

Title VI Annual Report



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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 Committee Meetings
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Air Quality Conformity
- CAG/SCMPO Coordinated Public Human Services Transportation Plan
- Planning Studies

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

Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meetings

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

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ETHNICITY/RACE

Self-Identification Survey		8-Jul-25	9-Sep-25	11-Nov-25	13-Jan-26	10-Mar-26	12-May-26	9-Jun-26	TOTAL
ETHNICITY/RACE:	American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hispanic/Latino	1	3	1	2	2	3	3	15
	African American/Black	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	White	13	18	14	18	10	13	10	96
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	# Survey's Completed - Hard Copy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	# Survey's Completed - On-Line	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

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Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meetings

Date	Location
July 8, 2025	City of Eloy Council Chambers
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November 18, 2025	City of Coolidge Council Chambers
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March 10, 2026	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers
May 12, 2026	City of Coolidge Council Chambers
June 6, 2026	Virtual Meeting

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Date	Location
August 21, 2025	Pinal County Historic 1891 Courthouse, Florence
October 23, 2025	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers
December 11, 2025	City of Coolidge Council Chambers
February 26, 2026	City of Eloy City Hall
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June 4, 2026	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers

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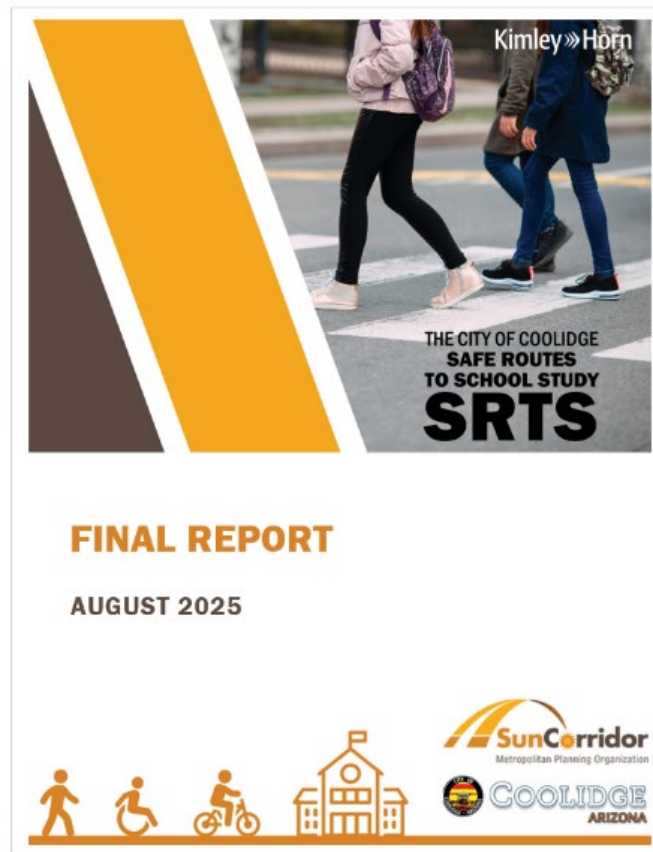
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City of Coolidge Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Study

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. The study was completed in August 2025.

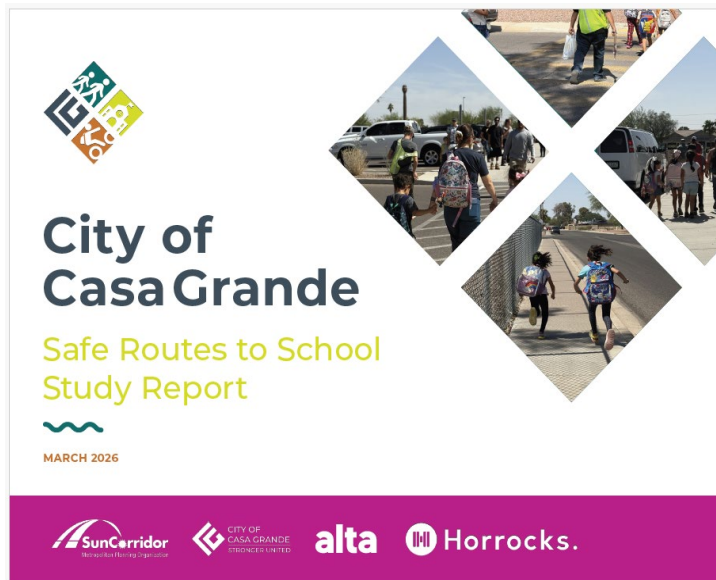
Public Outreach

All public outreach was completed from March 2025 through June 2025. Kimley-Horn conducted 3 informational and educational study presentations to the Coolidge SRTS Study Stakeholders, the Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board, and the City of Coolidge. The presentations provided an overview of the SRTS Study recommendations.



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. The study was completed in March 2026.



Public Outreach

Walking and Biking Audits

In Fall 2025 Alta Planning + Design, Inc and study team members completed walking audits for the final 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 schools:

- 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

Public Events

Silent Witness Night, Casa Grande – September 23, 2025

On September 23, 2025, two planners from Alta Planning + Design, Sun Corridor MPO staff, and a City of Casa Grande staff hosted a booth for the Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study at the Silent Witness Anti-Crime Night at the Paul Mason Sports Complex from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The event was free and open to the public and included two interactive outreach boards with a QR code linking to an online survey available in both English and Spanish. Coloring sheets and stickers were available, and 155 students and caregivers provided input on mode of travel to school.

Halloween Harvest Festival, Casa Grande - October 23, 2025

On October 23, 2025, two planners from Alta Planning + Design and Sun Corridor MPO staff hosted a booth for the Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study at the Casa Grande Halloween Harvest Festival at the Paul Mason Sports Complex from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The event was free and open to the public and included two interactive outreach boards with a QR code linking to an online survey available in both English and Spanish. Candy was available for trick-or-treaters and 416 students and caregivers provided input on mode of travel to school.



Silent Witness Night



Halloween Harvest Festival

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 was available from June 2025 through September 30, 2025, in English and Spanish. There was a total of 397 survey responses received.

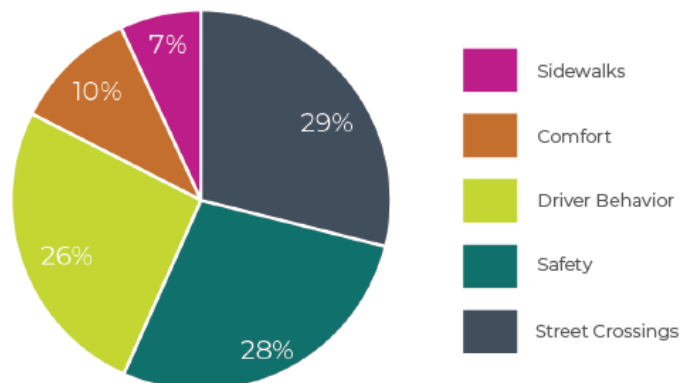
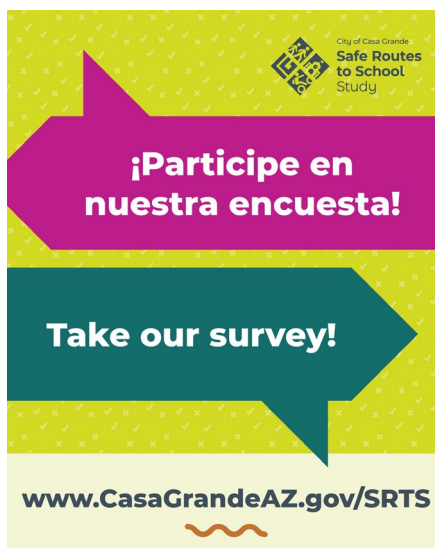


Figure 12. Concerns by Type

The survey specifically asked respondents to rate which of the following issues were most important to them when thinking about streets around schools in

Casa Grande:

- Comfort
- Driver behavior
- Safety
- Sidewalks
- Street crossings and intersections

Of those who responded, the majority rated street crossings and intersections as the number one issue on streets around schools in Casa Grande, followed closely by safety and driver behavior

Informational Presentations

Alta Planning + Design, Inc. and study team members conducted 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 provided an overview of the SRTS Study recommendations.

Transportation Improvement Program/Air Quality Conformity

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 September 11, 2025 the legal advertisements for the 30-day Public Notice for the December 2025 Air Quality Conformity Analysis for an amendment to the FY 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 from the public.

On April 23, 2026 the legal advertisements for the 30-day Public Notice for the June 2026 Air Quality Conformity Analysis for an amendment to the FY 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 from the public.

CAG/SCMPO Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan

CAG, in partnership with the Sun Corridor MPO, provides Mobility Management (MM) for both Pinal and Gila counties. The Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation 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 February 5, 2026, the legal advertisements for the 30-day Public Notice for the CAG/SCMPO Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation 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– January 21, 2026
- Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee – Recommend Approval of Plan Update – February 27, 2026
- Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board – Approval of Plan – March 10, 2026
- CAG Technical Transportation Advisory Committee – Recommend Approval of Plan Update – March 18, 2026
- CAG Management Committee – Recommend Approval of Plan Update – March 18, 2026
- CAG Regional Council – Approval of Plan Update – April 1, 2026

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	FY26	\$120,000	\$27,500	\$147,500
	Regional Mobility Management	FY27	\$120,000	\$27,500	\$147,500
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	\$71,500	\$41,500	\$113,000
		FY26	\$216,500	\$57,000	\$273,500
		FY27	\$147,500	\$27,500	\$175,000

The Gila-Pinal Rides Transportation Coordination Committee is the steering committee for transit coordination issues within the CAG and SCMPO 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 SCMPO 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 21, 2026	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
April 6-8, 2026 AzTA Conference	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / Mesa, AZ
Wednesday - May 20, 2026	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - July 22, 2026	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - September 23, 2026	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - November 18, 2026	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD

SCMPO Professional Engineering Program

A Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) was released on October 13, 2025, to select the most qualified Consultant(s) to provide engineering services to perform all pre-construction activities. The SOQ was advertised in the Tri-Valley Dispatch in both English and Spanish. The Sun Corridor MPO awarded the contract to AECOM, and a Notice to Proceed was issued on April 12, 2026. The Contract will have an initial two-year term, with possible renewals not to exceed five years.

The scope of the contract by task order is to provide project management, development of project scoping documents, preparation of design and construction plans, technical reports and specifications, quantity computations, and other related construction documents. There is no planned public engagement at the task order level. Public engagement would take place during the final design of the project development process.

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.

Executed Contracts:

- 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%.
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- SCMPO Engineering Program – AECOM Technical Services, Inc. # MPD11021-2.1-01
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TITLE VI TRAINING

The following training took place during the reporting period:

Sun Corridor MPO

- July 30, 2025, New Employee Training (Title VI, Annual Goals and Accomplishment Report, UPWP, Public Participation Plan, SCMPO/ADOT Grant Agreement)
 - Starla Anderson, Transportation Planning Manager
 - Jill Dickey, Operations Manager
- December 11, 2025, SCMPO TAC Title VI Training
- March 10, 2026, SCMPO Executive Board Title VI Training

- February 27, 2026, ADOT Title VI Training
 - Irene Higgs, Executive Director/Title VI Coordinator
 - Jason Bottjen, Deputy Director
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- May 2026, SCMPO Staff Training
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 - Starla Anderson, Transportation Planning Manager, May 27, 2026
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INVESTIGATIONS, LAWSUITS AND COMPLAINTS

No investigations, lawsuits or complaints have been filed against the Sun Corridor MPO or its member agencies from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. A copy of the Complaint Log is included as an attachment (Exhibit “A”) of this document.

GOALS

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

INTRODUCTION

In FY 2027, the Sun Corridor MPO has identified the following goals to ensure full compliance with Title VI, and state and federal statutes.

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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

Coordinated Public Human Services Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Plan, Eloy Safe Routes to School Study, Engineering Program, and Eloy Transit Feasibility Study Update.

The July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 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 and made available through Microsoft Teams, call-in, and in person. The public meetings are held at locations that are easily accessible and ADA-compliant. 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. Persons who require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability can contact Irene Higgs, SCMPO’s Title VI Coordinator, via email at ihiggs@scmpo.org or by phone (520)705-5143. Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure the MPO has an opportunity to address the accommodation.

Sun Corridor MPO TAC Meetings

Date	Location
August 27, 2026	City of Coolidge Council Chambers
October 22, 2026	City of Eloy City Hall
December 10, 2026	Pinal County Courthouse
February 25, 2027 (Tentative)	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers
April 22, 2027 (Tentative)	City of Coolidge Council Chambers
June 3, 2027 (Tentative)	City of Eloy City Hall

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

- Sun Corridor MPO Office, 211 N. Florence St., Suite 103, Casa Grande AZ 85122
- City of Casa Grande City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122
- City of Coolidge City Hall, 130 W Central Ave, Coolidge, AZ 85128
- City of Eloy City Hall, 595 N. C St., Eloy, AZ 85131
- Pinal County Office District 1, 19955 N. Wilson Avenue, Suite 100, Maricopa, AZ 85139
- Pinal County Office District 3, 820 E Cottonwood Lane, Building A, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
- Pinal County Office District 4, 135 N Pinal Street, Florence, AZ 85132
- Pinal County Complex, 31 N Pinal Street, Florence, AZ 85132
- Emailed to SCMPO Distribution List

The 2027 calendar of meetings will be published November/December 2026 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 emailed meeting agenda or a mailed hard copy.

Transportation Improvement Program/Air Quality Conformity

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 October 2026 for the 30-day Public Notice for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the January 2027 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 2027 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 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan

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 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation plan will begin in August 2026. 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 Eloy Safe Routes to School Study

The Sun Corridor MPO published a Request for Proposals on December 18, 2025, to utilize a consultant to complete the City of Eloy Safe Routes to School Study for the City of Eloy. The contract was awarded to Kimley-Horn, Inc. on March 9, 2026 with a Notice to Proceed issued on April 10, 2026. This project is tentatively scheduled to be completed by February 2027.

Public Outreach

As a best practice, a Four Factor Analysis will be conducted for this project using available 2024 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates data from the U.S. Census Bureau to identify persons with language access needs. Public involvement is planned for this project; however, the Public Involvement Plan has not been finalized.

Eloy Transit Feasibility Study Update

The Sun Corridor MPO published a Request for Proposals on April 16, 2026, to utilize a consultant to complete the Eloy Transit Feasibility Study Update for the City of Eloy. The Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be issued by June 19, 2026.

Public Outreach

As a best practice, a Four Factor Analysis will be conducted for this project using available 2024 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates data from the U.S. Census Bureau to identify persons with language access needs. Public involvement is planned for this project; however, the Public Involvement Plan has not been finalized.

Regional Transportation Plan

The Sun Corridor MPO will publish a Request for Proposals in the fall of 2026 to utilize a consultant to complete the Sun Corridor MPO Regional Transportation Plan. The Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be issued by January 2027.

Public Outreach

As a best practice, a Four Factor Analysis will be conducted for this project using available 2025 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates data from the U.S. Census Bureau to identify persons with language access needs. Public involvement is planned for this project; however, the Public Involvement Plan has not been finalized.

SUN CORRIDOR MPO WEBSITE

On April 24, 2024, the Federal Register published the Department of Justice's (Department) final rule updating its regulations for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The final rule has specific requirements about how to ensure that web content and mobile applications (apps) are accessible to people with disabilities.

On April 20, 2026, the Federal Register published the Department's Interim Final Rule (IFR) extending the compliance date for State and local government entities with a total population of 50,000 or more to April 26, 2027. The compliance date for public entities with a total population of less than 50,000, or any special district government, is extended to April 26, 2028.

Per the Sun Corridor MPO Attorney, the MPO qualifies as a special district government, and the deadline for compliance with the ADA accessibility rules is April 26, 2028. The Sun Corridor MPO will begin to ensure that all newly uploaded documentation meets the website accessibility requirements.

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

- Regional Transportation Plan
- City of Eloy Safe Routes to School Study
- Eloy Transit Feasibility Study Update
- 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 FY2027.

APPENDIX A - COMPLAINT LOG

Annual Report Date: July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

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