

Special Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting

At or after 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 24, 2025
1 E. Broadway Blvd., Fourth Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. In-kind Reporting

PAG staff will ask participants to confirm any estimated in-kind time for this meeting.

3. Approval of the June 11, 2025, Meeting Summary

Action: Approval of the Meeting Summary.

4. Federal Funding Availability and Constraints

- Regional Transportation Alternatives Grants (STBG and TAP funds)
- Carbon Reduction Program funds

PAG staff will provide information to committee members regarding the availability of federal funds for discussion and possible recommendation by the TPC.

5. Adjournment

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Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting Summary

Summary of 9 a.m., June 11, 2025, Meeting

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

Committee Members

Jose Rodríguez
Town of Oro Valley

Fausto Burruel
Town of Marana

Kathryn Skinner
Pima County DOT

Natalie Shepp
Pima County DEQ

Jeremy Moore
ADOT – Southcentral District

Josué Licea
City of South Tucson

Sam Credio
City of Tucson

Committee Members Cont.

Mikel Oglesby
Sun Tran

Galovale Galovale
Town of Sahuarita

Jason Bahe
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Nadine Manuel
Tohono O’odham Nation

Scott Robidoux
Tucson Airport Authority

PAG Staff Lead
Jeanette DeRenne

Ex-Officio
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 May 21, 2025, Meeting Summary

[Video Timestamp: 3:45](#)

Action: A motion to approve the May 21, 2025, meeting summary was made by Sam Credio, City of Tucson, seconded by Jeremy Moore, ADOT, and passed unanimously.

4. 2055 Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan (RMAP)

[Video Timestamp: 4:27](#)

PAG staff provided members with an update on the development of the federally required long-range transportation plan, the 2055 RMAP. PAG Transportation Planning Director Jeanette DeRenne asked the committee to open a 30-day public comment period for the RMAP to receive feedback from the committee and the public. Members were informed that the comment period would close July 13, 2025, and the plan timeline was still on track.

Sam Credio, City of Tucson, inquired how the comments would be addressed and presented. Members were informed there would be a comment tracker, which would include a spreadsheet with comments and responses received from the public, members of TPC and RMAP Working Group members.

Natalie Shepp, Pima County, asked about the status of air quality conformity. Members were informed that conformity analysis outreach had been completed and based on the comments received adjustments had been made. No further changes are anticipated. Ms. Shepp inquired if there would need to be final approval from EPA. Members were informed that conformity determination would come from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and typically done after approval by the Regional Council.

Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, inquired about the timeline of approval once the public comment period had ended. Members were informed that the public comments would be added to the draft and presented to all three committees next month.

Mr. Credio inquired if at the next five-year update, would it be the time when the funding resources would be updated or would there have to be a whole-scale update to the plan. Members were informed that all the funding sources are subject to change. Ms. DeRenne explained for the purposes of the long-range planning, they would be using the snapshots in time with the assumptions available. If different direction from the FHWA is received, PAG would move forward with that process.

Action: A motion to approve the PAG draft 2055 RMAP and open a 30-day public comment period was made by Sam Credio, City of Tucson, seconded by Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana, and passed unanimously.

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

[Video Timestamp: 20:23](#)

Consultants from Kimley-Horn provided the members with an update on the Dial-a-Ride and Microtransit Service Area Analysis, including results from the service planning simulation and air quality analysis. Consultant Mariate Echeverry, Kimley-Horn, informed committee members of the public input received from the second round of public involvement. The findings showed that the public was supportive of microtransit, same-day service and weekend services.

Members were informed of the input received from the technical meetings. Ms. Echeverry informed members of the input received from the focus groups that included extending the boundaries and the need of transit service in particular areas. Members were informed that an air quality analysis was being performed to determine the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and added for each of the zones. Members were informed how microtransit could be implemented and costs. Ms. Echeverry indicated that there would be other considerations for the implementation that would include: a service model, technology fares, marketing and outreach, agency coordination and partnerships, funding and a pilot project. Members were informed that the next steps were to finalize the draft and final reports to deliver to PAG. Consultant Bryan Kao, Kimley-Horn, provided members with an overview regarding the simulation planning process results. Members were informed of the 13 zones that were created and modifications made based on public input, and were provided their performance measures.

Sam Credio, City of Tucson, inquired if the recommendations being made were for the RTA-funded and operated Sun Shuttle services. Members were informed that microtransit was simply one transit option and could be an option for RTA Next funding or other funding sources. Mr. Credio asked if it was expected that a pilot would be implemented on Sun Shuttle to be put forth for recommendation in the next 12 months. Ms. DeRenne indicated that it would and as a PAG project would go through the PAG Regional Council. It could be funded with federal dollars as previous pilot projects have been in the past.

Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, inquired what services were included in the discontinued services list. Members were informed that the Sun Shuttle routes 450 Rita Ranch/Civano, 413 Marana and 430 Tucson Estates/ Valencia West, were proposed to be discontinued and be replaced by microtransit.

Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, asked for clarification on funding for transit operations for equipment purchases. PAG Mobility Manager Preston McLaughlin explained to members that there are funds set aside for operational costs and funding specifically for pilot studies on the 5311 FTA grant funding side.

This item was for information only.

Presentation can be found here: [Item-5-Dial-a-Ride-and-Microtransit-Update-Presentation.pdf](#)

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

[Video Timestamp: 1:19:22](#)

Consultant Chris Joannes, Kimley-Horn, provided the members with an update on the progress of the Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP), including an overview of the high-priority network identification process and the next steps with the project schedule. Members were informed of the project schedule and the next round of public and stakeholder engagement. 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 the next steps would include selecting a single preferred, high-priority network, developing projects for the preferred network and of the project development process.

Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, inquired how the geographic areas were determined. Members were informed that the areas were determined based on region, population densities, realistic travel distances, employment centers and activity centers. Ms. Skinner asked if each area had the same number of projects. Mr. Joannes indicated that there were not the same number of projects in each of the geographic areas. Members were informed that the number of projects varied by the geographic area.

Members were informed that the next steps would include launching the second round of public engagement mid-June through July, completing the air quality benefits section June through July, and developing the final plan for adoption July through September.

This item was for information only.

Presentation can be found here: [Item-6-RATP-Presentation.pdf](#)

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

SUBJECT: Federal Funding Availability and Constraints

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REQUESTED ACTION/SUGGESTED MOTION

For information and discussion, with the potential for recommendations by the committee.

ASSOCIATED OWP WORK ELEMENT/GOAL

- Work Element 40: Transportation Activities

SUMMARY

As authorized by federal surface transportation legislation (i.e., the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), federal formula funds are made available to the region for programming based on constraints. These constraints relate to (1) eligibility criteria and requirements for the individual funding programs, (2) Regional Council and RTA Board direction, and (3) availability of funding by fiscal year, amount, and population region as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, and other considerations. For example, in recent years, through the TIP development process, all of the anticipated Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) funding in the greater than 200,000 population region (>200k) has been programmed on RTA roadway element projects through fiscal year 2029.

On an ongoing basis, PAG staff coordinates with ADOT staff to determine the availability of federal transportation funds in the current fiscal year as well as projected amounts of funds available in future fiscal years. Based on this, PAG anticipates that Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds will be available. Additionally, PAG anticipates that the federal Transportation Alternatives program (TA) and STBG (<5k and 5 to 49k population regions) funds will be available for release through the competitive Regional Transportation Alternatives Grants (RTAG) process for bicycle and pedestrian projects.

PAG staff will provide the committee with information about this funding, including anticipated amounts, for discussion by the committee and possible recommendations.

PRIOR BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

See notes in the summary above. More information about the anticipated funding amounts, by fiscal year, is being assembled for the meeting.

TECHNICAL, POLICY, LEGAL OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The current federal surface transportation authorization bill, the IIJA, will expire in September 2026. The next federal surface transportation authorization bill, once enacted, could result in changes to federal transportation programs referenced above.

ATTACHED ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION

None.

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