



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	February 26, 2026	TIME:	1:00 PM
PLACE:	City of Eloy – City Hall, 595 N. C St., Eloy, AZ 85131 Call in Number - 1-323-673-4336 Access Code – 643 569 922# 520-705-5153 Jason's Cell		
<i>Shaded items are action items: Action may not be taken on any other items on the agenda.</i>			
	TAC Members		Guests/Staff
Attendees:	Duane Eitel, Casa Grande Cookie Gallegos, Eloy Nina Arredondo, Pinal County (V) Will Randolph, ADOT	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Jason Bottjen, SCMPO Jill Dickey, SCMPO Josh Brager, Greenlight Kristin Darr, Central Creative	Shannon Scutari, Wilson & Co. Jennifer Love, AECOM Allison Shinn, CivTech (V) Priscilla Thompson, ADOT (V) Steve Abraham, CAG (V) Chris Gottsacker, AECOM (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.		
	<i>A Call to the Public was made and no member of the public asked to speak.</i>		
4	ADOT Statewide Listening Tour Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the ADOT Listening Tour activities 		
	<i>Presentation Attached</i>		
5	RTAC Update (Information Only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current State and Federal Legislative updates 		
	<i>Jason Bottjen gave the following update:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Adam is leaving RTAC for a new opportunity with NADO (The National Association of Development Organizations) Tom Dorn with the Dorn Policy Group has been hired to lead RTAC through this legislative session. The RTAC Board is working to hire a replacement for Kevin. 		
6	Sun Corridor MPO Engineering Program Update (Information Only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of SCMPO Engineering Program Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Funding Transit Planning Funds Transportation Alternatives Funding 		
	<i>Jason Bottjen gave the following update:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Engineering Services: We have selected AECOM to provide engineering services for our Engineering Program. NTP is anticipated in the next few weeks. Our 1st task order will be issued to complete traffic counts. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Funding: Debriefs have taken place for the 2025 submittals. We will work with the member agencies that want to continue applying for funds for these projects with any future calls for projects from SS4A, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), or other eligible funding opportunities. Transit Planning Funds (5305, 5307, 5310, 5311, 5339) We were awarded \$100,000 for the Eloy Transit Feasibility Study from our 5305 grant application. We are currently working with the City of Eloy on the schedule and solicitation of services for this study. Transportation Alternatives Funding – FY26 TA grants were awarded to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$691,691 - Coolidge - Regional Park Walking Trail Project \$996,751 - Casa Grande – West Viola Street Multiuse Path Project \$305,000 - Sun Corridor MPO – City of Eloy Safe Routes to School Study The next call for projects is anticipated to be February 27, 2026. There is approximately \$11M available in FY27, \$14.7M in FY28, and \$6M in FY29. The following are the anticipated applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coolidge – School Zone Speed Limit Signs Coolidge – 7th Street On-Street Parking Improvements Coolidge – Coolidge Ave & 9th St Intersection Traffic Control Coolidge – 9th Street Improvements Sun Corridor – Stanfield Sidewalk/Mobility Analysis & SRTS Sun Corridor – Coolidge Sidewalk Mobility Analysis Casa Grande – Mesquite School Improvements Casa Grande – Palo Verde School Improvements Casa Grande – Grande Innovation Academy School Improvements 		
7	Air Quality Update (Information Only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCMPO December 2025 Air Quality Conformity activities SCMPO June 2026 Air Quality Conformity activities 		

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	<p><i>Jason Bottjen gave the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SCMPO December 2025 Air Quality Conformity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Approval of the Dec 2025 Air Quality TIP Amendment and Finding of Conformity were approved by the Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board on November 18, 2025. □ The letters requesting a Finding of Conformity were sent to FHWA and FTA on December 3rd (same day the MAG Regional Council approved their TIP Amendment & Conformity Analysis) □ On January 8, 2026, the Finding of Conformity notice was received from FHWA & FTA. □ On January 12, 2026, the STIP Amendment request was submitted to ADOT. □ The December 2025 Air Quality Conformity cycle is complete. •SCMPO June 2026 Air Quality Conformity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ All updated June 2026 Air Quality Conformity project lists were received from the TAC. □ The compiled Sun Corridor MPO Region Project List was sent to MAG to start coding and modeling on December 9, 2025. □ The 30-Day Public Review and Comment Period is scheduled for April 23 to May 23, 2026.
8	<p>ADOT Planner Update (Information Only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADOT FY27-31 Tentative Five-Year Construction Program • ADOT 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) • Transportation Alternatives • Phoenix-Tucson Intercity Passenger Rail Study • North/South Corridor Tier 2 Study Update <p><i>Will Randolph provided the attached update.</i></p>
9	<p>FHWA Update (Information Only)</p> <p><i>No update.</i></p>
10	<p>ADOT Southcentral District Report (Information Only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Design/Construction Projects Administered by ADOT <p><i>Priscilla Thompson provided the attached update.</i></p>
11	<p>MPO Update (Information Only):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPO Progress Report (11.1) • Federal Ledger (11.2) • SCMPO Financial Report (11.3) • Design/Construction Update (11.4) <p><i>11.1: MPO Progress Report</i> •Staff meetings & activities <i>11.2: Federal Ledger</i> <i>11.3: SCMPO Financial Report (Jill)</i> <i>11.4: Design Progress Report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •T0469: City of Casa Grande - Florence Blvd and Peart Rd. Removal of Approach Medians and Extension of Left Turn Lane <i>Removal of the approach medians and the extension of the eastbound left turn lane to remove the negative left-turn offset at the intersection of Florence Blvd and Peart Rd.</i> •T0470: City of Casa Grande – Florence Blvd and Colorado St, Raised Median <i>"Installing 300' of raised median on Florence Blvd starting approximately 200' west of Colorado St."</i> <p><i>Surveying will take place February 27th & March 2nd. Concrete work is expected to take place from March 6th to March 13th. (02.25.2026)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •T0529: Centennial Blvd & Pinal Ave (SR 387) Intersection & TS Improvements <i>Construct New Traffic Signal</i> <p><i>Grading and concrete work is expected to start February 25th and run through March 18th, 2026. (02.25.2026)</i></p>
12	<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>Will Randolph made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Cookie Gallegos seconded.</i></p>
12.1*	<p>Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the December 11, 2025 TAC Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p> <p><i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Meeting Minutes from the December 11, 2025 TAC meeting was approved.</i></p>
12.2*	<p>Recommend approval of the 2026 CAG & SCMPO Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan Update, contingent upon incorporating any public comments received</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p> <p><i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the 2026 CAG & SCMPO Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan Update, contingent upon incorporating any public comments received was approved.</i></p>
12.3*	<p>Recommend Approval of Amendment #8 to the FY2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED 4-0 as part of the Consent Agenda</p>



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	<i>By a 4-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, Amendment #8 to the FY2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO TIP was approved.</i>	
13	Recommend Approval of the Sun Corridor MPO Procurement Policy	APPROVED 4-0
	<i>Cookie Gallegos made a motion to approve the Sun Corridor MPO Procurement Policy. Will Randolph seconded.</i>	
14	Recommend Approval of Amendment #4 to the Sun Corridor MPO FY26/27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	APPROVED 4-0
	<i>Nina Arredondo made a motion to approve Amendment #4 to the Sun Corridor MPO FY26/27 UPWP. Nina Arredondo seconded.</i>	
15	Recommend Approval for Sun Corridor MPO Staff to advertise, negotiate, select a consultant, and amend the FY26-27 UPWP, as necessary for the Eloy Transit Feasibility Study	APPROVED 4-0
	<i>Nina Arredondo made a motion to approve Sun Corridor MPO Staff to advertise, negotiate, select a consultant, and amend the FY26-27 UPWP, as necessary for the Eloy Transit Feasibility Study. Cookie Gallegos seconded.</i>	
16	Recommend Approval of the FY2027 Annual Assessment of \$5,000 from Sun Corridor MPO Member Agencies (Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, and Pinal County)	APPROVED 4-0
	<i>Will Randolph made a motion to approve the FY2027 Annual Assessment of \$5,000 from Sun Corridor MPO Member Agencies (Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, and Pinal County). Cookie Gallegos seconded.</i>	
17	Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County	
	<i>Cookie Gallegos provided the following update for Eloy:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement Preservation projects on Toltec and Sunland Gin are ongoing. <i>Duane Eitel provided the following update for Casa Grande:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centennial Blvd Traffic Signal & Intersection Improvements Project is underway. Traffic is backing up for over a mile. Crashes are starting to occur around the traffic control. Casa Grande has met with the contractor and asked for a different Traffic Control Plan but the contractor has said no. 	
18	Upcoming Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting, March 9, virtual • Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting, March 10, Casa Grande • RTAC Board Meeting, March 16, virtual • State Transportation Board Meeting, March 20, El Mirage • AzTA Conference, April 6-8, Mesa • COG/MPO Directors Meeting, April 9, virtual • COG/MPO Planners Meeting, April 10, virtual 	
19	Future Agenda Items	
20	Next SCMPO TAC Meeting Date - April 23, 2026 in Florence	
21	<i>Adjourn</i>	1:52 PM



Welcome to ADOT's Statewide Listening Tour



ARIZONA

***A shared vision for the
future of transportation
in our state.***



A statewide vision is important



- Not all transportation needs are being met
- Without a clear destination, we are merely building in pieces
- Piecemeal efforts lead to systems that don't fit together
- This is not efficient
- We cannot afford to not be efficient

***A Listening Tour, not a
“telling” tour.***



Stakeholder Listening Tour

- Started Fall 2025
- Regions help shape their events and invitation lists
- Two-hour Listening Sessions include welcome from ADOT Leadership and facilitated conversation
- This is a Listening Tour not a “Telling Tour”
- New voices to spark new conversations
- Public Listening Tour informed by Listening Tour
- Follow along with email updates and participate Summer 2026 in development of Statewide Vision





Voices far and wide

- Workforce development
- Housing
- Farming
- Healthcare
- Recreation
- Arts and culture
- Tourism
- Commerce
- Human services (e.g., seniors, people with disabilities, etc.)
- Youth
- Community history



Potential events



Focus groups



Standing meetings



Storytelling and tours



One-on-one meetings

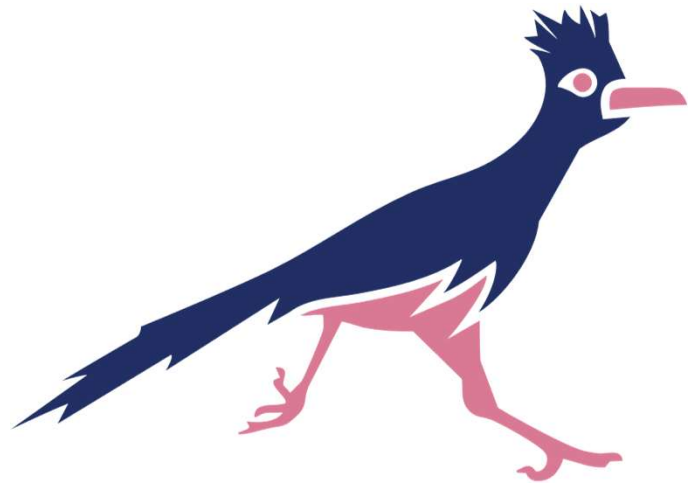


...and more! We want your ideas!

What will be done with the information collected?

- Identify common themes
- Craft a vision document
- Reconnect with participants
- Ensure alignment of vision and existing plans





Thank you!



February 26, 2026

ATTN: SCMPO TAC Members

Subject: ADOT MPD Report

1. ADOT FY27-31 Tentative Five-Year Construction Program: The STB reviewed the Feb. 20th, the tentative program was approved by the STB to proceed with the spring public comment period. Comments can be submitted online, email, phone. The STB will review the tentative program again in March, then the public hearing with the STB will occur in May, with June adoption.

2. ADOT 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): The listening tour meetings are occurring with the local agencies around the state. As part of this listening tour – meetings have been one on one to discuss transportation priorities & challenges, with the agencies in Fall 2025/Spring 2026, and the general public beginning in Summer 2026. After today's listening Tour presentation, the next session will be in Florence on April 2nd, 1-3pm.

3. Transportation Alternatives: The next FY27-29 call for projects will occur February 27, 2026. There will be an informational webinar March 4th, 2026. Please work in coordination with the ADOT PMs for any TA projects in your region to process IGAS so the projects can be federally authorized . Please visit the TA Program website for detailed information, program guide and application. <https://azdot.gov/TA>.

Status of ADOT studies:

1. Phoenix-Tucson Intercity Passenger Rail Study: Recent updates from FRA have expressed that they anticipate issuing a NOFO this Spring for Step 2 of the services development grant. If the NOFO is issued then it'll likely take a couple months to get the grant agreement executed and funding obligated to formally kickoff the project in early 2026. The next meeting with the Executive Leadership Team including the MPO directors is scheduled tentatively in March.

Project Website: azdot.gov/PhoenixTucsonPassengerRail

2. N/S Corridor Segment Tier 2 Study (Southern Segment): Biological field investigations are complete, and protocol surveys will be completed in the Spring. The Class III cultural resources survey is nearly complete. Ongoing cultural surveys will include agricultural areas that have been in crops or where we did not previously have right-of-entry. All cultural surveys are anticipated to be complete in early 2026. Traditional Cultural Places interviews are ongoing with the Four Southern Tribes and the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe. Section 404 (Clean Water Act) field work is complete and initial reports drafted. Hydrologic modeling is

underway for major river and drainage crossings. Recent meetings were held with the cooperating agencies on 1/14/2026. We have sent the purpose and need out for review by the CA's via workfront. There will be continued bi-weekly core team meetings and project coordination with government agencies and stakeholders.

Please visit the project website for any other needed information.

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

3. ADOT Route Transfers Study: Kimley Horn was selected as the consultant and was provided a notice to proceed 12/15. The PMT meeting occurred 2/10 to kick off the project with ADOT staff. TAC members have been sent initial outreach for participation, including the COGs/MPOs, FHWA, and tribal entities, and the ADOT PMT. A doodle poll link was included in the email outreach to determine the appropriate day and time of the meeting, and the meeting invite has been sent to our COG/MPO, FHWA, and tribal partners. .

4. Other studies:The State Freight Plan update is underway with updating the vision and goals from the 2022 plan, and the next TAC meeting will be in April. For the ADOT COG/MPO Manual Update, the consultant has drafted their review of the existing manual and identified any gaps according to latest information. This working paper has been sent out to the TAC for review and comments in early February.

ADOT SOUTHCENTRAL DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATE - TAC FEBRUARY 2026

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 is almost complete on the new Westbound Bridge. There will be a traffic switch in March so that the Eastbound bridge can be completed.
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)	Contractor Sunland Asphalt Construction Began September 2025 Construction Anticipated Finish March 2026
CITY OF CASA GRANDE		
F0642	SR 387 at Pinal Avenue and Viola Street - Install HAWK	Contractor AJP Electric Construction Start October 2025 Construction Anticipated Finish August 2026
T0469	Florence Boulevard and Peart Road - Intersection Improvements	Contractor AJP Electric Construction Start January 2026 Construction Anticipated Finish April 2026
T0470	Florence Boulevard and Colorado Street - Install Raised Median	
T0529	Centennial Boulevard and Pinal Avenue (SR 387) - Construct Traffic Signal	Contractor Falcone Bros Construction Start December 2025 Construction Anticipated Finish October 2026
T0530	Thornton Road-SR 84 to Peters Road - Widen Roadway	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - May 2026
T0618	Ash Avenue and Florence Street Roundabout	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - August 2026
CITY OF COOLIDGE		
T0595	Casa Grande Canal Extension Bridge - Construct Bridge Replacement	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - March 2027
CITY OF ELOY		
T0539	Battaglia Road - Eleven Mile Corner Road to Sunshine Boulevard - Construct Sidewalk	Anticipated Bid Advertisement - October 2027
PINAL COUNTY		
T0449	Battaglia Drive, Henness Road and Overfield Road - Shoulder Widening	Contractor W. W. Clyde and Co. Construction Start January 2026 Stop Work Order Issued until June 2026 due to not being able to achieve surface temps for paving at night.
ADOT MAINTENANCE PERFORMED PAVING		
CITY OF COOLIDGE		
	SR 87 and SR 287 Turn Lane - 500 feet of pavement	Completed January 8, 2026
	SR 287 and Attaway - 1000 feet of pavement	Completed January 8, 2026
PINAL COUNTY		
	SR 347 and Papago - 200 feet of pavement	Completed January 13, 2026



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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
Nina Arredondo	Sr. Transportation Planner	Pinal County	nina.arredondo@pinal.gov			.5		online
Duane Eitel	Deputy Public Works Director	City of Casa Grande	deitel@casagrandeaz.gov					DE
Ben Navarro	Public Works Director	City of Coolidge	bnavarro@coolidgeaz.com			.5	3	WR
Refugio Gallegos	Public Works Deputy Director	Eloy	rgallegos@elovaz.gov					
Will Randolph	Regional Transportation Planner	ADOT	wrandolph@azdot.gov		X		50	
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					
Priscilla Thompson	Assistant District Engineer	ADOT Southcentral District	pthompson@azdot.gov		X			online



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Irene Higgs	Executive Director	SCMPO	ihiggs@scmpo.org		X			
James Meyer	HPMS Manager	ADOT	jimeyer@azdot.gov		X			
Jason Bottjen	Deputy Director	SCMPO	lbottjen@scmpo.org		X			JB
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			1	50	JL
Jill Dickey	Operations Manager	SCMPO	jdickey@scmpo.org		X			
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					
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Mark Henige	Program Manager	ADOT	mhenige@azdot.gov		X			
Michael James	Planning Director	CivTech	mhjamex@civtech.com					
Mike Blankenship	Principal	Green Light TE	mikeb@greenlightte.com					

