Transportation Planning Committee Meeting Legal Actions

Legal actions of Wednesday, October 21, 2026, meeting

Pima Association of Governments
1 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 401, Tucson

Full video recording (YouTube): https://www.youtube.com/live/toY5nuGMa7E

The meeting recording serves as the official minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**

   The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:33 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 August 19, and September 2, 2026, Meeting Summaries**

   Video Timestamp: 2:18

   ***Action*:** A motion to approve the August 19 and September 2, 2026, meeting summaries was made by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, seconded by Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley. The motion passed unanimously by Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley, Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana, Jeremy Moore, ADOT, Jim DeGrood, City of Tucson, Nathan Barrett, Town of Sahuarita, and Nadine Manuel, Tohono O'odham Nation.

4. **ADOT HPMS Network Inventory Review Tool**

   Video Timestamp: 3:46

   PAG Transportation Planning Director Jeanette DeRenne informed the committee members that ADOT had requested that the item be moved to a future agenda. The Chair approved the request.

5. **Review of requests for potential Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds**

   Video Timestamp: 4:12

In early September, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was issued for FFY 2027 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. TPC members reviewed the requests using the NOFA criteria. PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown summarized the criteria and introduced the applicants. Patrick Hartley, City of Tucson, requested $1.4 million to close the funding gap for two HAWK packages, including a bike HAWK. He said the projects were federalized and ready for delivery in May 2027. Paul Casertano, Pima County, requested $5.8 million for bicycle and pedestrian improvements on West Valencia Road, an RTA 2 project. Mr. Brown presented worst-case and full-year funding scenarios because federal transportation funding beyond December 11 was uncertain.

After a brief recess and discussion, committee members agreed to split the currently available CRP funds equally between the City of Tucson and Pima County under the worst-case funding scenario. They also agreed to reconsider additional allocations if more federal funding became available.

***Possible action*:** Kathryn Skinner, Pima County, moved to split the currently available CRP funds equally between the City of Tucson and Pima County under the worst-case funding scenario and reconsider additional allocations if more federal funding becomes available. Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with votes in favor from Kathryn Skinner, Pima County; Fausto Burruel, Town of Marana; Jose Rodríguez, Town of Oro Valley; Jeremy Moore, ADOT; Jim DeGrood, City of Tucson; Nathan Barrett, Town of Sahuarita; and Nadine Manuel, Tohono O'odham Nation.

Presentations can be found here:
Item-5-COT-CRP-Presentation.pdf
Item-5-PCDOT-Valencia-Road-CRP-Presentation.pdf

6. Short Range Transit Plan Update

Video Timestamp: 55:13

KFH Group Senior Transportation Planner Rich Sampson updated the committee on the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP), a five-year blueprint for investment, service design and regional coordination across Sun Tran, Sun Link and Sun Shuttle. The group had begun reviewing recent plans and data to identify transit needs and service gaps. The plan assumes no new federal, state or local public funding. Public outreach was underway through surveys, community meetings, rider interviews and stakeholder engagement. Committee members discussed improving park-and-ride use, addressing transit needs in Vail and southeastern Pima County, and sharing surveys widely through local agencies and events.

This item was for information only.

Presentation can be found here:
Item-6-Short-Range-Transit-Plan-Update-Presentation.pdf

7. FY 2028 - FY 2032 PAG TIP Development Cycle: Kickoff Meeting

Video Timestamp: 1:11:34

Staff outlined the FY 2028 - FY 2032 PAG TIP development cycle and requested meeting dates through the end of 2026. PAG Program and Policy Manager Adam Ledford described project list development, funding feasibility review and overflow funding discussions. The RTA Board would discuss potential fund balance loans or bonding. Members discussed reducing approximately $151 million in HURF balances to limit exposure to potential state sweeps, while maintaining financial balance by shifting eligible projects between largely interchangeable HURF and RTA funds. PAG Executive Director Michael J. Ortega emphasized using project tracking and charters to identify delivery issues and ensuring funding would not delay projects that jurisdictions could advance earlier.

This item was for information only.

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

Video Timestamp: 1:50:45

Updates were provided on items related to PAG TIP-related activities. PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown asked that if members had federal funds of $3 million or greater programmed on projects in FY 2027 and had concerns about obligating those funds by next May, to inform PAG staff by October 31. Mr. Brown indicated that having as much time as possible to pivot would be helpful in order to find another way to program those funds if necessary.

This item was for information only.

9. FY 2028 and FY 2029 PAG Overall Work Program development process

Video Timestamp: 1:51:58

Staff outlined the FY 2028 and FY 2029 PAG Overall Work Program (OWP) development process. PAG Director of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy Jamie Brown described the September-through-June timeline and key priorities: supporting RTA plan delivery, meeting federally required MPO responsibilities and contractual commitments, and continuing to recognize the alignment and integration between the TIP, Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan and RTA plan.

This item was for information only.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items and Announcements

Video Timestamp: 1:56:03

Committee members were invited to the Downtown Links project ribbon cutting event at 9 a.m. on November 6, 2026. PAG Transportation Planning Director Jeanette DeRenne shared that the Bike and Pedestrian count was underway, and volunteers would be appreciated. Ms. DeRenne reminded members that the deadline for the formal call to projects for Off-system Bridge Program through ADOT was December 31.

For future agenda items, a request was made by Paul Casertano, Pima County, to have the OWP be added as an agenda topic to be considered for discussion at future meetings.

****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*

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.