

Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) Meeting Summary

Summary of 9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 11, 2025, Meeting

Full Video Recording (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/live/74G0Vduk5Bs>

ATTENDEES

Voting Members

Aidelis Moyet, Town of Sahuarita Alternate
Alejandra Fraijo Arce, Kimley-Horn
Andrew Agnew, City of Tucson Citizen Rep.
Charles Stack, Oro Valley Citizen Rep.
Christina McVie, Tucson Bird Alliance
David Barnes, Freeport-McMoRan
Frank Bonillas, City of Tucson
Howard Myers, SAHBA Alternate
Josué Licea, City of South Tucson
Kimberly Baeza, Pima County
Kristen Randall, Pima County Alternate
Lydia Barker, City of Tucson
Marie Light, Pima County Alternate
Michael Garcia, Town of Oro Valley
Paula Bluemer, Town of Marana

Non-Voting Members

Alexander Ball, Oro Valley Citizen
David Mack, ADOT
Nancy Nesky, Davis-Monthan AFB
Alternate

Presenters

Paul O'Brien, ADOT
Ivan Racic, ADOT
Karim Rashid, ADOT
Heidi Kujawa, ByFusion

Staff Lead

Dustin Fitzpatrick, Environmental Planning
Administrator

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was conducted in a virtual format and called to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. In-kind Form

PAG Environmental Planning Administrator Dustin Fitzpatrick informed participants of the in-kind form, and members were asked to confirm their estimated in-kind time for the meeting.

3. Approval of EPAC May 1, 2025, and October 23, 2025, Meeting Summaries

Action: A motion to approve both the EPAC May 1, 2025, and October 23, 2025, meeting summaries was made by Charles Stack, Oro Valley Citizen Representative, and was seconded by Paula Bluemer, Town of Marana. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ADOT Transportation Project Environmental Review Process

Video Timestamp: [21:04](#)

Paul O'Brien, ADOT, provided the members with a presentation on ADOT's environmental clearance process, which included an overview of the various NEPA approvals, environmental requirements and development processes. Additionally, members were informed of any recent changes to NEPA laws and regulations. This presentation can be found [HERE](#).

Ivan Racic, ADOT, provided the members with a presentation on ADOT's highway noise analysis, which included an overview of regulatory framework and criteria, impact determination, and noise barriers. Additionally, members were informed of ADOT's considerations of the effects of noise pollution and wildlife and potential solutions. This presentation can be found [HERE](#).

Karim Rashid, ADOT, provided the members with a presentation on ADOT's roadway lighting regulations, which included an overview of engineering guidelines, lighting requirements, and community inputs. This presentation can be found [HERE](#).

Members were provided with the opportunity to engage in discussion and ask questions.

This was an information only item.

5. Hard to Recycle Plastics

Video Timestamp: [1:47:43](#)

Heidi Kujawa, ByFusion, provided the members with a presentation of hard-to-recycle plastics statistics and the usages of repurposed hard-to-recycle plastics. Additionally, members were shown examples of how repurposed hard-to-recycle plastics were being used to construct both commercial and residential properties.

This was an information only item.

6. EPAC Draft Top Environmental Issues List for 2026

Video Timestamp: [2:02:35](#)

PAG Environmental Planning Administrator Dustin Fitzpatrick provided the members with a brief overview of the final draft for the EPAC top environmental issues list for 2026, which included what changes were made based on members' feedback. Additionally, members engaged in a discussion regarding environmental justice. This presentation can be found [HERE](#).

Action: A motion to approve the EPAC Top Environmental Issues List for 2026 final draft with no edits was made by Christina McVie, Tucson Bird Alliance, and seconded by Kimberly Baeza, Pima County. The motion passed with one abstention.

7. Nomination and Election of EPAC Chair and Vice Chair

Video Timestamp: [7:31](#)

At the direction of the EPAC Vice Chair Paula Bluemer, this item was discussed and acted upon after Agenda Item 3. Members were provided with the opportunity to nominate and discuss nominees for both the EPAC Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Action: A motion to postpone the nomination and election of the EPAC Chair and Vice Chair to the next EPAC meeting was made by Christina McVie, Tucson Bird Alliance, and was seconded by Kimberly Baeza, Pima County. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Future Agenda Items

Members requested the following items:

- A presentation on water reclamation efforts in Sahuarita

*****Pursuant to open meeting laws, the committee cannot discuss or act on any matter raised that is not listed on this agenda.**

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.