

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting Summary

Summary of August 16, 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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CWI_fGcovk&t=270

Committee Members

Sam Credio – Chair

City of Tucson

Jose Rodriguez – Vice Chair

Town of Oro Valley

Rod Lane

ADOT - Tucson District

Kathryn Skinner

Pima County

Heidi Lasham

Town of Marana

Jason Bahe - Virtual

Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Mark Hoffman - Virtual

ADOT- TPD

Committee Members Cont.

Thomas Garcia - Virtual

Town of Sahuarita

Mark Novak - Virtual

University of Arizona

Natalie Shepp – Virtual

Pima County, DEQ

Steve Spade – Virtual

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PAG Staff Lead

Jeanette DeRenne

Ex-Officio

Romare Truely, FHWA - Virtual

Jamie Brown, PAG/RTA

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. Ms. DeRenne indicated that time spent on the meeting from members attending via Zoom will be recorded from the Zoom attendance report.

3. Approval of the June 21, 2023, Meeting Summary

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Action: A motion to approve the June 21, 2023, meeting summary was made by Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley, and seconded by Thomas Garcia, Town of Sahuarita. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. FY 2022–FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2022.070

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PAG Programming Manager Carolyn Laurie provided an overview of TIP amendment #2022.070 to FY 2022–FY 2026. This amendment programs ADOT regional HURF 2.6% funds in FY 24 on the TIP ID 10.18 Pima County, Sunset: I-10 to River project. The funding amount proposed is \$1.814M of regional HURF. This is a new funding source for the project. Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley, requested clarification of funding on the project, to which Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, clarified that the funding for the project was covered with a combination of federal funds. Rod Lane, ADOT, clarified that the western abutment that goes over the railroad is within ADOT right-of-way, and ADOT always planned to put that footing and abutment in this location and the funding would pay for that piece of the project.

Sam Credio, City of Tucson, commented that the \$536k in CRRSAA funds allocated to this project were funds that originally were programmed on the City of Tucson's project (UA 2nd Street), and the city was not able to obligate those funds in the last fiscal year. ADOT

withdrew those funds and applied them to the Sunset Road project because ADOT and Pima County were able to obligate those funds. That leaves a shortfall for the UA 2nd Street project. Rod Lane added that the potential to lose those funds arose, and so the goal was to retain those funds within the region where they were transferred. Mr. Credio added that he agreed that retaining those funds for the region was the priority.

Action: A motion to recommend approval of TIP Amendment #2022.070 to the PAG FY 2022–FY 2026 TIP, to program ADOT Regional HURF 2.6% funds in FY 24 on TIP ID 10.18, Pima County, Sunset: I-10 to River project, was made by Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley, and seconded by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan (RMAP) Update

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PAG Transportation Planning Director Jeanette DeRenne provided the members with an update of the RMAP Project Explorer, informing the members that the tool had officially launched in July, and staff had a successful training session on the Project Explorer. Members were then reminded that all jurisdictions should be using Project Explorer as the deadline to upload projects is Sept. 22, 2023. PAG staff will follow up as the deadline approaches and encourages the jurisdictions to reach out if help is needed. Ms. DeRenne asked that jurisdiction partners notify PAG staff if they have new staff who might need access to the tool. PAG staff can promptly add users as needed. Ideally, a finalized project list will be completed by the end of 2023, and RMAP approval by the end of 2024.

Paul Casertano, Pima County, mentioned the county is taking an alternative approach to the categorization of uploaded projects to represent regional needs and had questions about performance measure evaluations. Jeanette DeRenne stated that she appreciates the extra work that is being put into the projects. This effort helps develop a more accurate list. She added that the performance measures data sets are being updated and will revisit those toward the end of the year. It was also noted that the RTA Next projects could be added to the database as a batch upload if that is desired. Mr. Rodriguez requested that they be added.

Natalie Shepp, Pima County DEQ, requested that a filter be implemented to represent the Justice40 initiative for low-income communities, to ensure projects are meeting the requirement. The members were then informed that PAG staff are currently analyzing the data sets that can be used to evaluate Justice40. Ms. Shepp asked that maybe some guidance and training be brought to the committee regarding Justice40. Ms. DeRenne replied that staff will investigate bringing that to the committee.

This was an information item.

6. Regional Transportation Revenues

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PAG RTA Budget Coordinator James Towe provided a report on current regional transportation revenue. Information referenced in his report was also in the meeting packet for review. In addition, the members were provided a summary of year-to-date FY 2023 statewide Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) revenues including gasoline sales in Pima County. The report included the following:

- FY 2023 finished with \$119 million in TPT revenue, which is 7.9% higher than FY 2022.
- Total HURF distribution was \$180 million for FY 2023, which is 3% higher than FY 2022 and 12.5% higher than the 5-year average.
- HURF 12.6% actuals for FY 2023 were close to \$29 million, which is 8.5% higher than FY 2022.
- HURF 2.6% for FY 2023 was just over \$6.4 million, which is 15.3% higher than the forecasted \$5.6 million, bringing HURF 2.6 for FY 2023 16.4% higher than FY 2022
- The HURF 12.6% balance continues to increase, currently totaling just over \$69 million.
- Pima County gas sales continue to contribute 13% of statewide gas sales.

Discussion took place with Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, inquiring of when the members can expect to see updated tables for FY 2024, to which PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown mentioned that those should be included in the next update. Those figures were not yet available in time for this meeting. Ms. Skinner asked about the update of the entire TIP and when a call for projects is anticipated.

Mr. Brown responded that the TIP Subcommittee process for the FY 2024–FY 2028 TIP development will be resuming soon. The TIP Subcommittee will provide input on programming funds in FY 2027 and FY 2028 since the emphasis earlier this year was on FY 2024, 2025 and 2026. The first meeting is anticipated for September. At that time, the

revenue projections for STBG will be updated and programming discussions will take place focusing on that funding source. Then, discussion of HURF 12.6% programming will follow at a separate meeting. He reminded the committee that ADOT's 10-year official forecast is used for HURF, and the PAG-specific forecast is not usually available until late October.

This was an information item.

7. Future agenda items

The following items were requested by members:

- TIP development process update
- Information training on the Justice40 tools
- Discussion of grants for the Country Club Rd. project

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

8. Adjournment

Action: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. was made by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, and seconded by Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley. The motion was passed unanimously.