal County Representative to the SCMPD TAC. Matt Rencher seconded.</i></p>
14	<p>Recommend Approval to Adopt the FY 2026 City of Casa Grande Pay Scale</p>
	<p>APPROVED 5-0</p>
	<p><i>Matt Rencher made a motion to adopt the FY2026 City of Casa Grande Pay Scale. Ben Navarro seconded.</i></p>
15	<p>Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County</p>

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	<p><i>Ben Navarro provided the following update for Coolidge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Mile Corner Rd - Early Rd to SR 287 • Scratch / PMAR / Fog / Stripe - Project date is 10/22/2025 • 11 Mile Corner Rd - SR 287 to Storey Rd • Scratch / PMAR / Fog / Stripe - Project date is 10/20/2025 • Woodruff Rd - Curry Rd to Signal Peak <p>3" overlay with glass paver underlayment – looking to start project in February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arica Rd/Shedd Rd intersection design is in moving to phase 4 design. – This is funded through earmarked funds • Arica Rd/Vail Rd design is almost complete and I should have the 1st review next week. This is funded with impact fees through the City of Coolidge • Arica RR Crossing has been lifted and paved out. This was funded through an Economic Strengths Grant • Selma Hwy Bridge East of Hwy 87 – Design has started and should be completed October 2026. – This is funded through the Off System Bridge Program <p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update for Casa Grande:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casa Grande is starting to use artificial intelligence for public involvement. They will be giving a presentation at Roads & Streets this year. <p><i>Matt Rencher gave the following Update for Eloy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunland Gin Road widening: Design is at 90%; construction is expected in March of 2026. • Eloy submitted a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Application and an AZ SMART Application for reimbursement for the SS4A required local match reimbursement. <p><i>Nina Arredondo gave the attached update for Pinal County:</i></p>	
16	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTAC Board Meeting, August 25, virtual • Pinal Partnership Breakfast, September 5, Coolidge • Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting, September 9, Casa Grande • RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting, September 15, virtual • Gila Pinal Rides Transportation Coordination Meeting, September 17, virtual • State Transportation Board Meeting, September 19, Tuba City • RTAC Board Meeting, September 22, virtual • Conference on Roads & Streets, September 24-26, Tucson • MPO/COG Directors Meeting, October 10, Virtual • MPO/COG Planners Meeting, October 14, Virtual • Arizona Transportation Policy Summit, October 15-17, Sierra Vista 	
17	Future Agenda Items	
18	Next SCMPO TAC Meeting Date - October 23, 2025 in Casa Grande	
19	<i>Adjourn</i>	1:32 PM

SCMPO Engineering Program Update

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ATTN: SCMPO TAC Members

Subject: ADOT MPD Report

1. ADOT FY27-31 Five-Year Construction Program: We are in the review period for the FY 27-31 P2P cycle and are finishing receiving project scores and will be conducting the P2P workshops with the districts in September.

2. ADOT 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): The new ADOT LRTP 2050 has kicked off with the consultant AEECOM under Jason James. As part of this Plan Update, ADOT will be conducting a listening tour – meeting one on one with Arizona COGs/MPOs/Tribes, to discuss transportation priorities & challenges. More information to come, as we get closer to public kickoff at the Rural Transportation Planning Summit.

3. Transportation Alternatives: The ADOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) projects FY26 were scored and award letters will be going to MPD director review and signature and should be going to the MPOs soon. Please visit the TA Program website for detailed information, program guide and application. <https://azdot.gov/TA>. The two Safe Routes to School are continuing with data collection, field reviews, and existing conditions for City of Casa Grande, and the Coolidge study is in draft form with project assessments sent to the PMT team for comments due in late August. .

Status of ADOT studies:

1. 287/87 SR Corridor Profile Study: The final TAC meeting occurred Tuesday August 12 to discuss and comment on the final report. The final report was a final compilation of the previous deliverables. Comments have been sent to the consultant to address. The final draft report should be delivered next week with and will be posted on the project webpage.

2. Phoenix-Tucson Intercity Passenger Rail Study: The FRA Step 1 initiation package—comprising of a scope of work, schedule, and budget to conduct a Service Developed Plan — cleared the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) review and approvals in June 2025.

FRA plans to issue a "Projected directed Notice of Funding Opportunity or NOFO" that will include the Phoenix-Tucson Intercity Rail Study. This process is described as administrative and will not be a competitive grant approval process like it was during Step 1. Similarly, Amtrak's Daily Sunset Study, which plans to reroute the Sunset Limited service back to Phoenix, is also expected to receive the projected directed NOFO.

Upon issuance of the NOFO, FRA and ADOT will work on finalizing the grant agreement process to get the Step 2 funds obligated in the amount of \$10.6M with a 10% state match coming from the Governor's office executive budget. While the exact timeline for approval

of the Step 2 grant is still being determined, a tentative start date in fall 2025 is anticipated for the service development plan.

The latest executive leadership team meeting was held on August 11 at PAG. The next quarterly in-person meeting is being planned on Nov. 12 at MAG to discuss the latest status of the project while addressing any concerns and comments. Project Website: azdot.gov/PhoenixTucsonPassengerRail.

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3. N/S Corridor Segment Tier 2 Study: Recent in person meetings were held and a recent virtual session occurred August 14th. Comments can be provided by email, phone, or the project webpage at <https://www.northsouth-segment2.com> through September 8th. Deliverables are ongoing, the project is in the information collection stage, and there will be continued bi-weekly core team meetings.

Please visit the project website for any other needed information.

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

4. Other studies: ADOT is beginning the project initiation activities for the next LRTP, the State Freight Plan update is underway, and there are numerous transportation alternative studies being conducted by individual ADOT planning managers.

ADOT SOUTHCENTRAL DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATE - TAC AUGUST 2025

Priscilla Thompson - Assistant District Engineer ADOT Southcentral District

No.	Project Description	Status
F0270	I10 - Bridges over the Gila River (Outside Sun Corridor)	Currently in Construction by Pulice from 2024-2026 Managed by ADOT Central District Work Continues on the new Westbound Bridge
F0336 / F0337	I10 - Gas Line Road to South of SR 387 (Outside Sun Corridor)	Low Bidder - FNF Construction Construction - 2025-2027 Managed by ADOT Central District
F0641	SR 187 from SR 387 to SR 87 Pavement Rehabilitation (Outside Sun Corridor)	Low Bidder - Sunland Asphalt
CITY OF CASA GRANDE		
F0642	SR 387 at Pinal Avenue and Viola Street - Install HAWK	Low Bidder - AJP Electric
T0469	Florence Boulevard and Peart Road - Intersection Improvements	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - September 2025
T0529	Centennial Boulevard and Pinal Avenue (SR 387) - Construct Traffic Signal	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - September 2025
T0530	Thornton Road-SR 84 to Peters Road - Widen Roadway	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - February 2026
T0618	Ash Avenue and Florence Street Roundabout	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - January 2026
CITY OF COOLIDGE		
T0595	Casa Grande Canal Extension Bridge - Construct Bridge Replacement	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - October 2026
CITY OF ELOY		
T0472	Battaglia Drive and Tweedy Road - Intersection Lighting	Contractor is Roadway Electric LLC Construction Schedule is from June 2025 to November 2025
T0539	Battaglia Road - Eleven Mile Corner Road to Sunshine Boulevard - Construct Sidewalk	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - November 2025
PINAL COUNTY		
T0448	Sunland Gin Road, Battaglia Drive and Houser Drive - Pave Shoulders and Rumble Strips	Project has become Shelf Ready for future HSIP application - Per the County
T0449	Battaglia Drive, Henness Road and Overfield Road - Shoulder Widening	Anticipated Bid date - October 2025

Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

Pinal County TAC Meeting Update: September 21, 2025

Bianco Road: Hwy 84 – Interstate 8

Chip sealed in July 2025, fog seal expected mid-September 2025

Bianco Road: Interstate 8 – Arica Road Realignment

Chip sealed July 2025, fog sealed expected mid-September 2025.

Bridge crew to install new fence for Mr. Bianco in September

Papoose Road and Surrounding Road (Kiva Rd/Trading Post Rd)

13 dip crossings: cut-off walls installed, construction of dip crossing is currently underway

Chip seal is expected to begin in late September 2025

Cox Road and Woodruff Road Intersection Improvements

Raise the depressed section of roadway and install culverts at wash crossing on Woodruff Rd.

Install southbound left turn lane on the north leg of the intersection and install northbound right turn lane on the south leg of the intersection of Cox Rd.

60% plan comments returned to engineer, awaiting the 90% plan set



SIGN-IN FORM / STANDARD IN-KIND CONTRIBUTED SERVICES FORM

Please Sign. Your Time Counts!

Group/Committee Name: Technical Advisory Committee

Activity/Meeting Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025

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Call in Number - 1-323-673-4336
Location: Access Code - 582 026 703#

ATTENDANCE		IN-KIND MATCH			
Name	Title	Organization	Elected Official (✓ if yes)	Federal Funded (✓ if yes)	Hours Worked On Project Preparation Meeting Travel
Nina Arredondo	Sr. Transportation Planner	Pinal County			1
Duane Eitel	Deputy Public Works Director	City of Casa Grande			.5
Ben Navarro	Public Works Director	City of Coolidge		3	1
Matt Rencher	Public Works Director	Eloy		3.5	1
Will Randolph	Regional Transportation Planner	ADOT	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		acasselma@azdot.gov	
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	
Priscilla Thompson	Assistant District Engineer	ADOT Southcentral District		lthompson@azdot.gov	X

