



Technical Subcommittee Meeting

December 5, 2018

NACOG Area Agency on Aging Conference Room ♦ Flagstaff, AZ

MEMBER NAME	ENTITY	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF NAME	
Margie RS Begay	Navajo Nation		X	Jason James	
Bill Bess	Navajo County		X	Tod Morris	
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			
Shane Hemesath	City of Show Low	X			
Michael Lomayaktewa	Hopi Tribe		X		
Ron Long	Town of Camp Verde		X		
Gus Lundberg	Town of Taylor		X		
Roger McCormick	Yavapai County		X		
Matthew Patterson	Town of Pinetop-Lakeside		X		
Paul Ramsey	City of St. Johns	X			
Tim Rasmussen	Town of Springerville		X		
Bruce Ray	Town of Eagar		X		
Ona Segundo	Kaibab Paiute Tribe		X		
Randy Sullivan	City of Holbrook		X		
David Swietanski	Apache County	X			
John Wennes	ADOT MPD	X			
Robert Winiecke	City of Cottonwood	X			
Kyle Christiansen	City of Page		X		
Mark Woodson	City of Winslow/Town of Tusayan/City of Williams	X			
	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. Federal & State Legislative Update

Kevin Adam reported that the results of the November elections will be consequential at both the federal and the state level. At the state level there weren't any partisan changes, however, the margins of majority narrowed considerably. Leadership elections have taken place and there were some pro-transportation legislators appointed. Karen Fann will be the Senate President, Rusty Bower will be Speaker of the House, Noel Campbell will be the Transportation Committee Chair, and Regina Cobb will be the House Appropriations Chair.

Public revenues are doing well. They are on target for 10% growth for the year.

There will likely be a large revenue-generating bill proposed for transportation funding, but it is uncertain if there is momentum for passage. They will re-introduce the legislation to double the county transportation sales tax authority.

Last year, the legislature approved a VLT fee to cover DPS operations, with the intent to phase out the HURF diversions. Unfortunately, the estimate used when presenting the bill underestimated the DPS budget and overestimated the fleet count to calculate the revenue. This resulted in the final fee being \$32, when it was originally estimated to be \$18 when legislators were considering the bill. There could be pressure on legislators to repeal the fee.

At the federal level, there will be a 2-week extension on the budget authorization. It remains uncertain what the long-term outlook will be. There was a significant change to the majority of the House of Representatives. Both parties have expressed support for infrastructure investment, but having a split government will likely increase unpredictability.

III. Approval of October 2018 Minutes

Chairman Hemesath asked for any corrections to the October 3, 2018 meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Mark Woodson moved to approve the October 3, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Tim Dalegowski. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Call to the Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

V. Federal & State Updates

A. Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Presentation

Tom Halleron, Outreach and Project Development Team Lead for the US Department of Transportation presented a report on the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA).

The Build America Bureau drives investment in infrastructure by offering low-cost, fixed-rate, long term loans. They have over \$50 billion in existing lending capacity. Serving as a single point of contact throughout the credit process, the Bureau offers technical support that draws upon the expertise of the USDOT. The Build America Bureau serves as a one-stop shop where project sponsors can receive technical assistance as they develop projects.

The Build America Bureau was established in July 2016 by the Secretary of Transportation under the FAST Act.

Benefits of TIFIA loans include the following:

- Low interest loan program for terms up to 35 years
- Payments can be deferred for up to 5 years after substantial completion
- Flexible amortization/terms
- Finance up to 33% of project costs
- No pre-payment penalty, customized to meet borrower needs
- Amounts from \$10 million (rural) to \$50 million (urban)

Eligible borrowers are state and local governments, including state infrastructure banks, private firms, special authorities, and transportation improvement districts. Eligible projects include highways, bridges, transit facilities, light rail, pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure, and passenger rail.

The Rural Projects Initiative offers communities of less than 150,000 residents financing for projects with a cost between \$10 million and \$75 million. The RPI can finance up to 49% of the project cost at 1.67% interest. The RPI can also cover the application fees and underwriting process. TIFIA projects must have a dedicated revenue source.

B. FHWA – Arizona Division Report

Under the FY 2018 Appropriations Act, USDOT must make BUILD grant awards by December 18, 2018. FHWA Arizona Division will notify the COGs and MPOs of the selected BUILD grant awardees, once USDOT has made its' final decision.

C. ADOT Data Management Section – Federal Functional Classification Rebalancing

Jim Meyer reported that ADOT underestimated the level of effort needed and missed the target of completing the functional classification rebalancing by the end of the calendar year. Staff is working to complete the project in as timely a manner as possible. ADOT is still accepting comments from local jurisdictions.

Before the finished project can be approved by FHWA, ADOT will need to seek approval from the Technical Subcommittee.

D. ADOT Northcentral/Northeast/Northwest District Report

Deborrah Miller provided an update of ongoing projects in the Northwest District.

E. ADOT MPD Updates

Jason James reported that ADOT Off System Bridge program applications should be ready by the end of December. The deadline for submittal is currently scheduled for late January/early February. More information will be circulated to our members as it becomes available.

The P2P is in internal review at ADOT. Lists will come out for public review in March, with public hearings scheduled throughout the spring. The project will be finalized in June.

The State Transportation Board will meet in Flagstaff on April 20.

F. Other

There were no other federal and state items presented.

VI. Public Transportation Program

A. Passenger Transportation Study Phase 1

Tod Morris reported that Phase 2 of the passenger transportation study is completed. The final document should be posted on the NACOG website by the end of the year.

B. Passenger Transportation Study Phase 2

NACOG has been awarded funding for Phase 2. Staff is currently developing the project scope. The purpose of phase 2 is to develop regional strategies, such as:

- establishing a regional public transit committee
- provide transit agency training and guidance

C. Yavapai Passenger Transit Study

The purpose is to tie Yavapai County into the work done for the other counties, recognizing that a lot of transit planning has taken place in Yavapai County recently:

- CYMPO transit implementation plan, specific to CYMPO region kicking off this winter
- Sedona Transit Study is currently ongoing
- Mobility Management implementation plan performed by CYMPO, but incorporated elements across Yavapai County

D. Passenger Transportation Study Phase 3

Staff submitted an application for Phase 3 funding last week. The purpose of Phase 3 will be to incorporate all of the NACOG PTS planning efforts into a single NACOG passenger transportation plan. In addition, there are several complex issues in the region that will require expertise such as AHCCCS coordination, technology enhancements for tribal providers, rider information technology, and further statewide coordination.

E. ADOT Transit Asset Management Plan (TAM)

ADOT took inventory of all 5311 vehicles across the state. The average condition assessment rating is 3.3 out of 5. Develop some processes for how we can use that information to inform future grant awards.

This information is available on the NACOG website.

F. 5310 Program Update

The 5310 program addresses mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities. The program is moving to a 2-year grant cycle in FY19, which is consistent with the 5311 program.

Competition for 5310 funding is increasing. NACOG receives more requests for funding than is currently available.

G. Other

There were no other public transportation program items presented.

VII. Transportation Investment Plan (TIP)

A. ADOT LPA Group – Project Status Update

There was no report from the ADOT LPA Group.

B. Review High Priority Project Development Schedules

Apache County-Stanford Drive Phase 1: The project is 100% complete on plans. ADOT Contracts and Specs is preparing to advertise for construction. Construction is scheduled for the spring.

Coconino County-Mormon Lake Road: Central Federal Lands has received the bids for this project and they are under review. Once the bid is awarded, the County will get a notice to proceed. Construction is planned for the spring. Staff is collecting right of way and construction easements.

Yavapai County-SR69 Widening: Yavapai County intends to cancel the Western Yavapai allocation to the SR69 Widening Project (ADOT Project). Instead, this allocation will go towards the Mint Creek Wash Bridge Improvements (HURF Exchange project). County staff is working to complete the change paperwork.

City of Williams-Grand Canyon Blvd: Woodson Engineering reviewed the 90% plans with staff yesterday. The project is scheduled to go to bid in January and construction is expected to be

completed by June 1. There will be some coordination with ADOT for the construction on the Grand Canyon Boulevard/I-40 traffic interchange.

City of Winslow-Route 66 Streetscape: Woodson Engineering will review the 90% plans with city staff next week. They are waiting on the IGA. Plan to go to bid in January and construction should be completed by June 1.

Town of Pinetop-Lakeside-Billy Creek Pedestrian Bridge: Town staff has completed the HURF Exchange request application and submitted it to Tricia Lewis at ADOT.

City of Sedona-Sanford/Thunder Mountain: City staff is waiting to see if there are savings from the Dry Creek Overlay project, and if so, they will repay Yavapai County and move forward on this project.

C. Update on Regional Fund Balances and Management Strategies

There is no update to regional fund balances and management strategies at this time.

D. Other

There were no other Transportation Investment Plan items presented.

VIII. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

A. FY23-24 HSIP Call for Projects

The FY23-24 HSIP call for projects is still scheduled for January. Staff has reached out to several sponsors regarding HSIP projects. Jason James will continue to contact the other members. Jason plans to meet with ADOT NE and NC Districts to discuss where there is opportunity for collaboration on HSIP projects and applications.

B. Update on Sign Panel Replacement Project - Phase 3

Phase 3 of the sign panel replacement project includes the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe.

The contractor is wrapping up sign fabrication. Installation of the new signs is scheduled for mid-late December 2018.

C. Other

There were no other HSIP items presented.

IX. Miscellaneous Reports

A. Working Lunch Presentations (for Future TSC Meetings)

At the sub regional meetings, a topic of discussion has been the potential for working lunch presentations at future TSC meetings. Staff will send out a survey to the committee members inquiring about topics/companies to present.

Jason James asked for any suggestions from the members. The following topics were suggested:

- chip sealing/oil emulsion vendors
- HSIP guidance
- additives/emulsions new technologies
- autonomous vehicles
- traffic counting workshop
- public outreach workshop
- full-depth reclamation for asphalt on roads that have a curb/gutter

B. TRACS

TRACS is a centralized system for data related to federal/state funded programs. He asked the representatives of the communities that are interested in using TRACS to reach out to Timothy Jordan at ADOT. TRACS can be used to help streamline data collection for HSIP applications.

C. AACE Roadway Needs Study

Jason James circulated a regional report done by AZ Association of County Engineers. The report talks about the state of existing county road infrastructure and where maintenance shortfalls will occur in the county system in the next 20 years.

State route system will have a maintenance shortfall of approximately \$30.5 billion over the next 20-25 years. The county road system over that same timeline will have \$7 billion maintenance shortfall.

The purpose of this study is to provide hard data for advocacy efforts.

D. Nationally Significant Federal Lands & Tribal Projects Program (NSFLTP)

NSFLTP is a funding opportunity for larger projects. Its main focus is for facilities access to tribal and federal lands. The first round of applications is due December 17. This competitive program has a \$25 million project minimum.

E. 2020 Census Update

A complete counts committee training was held on November 20. A recording of training was sent to Census contacts throughout the region. If others would like the recording for their local area/staff, they may contact Jason James.

F. Other

Starting in April, TSC meetings will rotate around the NACOG region. The rotation schedule will be discussed at the February meeting.

X. Important Meeting Dates, Deadlines

Jason James announced the following dates and deadlines:

- A. December 10, 2018: Southern Navajo & Apache Counties Transportation Plan TAC Meeting, Show Low**
- B. December 12, 2018: Hopi Steering Committee Meeting, Flagstaff**
- C. December 13, 2018: Every Day Counts – Arizona Local Public Agency Stakeholder Council Meeting, Phoenix**
- D. January 23, 2019: Verde Valley TPO Meeting, Cottonwood**
- E. February 6, 2019: NACOG TSC Meeting, Flagstaff**
- F. February 28, 2019: NACOG Regional Council Meeting, Flagstaff**
- G. April 3, 2019: NACOG TSC Meeting, TBD**
- H. April 17-19, 2019: Arizona Roads & Streets Conference, Tucson**
- I. April 25, 2019: NACOG Regional Council Meeting, Flagstaff**
- J. June 5, 2019: NACOG TSC Meeting, TBD**
- K. June 27, 2019: NACOG Regional Council Meeting, Prescott**
- L. August 7, 2019: NACOG TSC Meeting, TBD**
- M. August 29, 2019: NACOG Regional Council Meeting, Flagstaff**
- N. October 2, 2019: NACOG TSC Meeting, TBD**
- O. October 24, 2019: NACOG Regional Council Meeting, Alpine**
- P. December 4, 2019: NACOG TSC Meeting, TBD**

XI. Adjourn

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

Chairman Shane Hemesath adjourned the December 5, 2018 meeting of the NACOG Technical Subcommittee at 11:35 A.M.

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