

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	September 8, 2026	TIME:	10:00 AM
PLACE:	City of Casa Grande Council Chambers, 510 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122		
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	Irene Higgs 520-705-5143		
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ATTENDEES			
Board Members Present:	Mayor Lisa Fitzgibbons, Casa Grande Supervisor Jeffrey McClure, Pinal County Mayor Jon Thompson, Coolidge Mayor Andy Sutton, Eloy Doug Coleman, State Transportation Board	Others Present:	Will Randolph, ADOT (Virtual) Mick Mathieu, CivTech (Virtual) Nina Arredondo, Pinal County (Virtual) John Kross, Pinal RTA (Virtual) Jeremy Moore, ADOT (Virtual)
Board Members Absent:	N/A		Priscilla Thompson, ADOT (Virtual) Elizabeth Barnes, Hanson, Horrocks (Virtual) Natalie Stephens, Casa Grande (Virtual)
Staff Present:	Irene Higgs, Executive Director Jason Bottjen, Deputy Director Starla Anderson, Transportation Planning Manager		Duane Eitel, Casa Grande Zeena Gaglon, CAG/SCMPO (Virtual)
ITEM	AGENDA ITEM		
1	Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions	10:03 AM	
	Chairman Sutton called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.		
2	Title VI - Notice to the Public		
	SCMPO Executive Director, Irene Higgs, read the Title VI Public Notice.		
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.		
	No comments from the Public.		
4	Discussion of the Legislative Reports on Current Legislation by the Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) (Information Only)		
	Irene Higgs provided the following update: The Sierra Vista MPO submitted a letter on 8/28/26 withdrawing from participation in RTAC. The RTAC Transition Committee is at a standstill until we determine the impact this may have on the Draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and Bylaws. The Transportation Policy Summit is scheduled for October 14-16, 2026 in Flagstaff.		
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 provided the following Update: Eloy Safe Route to School Study - A Stakeholder Safety Summit took place on August 12, 2026. This included City of Eloy staff and staff from study schools and school districts. Attendees were given an overview of the study and provided individual school insights including pick-up/drop-off locations, estimated number of walkers and bike riders, and current Safe Routes to School related issues. We are working on the first round of public involvement. Study representatives will be at the Eloy Fiestas Patrias event on Saturday, September 12th and the Eloy National Night Out event on October 14th to gather public input. Eloy Transit Feasibility Study - The Professional Services Agreement (PSA) was executed with the Notice to Proceed (NTP) sent out on August 17, 2026. We are currently working to schedule the initial study meeting with the consultant Kimley-Horn and members of the Project Management Team (PMT), including staff from the City of Eloy and the Sun Corridor MPO.		
6	Discussion of the Current Updates of the Pinal County Air Quality Activities (Information Only)		

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	Jason Bottjen provided the following update for Pinal County: January 2027 Air Quality Conformity - MAG has completed the coding for all January 2027 projects. The 30-day public review and comment period is scheduled for October 15, 2026 to November 14, 2026. Development of an Emissions Inventory for the MAG 2026 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the West Central Pinal PM-2.5 Nonattainment Area - The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is in the process of preparing a redesignation request and maintenance plan for the West Central Pinal PM-2.5 nonattainment area. Submittal of this plan to the EPA will allow the EPA to redesignate the PM-2.5 nonattainment area (PM-2.5 NAA) to attainment upon approval. As part of the plan submittal, MAG is required to prepare a comprehensive emissions inventory for the area that estimates PM-2.5 and precursor emissions for all significant sources within the PM-2.5 Non-Attainment Area. MAG sent out a Draft Technical Support Document (TSD) for the Development of an Emissions Inventory for the West Pinal PM-2.5 Non-Attainment Area for agency review. Sun Corridor MPO provided comments.
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 provided the following update: 1. ADOT FY28-32 Tentative Five-Year Construction Program : The technical scoring and next P2P workshops will be scheduled at the end of September/October for the next tentative FY28-32 Program Review. A SC District workshop invite should be coming soon next week from the P2P manager. 2. Next Move AZ Listening Tour/ Transportation Plan (LRTP): The Next Move AZ Program meetings are nearly concluded. We will be moving forward with the Vision statement, looking at common themes from the listening sessions across the state. We have also met with external stakeholders for drafting the scope to our Main Street Program. 3. Transportation Alternatives : Award letters were recently sent for the FY27-29 awards. SCMPO was awarded approximately 8 projects, which are up for EB decision to add to the TIP. Applications that were not selected were notified, and the TA manager has been meeting with agencies to review their applications. MPD is working with other ADOT divisions to improve and streamline the initiation processes to funding authorization. Please visit the TA Program website for detailed information, program guide and application review ranking and scoring. https://azdot.gov/TA. 4. Phoenix-Tucson Intercity Passenger Rail Study : TFRA currently does not have a timeline to issue NOFO's. ADOT is planning to begin a state rail plan update this fall, which will guide statewide initiatives for freight and passenger rail. As part of the state rail plan, ADOT is planning to reengage with the public, executive leadership team, stakeholders, and coordination with the Union Pacific Railroad. Project Website: azdot.gov/PhoenixTucsonPassengerRail 5. N/S Corridor Segment Tier 2 Study : ADOT is continuing identification of environmental and infrastructure constraints based on data collected to date, which will inform the development and placement of potential alternatives in the months ahead. The team is overlaying data sets to identify areas of constraint/opportunity for potential alignments. Coordination is also occurring with SCMPO in working with the consultant for project information regarding air conformity and the travel demand model. https://azdot.gov/north-south-corridor-study-proposed-new-transportation-route-pinal-county 6. ADOT Route Transfers Study: Stakeholder interviews have been concluded since our last TAC presentation. I'm currently looping back with ADOT districts and upper management to discuss possible route transfer candidates, and the next PMT team meeting is scheduled early October to discuss stakeholder interview results. The next TAC meeting should occur later this fall where we will review the proposed route transfer candidates. ADOT and the consultant will then move into reviewing the previous route transfer program. 7. Other studies: The State Freight Plan Plan is still underway with ranking and prioritizing freight projects for possible inclusion in the plan. The last freight TAC meeting will be held on Tuesday September 15th. For the ADOT COG/MPO Manual Update, we are looking into possible format options to create an online and livable document that can evolve. We are coordinating with our internal ADOT web team to figure out the product.
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 provided the following update: 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.
9	Presentation of the ADOT Southcentral District Projects (Information Only) • Regional Design/Construction Projects Administered by ADOT

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	Priscilla Thompson, ADOT SouthCentral Assistant District Engineer, provided the following update: Casa Grande: • SR 387 at Pinal Ave and Viola Street - Install HAWK - AJP Electric; Construction Start October 2025; Construction Anticipated Finish Fall 2026. • Centennial Boulevard and Pinal Avenue (SR 387) - Construct Traffic Signal - Contractor is Falcone Bros. Construction Start January 2026. Construction Anticipated Finish October 2026. • Thornton Road-SR 84 to Peters Road - Widen Roadway - State Board Awarded to J. Banicki Construction on August 21, 2026 • Ash Avenue and Florence Street Roundabout - Anticipated Bid Advertisement - December 2026 • Thornton Road-Cottonwood Lane to Main Avenue - Widen Roadway - Anticipated Bid Advertisement - May 2027 • West Viola St - Pinal Ave to Park Ave - Multi Use Path - IGA being Reviewed and Approved Coolidge: • SR 87 - Arica Road and Shedd Road - Shelf Ready - Fall 2026 - No construction funding identified. • Casa Grande Canal Extension Bridge - Construct Bridge Replacement- Anticipated Bid Advertisement - July 2027 • Regional Park Walking Trail - IGA and Scoping Package being Reviewed and Approved Eloy: • Battaglia Road - Eleven Mile Corner Road to Sunshine Boulevard - Construct Sidewalk - The City of Eloy just received TA funding for Final Design (FY26). Construction FY28. Anticipated Bid Advertisement - October 2027 • Frontier Street Mill and Overlay - IGA being Reviewed and Approved. Pinal County • Battaglia Drive, Henness Road, and Overfield Road - Shoulder Widening - Contractor is Clyde and Co. Construction, anticipated to start January 2026. Construction anticipated to finish November 2026
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, provided the following update: PRTA Board meeting scheduled for October 8 at 10 a.m. – confirmed with Chair Robin Benning late last week. Meeting invitations will be sent out shortly. Sales Tax Refunds. (As of September 2026): • At your July meeting, I shared that the Sales Tax Refunds Program is nearing close-out. However, ADOR Reports that there will still be several more weeks of the program close-out to complete, so a precise fund balance is not known quite yet. • The deadline for eligible taxpayers to file for a sales tax refund has passed on April 9, 2026. The refunds program is technically closed but there remain additional refund applications under review, that came in prior to or at the April 9, 2026, deadline. • Total number of requests:634 • ADOR Approved 479 refunds for a total of: \$42.8M as of end of July 2026. Note: ADOR expects another estimated \$1 million to be refunded by the program closeout; additionally, ADOR will be deducting any unpaid taxes of approximately \$1.1M. Working Group – three members of the Board and our Intergov Group met on Aug. 27, 2026 to discuss options for possible legislation for 2027 regarding possible use of remaining sales tax fund balance for priority roads within Pinal County. A report will be provided with options presented to the full PRTA Board at their meeting in October. We hope to receive direction from the Board on a course of action. Audit Update. • Our FYE25 Audit is complete, and I am pleased to report it is a clean audit. It is ready to be presented by the auditors to the PRTA Board at their next meeting for acceptance. • State statute requires all Regional Transportation Authorities to complete an annual financial audit. • Our focus remains on auditing the sales tax refunds, which technically ended on April 9, 2026. • I would like to thank all our partners, including Pinal County and the Arizona Department of Revenue for their assistance in administering the refunds program and assisting us with our Financial Audits.
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)

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	SCMPO Staff provided the following update: • 11.1 Update on MPO Meetings/Trainings - Irene Higgs stated that staff had a busy couple of months in July-September. • 11.2 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 Ledger - Irene Higgs stated that the balance of the 2026 ledger has been zeroed out and will work on any loans needed to zero out the FY2027 funding by March 2027. • 11.3 SCMPO Financial Report - Irene Higgs stated that the financial report includes the FY2027 budget and expenditures through July 2026. • 11.4 Update of the SCMPO Design/Construction Project List - Jason Bottjen had the following update: Sunland Gin Roadway Improvements Project, (Sunland Gin Road: Arica to I-10) - The City continues to work on land acquisition for the project. Battaglia Road Sidewalk Project; Eleven-Mile Corner Road to Sunshine Blvd (City of Eloy) - The IGA for final Design and Construction has been signed and executed. The Stage V submittal is due January 2027 and ADOT expects to have the bid package ready between April and May of 2027 with advertisement in October. (08.24.2026) • 11.5 Status of the SCMPO Engineering Program - Starla Anderson had the following update: Professional Engineering Services: No new task orders have been issued. • Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Funding: Eloy, Coolidge, and Casa Grande submitted applications by May 26th. Award notifications should be issued no later than 12/22/2026. • Transit Planning Funds (5305, 5307, 5310, 5311, 5339) Kimley-Horn was selected to perform the Eloy Transit Feasibility Study. CG LINK intends to update the Short-Range Transit Plan. We are currently working with CG LINK to apply for 5305e funds in the next call for projects. • Transportation Alternatives Funding The following TA funding was awarded for a total of \$4.8M: Coolidge - \$2,600,356: School Zone Speed Limit Signs 7th Street, Wilson Ave to Coolidge Ave Coolidge Ave and 9th Street Improvements 9th Street restriping from Northern Ave to Vah Ki Inn Rd Casa Grande - \$2,195,830: Palo Verde Elementary School SRTS Improvements Mesquite Elementary School Improvements Grande Innovation Academy School Improvements Sun Corridor MPO - \$305,000: Coolidge Sidewalk Network Gap Analysis and Multimodal Accessibility Study Casa Grande Elementary School - \$7,836: CGESD Flashing School Crossing Stop Paddles • Congressional Direct Spending Projects – The following projects have moved forward as recommended (no awards have been issued at this time). Total in CDS Request \$22.5M Burris Road-Peters Road to Highway 84 Improvement I-10, McCartney Traffic Interchange Improvement Project Vah Ki Inn widening project Frontier Mill & Overlay Project Phase II Frontier Mill & Overlay Project Phase III • AZ SMART Grant Applications Total in AZ SMART Grant Request \$4.4M Assisting Casa Grande, Coolidge, and Eloy in submitting AZ SMART funding requests for the local match requirement for the SS4A grant applications. • 11.6 Letters of Support - Irene Higgs stated that a Letter of Support was provided for the City of Casa Grande's application for funding through the Bureau of Reclamation's FY 2026 WaterSMART Drought Response Program for the Casa Grande Drought Resiliency Aquifer Recharge Project. • 11.7 Pinal County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - Irene Higgs stated that Sun Corridor MPO staff met with Dedrick Denton, the Pinal County Interim Associate Director & Transportation Planning Manager for Community Development on July 30th to discuss the development of a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Pinal County will fund the study and procure the consultant. Sun Corridor MPO staff will assist in managing the study. No funding from the Sun Corridor MPO is being used in the study. An IGA will be completed between Pinal County and SCMPO outlining responsibilities and will come to the Executive Board for approval.	
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:	
	A motion was made by Board Member Jeff McClure to approve Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lisa Fitzgibbons.	
*12.A	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Minutes: • July 14, 2026	APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA 5 - 0
	By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2026.	

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*12.B	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amendment #13 to the 2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)	APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA 5 - 0
	<i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board Approved Amendment #13 to the 2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).</i>	
*12.C	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Sun Corridor MPO Public Participation Plan	APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA 5 - 0
	<i>By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board Approved the Sun Corridor MPO Public Participation Plan.</i>	
13	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Sun Corridor MPO Region Priority Project List	APPROVED 4 - 0 ABSTAIN 1
	<i>A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Jon Thompson to Approve the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Sun Corridor MPO Region Priority Project List. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jeff McClure.</i> <i>Abstain - Board Member Doug Coleman</i>	
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	APPROVED 5-0
	<i>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lisa Fitzgibbons 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. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jeff McClure.</i>	
15	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Joint Project Agreement between Sun Corridor MPO and Central Arizona Governments for Mobility Management	APPROVED 5-0
	<i>A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Jon Thompson to Approve the Joint Project Agreement between Sun Corridor MPO and Central Arizona Governments for Mobility Management. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lisa Fitzgibbons.</i>	
16	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amendment #5 to the Sun Corridor MPO FY26/27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	APPROVED 5-0
	<i>Chairman Andy Sutton notified the Executive Board that Agenda Item #16 would be discussed and voted on after Agenda Item #18.</i> <i>Irene Higgs stated that Amendment, (#5) encompasses adjustments to the FY26 - 27 UPWP Work Elements Budget (Estimated Carry-Forward vs Actual) and minor administrative changes.</i> <i>In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.430, a general wage increase performance based merit increas is allowable when (pages 9-10): The compensation is reasonable for the services performed or comparable to the labor market; It conforms to the recipient/subrecipient's established written compensation policy, consistently applied to both federal and non-federal activities; and the appointment and compensation comply with applicable laws, rules, and written policies, and sufficient funding is available within the budget.</i> <i>Annually, the SCMPO Executive Board will determine the annual budget and pay structure for SCMPO staff, including cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), general salary adjustments, and performance-based merit increases, while maintaining compliance with the uniformity principles established under 2 CFR Part 200.</i> <i>FY2027 Executive Board and TAC (Pg. 12) – Updated to new Board and TAC members</i> <i>FY2027 Operating Budget Worksheet (Pg. 18) The amount of estimated carryforward and federal funding has been adjusted based on actual numbers. Also, added lines for Eloy SRTS Study, Eloy Transit Feasibility Study, and Stanfield</i> <i>SRTS Study & Sidewalk Mobility Analysis.</i> <i>Table 2 Operating Cost by Element (Pg. 20) - has been adjusted to reflect the new budget numbers under each Task.</i>	

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	<i>Match In-Kind Contribution by Community (Pg.21) - has been adjusted to reflect the new budget numbers.</i> <i>Task 2.4 Safe Routes to School Program (Pg. 38): Project close-out date added to City of Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Project; Added MPD# for Eloy Safe Routes to School Project; and Added Stanfield Safe Routes to School and Sidewalk Mobility Study STBG \$154,713 (Pg. 39)</i> <i>Task 2.5 Dynamic Message Sign Project (Pg. 39): Adjusted loan amount from \$181,427.00 to \$281,927.00 with payback in FY2027 to ADOT.</i> <i>Task 2.5.1 Regional Planning Study (Pg 40): Removed the FY2027 Carbon Reduction federal funding allocation of \$105,207 from the budget and UPWP. It is not anticipated that this program will be funded in FY2027.</i> <i>Task 4.1 Eloy Transit Feasibility Study Update (Pg. 47): Added Task 4.1 and added MPD Contract #. The project was awarded on June 24, 2026 to Kimley Horn.</i> <i>SCMPO staff recommends approval of 2026-2027 SCMPO Unified Planning Work Plan Amendment #5.</i> <i>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lisa Fitzgibbons to Approve Amendment #5 to the Sun Corridor MPO FY26/27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Jon Thompson.</i>	
17	<i>Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a 5.0% General Pay Adjustment for all Sun Corridor MPO Positions, Effective July 1, 2026</i>	APPROVED 5-0
	<i>Irene Higgs stated that, in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.430, a general wage increase is allowable when:</i> <i>• The compensation is reasonable for the services performed or comparable to the labor market;</i> <i>• It conforms to the recipient/subrecipient's established written compensation policy, consistently applied to both federal and non-federal activities; and</i> <i>• The appointment and compensation comply with applicable laws, rules, and written policies and Sufficient funding is available within the current, approved UPWP budget.</i> <i>The City of Casa Grande, SCMPO's fiscal agent, recently approved a 5% general pay adjustment effective July 1, 2026, based on current market conditions. SCMPO has consistently aligned its compensation with its fiscal agent, and the proposed adjustment is within the approved budget and available funding.</i> <i>Therefore, Staff recommends the approval of a 5.0% General Pay Adjustment for all Sun Corridor MPO Positions, Effective July 1, 2026.</i> <i>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lisa Fitzgibbons to Approve a 5.0% General Pay Adjustment for all Sun Corridor MPO Positions, Effective July 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Jon Thompson.</i>	
18	<i>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</i>	APPROVED 5-0
	<i>Irene Higgs Stated, under 2 CFR § 200.430(a), Compensation—Personal Services, performance-based compensation is allowable when the overall compensation is reasonable, conforms to the organization's established written compensation policies, and is applied consistently to Federal and non-Federal activities. Section 200.430(f) further recognizes incentive compensation based on efficient performance as an allowable personnel cost when it is reasonable and provided pursuant to an established compensation plan or agreement.</i> <i>The City of Casa Grande, serving as SCMPO's fiscal agent, recently updated its compensation structure by transitioning away from traditional minimum/midpoint/maximum automatic step progressions. The City's updated model shifts the focus entirely toward rewarding based on performance-based increases of up to 4.25%. SCMPO has always made every effort to mirror our fiscal agent's compensation practices while maintaining strict compliance with the uniformity principles of 2 CFR Part 200.</i> <i>Sufficient funding is available within the current, approved UPWP budget. Implementing these increases will not exceed overall federal funding available to the MPO and will be evaluated every year by the Executive Director and presented to the Board.</i> <i>Staff recommends the approval of up to a 4.25% Performance-Based Merit Increase for All Sun Corridor MPO Staff, Effective July 1, 2026.</i> <i>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lisa Fitzgibbons to Approve Up to a 4.25% Performance-Based Merit Increase for All Sun Corridor MPO Staff, Effective July 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Board Member Doug Coleman.</i>	
19	Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County	
	Pinal County - Nothing to report. Casa Grande - Mayor Fitzgibbons stated that there is a lot going on; traffic is heavy due to construction. City of Coolidge - Nothing to report. City of Eloy - Nothing to report	

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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	
21	Future Agenda Items	
	<i>No future agenda items were requested.</i>	
18	Next Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting: • November 10, 2026, City of Coolidge – Council Chambers, 911 S. Arizona Blvd., Coolidge, AZ 85128	
19	Adjourn	<i>10:49 A.M.</i>



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Refugio Gallegos	Public Works Director	City of Eloy	rgallegos@eloyaz.gov	
Starla Anderson	Transportation Planning Manager	SCMPO	sanderson@scmpo.org	SA
Will Randolph	Regional Planner	ADOT	wrandolph@azdot.gov	Virtual
Zeena Gagnon	Mobility Manager	CAG/SCMPO	zgagnon@cagaz.org	Virtual