



SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE:	September 8, 2026	TIME:	10:00 AM
PLACE:	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers, 510 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122 Click to Join Meeting Now		
VIRTUAL OPTION:	Meeting ID: 284 855 942 546 61 Passcode: fB9us6aS Dial in by Phone: +1 323-673-4336, 416 133 387#		
CONTACT:	Irene Higgs 520-705-5143		

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman	Andy Sutton, Mayor of Eloy	Member	Jeff McClure, Pinal County Supervisor
Vice Chairman	Lisa Fitzgibbons, Mayor of Casa Grande	Member	Doug Coleman, ADOT STB District 7
Sec/Treasurer	Jon Thompson, Mayor of Coolidge		
One or More Board Members May Attend Virtually			
"The Board may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)."			

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1	Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions	Andy Sutton, SCMPO Chairman	
2	Title VI - Notice to the Public	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Executive Director	



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3	Call to the Public: This item is to provide an opportunity for citizens wishing to address the Executive Board 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.	Andy Sutton, SCMPO Chairman	
4	Discussion of the Legislative Reports on Current Legislation by the Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) (Information Only) • Current State and Federal Legislative updates	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Executive Director	
5	Discussion of the Current Updates of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Activities (Information Only): • City of Eloy Safe Routes to School Study • City of Eloy Transit Study	Duane Eitel, SCMPO TAC Chairman/Casa Grande Deputy Public Works Director	
6	Discussion of the Current Updates of the Pinal County Air Quality Activities (Information Only) • SCMPO January 2027 Air Quality Conformity Activities • Development of an Emissions Inventory for the MAG 2026 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the West Central Pinal PM-2.5 Nonattainment Area	Jason Bottjen, SCMPO Deputy Director	
7	Discussion of the Current Updates of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Multimodal Planning Division (Information Only) • ADOT FY28-32 Tentative Five-Year Construction Program • ADOT 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) • Phoenix-Tucson Intercity Passenger Rail Study • North/South Corridor Tier 2 Study Update • Route Transfer Study • COG/MPO Manual Update	Will Randolph, ADOT Regional Planner	



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8	Discussion of the Current Updates of the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) (Information Only) • The U.S. Senate passed a short-term continuing resolution (CR) on August 8, 2026, that extends government funding and surface transportation authorities through December 11, 2026	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Executive Director	
9	Presentation of the ADOT Southcentral District Projects (Information Only) • Regional Design/Construction Projects Administered by ADOT	Priscilla Thompson, Assistant District Engineer	
10	Discussion of the Current Update of the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) (Information Only) • Update on the Pinal County RTA Business Tax Refund • Update on the Pinal RTA Audit	John Kross, Pinal RTA Executive Director	
11	Discussion of the Current Update of the Sun Corridor MPO Activities (Information Only): • Meetings/Trainings from May - July (11.1) • FY26/27 Federal Ledger (11.2) • Financial Report (11.3) • Design/Construction Project List (11.4) • Engineering Program Update (11.5) • Letters of Support (11.6) • Pinal County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)(11.7)	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Executive Director Jason Bottjen, SCMPO Deputy Director Jill Dickey SCMPO Operations Manager Starla Anderson, SCMPO Transportation Planning Manager	1 - 4 5 - 6 7 8 - 22 23 - 24



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12	Consent Agenda 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 BOARD. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A BOARD MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA. Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:	Andy Sutton, SCMPO Chairman	
*12.A	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Minutes: • July 14, 2026		25 - 31
*12.B	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amendment #13 to the 2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)		32 - 49
*12.C	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Sun Corridor MPO Public Participation Plan		50
13	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Sun Corridor MPO Region Priority Project List	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Executive Director	51 - 53
14	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Sun Corridor MPO to advertise, negotiate, select a consultant, and amend the FY26-27 UPWP, as necessary for the Sun Corridor MPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2050 Update	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Executive Director	54 - 55
15	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Joint Project Agreement between Sun Corridor MPO and Central Arizona Governments for Mobility Management	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Executive Director	56 - 60
16	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amendment #5 to the Sun Corridor MPO FY26/27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Executive Director	61 - 62



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17	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a 5.0% General Pay Adjustment for all Sun Corridor MPO Positions, Effective July 1, 2026	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Executive Director	
18	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Up to a 4.25% Performance-Based Merit Increase for All Sun Corridor MPO Staff, Effective July 1, 2026	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Executive Director	
19	Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County	Andy Sutton, SCMPO Chairman	
20	Upcoming Meetings: • State Transportation Board Meeting, September 18, Eloy • RTAC Advisory Committee, September 21, virtual • Roads and Streets Conference, September 23 - 25, Tucson • RTAC Board Meeting, September 28, virtual • RTAC Advisory Meeting, October 5, virtual • Arizona Transportation Policy Summit, October 14-16, Flagstaff • State Transportation Board Meeting, October 16, Coconino County • RTAC Board Meeting, October 26, virtual • RTAC Advisory Meeting, November 9, virtual • RTAC Board Meeting, November 16, virtual • State Transportation Board Meeting, November 19, Wickenburg • State Transportation Board Meeting, December 18, Oro Valley	Andy Sutton, SCMPO Chairman	
21	Future Agenda Items	Andy Sutton, SCMPO Chairman	
22	Next Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting: • November 10, 2026, City of Coolidge – Council Chambers, 911 S. Arizona Blvd., Coolidge, AZ 85128	Andy Sutton, SCMPO Chairman	
23	Adjourn	Andy Sutton, SCMPO Chairman	



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In an effort to determine who attends our meetings and to improve participation in the planning process, the SCMPO ask that you please fill out the following voluntary survey:

Survey - English <https://forms.gle/M2grgU4HQTcc2v9QA>

En un esfuerzo por determinar quién asiste a nuestras reuniones y a fin de mejorar la participación en el proceso de planificación, la organización SCMPO le pide que por favor llene la siguiente encuesta voluntaria:

Survey - Spanish <https://forms.gle/NLaJxW25RU6bSsQ19>