

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee

Minutes of December 15, 2009, Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Artemio Hoyos, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Chair
Ryan Benavides, Town of Marana, Vice Chair
Tom Amparano, University of Arizona
Sal Caccavale, Pima County DOT
Danny Granillo (for Todd Emery), ADOT-Tucson District
Andy McGovern, City of Tucson DOT
Mary McLain (for Katrina Heineking, Sun Tran/Sun Van)
Don Mauller, ADOT-Phoenix
Farhad Moghimi, Town of Sahuarita
Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley

Jurisdiction Representatives:

Thomas Garcia, Town of Sahuarita
Corrina Gil, Town of Marana
Richard Nassi, RTA Consultant
Orville Saling, Town of Marana

Staff:

Cherie Campbell
Paul Casertano
Pat Kendall
John Liosatos
Tim Thurein

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was convened at 9:41 a.m. in PAG's main 5th floor conference room by Mr. Hoyos, chair, and introductions were made.

2. In-Kind Form

The in-kind form was updated as necessary.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 17, 2009

Motion was made by Mr. Moghimi to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009, meeting, seconded by Mr. Benavides, and unanimously approved.

4. Review and Approve Agenda

Motion was made by Ms. McLain to approve the agenda, as presented, seconded by Mr. Caccavale, and unanimously approved.

5. TIP Amendments as Needed

Note: An administrative approval was obtained on Dec. 18, 2009, for Amendment #4 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP which necessitated adjusting the number of the following TIP Amendment to #5.

Mr. Liosatos reviewed Amendment #5 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP which included some slight changes presented:

- Item A – ADOT’s request to advance design and increase funding for its I-19: Sahuarita Rd. Traffic Interchange project.

According to federal staff, ARRA II will be getting under way soon, so the region will need to have as many shelf-ready projects as possible.

Motion was made by Mr. McGovern to approve Item A of Amendment #5 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP, as presented, seconded by Mr. Garcia, and unanimously approved.

- Item B – ADOT’s request to increase design funds for its SR 77: Tangerine to Pinal County line widening project by decreasing funding on its SR 86: Valencia to Kinney widening project.

Motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez to approve Item B of Amendment #5 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP, seconded by Mr. McGovern, and unanimously approved.

- Item C – ADOT’s request to take two projects out of reserve: SR 86: MP 120.2 (Fresnal) to MP 124.5 widening project and SR 86: MP 124.5 to MP 128.5 (San Isidro) reconstruct and widening project by decreasing excess funds from bid savings on its SR 86: MP 127.1 to MP 141.1 (San Pedro Road Segment) reconstruct and widening project.

Motion was made by Mr. Caccavale to approve Item C of Amendment #5 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP, seconded by Mr. Garcia, and unanimously approved.

- Item D – Adds the ADOT sponsored RTA project to construct three wildlife crossings on SR 77: Tangerine Rd. to the Pima County line previously approved by the RTA Board and RTA TIP Subcommittee.

Motion was made by Mr. Caccavale to approve Item D of Amendment #5 to the FY 2010-2014 TIP, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, and unanimously approved.

Note: Item E, which includes the region’s Round 17 Transportation Enhancement projects approved by the Arizona State Transportation Board, was added to Amendment #5 on Dec. 18, 2009, and approved electronically by TIP Subcommittee members in order that the projects could commence in January.

**Amendment #5 to the FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
(*All numbers are in thousands)**

Project/TIP ID Number	Sponsor/ reason for the amendment	Funding before amend.*	Funding after amend.*	Total change*
Item A				
I-19: Sahuarita Rd. Traffic Interchange (TIP ID #101.08)	Advances design and increases funding for ADOT’s I-19: Sahuarita Rd. interchange improvement project	7700	8600	+ 900

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Item B				
SR 77: Tangerine to Pinal County Line (TIP ID #11.02)	Increases design funding on ADOT's SR 77: Tangerine to Pinal County line widening project (to 6 lanes)	32477	33977	+ 1500
SR 86: Valencia to Kinney (TIP ID #2.02)	Decreases funding on ADOT's SR 86: Valencia to Kinney widening project	33875	32375	- 1500
Item C				
SR 86: MP 120.2 (Fresnal) to MP 124.5 (TIP ID #47.06)	Takes ADOT's widening project on SR 86: MP 120.2 (Fresnal) to MP 124.5 out of reserve by moving bid savings from another project	0	1500	+ 1500
SR 86: MP 124.5 to MP 128.5 (San Isidro Rd. Segment) (TIP ID #45.01)	Takes ADOT's reconstruct and widening project on SR 86: MP 124.5 to MP 128.5 (San Isidro Rd.) out of reserve by moving bid savings from another project	0	1600	+ 1600
SR 86: MP 137.1 to MP 141.1 (San Pedro Road Segment) (TIP ID #104.03)	Decreases excess funds from bid savings on ADOT's SR 86: MP 137.1 to MP 141.1 (San Pedro Road Segment) reconstruct and widening project to take two projects out of reserve.	15100	12000	- 3100
Item D				
SR 77: Wildlife Crossing Structures; Tangerine Rd. to the Pima County Line (TIP ID #86.09)	Adds ADOT sponsored RTA project to construct 3 wildlife crossings on SR 77: Tangerine Rd. to the Pima County Line to the TIP	0	8231	+ 8231
Item E				
Canada del Oro Shared Use-Path Final Phase (TIP ID #88.09)	Adds Oro Valley sponsored TE Project to construct the final phase of the shared use-path from First Ave. to Steam Pump Village	0	522 873 RTA	+ 1395
Glenn Street Neighborhood Improvement Project (TIP ID #87.09)	Adds City of Tucson sponsored TE Project to construct a pedestrian path from Columbus to Country Club Rd.	0	500 119 RTA	+ 619
San Xavier Path Mission Gateway-SRTS (TIP ID #91.09)	Adds Tohono O'odham sponsored TE Project to construct a pathway in coordination with the SRTS program	0	518 400 RTA	+ 918
San Xavier Road: Pedestrian Bridge Approaches (TIP ID #90.09)	Adds a new Tohono O'odham TE project to construct a pedestrian bridge at San Xavier Road at the I-19 interchange	0	892	+ 892
Streetcar and Transit Museum Displays (TIP ID #89.09)	Adds a new City of Tucson TE project to construct exhibits at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum	0	578	+ 578

The proposed changes will not have a significant effect on the air quality conformity findings or fiscal constraint analysis of the TIP.

6. ADOT 5-year Plan Recommendations

- Spreadsheet with proposed program

Mr. Liosatos reported that every year a portion of the ADOT discretionary funds are spent in the PAG region. This year the region will receive approximately \$60.1 million. The spreadsheet included in the meeting packet anticipated \$63.3 million, so changes have been made for FY 2015:

I-10: Ruthrauff to Ina DCR – \$3.3 million becomes \$10.1 million, total amount funded \$14.1 million (\$10.9 million shortage)

I-10: Ina to Marana frontage roads – adds \$20 million, total amount funded \$30 million (\$10 million shortage)

I-19: San Xavier to Ajo Way – adds \$20 million in FY 2015, totally funding the project at \$86.3 million

SR 77: Tangerine to Pinal County line – adds \$2.5 million in FY 2015 totally funding the project

SR 86: Valencia to Kinney - adds \$7.5 million and with anticipated ARRA savings totaling \$36.8 million (\$6 million shortage)

Reviewing where funds were most needed, ADOT also considered traffic volumes and crash data, with the desire to fully fund as many projects as possible before adding any new projects.

Mr. Granillo mentioned the importance and timeliness of the I-10: Ina to Marana frontage roads with the DCR from Ina to Ruthrauff now in progress and another from Tangerine to Ina to follow, so that the frontage roads can be used during I-10 mainline widening, as before. The I-19: San Xavier to Ajo Way consists only of the Ajo Way TI and the Santa Cruz bridge which has been modeled and shows that the TI can be built along with the bridge and ramps also tying to Irvington. The SR 77 project will complete the route to the Pinal County line and the SR 86 projects can be brought back into the program

Motion was made by Mr. McGovern to recommend approval of the regional ADOT 5-year Plan Recommendations, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, and unanimously approved.

7. 2011-2015 TIP Development

- March 2010 open houses

Mr. Liosatos reported that three TIP Open Houses will be scheduled in March 2010, as in previous years, at the Conrad Joiner Library in the Green Valley/Sahuarita area, Reid Park Golf Clubhouse in central Tucson and Foothills Mall on the northwest side. The long-range plan (2040 RTP) will be combined with the TIP since it will be completed in March.

Members discussed the Foothills Mall location which draws a large number of people, but more interested people fill out comment forms at the other locations. The mall dictates placement; at the food court in the past we've had a lot of traffic, but not so much in front of Barnes & Noble.

- Draft project list

Mr. Liosatos noted that the draft project list has been sent to the jurisdictions and approvals received. The list includes the 12.6% and STP projects and will be modeled along with any RTA projects that are capacity improving. Members agreed to placement of some City of Tucson 2016 projects in 2015 to enable access of federal funds, with the understanding that they may remain there if the economy improves and development of a future constrained TIP sustains them.

Motion was made by Mr. Moghimi to recommend approval of the FY 2011-2015 draft TIP project list, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, and unanimously approved.

An additional motion was made by Mr. McGovern that funding will be moved back, as needed, during next year's TIP (2012-2016) development to constrain 2015, for the City of Tucson's Cushing Street Bridge and Kolb Road extension projects, seconded by Mr. Caccavale, and unanimously approved.

- Project Development Activity Fund (PDAF) programming

Mr. Liosatos reminded members that they had decided to include PDAF programming (\$150,000) in the TIP programming process, an application submission deadline was set and one application was received from Pima County for \$50,000 for an ADA Transition Plan Update, Phase 2, a study in unincorporated Pima County to determine ADA priority.

Mr. Moghimi indicated that the Town of Sahuarita has a PDAF intersection study project to submit, and Mr. Liosatos stated that any supplemental applications received will be reviewed at the Jan. 19 TIP meeting and disposition of any remaining PDAF funds will be discussed.

Motion was made by Mr. McGovern to recommend approval of Pima County's PDAF application, as presented, seconded by Mr. Moghimi, and unanimously approved.

8. Other Business

No discussion occurred.

9. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 19, 2010 @ or after 9:15 a.m.

All agenda items were covered and the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.