

Title VI Annual Report



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

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, Environmental Justice 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 Meetings
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Air Quality Conformity
- CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan
- Planning Studies

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

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ETHNICITY/RACE

SUN CORRIDOR MPO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS									
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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	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	14
	African American/Black	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	6
	White	14	12	12	10	14	10	8	80
	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	0	0	0	1	1

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Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meetings

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ETHNICITY/RACE

		SUN CORRIDOR MPO TAC MEETINGS							
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Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

Date	Location
July 5, 2023	WebEx
August 24, 2023	City of Eloy City Hall
October 26, 2023	Pinal County Historic 1891 Courthouse, Florence
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Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2050

The Sun Corridor MPO published a Request for Proposals on October 13, 2022 to utilize a consultant to complete the Regional Transportation Plan 2050 for the Sun Corridor MPO Region. The contract was awarded to Wilson & Company on December 12, 2022. This project is completed.

Public Involvement

A Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Four Factor Analysis was conducted early in the study process to determine if public engagement materials needed to be provided in any languages other than English.

Public Outreach Round #2: Rank Transportation Needs by Importance

The 2nd survey was published online in October 2023 in coordination with local public information officers and in local Newspaper ads on 10/22/2023 and received 20 responses, all in English. Event participants were invited to provide feedback through an online survey. Engagement activities were designed to foster communication and collaboration with the public to identify transportation needs by importance.

Public Outreach Events

As part of the Sun Corridor MPO RTP Update process, multiple public outreach events were attended so that community members could participate in activities related to transportation investment and share their priorities.

The public outreach events were intended to connect with the public during community events and receive input for where individuals would like to see future transportation funding invested, i.e. expansion, modernization, or preservation. The events included community safety day/nights and Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) nights. A booth was set up at each event where information about the Sun Corridor MPO 2050 RTP Update was provided in both English and Spanish, as well as two activities for the public to participate and provide input. Participants for all events included English and Spanish speaking residents. The events attended included:

- Casa Grande Silent Witness Night – September 26, 2023 (70 participants)
- Eloy GAIN Night – October 4, 2023 (22 participants)
- Coolidge GAIN Night – October 19, 2023 (55 participants)



Casa Grande Silent Witness Night – September 26, 2023



Eloy GAIN Night – October 4, 2023

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Air Quality Conformity for the Pinal County PM-10 and PM-2.5 Non-Attainment Areas

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 May 2, 2024 the legal advertisements for the 30-day Public Notice for the Winter Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2023-2027 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 by the public.

CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan Update 2024

CAG, in partnership with the Sun Corridor MPO, provides Mobility Management (MM) for both Pinal and Gila counties. The Human Services Transportation Coordination 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 December 7, 2023 the legal advertisements for the 30-day Public Notice for the CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination 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– November 15, 2023
- CAG Technical Transportation Advisory Committee – Recommend Approval of Plan Update – February 8, 2024

- Sun Corridor MPO Technical Advisory Committee – Recommend Approval of Plan Update – February 22, 2024
- Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board – Approval of Plan – March 12, 2024
- CAG Management Committee – Recommend Approval of Plan Update – March 12, 2024
- CAG Regional Council – Approval of Plan Update – April 1, 2024

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	FY24	\$110,000	\$27,500	\$137,500
	Regional Mobility Management	FY25	\$110,000	\$27,500	\$137,500
Payson Senior Center	Replacement – 6-Pass Van w/Ramp	FY23	\$70,400	\$17,600	\$88,000
	Preventative Maintenance	FY23	\$12,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
	Preventative Maintenance	FY24	\$12,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
	Operations	FY23	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
	Operations	FY24	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
	Plus Ride Management Software	FY23	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
	Plus Ride Management Software	FY24	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
Pinal Hispanic Council	Replacement – 7-Pass Van w/ramp	FY23	\$27,826	\$6,956	\$34,782
	Replacement – 7-Pass Van (no ramp)	FY24	\$30,608	\$7,652	\$38,260
	Preventative Maintenance	FY23	\$6,400	\$1,600	\$8,000
	Preventative Maintenance	FY24	\$6,400	\$1,600	\$8,000
GRAND TOTAL:		FY23	\$147,626	\$48,156	\$195,782
		FY24	\$190,008	\$58,752	\$248,760
		FY25	\$110,000	\$27,500	\$137,500

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 2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule		
Wednesday - January 24, 2024	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - March 20, 2024	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - May 22, 2024	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - July 24, 2024	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - September 25, 2024	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD
Wednesday - November 13, 2024	10:00 AM	Virtual Meeting / TBD

Pinal County Safety Plan/SCMPO Network Screening Crash and Analysis Tools Update

The Sun Corridor MPO contracted Greenlight Traffic Engineering to complete this project. Notice to Proceed was issued on June 22, 2023. The project is tentatively scheduled to be completed by August 2024.

Public Outreach

A LEP Four-Factor analysis was conducted for this project. Using available 2022 census data, it is determined that of the 439,655 individuals within the Pinal County region, 355,714 (80.9%) speak only English, and 83,941 (19.1%) speak a language other than English at home. Of those speaking another language at home, 25,156 (5.7%) are reported to have limited English proficiency. Individuals of limited English proficiency indicated on the census that they speak English “less than very well”.

Under the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Safe Harbor provision, it is necessary to translate materials when five percent, or 1,000 individuals, whichever is less, speak English less than

“very well.” Limited English Proficient Spanish speakers for the study area (Pinal County) fall under the DOJ Safe Harbor provision, there is a moderate to high likelihood that LEP persons will engage with the study and materials and services needed to provide language assistance are attainable from availability and cost standpoints. Due to the results, the study team (SCMPO) will provide the following for this study:

- Develop contacts, mailing/email lists, and other means to initiate and continue communications.
- Include Title VI language in all advertisements for the public.
- With reasonable advanced notice, provide requested interpretation/translation services at all public meetings.
- Provide digital and printed materials in the LEP language of the identified group (Spanish).
- Use visual images and other formats, especially at public meetings, when feasible.

Public Events

Coolidge Cotton Day’s, March 1, 2024

On March 1st the Sun Corridor MPO staff had a booth at Coolidge Cotton Days. Crash Data Boards along with hard copies of a survey were available to event participants as well as a study postcard with a QR code that directed citizens to the study Public Outreach webpage. The webpage provided an electronic version of the survey as well as Social Pinpoint Mapping exercises where participants can drop a location pin and leave comments related to biking, walking, and driving. All public involvement materials were made available on English and Spanish. There were approximately 30 community members that visited the booth.



Coolidge Cotton Day’s, March 1, 2024

Casa Grande State of the City, March 6, 2024

On March 6th the Sun Corridor MPO staff had a table at the Casa Grande State of the City event. Crash Data Boards were available as well as hard copy surveys for attendees to complete. Study postcards with a QR code to the study Public Outreach webpage were also available. All public involvement materials were made available on English and Spanish.

Ironwood 55+ Community, March 26, 2024

On March 26th the Sun Corridor MPO Staff and DPS Captain gave a presentation on the Pinal County Safety Study to the Ironwood 55+ Community. Crash Data Boards were available as well as hard copy surveys for the community to complete. There were approximately 60 community members in attendance.

**Casa Grande Public Safety Day, April 6, 2024**

On April 6th the Sun Corridor MPO staff had a booth at the Casa Grande Public Safety Day. Crash Data Boards along with hard copies of a survey were available to event participants along with a study postcard with the QR code to the study Public Outreach webpage. The booth was visited by approximately 150 citizens. All public involvement materials were made available on English and Spanish.



Casa Grande Public Safety Day, April 6, 2024

Public Open House San Tan, May 16, 2024

There was a public open house held on May 16th at the Pinal County Administration Building at 31505 N Schnepf Rd, San Tan Valley, AZ 85143. A presentation on the Pinal County Safety Study was given; Crash Data Boards along with hard copies of a survey were available to attendees along with a study postcard with the QR code to the study Public Outreach webpage. The survey and study postcard were provided in English and Spanish.



Public Open House San Tan, May 16, 2024

Online Engagement

Event participants were invited to provide feedback through engagement online, including mapping exercises and a survey. Activities were designed to foster communication and collaboration with the public to identify safety priorities and needs.

English Survey

- Total surveys to date = 392

English Title VI:

- Total completed = 135

Spanish Title VI:

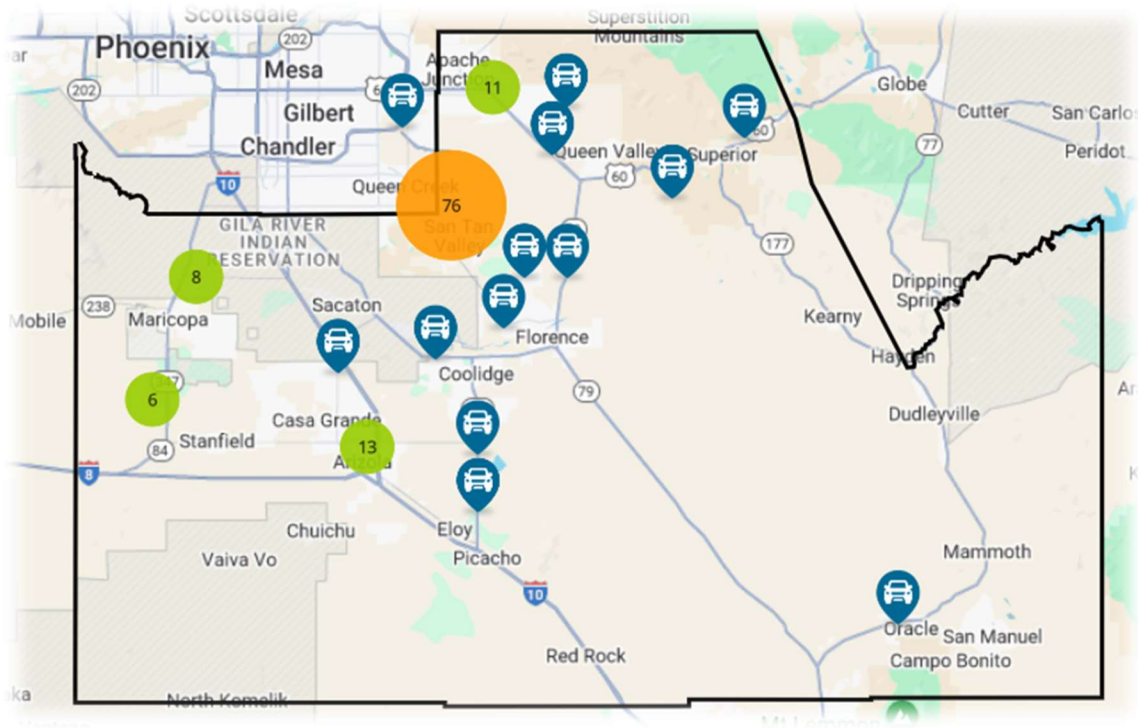
- Total completed = 0

Spanish Survey:

- Total surveys to date = 1

Social Pinpoint Mapping Survey

- Biking pins dropped = 54
- Walking pins dropped = 19
- Driving pin dropped = 119



Social Pinpoint Mapping Survey

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.

Central Yavapai MPO and the Sierra Vista MPO established Consultant On-calls for Planning and Engineering studies. These On-call list can be utilized by all COG/MPOs in Arizona.

Executed Contracts

- SCMPO Regional Transportation Plan 2050 – Wilson & Co, Inc., Engineers and Architects #MPD218164-4.1-1
 - 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
- Pinal County Safety Plan/SCMPO Network Screening Crash and Analysis Tools Update – Greenlight Traffic Engineering, LLC # MPD218164-7.1
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TITLE VI TRAINING

The following trainings took place during the reporting period:

Sun Corridor MPO

- October 26, 2023, SCMPO TAC Title VI Training
- November 14, 2023, SCMPO Executive Board Title VI Training
- June 11, 2024, Jason Bottjen, Annual Training
- June 11, 2024, ADOT Title VI Training, Irene Higgs

INVESTIGATIONS, LAWSUITS AND COMPLAINTS

No investigations, lawsuits or complaints have been filed against the Sun Corridor MPO or its member agencies from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. A copy of the Complaint Log is included as an attachment (Exhibit “A”) of this document.

GOALS

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A legal advertisement is planned for August 2024 for the 30-day Public Notice for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Spring 2024 Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program 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 Spring 2025 Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2050 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 Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan 2025

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 Human Services Transportation Coordination plan will begin in August 2022. 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

Pinal County Safety Plan/SCMPO Network Screening Crash and Analysis Tools Update

Greenlight Traffic Engineering will conduct the final round of public meetings to inform the public on the findings of the Plan and to educate attendees on the safety concerns of the area.

Greenlight Traffic Engineering will also provide a minimum of five informational and educational presentations. Two of the presentations will be to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors. The remaining three will be to the Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board, Central Arizona Governments Regional Council, and Maricopa Association of Governments Management Committee.

Greenlight Traffic Engineering's experience in STSP development highlights the key ingredient for successful implementation of STSP recommendations: participation and buy-in from local agencies. The Greenlight Traffic Engineering team will meet with SCMPO's member agencies throughout the development of the plan to obtain information, feedback, and guidance, especially for identification of safety strategies and projects.

City of Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study

Project is scheduled to advertise in July 2024. A LEP Four-Factor analysis will be conducted for this project. Public involvement is planned for this project; however, the Public Involvement Plan has not been finalized.

City of Coolidge Safe Routes to School Study

Project is scheduled to advertise in August 2024. A LEP Four-Factor analysis will be conducted for this project. Public involvement is planned for this project; however, the Public Involvement Plan has not been finalized. Project is scheduled to advertise in August 2024.

SUN CORRIDOR MPO WEBSITE

Update website to include approved Title VI documents. An accessibility test on the SCMPO website was completed in 2023 and it scored a 48 out of 75. We are looking at plugins/software that will bring it up to a score of 75 or higher. This will be a goal for this year.

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

- Pinal County Safety Plan/SCMPO Network Screening Crash and Analysis Tools Update
- City of Casa Grande Safe Routes to School Study
- City of Coolidge Safe Routes to School Study

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 2024.

- **Sun Corridor MPO Staff** - Annually, provide staff with Title VI Training, to include new hires. Staff will partake in FTA/FHWA Title VI and Environmental Justice 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 FY2025.

APPENDIX A - COMPLAINT LOG



Annual Report Date: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

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