

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting Summary

Summary of 9 a.m., April 15, 2026, meeting

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/xubpCq1ae0I>

Committee Members

Josue Licea
City of South Tucson

Galovale Galovale
Town of Sahuarita

Jeremy Moore
ADOT

Jose Rodríguez
Town of Oro Valley

Natalie Shepp
PDEQ

Fausto Burruel (Virtual)
Town of Marana

Committee Members Cont.

Jason Bahe (Virtual)
Pasqua Yaqui

Jim DeGrood (Virtual)
City of Tucson

Kathryn Skinner (Virtual)
Pima County DOT

Mikel Oglesby (Virtual)
Sun Tran

Scott Robidoux (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 March 25, 2026, Meeting Summary

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Action: A motion to approve the March 25, 2026, meeting summary was made by Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, seconded by Galovale Galovale, Town of Sahuarita, 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 Program and Policy Manager Adam Ledford provided a synopsis on the TIP Subcommittee meeting, which included the assignment of getting the STBG, HURF and RTA TPT funds balanced across the different roadway projects to fulfill the 2006 RTA plan and to avoid the federalization of RTA Next Element 1A projects. PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown informed the members that there had been discussions on potentially merging activities of the TIP Subcommittee and TPC for scheduling purposes in the near term and may require action.

Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, inquired if the recommendation was to merge the TPC with TIP Subcommittee or have separate meetings. Members were informed that there would be special TPC meetings that would include TIP Subcommittee activities on the agenda. Mr. Rodríguez suggested that the committees meet in succession rather than merge.

PAG Executive Director Michael Ortega discussed the significant amount of funding that will need to be programmed and expended to deliver RTA projects. He indicated that money from the 2006 RTA plan fund balance can be used as a temporary funding source for RTA Next projects, to be repaid with interest. Members were informed that by design there would be nearly a billion dollars' worth of work within the first five years to set the precedent for completion of the program. Mr. Ortega indicated that bonding could be an option in the future if funding is projected to run out. Mr. Rodríguez asked if projects started within the first period had to be completed within the same period. Members were informed that the goal is to complete the projects as quickly as possible and fulfill the 2006 RTA plan projects within the first five years.

This item was for information only.

5. FY 2025–FY 2029 PAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2025.050 (previously item 4)

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Staff presented TIP Amendment #2025.050 as provided in the meeting materials. PAG Program and Policy Manager Adam Ledford shared with members that the amendment represented the second year of the FTA 5311 2024 cycle. Members were informed that one item had a cost overrun since PAG applied for the grant of \$6,000 and had previously gone to the Board to authorize any expenditures over the non-federal match. Mr. Ledford explained that 5311 was the rural formula funds. The 5339 funds were awarded competitively for bus procurements and bus stop seats that were going to be installed.

Action: A motion to approve TIP Amendment #2025.050 was made by Galovale Galovale, Town of Sahuarita, seconded by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, and passed unanimously.

6. ADOT Route Transfer Handbook Update (previously item 5)

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William Randolph (ADOT) and Kristen Faltz (Kimley-Horn consultant for ADOT) provided an update on the ADOT Route Transfer Handbook. Ms. Faltz shared with members that the update would modernize the handbook, develop a data-driven evaluation for assessing candidate routes, identify and prioritize potential routes and strengthen collaboration with local partners. A route transfer is a formal process of shifting both ownership and maintenance responsibility either into or out of the state highway system. Ms. Faltz indicated that route transfers could be a good option for specific routes that are already part of the state highway system. Members were informed that local routes that operate like a state highway route and provide connections between current state routes are opportunities to look at taking routes from member agencies and transferring them into the state system. ADOT will be hosting virtual stakeholder interviews with agencies across the state to discuss potential route candidates and the route transfer process. Mr. Randolph added that there had been a few stakeholder interviews with local agencies already. ADOT is trying to identify potential routes that a local agency might want to take over.

Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, inquired if maintenance funds were available if an entity or agency decided to take ownership of a route. Members were informed that the handbook update would look at all costs associated with the route transfers and the costs to be in good condition.

This item was for information only.

Presentation can be found here: [Item-5-ADOT-Route-Transfer-Stakeholder-Interview-Flyer.pdf](#)

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

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PAG staff-provided updates will be on items related to PAG TIP-related activities. Members were informed of the Regional Transportation Alternatives Grants (RTAG) competitive selection process and the awarded projects chosen from the September 2025 Call for Projects. PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown referenced the RTAG report in the packet that listed the three projects which were awarded funding, including the City of Tucson's Midtown Bicycle Boulevards project and the Kolb-Irvington Shared Use Path as well as Pima County's Valencia Rd. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements project.

Members were informed that the selection panel had recommendations for future competitive selection processes for bicycle and pedestrian projects, as indicated in the RTAG report. For example, recommendations included that the project types be differentiated to compete in separate categories or with adjusted weighting of scores. Mr. Brown indicated that the purpose would be to level the playing field of new infrastructure projects such as multi-use paths and sidewalks as compared with those that use existing facilities. If project types are not differentiated, the call for projects should mention the project types that would be most competitive for funding if mileage continued to be emphasized. The panel recommended that the scoring criteria should reduce the emphasis on mileage going forward, and that the TPC or other PAG committees review and provide input on the process recommendations prior to the next competitive process.

Paul Casertano, Pima County, inquired if the RTA was tracking when the delivery of the mileage under the 2006 RTA plan was expected to be completed and if there was a point in time or a set of projects that would cover the mileage requirements. Members were informed that it was being tracked but there was not an exact time frame.

This item was for information only.

8. RMAP Amendment Procedure Update

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PAG staff provided an update on the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan amendment process. Members were informed of the modifications made to the RMAP Amendment Process Table. PAG Transportation Planner Nicolas Giraldo shared with members the concerns and comments that had been submitted by the jurisdictions regarding the modification process, committee and public involvement, and when ADOT or FHWA

would be included in the process. Members were informed that the table was intended to lay out as simply as possible the state and federal regulations that need to be observed, and to clarify some of the bureaucratic overlap that exists between them.

Paul Casertano, Pima County, commented that it would be helpful to lay out a process to establish consistency and to recommend that the Regional Council establish the authority by the Executive Director to move adjustments through and approve them. PAG Executive Director Michael Ortega indicated that with the restructuring of the process, the focal point was one of accountability for delivery of the program and staff, as decisions should not be made unilaterally unless the authority was granted by the Regional Council.

This item was for information only.

Presentation can be found here: [Item-8-Updated-RTP-Amendment-Process-Table.pdf](#)

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Announcements

Members of the committee had no requests or announcements.

****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.*

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.