



Technical Subcommittee Meeting

October 3, 2018

Navajo County Public Works Chevelon Canyon Room ♦ Holbrook, AZ

MEMBER NAME	ENTITY	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF NAME
Margie RS Begay	Navajo Nation		X	Jason James
Bill Bess	Navajo County		X	Jennifer O'Connor
Terry Cooper	Town of Snowflake		X	Cindy Binkley
Candace Gallagher	Town of Jerome		X	
Tim Dalegowski	Coconino County	X		
Andy Dickey	City of Sedona		X	
Mahar Hazine	Town of Clarkdale	X		GUEST NAME
Shane Hemesath	City of Show Low	X		ENTITY
Michael Lomayaktewa	Hopi Tribe		X	Kevin Adam
Ron Long	Town of Camp Verde		X	Adam Langford
Gus Lundberg	Town of Taylor		X	Deborah Miller
Roger McCormick	Yavapai County	X		Estelle Hollander
Matthew Patterson	Town of Pinetop-Lakeside	X		Romare Truely
Paul Ramsey	City of St. Johns	X		Matt Moul
Tim Rasmussen	Town of Springerville	X		Miles Begay
Bruce Ray	Town of Eagar	X		Bryan Cook
Ona Segundo	Kaibab Paiute Tribe		X	Lisa Robertson
Randy Sullivan	City of Holbrook		X	Tricia Lewis
David Swietanski	Apache County	X		Jothan Samuelson
Robert Winiecke	City of Cottonwood	X		
John Wennes	ADOT MPD	X		
Kyle Christiansen	City of Page		X	
Mark Woodson	City of Winslow/Town of Tusayan/City of Williams	X		
Philip Cushman	Town of Fredonia			

I. Introductions

Chairman Shane Hemesath called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. Self-introductions were made. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of August 2018 Minutes

Chairman Hemesath asked for any corrections to the August 8, 2018 meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Mark Woodson moved to approve the August 8, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Matt Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Call to the Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

IV. Federal & State Updates

A. Federal & State Legislative Update

Kevin Adam reported that Arizona's statewide economy is strong, which translates to revenue collection increases. There is no word yet on how the State Legislature will use the additional funds, much remains to be seen from the new leadership after the November elections.

At the federal level, there is a continuing resolution that provides funding through December 7. There is adequate funding in the Highway Trust Fund for fully authorized levels for the upcoming year. While infrastructure appears to have bipartisan support, it could become a casualty in a partisan war over the budget.

B. ADOT MPD Updates

ADOT's Planning to Programming workshops are coming up in October. The Northeast District will take place on October 16 and the Northcentral District on October 23. Projects will be scored based on risks, benefits, safety, and congestion. Projects will be advanced in late November for inclusion in the updated 5-year Program.

Expansion/access improvements to the Carl Hayden Visitor Center in Page will be on hold until after the elections.

C. ADOT Northcentral/Northeast/Northwest District Report

Deborah Miller reported on current activity in ADOT's Northwest District.

Jason James provided a written report from Brenden Foley summarizing current and upcoming activity in ADOT's Northcentral District.

Matt Moul reported on current activity in ADOT's Northeast District.

D. ADOT Data Management Section – Federal Functional Classification Rebalancing

The rebalancing process is going well. Adam Langford reminded those agencies that have not yet provided their comments that there is still time to submit them. Jason James provided a list of the NACOG communities noting those that have submitted their feedback and those that have not.

E. FHWA – Arizona Division Report

In July, the Census Bureau invited regional planning agencies to participate in the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP). Jurisdictions can visit the Census website and request participation in the process. Romare Truely will send a link to NACOG staff to forward to the local governments so agencies can participate in PSAP.

The BUILD Program is underway in the evaluation phase. Consideration of BUILD awards is ongoing, with determinations to be made this month. Award announcements will be made in December.

F. Other

There were no other federal and state items presented.

V. Public Transportation Program

A. Status of 2018 FTA Section 5310 Grant Program

There was no update presented on the 2018 FTA Section 5310 program.

B. Status of Regional Passenger Transportation Study

The first phase of the Regional Passenger Transportation Study is winding down. The purpose of the plan is to create a vision for the region, provide an overview of the most pressing passenger transportation needs, create strategies for meeting those needs, and prioritize corridors for service enhancements/connections.

Work on the study began in February, stakeholder outreach was performed to develop an evaluation of existing conditions and needs. The Advisory Committee has met to work with staff and the consultant on corridor prioritization and strategies for improvement. The plan is scheduled to be finalized this month.

The study findings are as follows:

- The region includes very isolated unserved and underserved rural areas
- Regional connectivity is essential
- There is need for appropriate vehicles and infrastructure
- There is a challenging operating environment
- There are challenges with ensuring driver and passenger safety in isolated areas

Jennifer O'Connor presented a map showing the priority corridor recommendations.

- Window Rock to Tuba City: Currently provided by Navajo Transit.
- Page to Tuba City to Flagstaff: Helping Hands Express provides service from Page to Tuba City, it could use more service. There is no current service from Tuba City to Flagstaff.
- Holbrook to Flagstaff: There is no current service from Holbrook to Flagstaff. ADOT recently funded service for Winslow, with the hope of eventual expansion.
- Williams to Flagstaff
- Williams to Tusayan/Grand Canyon Village

The map also shows recommended connection corridors and circulator service.

Strategy recommendations from the plan are regional connectivity; a one call/one click call center and website; dismantle silos (coordination); system safety; technology; expansion/improvements to infrastructure/vehicles.

NACOG has already secured funding for Phase 2, which could include a financial plan to forecast revenues, cost estimates/funding for future investments, performance expectations, and repeat analysis in eastern Yavapai County. Staff plans to apply for Phase 3 funding. Phase 3 could include a deep dive into one or two high need areas to define transit routes.

C. Other

There were no other public transportation program items presented.

VI. Transportation Investment Plan (TIP)

A. ADOT LPA Group – Project Status Update

Tricia Lewis reported that her records show that the following FY19 STBG projects have not initiated yet:

- Apache County Stanford Drive
- Coconino County Mormon Lake Road
- Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Billy Creek Bridge

Dave Swietanski reported that Stanford Drive has initiated, and is expected to go out to bid in February or March of 2019.

Jason James reported that the Mormon Lake Road project will be initiated by Central Federal Lands. Patrick Stone in ADOT's finance department is aware of this.

The Billy Creek Bridge project will be discussed later in today's agenda under the TIP amendment item.

Tricia reported on HURF projects:

- City of Williams-Grand Canyon Blvd: The IGA was initiated a couple of weeks ago, the draft is coming soon.
- City of Winslow-North Park Road and Route 66 Renaissance Streetscape-waiting on IGA to come back.
- Town of Snowflake-Snowflake Boulevard: The initiation paperwork has been forwarded to the town. Jason James will follow up with town staff.
- Yavapai County-Boynton Canyon/Dry Creek overlay is coming along.
- Town of Clarkdale-Main Street/Broadway: The project is going to council to award a contract on 23rd of October. Maher Hazine will communicate with ADOT when the award decision is completed.

A call for projects for the Off-system Bridge Program will be announced in November.

B. Review High Priority Project Development Schedules

There was no review of high priority project development schedules.

C. Review and Possible Action to Approve FY19-24 TIP Amendment 1

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

- Town of Eagar-South Main Street mill and overlay: Convert project from STBG to HURF exchange.
- City of Show Low-SR260/Show Low Lake Road: Construction budget increase from sub-region funds, and convert project from STBG to HURF Exchange.
- Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Billy Creek Bridge: ADOT has determined the project's cost estimate to be \$1.2 million. It was originally scheduled for \$764,000. The ADOT Project Manager is working with the state on \$300,000 of the difference, leaving the Town responsible for \$136,000. Jason James had added that NACOG has the capacity to accommodate this request using FY18 bid savings.

Mark Woodson moved to approve FY19-24 TIP amendment #1 as presented, seconded by Matthew Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Update on Regional Fund Balances and Management Strategies

With today's TIP amendment approval, all projects in the TIP that are eligible for the HURF exchange have been converted over. The NACOG region is leading the state in use of HURF.

E. Other

There were no other Transportation Investment Plan items presented.

VII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

A. FY21-22 HSIP Projects Update

Jason James is waiting to receive letters of authorization from ADOT for the region's approved HSIP projects. They have already been added to the TIP via administrative amendment.

B. FY23-24 HSIP Call for Projects

The next call for HSIP projects will occur in January 2019. The sub-regions are currently using the results of the RSTSP to identify priority projects. Staff is updating the 2017 and 2018 crash database.

Jason James reminded potential HSIP applicants that early involvement with ADOT/NACOG staff will aid greatly in the development of strong project applications.

For the FY25 and later funding cycles, ADOT will move HSIP eligibility criteria to predictive modeling-probability/potential for fatal/incapacitating incident.

C. Update on Sign Panel Replacement Project - Phase 3

Phase 3 includes sign panel replacements for the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe. Manufacturing of sign panels is underway. The manufacturing process is lengthy, and installation will occur once the panels are completed, likely in March or April.

D. Other

There were no other HSIP items presented.

VIII. Miscellaneous Reports

A. NACOG Sub-Regional Meetings

The Navajo and Coconino sub-regions met recently. Staff has sent invitations for the upcoming Yavapai and Apache sub-region meetings. This round of meetings is a continuation of the conversation from last March and includes discussion of infrastructure priorities/needs.

B. Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA)

WIFA has recently completed a series of workshops across the state regarding loan opportunities for funding. WIFA can provide loans at 2.5-2.7% interest. Additionally, assistance is available for disadvantaged communities and the use of green technology.

C. 2020 Census Update

The Census Bureau encourages the establishment of complete count committees. These are groups organized by community to look at issues related to ensuring participation in the Census process and promoting accurate population counts. Census counts directly impact distribution of federal funding.

D. Other

There were no other miscellaneous reports presented.

IX. Important Meeting Dates, Deadlines

Jason James announced the following dates and deadlines:

A. October 9, 2018: Yavapai Sub-Region Meeting, Cottonwood

B. October 10, 2018: Northern AZ Transportation Funding Group Meeting, Flagstaff

- C. **October 11, 2018: Navajo Nation and Arizona Transportation Partnership Steering Committee Meeting, Flagstaff**
- D. **October 18, 2018: Apache Sub-Region Meeting, St. Johns**
- E. **October 24-26, 2018: Arizona Rural Transportation Summit, Lake Havasu City**
- F. **November 1, 2018: NACOG Regional Council, Flagstaff**
- G. **November 5, 2018: Flagstaff City – Coconino County Census Meeting, Flagstaff**
- H. **December 3, 2018: Flagstaff City – Coconino County Census Meeting, Flagstaff**
- I. **December 5, 2018: NACOG TSC Meeting, Flagstaff**
- J. **December 13, 2018: Every Day Counts – Arizona Local Public Agency Stakeholder Council Meeting, Phoenix**

X. Adjourn

Chairman Hemesath asked if there were any further items for discussion. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Shane Hemesath adjourned the October 3, 2018 meeting of the NACOG Technical Subcommittee at 11:30 A.M.