

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting Summary

Summary of 9 a.m., March 19, 2025, Meeting

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at: https://youtube.com/live/aw9X_W71tEw

Committee Members

Sam Credio
City of Tucson

Jose Rodríguez
Town of Oro Valley

Kathryn Skinner
Pima County-DOT

Jeremy Moore
ADOT – Southcentral District

Fausto Burruel
Town of Marana

Josue Licea (Virtual)
City of South Tucson

Davita Mueller (Virtual)
Sun Tran

Committee Members Cont.

Natalie Shepp (Virtual)
Pima County-DEQ

Jason Bahe (Virtual)
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Yuriko Toro (Virtual)
Tohono O’odham Nation

PAG Staff Lead
Jeanette DeRenne

Ex-Officio
Dan Gabiou, FHWA
Jamie Brown, PAG/RTA

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., and introductions were made.

2. In-kind Reporting

Staff informed the participants of the in-kind form, and members were asked to confirm their estimated in-kind time for the meeting.

3. Election of 2025 TPC Chair and Vice Chair

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PAG Transportation Planning Director Jeanette DeRenne informed the members that a new Chair and Vice Chair need to be elected. The members were informed that the election was open to nominations as well as volunteers. Neither the Chair nor Vice Chair may be from the same jurisdiction as PAG's Regional Council Chair, which is currently City of Tucson, or Vice Chair, which is currently Town of Marana.

Nominations were made by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, for Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, for Chair. Sam Credio, City of Tucson, nominated Josue Licea, City of South Tucson, for Vice Chair.

Mr. Credio thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as Chair and looked forward to continuing to serve TPC in a participatory role.

Action: Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, nominated Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, to serve as Chair of the TPC, Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana, seconded, and nomination was passed unanimously.

Sam Credio, City of Tucson, nominated Josue Licea, City of South Tucson, to serve as Vice Chair, seconded by Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, and nomination was passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Feb. 19, 2025, Meeting Summary

[Video Timestamp: 9:13](#)

Action: A motion to approve the Feb. 19, 2025, meeting summary was made by Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, and passed unanimously.

5. Review Transportation Art by Youth (TABY) Program Applications – FY 2025

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PAG Project Implementation Administrator Lance Peterson informed the committee that the application for the City of South Tucson that was included in the packet was rescinded, and the City of South Tucson will possibly be submitting another application at a future TPC meeting.

Mr. Peterson introduced Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, who provided a presentation on behalf of the Town for a functional art sculpture. Mr. Rodríguez indicated that the public artwork would consist of designing and constructing a three-dimensional sculpture

utilizing desert-safe and durable materials. Members were informed that the sculpture would act as a monument entrance to Naranja Park and would complement the existing TABY artwork mural entitled Day to Night located on Tangerine Road and Musette Road. Mr. Rodríguez indicated the Town would be partnering with the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance to help with the administration of the project.

Action: A motion to approve the project was made by Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana, seconded by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, and passed unanimously.

Presentation can be found here: [Item-5-TABY-TOV-Presentation.pdf](#)

6. Update on the Dial-a-Ride and Microtransit Service Area

[Video Timestamp: 16:02](#)

Consultants from Kimley-Horn provided the members with an update on the Dial-a-Ride and Microtransit Service Area Analysis, including preliminary observations from data analysis and results from the service planning simulation. Consultant Mariate Echeverry, Kimley-Horn, informed committee members of the public input received from the first round of public involvement. The findings showed that the public had an interest in extending weekday and weekend service hours and have more frequent service on existing routes. Ms. Echeverry indicated that there would be a second phase of public involvement that would include technical meetings, pop-up events, and focus groups. Members were informed that the preliminary observations showed that existing fixed routes and dial-a-ride services provided good coverage to the most populated areas and with a high transit propensity in the county. There is limited or non-existing service on weekends and a need for extended hours during the week and weekends. Ms. Echeverry indicated that the next steps would include finalizing the simulations and adjusting timeframes; developing the preferred scenario; performing Title VI analysis; analyzing air quality and VMT reductions; and developing recommendations.

Consultant Bryan Kao, Kimley-Horn, provided members with an overview regarding the simulation planning process results. Members were informed of the two zone categories that were split into weekday service and extended service. Mr. Kao indicated that 13 zones were created, analyzed, and provided their performance measures. Mr. Kao indicated that some zones with low performance could consider a more traditional dial-a-ride service.

Mikel Oglesby, Sun Tran, inquired how fixed routes would connect and how they were taken into consideration. Members were informed that some zones would extend to connect to a fixed route or express route to create an integrated system.

Sam Credio, City of Tucson, inquired about the interactive online engagement methods. Members were informed that the online methods included a survey, social media and

flyers that contain a QR code with information. Ms. Echeverry indicated that the surveys were in both English and Spanish, and additional assistance could be available upon request. Mr. Credio questioned how the information being collected would have any significant difference than what had already been collected regarding microtransit. Members were informed that all the relevant plans had been reviewed to plan the assessment and were focusing on the surrounding areas where people need access to transit.

Presentation can be found here: [Item-6-Dial-a-Ride-and-Microtransit-Presentation.pdf](#)
This item was for information only.

7. Update on the Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP)

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Consultant Chris Joannes, Kimley-Horn, provided the members with an update on the development of the Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP), including technical analysis results, overview of the high-priority network identification process and the project schedule. Members were informed that the vision, goals and objectives had been completed along with the Regional Connectivity Analysis tasks. Mr. Joannes indicated regional corridor identification and evaluation was under development; they were nearing the end of developing an Active Transportation Toolbox, starting air quality benefits and will move on to developing their final report. Members were informed of the detailed technical analysis results that included level of traffic stress, vulnerable populations and public health, regional travel pattern, safety and connectivity.

Mr. Joannes shared with members the high-priority network identification process that encompassed those analyses to help maximize need-based connectivity, overall accessibility and safety. Members were informed that from the three scenarios, one preferred network would be developed. Mr. Joannes indicated that the next steps would include a second round of public engagement, air quality benefits, and final plan development, which would occur in June 2025.

Sam Credio, City of Tucson, questioned how subgroups were represented and if corridors that intersected into another area would weigh them higher. Members were informed that segments that crossed boundaries did not gain higher weight, but the top 10 segments were mapped and stitched together in the network to make connections between regions.

Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, inquired how the methodology would be communicated to the public and what would become of the list of prioritized packages. Members were informed that once the methodology was refined by the working group, it would be shared with the public as the preferred network and packages. The list of prioritized

packages would be used as a baseline from programmed projects for member agencies. Ms. Skinner questioned how bicycle and pedestrian trips were differentiated. Mr. Joannes informed that baseline analyses included both bicycle and pedestrian input and separated bicycle and pedestrian involved collisions; methodology for bicycle and pedestrian needs are not separate. Ms. Skinner inquired if any costs were being assessed. Members were informed that high-level costs would be developed and would be unit-cost based; and an average right-of-way cost may be included if needed.

Presentation can be found here: [Item-7-RATP-Presentation.pdf](#)

This item was for information only.

8. 2055 Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan (RMAP) Update

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PAG staff provided the members with an update on the development of PAG's upcoming federally required long-range transportation plan, the 2055 RMAP. Members were informed that July 2025 was the targeted completion date. The in-plan project list was within the fiscal constraints and totaled \$16.21 billion. PAG Planning Coordinator Hannah Oden indicated that the data science team was finalizing their modeling efforts and anticipated to share components of a draft document next month.

Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, inquired if there was any status update on the two TIP amendments that were rejected during the air conformity grace period. PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamison Brown explained that staff had been in communication with ADOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and were determining if the decision could be appealed. Dan Gabiou, FHWA, indicated that the request had been submitted for review and hoped to have a response soon.

PAG Data Science Coordinator Dr. Hyunsoo Noh informed the members that the data science team had incorporated the two additional projects into the network. Members were informed that the 2024- 2025 activity-based model runs have been completed, and a performance measure report was being generated.

This item was for information only.

9. Future agenda items

The following item was requested:

- Carbon reduction/ OWP programing

****Pursuant to Arizona open meeting laws, the committee cannot discuss or take action on any matter raised under this agenda item. Under this agenda item, committee members are also prohibited from returning to other agenda items which have been previously discussed and acted on earlier in this meeting.*

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.