



**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

DATE:	April 23, 2020	TIME:	1:00 PM
PLACE:	WEBEX - Meeting Access Code (967 574 892)		
	520-705-5153 Jason's Cell		
Shaded items are action items: Action may not be taken on any other items on the agenda..			
	<i>TAC Members</i>	<i>Guests/Staff</i>	
Attendees:	Duane Eitel, Casa Grande Matt Rencher, Coolidge Jason Bottjen, Pinal County Tammy Valadez Paz, Eloy Dan Gabiou, ADOT	Irene Higgs, SCMPO Jason Hafner, SCMPO Robert Mawson, CAG/SCMPO Doug Moseke, ADOT Kevin Adam, RTAC	Mike Sundblom, Pinal County Mike Blankenship, Greenlight TE Ed Stillings, FHWA Jennifer Love, AECOM Brent Crowther, Kimley Horn Dawn Cartier, Civtech
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		
1	Call to Order and Introductions		<b>1:00 PM</b>
2	Title VI Statement		
3	Approval of Minutes from February 27,2020 TAC Meeting Minutes		<b>APPROVED 4-0</b>
	<i>Matt Rencher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 27, 2020 TAC Meeting. Jason Bottjen seconded.</i>		
4	RTAC Update (Information Only)		
	<i>Kevin Adam provided an overview of the State and Federal outlook.</i>		
5	ADOT Planner Report (Information Only)		
	<i>Dan Gabiou provided the attached update.</i>		
6	ADOT Southcentral District Report (Information Only)		
	<i>Doug Moseke provided the following update:</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• The X-Band Radar on I-10 should be in place this week.</i></li> <li><i>• Construction of the Coolidge Rumble Strip project is complete.</i></li> <li><i>• A virtual partnering meeting is scheduled for the traffic signals on SR87.</i></li> <li><i>• Design for the roundabout on on 79B/287 is progressing.</i></li> </ul>		
7	FHWA Report (Information Only)		



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	<p><i>Ed Stillings provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>FHWA is trying to maintain business as usual with 100% of staff working from home.</i></li> <li>• <i>ADOT and FHWA have moved forward with full implementation of the eSTIP.</i></li> <li>• <i>All FHWA and FTA joint amendments are being handled electronically.</i></li> <li>• <i>Looks less likely that Congress is going to pass a new Transportation Funding bill prior to expiration of the FAST act.</i></li> </ul>
8	Every Day Counts meeting Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The two main topics of the last EDC was HURF Exchange and the P2P process.</i></li> </ul>
9	Pinal County Transit Governance Study Update (Information Only)
	<i>Jason Bottjen provided the attached update.</i>
10	Pinal County RTA Update (Information Only)
	<i>Jason Bottjen provided the attached update.</i>
11	Air Quality Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Winter 2019 AQ Conformity</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Received the Finding of Conformity from FHWA and FTA on March 27, 2020.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Spring 2020 AQ Conformity</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Scheduled to receive the Conformity Analysis from MAG on May, 4.</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Advertisement of the 30-day public review and comment period will start on May 5 and end on June 5.</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>TAC review and approval will be June 10 and Executive Board will be June 16</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Mike Sundblom provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>EPA has proposed redesignation of the West Pinal non attainment area to Serious on April, 7. This action is open for a 30-day comment period.</i></li> <li>• <i>After EPA responds to comments, a decision will be finalized. This will likely take a couple of months.</i></li> <li>• <i>Since MAG is the primary planning agency for Air Quality, they will lead the SIP process. After a decision is finalized, MAG has 18 months to complete a SIP. The SIP will be made in conjunction with Pinal County AQ, ADEQ and other stakeholders.</i></li> <li>• <i>Compliance must be reached by December, 2022 as set by the Clean Air Act. This is a short turn around and an extension may be filed if Best Available Control Measures and Most Stringent Measures are demonstrated.</i></li> </ul>
12	Rural Transportation Summit 2020 Update (Information Only)



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	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>There is a growing sentiment among the RTAC Management Committee to cancel the event for 2020.</i></li> <li>• <i>AzTA and Roads and Streets are considering moving to the Fall.</i></li> <li>• <i>Even if the virus is contained, there may be a large economic fallout of the containment effort.</i></li> <li>• <i>The venue has agreed to transfer 100% of the money paid to a rescheduled event, so long as the event happens prior to the end of 2021.</i></li> </ul>	
13	<p><i>Regional Traffic Count, Data Collection and Mapping Update (Information Only)</i></p>	
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>All funding for the project has been moved to FY21.</i></li> <li>• <i>The plan is currently to start the counts in November, 2020.</i></li> <li>• <i>The tentative schedule would be to advertise in August; proposals and selection in September; and NTP in October of 2020.</i></li> </ul>	
14	<p><i>Coolidge Route Optimization Study Update (Information Only)</i></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The SOW and RFP are 95% done.</i></li> <li>• <i>Have a meeting set up for next week to discuss strategy for moving forward with the PM Team.</i></li> </ul>	
15	<p><i>MPO Update (Information Only):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>MPO Progress Report (15.0)</i></li> <li>• <i>Ledger (15.1)</i></li> <li>• <i>Project Update (15.2)</i></li> <li>• <i>Transportation Improvement Program Update(15.3)</i></li> <li>• <i>BUILD Grant Support Letter - Burris Road Overpass (15.4)</i></li> </ul>	
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided an update on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>15.0 - The meetings attended by MPO staff since the last TAC meeting.</i></li> <li>• <i>15.1 - The Federal Ledger.</i></li> <li>• <i>15.2 - The status of various Design and Construction projects in the MPO.</i></li> <li>• <i>15.3 - The status of the new SCMPO TIP.</i></li> <li>• <i>15.4 - The Support Letter submitted by SCMPO on behalf of the BRO Build Grant application.</i></li> </ul>	
16	<p>Recommend Approval to Add Dan Gabiou as the ADOT Representative to the SCMPO TAC</p>	<p><b>APPROVED 4 - 0</b></p>
	<p><i>Jason Bottjen made a motion to add Dan Gabiou as the ADOT representative to the TAC. Matt Rencher seconded.</i></p>	
17	<p>Recommend Approval to Advertise Public Participation Plan for 45 Day Public Review and Comment Period</p>	<p><b>APPROVED 5-0</b></p>
	<p><i>Jason Bottjen made a motion to add Advertise the Public Participation Plan for public review and comment. Dan Gabiou seconded.</i></p>	



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18	Recommend Approval of the SCMPO 2021 Title VI Implementation Plan	<b>APPROVED 5-0</b>
	<i>Jason Bottjen made a motion to approve the 2021 SCMPO Title VI Plan. Tammy Valadez Paz seconded.</i>	
19	Local Government Project Report: Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Pinal County	
	<p><i>Jason Bottjen provided the following update for Pinal County:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached</li> </ul> <p><i>Tammy Valadez Paz provided the following update for Eloy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cactus Asphalt was awarded the Airport runway job.</li> <li>• Bid Opening is upcoming for the Airport Taxiway repaving.</li> <li>• Working on a DCR for the widening of Sundland Gin Road.</li> <li>• Cactus asphalt is working on paving projects throughout the City.</li> <li>• Currently waiting on signs for the installation of the LED Stop Sign project.</li> </ul> <p><i>Matt Rencher provided the following update for Coolidge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report.</li> </ul> <p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update for Casa Grande:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casa Grande is installing new traffic signals at Peart and McCartney and a second one near the Lucid Motors site.</li> </ul>	
20	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCMPO Executive Board meeting, May 12, Coolidge or via Webex</li> <li>• State Transportation Board meeting, May 15, Phoenix</li> <li>• State Transportation Board meeting, June 2, Phoenix</li> <li>• State Transportation Board meeting, June 19, Payson</li> <li>• Rural Transportation Summit, October 14-16, Maricopa</li> </ul>	
21	<p>Call to the Public:</p> <p>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.</p>	
	<i>A Call to the Public was made and nobody chose to speak.</i>	
22	Future Agenda Items	
	<i>No Future Agenda Items were requested by the TAC.</i>	
23	<p>Next SCMPO TAC Meeting Date - June 10, 2020 (AQ Mtg)          - June 25, 2020 (Regular Mtg)</p>	
24	Adjourn	<b>2:17 PM</b>





## ADOT MPD Updates

### 1) Deadline Reminders:

- a) ADOT **P2P** Call for Projects due **4/30**. This call is for FY22-26 projects on the state highway system. Project funding is competitive and not guaranteed. If you have any nominations, please coordinate with Mr. Hafner or ADOT District Engineer.
- b) **FLAP** Program applications deadline extended to **5/14**. \$10.59M available in AZ. 5.7% local match requirement. <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access/az/>
- c) **BUILD** applications due **May 18th**. Max award = \$25M per project and \$100M per state. 20% local match requirement. <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants>

If you intend to apply for FHWA Grants, FHWA and ADOT appreciate early coordination to discuss Administration:  
FHWA Contacts: Romare Truely ([Romare.Truely@dot.gov](mailto:Romare.Truely@dot.gov), 602-382-8978) and Ammon Heier ([ammon.heier@dot.gov](mailto:ammon.heier@dot.gov), 602-382-8983).  
ADOT Contact: Kohinoor Kar ([kkar@azdot.gov](mailto:kkar@azdot.gov), 602-712-8239)

### 2) COVID-19 Impacts to ADOT

As of 4/17, ADOT's CFO reported to the State Transportation Board that the preliminary financial impact estimates of COVID-19 to ADOT are:

- FY2020: 9% decline (Original: \$1,569.4, Revised:\$1,424.7)
- FY2021: 22% decline (Original: \$1,625.4, Revised: \$1,266.4)
- FY2022: 12% decline (Original: \$1,678.9, Revised: \$1,471.5)
- FY2020 – FY2022 Estimated Negative Impact to State Highway Fund \$385M

### 3) Studies

- a) Attached is a presentation of ongoing ADOT studies.)

 [Planning Studies Update - 032420.pdf](#)

- b) FY20 Statewide Rest Area Study Update to be deferred to later year
- c) FY21 Studies likely to be added:
  - State Highway Rail Grade Crossing Action Plan
  - Border Master Plan Update

### 4) Functional Classification Updates

A message from our HPMS Coordinator, Sage Donaldson:

The AZGeo Change Request tool is the new mechanism for requesting future Federal Functional Classification changes (<https://azgeo.az.gov/adot/WeLoveYourInput.aspx>). That tool also includes functionality to validate and correct roadway ownership information needed to improve Certified Public Mileage reporting. The MPD GIS team and Works Consulting would be more than happy to present a demonstration and tutorial on using this tool, please contact Sage Donaldson ([sdonaldson@azdot.gov](mailto:sdonaldson@azdot.gov)) to schedule this.

### 5) Arizona Crash Information System (ACIS) tool

ADOT has a very powerful crash data tool. For ACIS access or more information, please contact Randy Reifsnyder ([RReifsnyder@azdot.gov](mailto:RReifsnyder@azdot.gov), 602-712-6203) or Saroja Devarakonda ([sdevarakonda@azdot.gov](mailto:sdevarakonda@azdot.gov), 602-712-8283).

## Pinal County SCMPO TAC Meeting Update for April 23, 2020

### Pinal County Transit Governance Study.

- Contract between Nelson-Nygaard and CAG executed August 21, 2019
- Technical Working Group Meetings on October 30, 2019, January 30, 2020 & February 25, 2020
- Technical Memorandum 1 - Existing Conditions is completed
- Technical Working Paper 1 - Peer Review and Stakeholder Interviews has been reviewed by the project team and comments are being addressed by the consultant
- Financial model for Governance Options was prepared and is currently under review by the project team
- Fact sheets for Governance Options are being prepared by the consultant and will be presented April 23, 2020 to the project team
- Next steps
  - Work Session/Presentation before the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (May/June 2020)
  - Stakeholder Workshop (May/June 2020)

### Pinal Regional Transportation Authority

- *Lawsuit Vangilder vs. Pinal County & Pinal Regional Transportation Authority:* The Goldwater Institute filed their appeal to the AZ Supreme Court by the extension deadline of March 20, 2020. Pinal County submitted their reply on April 20, 2020. The AZ Supreme Court will now decide whether to grant or deny review of the appeal. If the Supreme Court decides not to hear the appeal, the case is remanded back to the lower court's decision which was in favor of Pinal County.
- Pinal County Public Works has gone through a staff reorganization. Andy Smith is the new Deputy Public Works Director and has administrative oversight of Transportation Planning, Public Works Administration, Emergency Management and Public Works Finance. Due to the reorganization and increase in time commitment for new duties, the Pinal County, County Manager has terminated the lease agreement between Pinal County and the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority that had Mr. Smith serving as the PRTA General Manager.

### Inland Port AZ BUILD Grant

- The draft Grant Agreement template was submitted to FHWA and USDOT on April 14, 2020.
- The draft Budget Narrative was submitted to FHWA and USDOT on April 16, 2020.
- Pinal County staff is currently working on the Request for Qualifications for design of:



- Road improvements along both Hanna and Houser roads between Vail Road and State Route 87
- Railroad intersection improvements at Hanna and Houser Roads
- Road intersection improvements at State Route 87 and Houser Road