



Technical Subcommittee Meeting

June 6, 2018

Apache County Board of Supervisors Room ♦ St. Johns, AZ

MEMBER NAME	ENTITY	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF NAME
Margie RS Begay	Navajo Nation		X	Jason James
Bill Bess	Navajo County		X	Jennifer O'Connor (phone)
Terry Cooper	Town of Snowflake		X	Cindy Binkley
Kyle Dabney	Town of Jerome		X	
Tim Dalegowski	Coconino County		X	
Andy Dickey	City of Sedona		X	
Maher Hazine	Town of Clarkdale	X	X	GUEST NAME
Dan Gabiou	ADOT MPD	X		ENTITY
Shane Hemesath	City of Show Low		X	Tricia Lewis
Michael Lomayaktewa	Hopi Tribe		X	Brendan Foley
Ron Long	Town of Camp Verde		X	George Wallace
Gus Lundberg	Town of Taylor		X	Jothan Samuelson
Roland Maldonado	Kaibab Paiute Tribe		X	Kate Morley
Roger McCormick	Yavapai County	X		Kathleen Viskocil
Matthew Patterson	Town of Pinetop-Lakeside		X	Steven Craver
Paul Ramsey	City of St. Johns	X		Candace Gallagher
Tim Rasmussen	Town of Springerville		X	Kevin Adam
Bruce Ray	Town of Eagar	X		Nathan Reisner
Robert Winiecke	City of Cottonwood	X		Bryan Cook
Caleb Lanting	City of Holbrook		X	James Meyer
David Swietanski	Apache County	X		Lisa Robertson
Kyle Christiansen	City of Page		X	Ammon Heier
Mark Woodson	City of Winslow/Town of Tusayan/City of Williams	X		Romare Truely
Philip Cushman	Town of Fredonia		X	

I. Introductions

Jason James called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. Self-introductions were made. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of April 2018 Minutes

Jason James asked for any corrections to the April 4, 2018 meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Dave Swietanski moved to approve the April 4, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Paul Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Call to the Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

IV. Federal & State Updates

A. Federal & State Legislative Update

The federal budget has been passed. Transportation was appropriated at \$2.5 billion above what was authorized. The House Appropriations Committee has already passed legislation for next year, for an additional increase of approximately \$2 billion. The longer term issue of Highway Trust Fund solvency has not been resolved. A sustainable solution for the trust fund will remain a key priority.

The TIGER program has been re-branded as BUILD. The application cycle is currently under way, with a July 19 deadline. The amount has been increased from \$900 million to \$1.5 billion. There is a 1/3 set aside for rural areas.

The infrastructure package is not likely to move forward this year, as there isn't time to reach consensus on how to pay for it.

At the state level, there has been activity for teacher pay increases. The legislature funded a 9% pay increase with a commitment to reach 19% over three years. Revenue collections went up dramatically last year, and provided additional revenues for the legislature to utilize.

During the last session, legislation was enacted to create a highway safety fee to fully fund DPS and reduce reliance on the HURF diversions. Collections of this fee will begin in January 2019. Revenues collected in excess of what is needed for DPS will be diverted to teacher pay.

The RTAC has advocated to minimize HURF diversions. State Legislature moved around several fund sources, and in the end, local governments will be held harmless. This comes at the expense of ADOT and the state system.

The bill to increase the Counties' authority to propose sales taxes for roadway improvements did not pass. Kevin is hopeful that the legislation could successfully be revived next year.

B. FY18 BUILD Grant

Ammon Heier and Romare Truely from FHWA were in attendance to present information on the new BUILD program.

The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program has replaced TIGER. It is a \$1.5 billion multimodal program. Eligible applicants include state, local and tribal governments; transit agencies; MPOs; and other public entities. Eligible projects include highways, bridges, transit, intercity passenger rail, freight rail, ports, and bike/pedestrian capital projects. The minimum award amounts are \$5 million for urban areas and \$1 million for rural areas. The maximum award amount is \$25 million per project, or \$150 million per state. The local match for the current round of BUILD is 20% of the project cost in urban areas and 0% of project costs in rural areas.

The BUILD application is available on grants.gov and must be submitted by 8:00 PM EDT on July 19.

Projects are scored on their merit in a number of criteria, including:

- Safety
- State of repair
- Economic competitiveness
- Environmental protection
- Quality of life

- Non-federal revenue
- Innovation
- Funding partnerships
- Project readiness
- Benefit-cost analysis

Applications will be disqualified if:

- Project not aligned with merit criteria
- Lack of evidence substantiating project benefits
- Insufficient matching funds
- Expired DUNS, SAM, or grants.gov registration

Applicants should notify the FHWA Arizona Division of their intent to apply for BUILD funding. Awards for the 2018 application cycle will be announced by December 18.

C. ADOT MPD Updates

The State Transportation Board is scheduled to approve ADOT's FY19-23 5-year program later this month.

Due to budget constraints, there will be no PARA funding awarded for FY19. ADOT does plan to reinstate the program if funds become available.

Dan Gabiou has accepted a new position with ADOT. He will continue to be the regional planning point of contact until a replacement is in place.

D. ADOT Northcentral/Northwest District Report

Nate Reisner reported on projects and activity in ADOT's Northcentral District.

E. ADOT Data Management Section – Data Collection & Functional Classification

James Meyer presented on functional classification.

ADOT is dropping the requirement for local agencies to update HPMS related items through the old website. The new focus is encouraging agencies to use the MS2 site for their traffic counts and upload raw traffic counts. Training on the new system is provided to agencies upon request.

ADOT Data Management is working to re-balance the functional classification system statewide. Over the years, a statistical imbalance has developed regarding the percentage of miles for each of the seven functional classifications.

ADOT is proposing to add approximately 3,100 miles statewide of local roadways to the functional classification system. Maps demonstrating the changes and local approval will be available online. Staff will circulate ADOT's spreadsheet to the local governments for their review and feedback.

The new system is expected to be live before the end of the calendar year.

F. ADOT Right of Way Group

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

G. Other

There were no other federal and state items presented.

V. Public Transportation Program

A. Status of FY18 FTA Section 5310 Grant Program

The Section 5310 Notice of Funding was posted in January. This year's funding amount for rural areas is \$2 million statewide. Funding may be used for vehicles, operating and mobility management funds to support transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities.

In the NACOG region, 9 human services organizations applied for 27 individual projects, totaling approximately \$1.3 million. Applications were reviewed in May, and staff expects to be notified of the awards in mid-June.

B. Status of Regional Passenger Transportation Study

NACOG kicked off Phase 1 of the passenger transportation study (PTS) on April 5 with the first advisory committee meeting. The purpose of the study is to provide a phased strategy for enhancing passenger transportation services in Coconino, Navajo, and Apache Counties. The PTS will prioritize corridors and projects to improve mobility in the priority corridors and within communities.

The project consultant is finalizing the first two technical memos for the study. The first is a summary of previous transit-related studies in the region; and the second is a review of existing transit services. They will continue to meet with transit and non-profit transportation providers to learn about the challenges they face in providing transportation the needs of their clients. The consultant is also conducting a series of Meetings on a Bus across the region to collect public input.

Staff has developed a newsletter to update the public and study participants about the PTS.

Committee members that wish to provide input for the PTS should contact Jennifer O'Connor.

C. Other

The City of Winslow was awarded \$280,000 from the FTA's Section 5311 program to begin the implementation of the Winslow Transit Plan.

VI. Transportation Investment Plan (TIP)

A. ADOT LPA Group – Project Status Update

No report due to time constraints.

B. Review High Priority Project Development Schedules

No report due to time constraints.

C. Review and Possible Action to Approve FY18-23 TIP Amendment 6

There are ten projects included in today's request for TIP amendment:

- City of Cottonwood: Add 6th Street reconstruction project. FY21 design, FY23 construction. Project will use HURF.

Dave Swietanski moved to approve the City of Cottonwood request for TIP amendment as presented, seconded by Paul Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

- Town of Eagar: Add 4th Avenue mill and overlay project. Construction only in FY21. Project design completed in FY14. Project will use the Apache Sub-region allocation and HURF.

Paul Ramsey moved to approve the Town of Eagar request for TIP amendment as presented, seconded by Dave Swietanski. Motion passed unanimously.

- Town of Jerome: Town drainage improvements. FY20 design, FY22 construction. Project will use Yavapai Sub-region allocation and HURF. Dan Gabiou raised concern about providing funding for design when all of the construction funding sources have not yet been identified. He noted that the design scope may need to be modified prior to NACOG Regional Council approval.

Maher Hazine moved to approve the Town of Jerome request for TIP amendment as presented, seconded by Robert Winiecke. Motion passed unanimously.

- Town of Snowflake: Snowflake Boulevard project. Convert FY20 construction phase to HURF. STBG was used for design.

Paul Ramsey moved to approve the Town of Snowflake request for TIP amendment as presented, seconded by Dave Swietanski. Motion passed unanimously.

- Town of Taylor: Papermill Road widening project. Convert FY20 construction phase to HURF. STBG was used for design.

Bruce Ray moved to approve the Town of Taylor request for TIP amendment as presented, seconded by Paul Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

- Town of Taylor: Add Willow Lane sidewalk project. FY21 design, FY23 construction. Project will use HURF.

Dave Swietanski moved to approve the Town of Taylor request for TIP amendment as presented, seconded by Bruce Ray. Motion passed unanimously.

- City of Sedona: Sanborn/Thunder Mountain overlay project. Defer construction from FY19 to FY20 and increase local additional funds.

Paul Ramsey moved to approve the City of Sedona request for TIP amendment as presented, seconded by Maher Hazine. Motion passed unanimously.

- Coconino County: Mormon Lake Road overlay/widening project. Accelerate construction from FY21 to FY19 to align with Central Federal Land grant. CFL will be lead agency for the project.

Dave Swietanski moved to approve the Coconino County request for TIP amendment as presented, seconded by Paul Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

- Town of Clarkdale: Main Street/Broadway overlay project. Convert FY21 construction phase to HURF. STBG was used for design.

Robert Winiecke moved to approve the Town of Clarkdale request for TIP amendment,

seconded by Bruce Ray. Motion passed unanimously.

- Apache County: Stanford Road improvement project. Increase FY19 construction budget due to bid overage.

Bruce Ray moved to approve the Apache County request for TIP amendment as presented, seconded by Paul Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Update on Regional Fund Balances and Management Strategies

Staff is pursuing loan agreements with other partners to cover the negative fund balances in FY20 and FY23.

E. Other

The first round of sub-regional talks was held in September, and a second round in March. In those discussions, the committee members identified project priorities to use the TIP allocation funds. All new projects have been approved by the Technical Subcommittee for inclusion into the TIP except for one.

The City of Holbrook's Florida Street safety improvement project has been approved by the Navajo sub-region. The city is currently considering whether or not they wish to proceed with the project. Staff expects a final decision by August.

VII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

A. Regional Strategic Safety Plan

No report due to time constraints.

B. FY21-22 HSIP Call for Projects

No report due to time constraints.

C. Update on Sign Panel Replacement Project - Phases 2 & 3

No report due to time constraints.

D. Other

There were no other HSIP items presented.

VIII. Miscellaneous Reports

A. 2020 Census Update

No report due to time constraints.

B. Other

There were no other miscellaneous items presented.

IX. Important Meeting Dates, Deadlines

Jason James announced the following dates and deadlines:

A. June 13, 2018: White Mountain Regional Transportation Council, Show Low

B. June 14, 2018: Every Day Counts – Arizona Local Public Agency Stakeholder Council, Phoenix

C. June 28, 2018: NACOG Regional Council, Flagstaff

- D. July 25, 2018: Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization Meeting, Cottonwood
- E. August 8, 2018: NACOG TSC Meeting, Camp Verde
- F. August 24, 2018: Flagstaff City – Coconino County Census Meeting, Flagstaff
- G. August 28-30, 2018: Southwest Tribal Transportation Workshop, Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh
- H. August 30, 2018: NACOG Regional Council, Clarkdale
- I. September 3, 2018: Flagstaff City – Coconino County Census Meeting, Flagstaff
- J. September 19-21, 2018: AGIC Geospatial Education & Training Symposium, Prescott
- K. October 1, 2018: Flagstaff City – Coconino County Census Meeting, Flagstaff
- L. October 3, 2018: NACOG TSC Meeting, Holbrook
- M. October 24-26, 2018: Arizona Rural Transportation Summit, Lake Havasu City
- N. November 1, 2018: NACOG Regional Council, Flagstaff
- O. November 5, 2018: Flagstaff City – Coconino County Census Meeting, Flagstaff
- P. December 3, 2018: Flagstaff City – Coconino County Census Meeting, Flagstaff
- Q. December 5, 2018: NACOG TSC Meeting, Flagstaff

X. Adjourn

Jason James asked if there were any further items for discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Swietanski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

Jason James adjourned the June 6, 2018 meeting of the NACOG Technical Subcommittee at 12:00 P.M.