

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting Summary

Summary of June 21, 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/TVxXyMF3B1M

Committee Members

Sam Credio - Chair

City of Tucson

Jose Rodriguez - Vice Chair

Town of Oro Valley

Rod Lane

ADOT - Tucson District

Dan Grossman

Town of Marana

Kathryn Skinner

Pima County

Natalie Shepp

Pima County DEQ

Jason Bahe - Virtual

Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Committee Members Cont.

Davita Mueller - Virtual

Sun Tran

Mark Hoffman - Virtual

ADOT- TPD

Thomas Garcia - Virtual

Town of Sahuarita

Mark Novak - Virtual

University of Arizona

PAG Staff Lead

Jeanette DeRenne, PAG

Ex-Officio

Jamie Brown, PAG

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chair, and introductions of the committee members were made.

2. In-kind Reporting

PAG Transportation Planning Director Jeanette DeRenne 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 April 19, 2023, Meeting Summary

Video Timestamp: 3:07

Action: A motion to approve the April 19, 2023, meeting summary was made by Jose Rodriguez, Oro Valley, and seconded by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County. The motion passed. Sam Credio, City of Tucson, abstained.

4. Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan (RMAP) Update

Video Timestamp: 3:44

PAG Transportation Planning Director Jeanette DeRenne provided the members with an update on the status of the Project Explorer, informing the committee with a timeframe of when to import RMAP projects. The Project Explorer is expected to open in July 2023 and close by the end of September 2023.

Members were provided with an update on the approval of current population projections by the Regional Council. These projections had been recommended by the Population Technical Subcommittee, the PAG Management Committee, and received final approval from the PAG Regional Council. PAG Modeling Administrator Hyunsoo Noh confirmed the process.

This was an information item.

5. Regional Pavement Management Update

Video Timestamp: 11:07

PAG Project Implementation Administrator Lance Peterson provided a brief update on the Regional Pavement Management Task Force's meeting. The task force recommended to move forward with the contracting services to supplement the pavement rating data gathered by ADOT. Mr. Peterson informed the members of discussions that have taken place at previous Regional Pavement Management Task Force meetings, which include evaluation of funding, appropriate timetables for data collection, and how the data is collected. Sam Credio, City of Tucson, inquired about the timeline for implementation, in which members were informed that data collection is to begin by July 2024. Rod Lane, ADOT, asked for clarification if local streets were included in the data collection. Mr. Peterson informed the members that from a PAG standpoint, data collection would be done on the national highway system and federal aid network. However, there could be discussion on future contracts to include locally owned roads to be funded by respective jurisdictions.

This was an information item.

6. Regional Transportation Revenues

Video Timestamp: 22:06

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 May, the RTA Revenue Budget, which was expected to be at \$107 million, is currently \$108 million, and is expected to grow further. The state HURF received through April is approximately \$150 million, which includes 12.6%, 2.6%, and direct HURF. This is a 2.5% growth compared to FY 2022. The five-year average growth rate was 12%. He referred to each of the tables giving the breakdown of each of the funding sources.

Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, inquired as to why the HURF 12.6% balance continues to grow rather than being spent. PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming, and Policy Jamie Brown informed the members that there was a memo in response to the April 19 meeting, which included any expenditures and reimbursement packages in current review for the HURF 12.6% balance. Members were informed that several projects are not currently in a position to use the available funds.

This was an information item.

7. Legislative Update

Video Timestamp: 29:02

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 closely watched. The session is expected to be open until July 31. There have been almost 1,700 bills posted and 346 have passed both chambers. Only two have been passed into law while 143 have been vetoed. The members were informed that a budget was passed for FY 2024, amounting to \$17.8 billion, with a spending plan that includes many onetime expenditures, such as for education K-12, an individual income tax rebate, and capital transportation infrastructure investments.

Of the \$17.8 billion budget, \$653.5 million is allocated to transportation-related projects, notably \$89 million for the I-10 widening from Casa Grande to Chandler, \$10 million for the Cortaro Road/ I-10 interchange, \$15 million for the Drexel Road bridge improvement, \$3.5 million for a Phoenix to Tucson passenger rail study, and \$3.2 million for State Route 87 pavement rehabilitation in Oro Valley. Mr. Zynda provided updates on bills of interest to the members which included:

- SB1312 is currently on track to be seen by the Governor.
- SB1313 has failed.
- SB1340 has been adopted into law.
- SB1697 has failed.

This was an information item.

8. Future agenda items

None.

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

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.