

Regional Council Meeting Summary

Meeting Summary of Thursday, June 5, 2025

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Regional Council Members Present: Mayor Jon Post
General Ted Maxwell
Mayor Tom Murphy
Supervisor Matt Heinz
Mayor Roxanna Valenzuela
Mayor Joe Winfield
Mayor Regina Romero
Chairman Verlon Jose
Chairman Julian Hernandez

Regional Council Members Absent: None

Staff Lead: Dave Adler, Acting Executive Director

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Agenda

1. Call to Order (1:53 p.m.)

[Item #1 Video Link](#)

Mayor Romero: I think we are all back, and we will commence our Pima Association of Governments' meeting. So item one is called to order, and do we need to do a roll call?

Adam Ledford: It appears that everyone is still present.

Mayor Romero: OK, so for the record, every one of the Council Members is present and we do have a quorum. And General Maxwell's online?

Adam Ledford: That's right, General Maxwell's online, correct.

Mayor Romero: We're missing someone in person, but General Maxwell's online. Item 2 is Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

[Item #2 Video Link](#)

Mayor Romero: Colleagues, what we're going to do is we're going to have one item that we must hear, and we have to approve. That's item 6. There's also Call to the Audience, but I'm just explaining what's going to happen. And so, we're going to hear item six of the Pima Association of Governments' meeting and delay further action on other items, and so we'll do, of course, we just did call to order. We're going to do the pledge and then we're going to move directly to item 6. And then we will adjourn this meeting and commence the RTA meeting, and Chair Winfield has a shorter agenda as well, that he'll announce when we start the RTA meeting. So, with that, Supervisor Heinz.

Supervisor Heinz: For clarification, is it like super unpatriotic to suggest we've already done the Pledge. We don't need –

Mayor Romero: It's not, it's not. We have done the Pledge of Allegiance for our joint meeting. We could skip that if you all desire? So we can move to item 3 which is Call to the Audience. Adam Ledford, please lead us on the Call to the Audience.

3. Call to the Audience (Remote Access Option)

[Item #3 Video Link](#)

Adam Ledford: Madam Chair, there are no speakers at this time.

Mayor Romero: All right, so we have no speakers. We move on to item 6, and this is the item that I have been told we definitely must hear today and actually vote on it, but we can always return to this item and amend.

6. Grant agreement between the Arizona Department of Transportation and Pima Association of Governments for the FY 2026 and FY 2027 Overall Work Program (OWP)

[Item #6 Video Link](#)

Mayor Romero: So, item 6 is a grant agreement between the Arizona Department of Transportation and Pima Association of Governments for the FY 2026 and FY 2027 Overall Work Program. PAG staff will provide an overview of the development process and final draft of PAG's Overall Work Program for fiscal years 26/27 as approved by PAG's federal and state funding partners, Adam.

Adam Ledford: Thank you, Madam Chair, Members of the Council. Good afternoon, my name is Adam Ledford, and I serve as the Program and Policy Coordinator for PAG. I appreciate the opportunity to provide an overview of PAG's draft fiscal '26

and fiscal '27 Overall Work Program. For context, PAG is required to produce a biennial scope of work known internally as the Overall Work program, or OWP. The OWP consists of transportation planning programs for the region as well as PAG's other programs and their respective goals. The OWP must be approved by ADOT and is in effect for 24 months beginning on July 1. Per federal regulations in Title 23, the OWP must include a discussion of PAG's planning priorities and proposed work for the next two-year period by major activity and task. The organization designated to perform the work, the schedule for completing the work, the resulting products, the proposed funding by activity or task, and a summary of total amounts and sources of federal and matching funds. The proposed work must include the federally required activities of PAG as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization. The required activities include development of the long-range regional transportation plan, as well as the short-range transportation improvement program, along with the required components of these, such as travel demand modeling, air quality, conformity, Title 6 analysis and performance reporting. To ensure that the draft work program will include federally required activities, a review was conducted by ADOT, FHWA and FTA. Based on that review, we're pleased to report that the comments indicate that PAG'S OWP is in compliance with federal requirements. In terms of the organization of the document, it begins with an introduction along with the section on regional planning background and overview. Then the document is organized into general categories like transportation activities or RTA support that contains separate sections dedicated to each of the 15 work elements. For each work element, the sections include a description of the goals, a table with anticipated products and anticipated completion dates, strategies to achieve the outcomes and funding sources. The appendices include the required functional organizational chart accomplishments and highlights from fiscal '24 and '25, and revenue and expenditure tables. For the revenue and expenditure section, there are six tables. Table 1 is funds available. This table shows carryover as well as anticipated revenues by fund source with federal sources at the top, followed by state and local sources as you move down the table. Table 2 is the local share revenue. This table lists the PAG member agencies and their local share contributions to PAG. No changes from the previous OWP are proposed for these contributions. Table 3 is total revenue by program area. This table lists the work elements by row and the

funding sources and the columns to total both by program area as well as by fund source. Table 4 is the total expenditures by program area and category. Table 5 is staff allocation by program area. This lists the full-time equivalent values by work element and Table 6 is capital and equipment and consultants including pass-through funding. This table provides a detailed listing by work element and fund source of these items that are 5,000 or more. This is an action item and, for clarity, there are two documents that we're asking for a motion today. We're asking for the Regional Council to both approve the fiscal '26 and '27 OWP and to authorize the executive director to execute the grant agreement between PAG and ADOT and any other agreements with funding partners in accordance with the adopted OWP. At this time, I'd like to ask Jamie Brown to join us at the lectern and we'll both be happy to answer any questions that you have. Thanks to you all.

Mayor Romero: Mr. Brown, go ahead. Did you have a presentation?

Jamie Brown: Thank you, Madam Chair, Members of the Regional Council. I'm just here to help with your questions.

Mayor Romero: What's the will of the Council? Mayor Winfield, thank you.

Mayor Winfield: Thank you. Mr. Ledford, you mentioned of the two items that are needing action that's for the executive director to negotiate these grants. In lieu of the fact that the executive director was dismissed earlier, who will be doing that?

Adam Ledford: No, thank you. So, we're all I think reacting in real time here. Can I suggest that we add the word acting executive director to the motion?

Mayor Romero: Or the deputy director.

Adam Ledford: Or deputy director.

Mayor Murphy: Madam Chair.

Mayor Romero: Mayor Murphy and then after Mayor Murphy is Supervisor Heinz.

Mayor Murphy: Oh, unless he was first, that's fine, was Supervisor Heinz first?

Mayor Romero: That's OK, and then Supervisor Heinz.

Mayor Murphy: I just didn't know. I know a lot of times that to Mayor Winfield's point, is there anything officially that has to be done for who can sign or not sign? Is there a federal designation that would have had to be submitted that has to be submitted to have the deputy director sign this particular document? I know at the federal level, there's certain things that have to be done correctly or be on file or so that you know, whatever it might be.

Adam Ledford: Well, since we're starting a party here, we'll ask Dan Gabiou to come up as well.

Dan Gabiou: I believe, as Madam Chair pointed out, the Deputy Director will serve per the bylaws in the absence of the Executive Director, so David Atler should have full authority to sign off on these documents.

Mayor Murphy: OK, thanks. That was my question, appreciate it.

Mayor Romero: Supervisor Heinz.

Supervisor Heinz: Thank you, and my understanding is that again this has to be submitted to ADOT and for their approval for 24 months, I heard of that, but this is a July 1 thing. I just think that whoever comes on as our interim executive director should really be able to kind of get their review of this and get their fingerprints on that. I really think we can move. We don't have to vote on this right now today. And also, if we can't get things done by July 1, I believe there's a process for requesting an extension from ADOT as well, and I wanted to hear from staff if anyone can speak about that specifically to give us more information.

Dan Gabiou: Thank you for the question. Per our agreement, there was a May 22nd deadline that we've already passed in which we should have submitted these documents. If we delay this further, there's a high risk that our staff will not be able to be reimbursed for any activities that we do starting July 1 until these are signed and submitted to ADOT, and that may cause further delays anyway, that still needs to be signed by ADOT and reviewed by their staff. So delaying this could present some significant challenges there. And if I may continue, these documents have been in existence for years and years. Going back they've been updated with minor changes each two-year cycle, used to be a one-year cycle back in the day. They have been reviewed by staff. Back when I was on the other side with Federal Highway Administration, I had reviewed the documents as the Federal Highways Representative as part of the work plan review and had already given the Federal Highways the OK on this, along with ADOT staff. The work plan reviews consist of multiple ADOT staff as well as Federal Highways to look for compliance with all activities presented therein.

Jamie Brown: Dave has reviewed.

Dan Gabiou: And Dave has reviewed it as well.

Mayor Romero: Supervisor.

Supervisor Heinz: Just two, I guess, kind of follow-ups. So is June 19 too late then to forward this for ADOT to be able to receive this because that would still be significantly before July 1.

Dan Gabiou: That would be nearly a month past the required deadline and as I mentioned, we put us at significant risk of not being able to move forward with activities beginning July 1.

Mayor Romero: Supervisor, if I may. I recognize the concern that you have. The last time that the OWP was presented to the PAG Regional Council, there were

significant discussions and concerns coming from me on behalf of the City of Tucson, and I know that Supervisor Scott also brought up a lot of concerns. The two issues of concern at that time were the lack of involvement from lower committees and then also the lack of transparency regarding how our carbon reduction program funds were being spent, and so there is concern. That's why the question if we could delay. If we were to approve, just to meet the timelines, will we be able, as a Council, be able to amend if there's a desire to amend the OWP?

Dan Gabio: The OWP could be amended as needed.

Mayor Romero: Ok, does that satisfy some concern? OK.

Jamie Brown: If I may.

Mayor Romero: Yes, Mr. Brown.

Jamie Brown: Just to add to that, we're also, we've been preparing what are called obligation request letters for federal funding to fund what's in the work program and those have been requested already. So even though July 1 is the start date for the new fiscal year, ADOT Financial Management services is waiting for those letters so that's another reason why we need to move forward.

Mayor Romero: So, there's a need to push forward and approve this today, but there is opportunity to continue making sure that our voices are heard in the Overall Work Program, correct?

Dan Gabio: Yes.

Mayor Romero: Any other questions, comments? We need a motion to proceed.

Mayor Murphy: Move to approve.

Mayor Winfield: Second.

Mayor Romero: Motion and a second. Any further discussion?

Supervisor Heinz: And this is for both aspects.

Dan Gabio: Correct.

Mayor Romero: All those in favor, please indicate by saying aye.

Members: Aye.

Mayor Romero: Any against. Motion carries. This was the most urgent item that we needed to attend to, and so I'm going to go directly to item 11, which is adjournment and then just pass on the mic to my colleague Chair Winfield.

Mayor Winfield: Thank you, Mayor Romero.

Supervisor Heinz: Do we have, a point of clarification, do we need to officially say that we're going to just hold off on all these other items until the next time we agendize a meeting or do we –

Mayor Romero: Yes. So, we are delaying all of the other items on the PAG meeting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

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Dave Atler, Acting Executive Director

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