



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	March 10, 2020	TIME:	Executive Session 9:00 A.M. Regular Meeting 10:00 A.M.
PLACE:	Pinal County Complex, 820 E. Cottonwood Lane, Casa Grande, AZ 85122 - Conference Room A		
CONTACT:	Irene Higgs 520-705-5143		
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Supervisor Steve Miller, Pinal County Mayor Craig McFarland, Casa Grande Mayor Jon Thompson, Coolidge Steve Stratton, ADOT District 4 Rep (Telephonic - Regular Board Mtg)	OTHERS PRESENT:	Doug Moseke, ADOT Duane Eitel, Casa Grande Kevin Adams, RTAC (Telephonic) Andy Smith, Pinal RTA Kathy Borquez, Pinal County Robert Mawson, CAG/SCMPO Ed Stillings, FHWA Jason Bottjen, Pinal County Mike Sundblom, Pinal County
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mayor Joel Belloc, Eloy Steve Stratton, ADOT District 4 Rep (Not present during Executive Session)		
STAFF PRESENT:	Irene Higgs, Executive Director Jason Hafner, Transportation Planner		

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM	AGENDA ITEM	
1	Call to Order and Introductions	9:07 AM
2	Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session	ADJOURN 3 - 0
	<i>At 9:08 AM Secretary/Treasurer Steve Miller presented a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Board Member Craig McFarland.</i>	
3	Adjourn to Executive Session Arizona Revised Statutes A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)	
4	<p><i>A. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of public officer, appointee, or employee (A.R.S § 38-431 (A)(1))</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>A.1) Discussion of reclassification of the Planning Supervisor position</i></p> <p><i>The public body shall provide appointee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate, but not less than twenty-four hours for appointee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting. Except for salary discussions, appointee may demand the discussion or consideration to occur in public.</i></p> <p><i>Any records or documents distributed to the Executive Board or any conversations occurring during executive session shall be kept confidential. Legal action involving a final vote or decision shall not be taken at an executive session.</i></p>	Mayor Jon Thompson
5	Adjourn Executive Session	ADJOURN 3 - 0
	<i>At 9:23 AM Secretary/Treasurer Steve Miller presented a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Board Member Craig McFarland.</i>	

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ITEM	AGENDA ITEM	
1	Call to Order, Pledge and Introductions	10:05 AM
	<i>The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Thompson at 10:05 a.m.</i>	
2	Title VI - Notice to the Public	
	<i>SCMPO Executive Director, Irene Higgs, read the Title VI Public Notice and reminded all attendees to please fill out the optional survey card to assist the Sun Corridor MPO in gathering Title VI data.</i>	



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3	<p>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.</p>
	<p><i>No comments from the Public.</i></p>
4	<p>Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2020</p>
	<p align="right">APPROVED 4 - 0</p> <p><i>Secretary/Treasurer Steve Miller presented a motion to approve the meeting minutes for January 14, 2020. Motion was seconded by Board Member Craig McFarland.</i></p>
5	<p>Regional Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) (Information Only)</p>
	<p><i>Kevin Adam provided an update on State Transportation Funding and current Transportation bills for the 2020 Legislative session.</i></p>
6	<p>Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Update (Information Only): • Regional Transportation Plan</p>
	<p><i>Duane Eitel provided the following update:</i></p> <p>• Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - The Regional Transportation Plan 2040 Update was completed in February. The RTP is on the Agenda for Board approval today (item 17). Once approved, the RTP is scheduled to be sent to FHWA and FTA, along with the Air Quality Conformity tomorrow. Will be sent to ADOT upon Finding of Conformity from FHWA.</p>
7	<p>Air Quality (AQ) Update (Information Only)</p>
	<p><i>Jason Hafner provided the following update:</i></p> <p>Winter 2019 AQ Conformity Analysis - Voting to approve 2019 AQ Conformity today.</p> <p>Spring 2020 AQ Conformity Analysis - Voting to approve to go to 30-day Public Comment period today. Final Approval June 2020.</p> <p><i>Mike Sundblom provided the following update:</i></p> <p>Pinal County AQ Update - The Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest has filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to sue Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The NOI covers failure to act on the West Pinal moderate area PM10 SIP and failure to make an attainment finding for the area as required (July of 2019).</p> <p><i>Pinal AQ, Maricopa Association of Government, and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality spoke to EPA on Friday, February 28, 2020 and they outlined their plan to respond. Basically, EPA will propose a finding that the area did not meet the PM10 NAAQS and redesignate to serious nonattainment. EPA indicated they would take this action before the 60 days are up, or April 4, 2020.</i></p>
8	<p>Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Planner Update (Information Only)</p>
	<p><i>Irene Higgs provided the following update on behalf ADOT Planning Division:</i></p> <p>Tentative 2021- 2025 5-Year Construction Program - The Tentative 2021 - 2025 5-Year Construction Program public comment period and Public Hearings will coincide with State Transportation Board meetings on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 20, in Marana • April 17, in Flagstaff • May 15, in Phoenix <p><i>The Tentative 2021 - 2025 5-Year Construction Program will be posted to the ADOT website in March prior to the first public hearing.</i></p> <p>NOFO For BUILD Grant was released for 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications due by 5:00 EDT on May 18, 2020 • Minimum size is \$1 million for Rural Agencies • No more than 10% (or \$100 mil) can be awarded to one state • Awarded funds must be Obligated by September 30, 2022 (must be expended by September 30, 2027)



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9	Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Ed Stillings provided the following update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INFRA Grant - The Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant closed on February 25, 2020. • FAST ACT – Reauthorization Bill - It's been quiet, haven't heard anything.
10	ADOT Southcentral District Engineer Update (Information Only)
	<i>Doug Moseke provided an update on all ADOT projects within the region.</i>
11	Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update (Information Only)
	<i>Andy Smith, Pinal RTA General Manager, stated that a TAC meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020 to discuss IGAs. There is \$31 million in the escrow account. Goldwater requested an extension to submit their appeal on March 19, 2020. The AZ Supreme Court will review the Goldwater argument to determine if they will hear the case and will reach out to Pinal County RTA if argument is needed.</i>
12	I-10 Widening Update (Information Only)
	<p><i>Irene Higgs provided the following update to the I-10 Widening Study:</i></p> <p><i>ADOT applied for an INFRA for the I-10 Widening project and Gila River Bridge. The next round of public meetings are being planned by ADOT/MAG for the Spring 2020 in Casa Grande, Sacaton, and Wildhorse Pass area.</i></p>
13	<p>MPO Update - Information Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Progress Report (13.0) • Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 Ledger (13.1) • Design/Construction Report (13.2) • 22nd Rural Transportation Summit Update (13.3) • Mobility Management Support Letter (13.4) • ADOT INFRA Grant Support Letter to Widen I-10 (13.5)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update (13.0) - Irene Higgs stated that staff had a busy couple of months in January, February and a portion of March. • Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Ledger (13.1) - Irene Higgs stated that Jason is working on securing a STBG Loan with ADOT for \$98,161 to make the Maricopa CG Hwy Project complete. The loan would be for FY21 w/ Payback in FY22. Also, \$29k of HSIP project close-out funds has hit the Ledger. MPO staff is working w/ ADOT finance to see where we can put funds so that we do not lose them for the region. • Design/Construction Report (13.2) - Jason Hafner provided a detailed update on all design/construction projects within the Sun Corridor MPO Region. • Rural Transportation Summit Update (13.3) - Irene Higgs stated that CAG and SCMPO are meeting every two weeks to plan for the summit. Registration is Open – 22 have registered to date. • Mobility Management (MM) Support Letter (13.4) - Irene Higgs stated that the MPO provided a support letter to the CAG/SCMPO for the MM grant application. This grant funds Robert Mawson's position. • ADOT INFRA Grant Support Letter to Widen I-10 (13.5) - Irene Higgs stated that ADOT requested a support letter for the INFRA grant application for the I-10 Widening and Gila River Bridge project.
14	<p 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 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.</p> <p align="right">APPROVED 4 - 0</p> <p>Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:</p>
	<i>A motion was made by Board Member Craig McFarland to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Steve Miller.</i>



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*14.A	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Loan from FY22 to FY21 with ADOT	
	<i>By a 6-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved a STBG Loan from FY22 to FY21 with ADOT</i>	
*14.B	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan	
	<i>By a 6-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan</i>	
*14.C	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve MPO Staff to Advertise, Select Consultant, and Award Contract for Coolidge Route Optimization Study	
	<i>By a 6-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved MPO Staff to Advertise, Select Consultant, and Award Contract for Coolidge Route Optimization Study</i>	
*14.D	Discussion and Possible Action to Advertise Spring 2020 Air Quality Project List and Conformity Analysis for 30 Day Comment Period	
	<i>By a 6-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the Advertisement of the Spring 2020 Air Quality Project List and Conformity Analysis for 30 Day Comment Period</i>	
15	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve of the Public Involvement Report for the Draft FY2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO TIP, Draft Sun Corridor MPO Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2040 Update	APPROVED 4 - 0
	<i>A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Steve Miller to approve the Public Involvement Report for the Draft FY2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO TIP, Draft Sun Corridor MPO Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2040 Update. The motion was seconded by Board Member Craig McFarland.</i>	
16	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Winter 2019 Finding of Conformity for the 2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2040 Update	APPROVED 4 - 0
	<i>A motion was made by Board Member Craig McFarland to approve the Winter 2019 Finding of Conformity for the 2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2040 Update. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Steve Miller.</i>	
17	Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt the Regional Transportation Plan 2040 Update, contingent on the new finding of conformity	APPROVED 4 - 0
	<i>A motion was made by Board Member Craig McFarland to adopt the Regional Transportation Plan 2040 Update, contingent on the new finding of conformity. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Steve Miller.</i>	
18	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), contingent on the new finding of conformity	APPROVED 4 - 0
	<i>A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Steve Miller to approve the 2020-2029 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), contingent on the new finding of conformity. The motion was seconded by Board Member Craig McFarland.</i>	
19	Member Jurisdiction Reports (Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy and Pinal County)	
	<i>Pinal County - Supervisor Miller had nothing to report</i>	
	<i>City of Eloy - N/A</i>	
	<i>City of Casa Grande - Mayor McFarland stated that a grade separation is needed at Burriss Rd. Large project will be announced next week at Study Session. Thornton Rd will need to be looked at soon with 6 lanes to I-8. All the steel is completed for Lucid Motors. The State of the City is scheduled for tomorrow. A live broadcast will be offered to those that do not want to attend in person.</i>	
	<i>City of Coolidge - Mayor Thompson stated that the Macrae Rd project is looking good; thermoplastic is coming at end of month.</i>	
20	Future Agenda Items	
	<i>No future agenda items were requested.</i>	



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21	<p>Upcoming Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Transportation Board meeting, March 20, Marana • AzTA Transit Conference, April 13-15, Flagstaff • State Transportation Board meeting, April 17, Flagstaff • Roads and Streets Conference, May 6-8, Tucson • State Transportation Board meeting, May 15, Phoenix • State Transportation Board meeting, June 19, Payson • League of Cities and Towns Conference, September 1-4, Glendale • AZ Rural Transportation Summit, October 14-16, Maricopa
22	<p>Next SCMPO Executive Board Meeting Date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 12, 2020 - 10:00 A.M. at theCity of Coolidge Council Chambers, 911 S. Arizona Blvd., Coolidge, AZ 85128
23	<p>Adjourn ADJOURN 4 - 0</p>
<p><i>At 11:18 AM a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Craig McFarland. Motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Steve Miller.</i></p>	

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization endeavors to ensure the accessibility of all of its programs, projects and services to all persons with disabilities. If you need an accommodation for this meeting, please contact Irene Higgs at 520-705-5143 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.