

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting Summary - DRAFT

Summary of March 15, 2023, Meeting

The meeting was held in person/virtually for committee members and electronically for the public and can be viewed in its entirety at:

https://youtube.com/live/7h_y9FXZomk?feature=share

Committee Members

Paul Casertano

Pima County

Sam Credio – Vice Chair

City of Tucson

Rod Lane

ADOT - Tucson District

Mark Hoffman - Virtual

ADOT- TPD

Thomas Garcia - Virtual

Town of Sahuarita

Dan Grossman - Proxy

Town of Marana

Jason Bahe - Virtual

Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Josue Licea – Virtual

City of South Tucson

Committee Members Cont.

Patricia Pablo - Virtual

Tohono O’odham Nation

Jose Rodriguez

Town of Oro Valley

Natalie Shepp

Pima County DEQ

Steve Spade - Virtual

Sun Tran

PAG Staff Lead

Jeanette DeRenne

Ex-Officio

Jamie Brown, PAG/RTA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Credio, and introductions of the committee members were made. Dan Grossman, Town of Marana, was in attendance as proxy for the Town of Marana.

2. In-kind Reporting

PAG staff asked participants to confirm estimated in-kind time for this meeting. The in-kind form was routed to committee members attending in person. Hours of members attending in Zoom will be recorded from the Zoom attendance report.

3. Approval of the Feb. 22, 2023, Meeting Summary

[Video Timestamp: 2:56](#)

Action: A motion was made by Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley, to approve the Feb. 22, 2023, meeting summary. Natalie Shepp, Pima County DEQ, seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Credio asked to move up item 5 on the agenda.

5. ADOT Presentation on the FHWA Emergency Relief Program

[Video Timestamp: 3:56](#)

ADOT's Assistant State Engineer, Jerry James, provided a presentation that outlined the process of the FHWA Emergency Relief Program and the LPA Process. He provided key lessons learned to help facilitate future requests. Mr. James mentioned that this program provides funds for repairs caused by damage from natural disasters, such as wildfires, flooding and other catastrophic events. His full presentation can be found through the video link above.

Presentation slides can be found: [HERE](#)

This was an information item.

4. Review Transportation Art by Youth (TABY) Program Applications – FY 2023

[Video Timestamp: 28:55](#)

PAG Programming Manager Carolyn Laurie gave a brief overview of the TABY process, history of the program and funding source. Ms. Laurie mentioned that two projects are available for consideration and each of the applicants provided a presentation with details of their projects. Paul Casertano, Pima County, provided a presentation on behalf of Pima County on the Los Reales Beautification Project. Mr. John Garcia, Town of Sahuarita, presented on behalf of the Town of

Sahuarita on the Sahuarita Rd. – Town Name Large Lettering with Murals on each Large Letter Project. Complete details of each of these projects can be viewed through the video link above.

Jason Bahe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, asked if the Pima County project could be expanded to include areas of Los Reales Road that were on tribal land. He feels that the tribe could benefit from this type of project. Mr. Casertano expressed that this was a good question, and he asked that Mr. Bahe and he discuss this outside the context of the meeting.

Action: A motion was made by Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley, to approve the two TABY projects. Rod Lane, ADOT, seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

6. Regional Transportation Revenues

[Video Timestamp: 50:03](#)

PAG Program and Policy Coordinator David Zynda reported on regional transportation revenue information referenced in the agenda item memo as well as on the summary of year-to-date FY 2023 regionwide Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) revenues. He recapped that as of January we are at \$9.7 million for RTA revenues. Total RTA revenue this year is approximately \$67.5 million. The state HURF received through January is approximately \$101 million of regional HURF, which includes 12.6%, 2.6% and direct HURF. This is a 1.29% growth compared to FY 2022. The five-year average growth rate was 11.21%. He referred to each of the tables giving the breakdown of each of the funding sources.

This was an information item.

7. Updates on the FY 2024–FY 2028 TIP development process and draft project list(s)

[Video Timestamp: 55:30](#)

PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown briefly recapped this item from last month's meeting. Given the factors making this TIP development cycle unique, the current TIP FY 2022–FY 2026 continues to be amended so that nothing is held up in the process. Meanwhile, PAG continues to move through the TIP development process for FY 2024–FY 2028. He thanked the committee for the review of the draft FY 2024–FY 2028 TIP project list and the comments submitted as included in the packet. PAG Programming Manager Carolyn Laurie added that comments were received by four jurisdictions and were provided with the exception of one that was received later. Staff is requesting approval and will then proceed through the committee process. An approval today will allow staff to continue with travel demand modeling, air quality conformity, GIS mapping and performance measures assessment, etc.

The committee discussed concerns with recommending approval of the draft FY 2024–FY 2028 TIP project list. With FY 2027–2028 not programmed other than ADOT projects, the committee was not comfortable at this time acting on this item.

No action was taken on this item.

8. Overview of the Draft FY 2024 and FY2025 Pima Association of Governments (PAG) Overall Work Program (OWP)

[Video Timestamp 1:26:45](#)

PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown provided a presentation with an overview of the Draft FY 2024 - FY 2025 Overall Work Program (OWP). He stated that the OWP is required as the basis of the contract with ADOT. The OWP consists of federally required transportation planning programs for the region, as well as PAG's other programs and their respective goals. Adopted in May 2021 and currently in effect, the FY 2022 - FY 2023 OWP will serve as the basis for the update. Mr. Brown mentioned the memo from Regional Council Chair Mayor Joe Winfield dated Feb. 23, 2023, regarding roles and responsibilities. Included with the memo was the legal opinion received on involvement in extraneous matters. Asked about TPC comments on the draft OWP document, Mr. Brown responded that they can be submitted via email through Management Committee representatives. Program funds. Committee members asked questions about what is considered an extraneous matter. Full discussion on this item can be heard with the timestamp above.

Presentation can be found: [HERE](#)

This was an information item.

9. Legislative Update

[Video Timestamp: 1:54:10](#)

PAG Program and Policy Coordinator David Zynda provided an update on transportation-related legislation of interest to the PAG region. Mr. Zynda provided more details on some of the bills that are being more closely watched. The session is about two-thirds of the way complete per the 100-day theoretical deadline but most likely will go longer. There have been 1,600 bills posted and 18 have passed both chambers. That's two more than reported last month. Sixteen bills were vetoed with the majority of those being budget bills. Two bills have been signed into law, a tax bill and a housing affordability-related bill. The last day for House bills to be considered in the Senate is March 24, as well as Senate bills to be considered by the House. The 100th day of the session will be on April 18. Mr. Zynda noted that he added HB 2543 to the list of bills being watched. This bill is an appropriations bill that gives money through greater Arizona transportation projects. The bill was recently amended to include \$10 million for Marana to cover design costs for a potential new traffic interchange at I-10 and Cortaro Rd. HB 2543 passed out of the House and has been transmitted to the Senate. Updates on the other bills being watched can be listened to using the link above.

Presentation can be found: [HERE](#)

This was an information item.

10. Future agenda items

The following items were suggested for future agenda considerations:

- Presentation to TPC on the role of this committee.

Pursuant to state law, no discussion or action is allowed under this item.

11. Adjournment

Vice Chair Credio adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.