

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES											
DATE	:	September 10, 2024 City of Casa Grande – Council Chambersl, 510 E Florenc	TIME: ce Blvd. Casa G	Regular Meeting: 10:00 A.M. rande. AZ 85122							
PLAC	E.	Call in Number - 1-408-418-9388 Access Code – 24555467#									
CONT		Irene Higgs 520-705-5143									
MEME PRES		Mayor Jon Thompson, Coolidge Mayor Craig McFarland, Casa Grande Mayor Micah Powel, Eloy Jenny Howard, State Transportation Board (Phone) Supervisor Steve Miller, Pinal Co	OTHERS	Priscilla Thompson, ADOT John Kross, Pinal RTA (Phone) Duane Eitel, Casa Grande							
MEME ABSE			PRESENT:	Will Randolph, ADOT (Phone) Dedrick Denton, Pinal County (Phone) David Malewitz, Eloy Kevin Adam, RTAC							
STAF PRES		Irene Higgs, Executive Director Jason Bottjen, Transportation Planner									
			REGUL	AR MEETING							
ITEM				AGENDA ITEM							
1	Call to	Order and Introductions		10:03 AM							
	The me	eeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Thompson at 1	10:03 A.M.								
2	Title VI	- Notice to the Public									
	SCMPO	D Executive Director, Irene Higgs, read the Title VI Public	Notice.								
3	This ite the juris	the Public: m is to provide an opportunity for citizens wishing to addre sdiction of the Sun Corridor MPO planning area that are no to three (3) min									
	Nothing from the public.										
4	Region	al Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) (Information C	Only)								
	Kevin A	Adams provided the following update: Adam provide an updated to State Legislation. ortation Advisory Committee (TAC) Update (Information O	nlv):								
5		County Safety Plan/SCMPO Network Screening Crash and		s Update							
	Pinal C and ma • 560 s • 211m The Dr • CAG • Sun C • Sun C	Eitel provided the following update: County Safety Plan/SCMPO Network Screening Crash a pipping exercises closed out August 18, 2024. Final number urveys completed apping exercises completed aft study is expected in late September/early October for ro Regional Council: October 30, 2024 Corridor MPO Executive Board: November 12, 2024 Transportation Safety Committee: November 19, 2024 County Board of Supervisors: late November/Early Decem	rs: eview. Study pre	ools Update - The first round of Public Outreach is complete. The study Social Pinpoint survey esentations are being scheduled for the following:							
6		ality (AQ) Update (Information Only) Bottjen provided the following update for Pinal County:									
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7	14, 202 Arizona	:9. a Department of Transportation (ADOT) Planner Update (Ir	nformation Only)							
		liggs provided the following update on behalf of Will Rando.									
	1. 287/ are fina 2. Pass the ser 3. N/S Tier 2 E	87 SR Corridor Profile Study: A consultant has been sel alizing the TAC members and aiming to have a Project Kick senger Rail Study: Procurement has been completed and vices plan should take place in the calendar year of 2025. Corridor Tier 2 Study: The Northern Segment from the 6	lected for the SF coff at the end of d WSP will forwa	R 287/87 corridor profile study with a notice to proceed. I'll be PMing the study and currently we f September. ard with completing Step 1 of the FRA study process carrying into next year. Step 2 developing rms Rd is currently underway, and a NTP has been sent to the consultant last month to begin the te for any other needed information. https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/north-south-							



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8	Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) Update (Information Only)
	FHWA provided the following update for September 2024:
	U.S. DOT Proposes Accessibility Standards for Transit Stops in the Public Right-of-Way On August 22, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register [89 FR 67922] for adopting as regulatory accessibility standards the Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way (PROWAG) issued by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) on August 8, 2023 [88 FR 53604]. The U.S. DOT proposes to codify PROWAG by revising the regulations under title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 37 [49 CFR 37] for transportation services for individuals with disabilities. When adopted, the accessibility standards would apply only to new construction and alterations of transit stops in the public right-of-way. The public comment deadline is September 23, 2024.
	FHWA Announces \$521 Million in Awards for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure On August 27, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced more than \$521 million in awards from the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant Program. FHWA awarded 51 grants to applicants in 29 States and the District of Columbia to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work. More information is available here.
	FHWA Announces \$26.5 Million in Planning Grants for Bridge Investment Program On August 7, 2024, FHWA announced more than \$26.5 million in planning grant awards from the Bridge Investment Program. FHWA awarded 28 planning grants to 18 States to help prepare critical bridge projects for restoration or replacement before they fall into a state of disrepair. More information is available here.
	U.S. DOT Announces \$2.4 Million in Awards for Complete Streets Artificial Intelligence Initiative On August 13, 2024, the U.S. DOT announced \$2.4 million in awards from the Complete Streets Artificial Intelligence Initiative. The U.S. DOT awarded contracts to
	12 small businesses for leveraging advancements in artificial intelligence to improve the siting, design, and deployment of Complete Streets.
	FHWA Announces \$800 Million in Available Funding for Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program On August 27, 2024, FHWA announced the availability of \$800 million in funding through the Low Carbon Transportation Materials (LCTM) Program. The LCTM Program will support the use of low-carbon materials and products used in transportation that reduce air pollution, specifically greenhouse gas emissions. The application deadline is November 25, 2024. More information is available here.
	Application Deadlines Approaching for Other U.S. DOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities Please be aware of the approaching application deadlines for the following discretionary grant opportunities from the U.S. DOT: • September 4 – Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP), Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025. • September 11 – CFI Grant Program (extended from August 28). • September 23 – Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Program. • September 23 – Railroad Crossing Elimitation (RCE) Grant Program. • September 30 – Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program.
	 September 30 – Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Grant Program. October 1 – Bridge Investment Program, Planning and Bridge Project Grants (extended from March 19, 2024). October 16 – Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program.
	Upcoming Webinars and Workshops Here is the registration information for some upcoming webinars and workshops: • September 4 – Roadway Safety for People Experiencing Homelessness. • September 9 – How Are We Doing? Effective Performance Evaluation Practices. • September 9 – U.S. DOT Public Engagement Workshop (vitual). • September 10 – The Electric Vehicle (EV) Experience: What to Expect from Public Charging. • September 10 – The Electric Vehicle (EV) Experience: What to Expect from Public Charging. • September 17 – Talking Freight: State Freight Advisory Committees. • September 18 – Project Delivery Lessons Learned from Emergency Response Following an Infrastructure Catastrophe. • September 23 – Meaningful Public Involvement in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Training (virtual). • October 8 – Best Practices to Get Big Infrastructure Projects off the Ground. • October 22 – Project Acceleration for the Public Good.
9	ADOT Southcentral District Engineer Update (Information Only)
	Priscilla Thompson introduced herself as the new ADOT Southcentral Assistant District Engineer. Priscilla has been with ADOT for 11 years. Irene Higgs stated that she will send out Priscilla's contact info to the Executive Board and TAC. Irene Higgs states that there were no changes the previous update given at the last Executive Board meeting. Jason Bottjen stated that there were no Burrowing Owls found at SR87/Skousen Rd Traffic Signal project.
10	Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update (Information Only)
	John Kross provided the following update:
	UPDATE on Tax Refunds: • TPT Tax Refunds pertaining to the invalid tax (County is helping ADOR by taking then lead on the refunds and collaborating with ADOR, who will issue the refunds directly to the qualified taxpayer – PRTA is not involved administratively which is acknowledged in the approved IGA – link on our website pinalrta.org); • UPDATE on applications filed for refund: To date we have received 151 requests. We have processed/approved 120, with an additional 26 under review and 5 determined not eligible. The amount refunded thus far is approximately \$25.7 million. • "Reminder that the deadline for qualified taxpayers to file for a refund is April 9, 2026); Note: any business that believes they paid the tax from April 2018 – March 2022 can file for a refund.
	 TAC Meeting – Today (9/10) at 1:30 pm at County Administration Building – Ironwood Conference Room. Agenda includes consideration of the Public Transportation Element and recommendation from the Subcommittee created to evaluate this issue and continued policy and technical discussion on overall RTP development options including investment framework scenarios. Subcommittee Recommendation: "That Public Transportation/Transit Subcommittee has a strong preference for a 5% annual contribution of the 20-year forecasted revenues, with a secondary option of an allocation of funding of no lower than 4%. It is further recommended that flexibility with consideration of weighting of funding priorities be established at some point in the future, within this Element's identified categories: Maintenance and Capital Investment." Note that the 5% option represents approximately \$49m in funding over the 20-years and the 4% option represents \$39m. RTP Investment Framework Scenarios (not recommendations) are identifying projects from 5 to 15 with estimated program costs ranging from \$476M to \$1.5B, when inflation is
	considered. This is creating a challenging situation in our efforts to deliver a fully funded plan, when all the variable of costs versus revenues are considered. We continue to refine both our revenue and cost estimates and will discuss these scenarios with the TAC and Board at their upcoming meetings.



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	Upcoming PRTA Board: Sept. 30 at 1:30 pm at Pinal County Administration Building, Ironwood Conference Room – Florence.								
	 Agenda to include: Possible Action on the Public Transportation Element – program and funding parameters. Discussion on the Regional Transportation Plan, framework of various options and scenarios including overall Regional Transportation Plan viability given the revenues 								
	forecasted and the costs identified for projects. Possible consideration of a Special/additional Board meeting in mid-November providing overall direction on the Regional Transportation Plan efforts.								
	Recognition of outgoing Board Members (Chairman McFarland, Member Powell and Member Walter).								
11	Sun Corridor MPO Title VI Training								
	Irene Higgs provided Title VI Training to the Executive Board.								
12	MPO Update - Information Only • Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Progress Report (12.0) • Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Ledger (12.1) • Design/Construction Update (12.2) • Arizona Corporations Commission Annual Report 2024 (12.3) • TIP Amendment #10, Administrative (12.4)								
	• Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update (12.0) - Irene Higgs stated that staff had a busy couple of months in July - September								
	• Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Ledger (12.1) - Irene Higgs stated that all remaining obligation authority has been loaned to ADOT and the ledger has been zeroed out for FY2024. In FY2025 \$176,340 in STBG program funding is available. Staff is working with the SCMPO TAC to determine how to best utilize the funding.								
	• Design/Construction Report (12.2) - Jason Bottjen stated that there are no changes to what is provided in the packet.								
	• Arizona Corporations Commission Annual Report 2024 (12.3) - Irene Higgs stated that the Annual Report is due to the Arizona Corporations Commission by August 20th every year. The report was submitted on August 5, 2024. The report will need to be updated and resubmitted after the two new Board members begin in January 2025.								
	• TIP Amendment #10, Administrative (12.4) - Irene Higgs stated that Administrative Amendment #10 was completed to include the following: • Amended the Casa Grande, Ash Avenue Roundabout								
	At ADOT's request, removed the ADOT PMDR Fee of \$30K from the construction phase. PMDR is a Design cost. • Added the Pinal Ave (SR 387) & Viola Street Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon to the TIP.								
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13	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 EVEN 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 Secretary/Treasurer Micah Powell to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Steve Miller.								
*13.A	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Meeting Minutes: APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA • July 9, 2024 5- 0								
	By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2024.								
*13.B	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Joint Project Agreement between Sun Corridor MPO and Central Arizona Governments for Mobility Management 5 - 0								
	By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the Joint Project Agreement between Sun Corridor MPO and Central Arizona Governments for Mobility Management.								
*13.C	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Regional Transportation Advocacy Council Regional Project APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA 5 - 0								
	By a 5-0 vote under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the Regional Transportation Advocacy Council Regional Project List.								
14	Member Jurisdiction Reports (Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy and Pinal County)								
	Casa Grande - Mayor McFarland stated that the City of Casa Grande is working with ADOT and extending left turn lanes at Pinal and Rodeo Rd because traffic is blocking through traffic. This has already been done at Kortsen and Peart Rd for the North/South lanes.								
	City of Coolidge - Mayor Thompson stated that the City of Coolidge is extending Coolidge Avenue East. Happy to see the temporary light put at S87 and Skousen Rd and that the project is moving forward.								
	City of Eloy - Mayor Powell stated that the City of Eloy approved a contract with Pinal County to install temporary signals on Sunland Gin Rd. at Mountainview Rd. This will help wit the flow of traffic from Arizona City and semi-trucks leaving Loves Truck Stop.								
	Pinal County - Supervisor Miller stated that Prop 486 will be on the ballot in November 2024. This is a continuation of the Transportation Improvement and Maintenance Program that has been in place for 40 years - vote YES.								
	State Transportation Board - Jenny Howard stated that at the last State Transportation Board meeting, ADOT staff presented changes to the AZ SMART Grant Fund. The changes seem to be making it harder and harder to apply when the State Transportation Board thought process was the revising to move money from one category to another based on the needs. The structure of the grant process has changed through the Legislature. We are trying to decide how to work through this especially for the smaller communities that need assistance with their application and the COG.MPOs to assist the smaller communities. There is so much more criteria to meet with the revisions. It was easier to apply for the funds prior to these changes. I will be discussing this at the next meeting.								



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15	Future Agenda Items						
	No future agenda items.						
16	Upcoming Meetings:						
	Next Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board Meeting Dates:						
17	November 12, 2024 - City of Coolidge - Council Chambers, 911 S. Arizona Ave. Coolidge, AZ 85128						
18	Adjourn APPROVED						
10	5-0						
	A motion was made by Board Member Craig McFarland to adjourn the meeting at 10.48. The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Micah Powell.						

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En conformidad con el Título VI del Decreto de los Derechos Civiles de 1964, el Decreto de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA por sus siglas en inglés), y otras leyes y autoridades contra la discriminación, la organización de planificación metropolítana Sun Corridor Metropolítan Planning Organization (SCMPO por sus siglas en inglés) no discrimina basándose en raza, color, orgen nacional, género/sexo, edad o discapacidad. Las personas que requieran una adaptación razonable basada en idioma o discapacidad se deben comunicar con Irene Higgs, Coordinadora del Título VI de SCMPO en ihiggs@scmpo.org ó liamando al (520)705-5143. Las solicitudes se deben hacer por lo menos 48 horas antes de la reunión para que se puedan organizar las adaptaciones.

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

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



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