

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting Summary

Summary of 9 a.m., March 25, 2026, meeting

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/MQgL4z6KSXE>

Committee Members

Josue Licea - Chair
City of South Tucson

Andy Bemis
City of Tucson

Jose Rodríguez
Town of Oro Valley

Fausto Burruel
Town of Marana

Kathryn Skinner (Virtual)
Pima County DOT

Committee Members Cont.

Jennifer Hobert (Virtual)
ADOT

Mikel Oglesby (Virtual)
Sun Tran

Nathan Barrett (Virtual)
Town of Sahuarita

Tony Bianchi (Virtual)
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 9:01 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 February 18, 2026, Meeting Summary

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Action: A motion to approve the Feb. 18, 2026, meeting summary was made by Andy Bemis, City of Tucson, seconded by Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley, and passed unanimously.

The Chair asked that Item 6 be moved up on the agenda to be covered as Item 4.

4. RTA Delivery Approach and Cash Flow Assessment – Status Update (previously item 6)

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PAG/RTA staff provided updates on (1) efforts to gather RTA project and program information, (2) the development of a draft cash flow assessment and (3) related efforts, such as developing a draft list of financially constrained projects. PAG Executive Director Michael Ortega provided a synopsis on the direction of implementation with the RTA Next program. Members were informed that it would be imperative to focus on delivery, and the RTA would facilitate ways for the jurisdictions to get projects out the door. Mr. Ortega stated that although IGAs or TIP amendments were necessary steps for projects to proceed, those were subordinate to allowing projects to move forward in the near term and so pre-authorizations would be considered.

Members were informed that there were conditions for approval of pre-authorizations. This includes the organization covering the cost of a project until they can be reimbursed. Jurisdictions will need to ensure an IGA is in place to receive reimbursement, establish the cash flow and include the project schedule. PAG Director of Transportation Services Rick Ellis shared with members that the performance matrix would be a critical component. PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown indicated that PAG staff would be working with the TIP Subcommittee on the process and analyzing the fiscal year, fund source and phasing to establish fiscal constraint.

Andy Bemis, City of Tucson, inquired if the RTA would be deferring to the jurisdictions internal processes for projects within specific categorical funding components. Members were informed that they would defer to the local jurisdiction while ensuring that projects were eligible within the categorical element.

Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, asked if there was intentional bonding on the RTA side of the plan. Members were informed that there had been \$5 million allocated within the plan for bonding as a placeholder. Mr. Ortega indicated that it was suggested to the Board that if bonding was something they wanted to do within the plan, the RTA Board would review that option. Members were informed that if the potential additional revenue collected is higher than expected, that money could be used as a buffer for potential bonding moving forward.

This item was for information only.

5. Review Transportation Art by Youth (TABY) Program Applications – FY 2026

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PAG Project Implementation Administrator Lance Peterson introduced the Town of Sahuarita's TABY application. John Garcia, Town of Sahuarita, provided a presentation for a mural-themed metal frame project that would be located at the northwest corner of Sahuarita Road and La Villita Road.

Mr. Peterson provided the members with an update on the City of South Tucson's TABY project that was approved last year. Members were informed that due to unforeseen circumstances, the project was unable to start but would begin construction this year.

Tony Bianchi, Tucson Airport Authority, inquired if the allocated funds for the City of South Tucson would be carried over or be impacted by the delay. Members were informed that those funds would be carried forward to be fully funded and would not have an impact on the Town of Sahuarita's application. Mr. Peterson explained that the TABY program allows \$25,000 per year per eligible jurisdiction. Typically, jurisdictions like to group three years to receive a maximum of \$75,000, which is what the City of South Tucson is doing with this project.

Action: A motion to approve the Town of Sahuarita's TABY program application was made by Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana, and passed unanimously.

6. Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) 2026 Safety Performance Projections (previously item 4)

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This item was removed from the agenda.

7. Updates related to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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Members were informed that the RTAG process was ending, and discussions were underway with sponsors about funding awards. Also, PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown shared with members that a formal TIP amendment for \$11.462M to the City of Tucson's 22nd Street Bridge project was recommended to move forward and would be taken to the Regional Council for approval. Finally, members were informed that proposed dates for the TIP Subcommittee were being established,

and he asked the jurisdictions to reach out if they had any recommendations for committee members.

This item was for information only.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Announcements

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Members of the committee shared announcements pertaining to the business of the agencies. PAG Transportation Planning Director Jeanette DeRenne shared with the members that an update on the Surface Transportation Reauthorization would be given by lobbyist Michael Racy at the Regional Council meeting. Members were informed that PAG would be working with him to provide regular updates to committees moving forward.

Paul Casertano, Pima County, asked when the ADOT Safety Projections would be coming back to the committee. Members were informed that due to the Management Committee approving the ADOT Safety Performance Measures in perpetuity, the item would be going to the Regional Council with the same request for action and would not be brought back to the TPC.

Andy Bemis, City of Tucson, inquired about continuing the conversations on safety goals. Members were informed that it was intended to be brought to committees on an annual basis after the safety data was received from ADOT. Ms. DeRenne shared with members that the update to the Safety Explorer tool would happen around October. Members were informed that the discussion around the RMAP will continue when it fits into the cycle and when performance measures are discussed through the TIP process.

****Pursuant to Arizona open meeting laws, the committee cannot discuss or take action today on any matters 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 concluded earlier in this meeting.*

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.