

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting Summary

Summary of 9 a.m., May 21, 2025, Meeting

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at: https://youtube.com/live/-4vEJxiS nA

Committee Members Cont.

Jose Rodríguez Davita Mueller (Virtual)

Town of Oro Valley Sun Tran

Fausto Burruel Galovale (Virtual)

Town of Marana Town of Sahuarita

Kathryn SkinnerPima County DOT

Jason Bahe (Virtual)
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Natalie Shepp Sam Credio (Virtual)
Pima County DEQ City of Tucson

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Jeremy Moore

ADOT – Southcentral District

PAG Staff Lead

Jeanette DeRenne

Josué Licea <u>Ex-Officio</u>

City of South Tucson

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. Approval of the March 19, 2025, Meeting Summary

Video Timestamp: 2:58

Action: A motion to approve the March 19, 2025, meeting summary was made by Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana, seconded by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, and passed unanimously.

4. Review and recommend approval of FY 2025–FY 2029 PAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2025.010

Video Timestamp: 3:52

PAG Program and Policy Coordinator Adam Ledford provided a brief review of TIP Amendment #2025.010, which would program Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funds in FY 2025 for regional transit. Members were informed that PAG or ADOT was restricted from making formal amendments to the TIP or STIP related to PAG projects until the Air Quality Conformity lapse grace period was completed. Mr. Ledford shared it was being timed to run concurrently through the committee process so that it would be ready and as soon as the grace period has lifted to be able to program those funds. Members were informed that they were not able to take formal Regional Council action until the FHWA's grace period has gone and were determination on executing a provisional amendment or provisional motion to grant executive director powers to complete it as soon as they had the ability.

Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, inquired why a similar approach was not used for one of the County's RAISE grants. Mr. Ledford explained that it was a formal process at the ADOT level, and PAG did not have the authority to run that concurrently; it would be reintroduced to ADOT as an administrative modification through PAG, and then ADOT would take it back through its processes. Ms. Skinner shared concern that the online TIP reflects an amendment that was not approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown shared there had been communication with FHWA to appeal that decision due to a procedural issue, and the administrative amendment had been submitted prior to the commencement of the air quality lapse grace period.

Action: A motion to provisionally approve TIP Amendment #2025.010, pending the air quality conformity determination, was made by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, seconded by Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana, and passed unanimously.

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

Video Timestamp: 11:25

PAG Project Implementation Administrator Lance Peterson introduced the City of South Tucson's TABY application. Cassin Lundin, Pima County, provided a presentation on behalf of the City of South Tucson for four street murals. Members were informed the locations

would be at: 11th Ave. and 29th Street; Sixth Ave. and 29th Street; Fourth Ave. and 36th Street; and the Chuck Huckleberry Loop Signage. Josué Licea, City of South Tucson, clarified instead of the Chuck Huckleberry Loop Signage, it would be the El Paso Southwestern Greenway. Ms. Lundin explained the murals would depict the culture and history of South Tucson, and would be done by the youth currently enrolled in the Las Artes program or by those enrolled during the summer. Members were informed that Las Artes would coordinate with the City of South Tucson for installation, upkeep and maintenance.

Action: A motion to approve the City of South Tucson's TABY application was made by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, seconded by Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana, and passed unanimously.

Presentation can be found here: Item-5-TABY-CST-Presentation.pdf

6. Regional Transportation Revenues Update

Video Timestamp: 18:53

PAG Program and Policy Analyst Pari Magphanthong provided the members with an update of the Regional Transportation Revenues, including changes, expectations and current trends. The Regional Transportation Revenues report includes Local HURF, HURF 12.6, HURF 2.6, Vehicle License Tax (VLT), ASTBG and STBG funding. Members were informed of the following:

- \$132 million in HURF and VLT revenues were collected through March across the region. Of that, PAG received \$24 million, and the rest was distributed to the jurisdictional partners. Year-over-year, there was a slight decrease. The 5-year average shows a 4% increase.
- Annual STBG apportionments are projected at \$21 million.
- HURF 12.6 collected \$24.3 million through March, which was 16% more than the ADOT official forecast.
- HURF 2.6 collected over \$5.4 million through March, which was stronger than expected.
- HURF 12.6 balances have over \$119 million in an interest-bearing account. This interest continues to contribute to the higher than forecasted revenue collections.
- Gasoline sales through March were just under 13% as a percentage of statewide sales.
- RTA revenues collected totaled nearly \$94 million through March in TPT, which was trending closely to the adopted budget, while showing a slight increase from the same period last year.

Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, commented that the 12.6 revenue continued to grow every year and was concerned about the state sweeping HURF funds during difficult times.

This item was for information only.

7. ADOT Safety Performance Projections

Video Timestamp: 23:05

Mike Colety, Kimley-Horn, on behalf of ADOT provided an update on the ADOT safety performance projections. The report included statistics related to current safety and projected future safety trends. Members were informed of the following statewide projections:

- 1,231 fatalities
- A fatality rate of 1.58 per 100 motor vehicle miles traveled
- 3,561 serious injuries
- A serious injury rate of 4.58 per 100 motor vehicle miles traveled
- 795 non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

Natalie Shepp, Pima County, inquired what types of interventions ADOT has planned to change the trajectory of the data. Members were informed that was an ongoing process and partnership with agencies throughout the state through the Strategic Highway and Safety Plan for Arizona and a set of strategies to target that data.

Action: A motion to adopt the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) statewide transportation safety projections was made by Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana, seconded by Jason Bahe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and passed unanimously.

Presentation can be found here: <u>Item-7-ADOT-Safety-Performance-Projections-Presentation.pdf</u>

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

Video Timestamp: 48:53

PAG staff provided members with an update on the development of the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan (RAMP), including updates on the RMAP Working Group activity and the plan development. Members were informed of the updates to the model outputs, performance measures, Title VI and timeline. PAG Transportation Planning Director Jeanette DeRenne informed the members that the population projections for Pima

County were expected to grow by 180,000 people over the course of 30 years and employment projections across the region should increase as well. Members were informed of how the current activity-based models were deployed differently from the past at a more granular level to ensure more accuracy in the modeling efforts.

Members were informed of the following performance measures highlights:

- 735 total miles of pedestrian facilities
- 1,259 total miles of bicycle facilities
- 1.35 freight travel time reliability
- 2.4% of bridges in poor condition

Members were informed of the project timeline and told that the draft plan was anticipated to be shared with the Regional Council for approval in July. PAG Environmental Planning Administrator Dustin Fitzpatrick informed the members that the Air Quality Conformity Status Update had gone through the interagency consultation process in November to share the proposed procedures, and the initial results were shared with an interagency consultation group on April 23. Members were informed that they were currently in the 30-day comment period. Mr. Fitzpatrick shared with members that with the transition to ABM, the data science team discovered a slight adjustment to VMT that would need to be made for input that went into Moves which would influence the range by a couple percent of the PM₁₀ outputs. Members were informed that conformity demonstration was under 300 tons per year in all analysis years to 2055.

Natalie Shepp, Pima County, inquired what would be needed from the EPA once the public comment period was completed. Members were informed that no approval was needed from the EPA as it is part of the interagency consultation group and nothing would be required separately for the conformity determination.

Sam Credio, City of Tucson, inquired how the Regional Council meeting would affect the schedule. Members were informed that the plan would be presented to the Council as an information only item and would not impact the timeline. Ms. DeRenne indicated that at the June TPC meeting, there would be action to move the plan into the public comment period for 30 days, which would impact the timeline.

Presentation can be found here: https://literals.ncbe/ltm-8-2055-RMAP-Development-Presentation.pdf

This item was for information only.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.