



Pima Association of Governments  
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## **Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)**

Minutes of January 9, 2008, Meeting

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Committee Members Present**

Jim Glock, City of Tucson DOT, Chair  
Priscilla Cornelio, Pima County DOT, Vice  
Chair  
Ryan Benavides (for Keith Brann), Town of  
Marana  
Arnold Burnham, AZ Dept. of Transportation  
John Carlson, CTAC  
Craig Civalier, Town of Oro Valley  
J.T. Fey (for David Duffy), University of Arizona  
Beth Gorman (for Ursula Kramer), PDEQ  
Artemio Hoyos, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Mark Pugh (for Fred Stevens), San Xavier  
District of Tohono O'odham Nation  
David Ruelas (for Richard Salaz), South  
Tucson  
Ed Stillings, FHWA  
Bob Welch, Town of Sahuarita

#### **Others in Attendance**

Tim Ahrens, HDR  
Nate Banks, FHWA  
Linda Carrillo, City of Tucson DOT  
Ben Changkakoti, Pima County DOT  
Tim Frey, Compass Health Care  
Ben Goff, Pima County DOT  
Dempsey Helms, AZ State Land Dept.  
Curtis Lueck, CLA  
Mark Mahon, Mahon Consulting  
Robert Medler, Tucson Chamber of  
Commerce  
Dan O'Neill, ITS Engineers of Utah  
Jose Rodriguez, Town of Oro Valley  
Orville Saling, Town of Marana  
Joe Vaskovic, PSOMAS

#### **Staff**

Cherie Campbell, PAG  
Paul Casertano, PAG  
Pat Kendall, PAG  
John Liosatos, PAG  
Sheila Storm, PAG

### **ITEMS**

#### **1 – Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was convened at 10:26 a.m. in PAG's main 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room by Jim Glock , chair, and introductions were made.

#### **2 – Call to the Audience**

No discussion occurred.

### **3 – In-Kind Form**

The in-kind form was routed to attendees.

### **4 – Approval of Minutes of Dec. 5, 2007**

**A motion was made by Priscilla Cornelio to approve the minutes of the Dec. 5, 2007, meetings, seconded by Craig Civalier, and unanimously approved.**

### **5 – Announcements/Comments**

Meeting announcements were made available to attendees in a handout. Cherie Campbell mentioned the following:

- Jurisdictional Functional Class change submittal deadline is Jan. 14
- Upcoming workshops on Modern Roundabout Design and Traffic Monitoring
- Large clean up partnering effort by PAG, TREO and SALC along Tucson Blvd./Benson Highway north of Tucson International Airport on Jan. 25 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Jurisdictional contacts are asked to call Sheila with a list of names and number of volunteers.
- 2007 Traffic Volumes Maps are available in the foyer

Jim Glock reported that lighting has been upgraded in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. underpass with LED pedestrian level lighting and induction lighting in the car portion of the underpass.

Craig Civalier announced that Oro Valley's La Canada project will start construction on Jan. 22.

Paul Casertano mentioned that the 2008 Governor's Kids' Safety Calendars are available in the foyer. PAG was involved as a sponsor in its development.

### **6 – Report on Regional Council Meeting Schedule – Next Meeting Jan. 31, 2008**

Cherie Campbell reported that Regional Council did not meet in December and will meet next on Jan. 31, 2008.

### **7 – TIP Subcommittee Report including Amendment #6 to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Jose Rodriguez, Chair of the TIP Subcommittee, reported that the TIP Subcommittee recommends TIP Amendment #6 to the FY 2008-2012, which includes the following PAG items:

- Item A – includes the region's successful Transportation Enhancements projects approved by the Arizona State Transportation Board in the last competitive cycle
- Items G & H - City of Tucson transit FTA fund related projects needing adjustment to its 5307 grant allocation and local funding in the TIP
- Items N – Q - results of the FTA competitive process for the JARC and New Freedom grant allocations made by the review committee

Amendment #6, in its entirety, is shown on the next page.

**Amendment #6 to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

\*All numbers are in thousands

<b>Project/TIP ID Number</b>	<b>Sponsor/ reason for the amendment</b>	<b>Funding before amend.*</b>	<b>Funding after amend.*</b>	<b>Total change*</b>
<b>Item A</b>				
Columbus Corridor Pedestrian Path (TIP ID #105.08)	Adds a City of Tucson TE project to construct a 6-ft. wide asphalt ped. Path on one side	0	\$223	+ \$223
Five Points Transportation Enhancement Project (TIP ID #103.08)	Adds a City of Tucson TE project to fill gaps in pedestrian network, new sidewalks in various locations	0	\$584	+ \$584
Park Ave. Transportation Enhancement (TIP ID #107.08)	Adds a City of Tucson TE project to construct a path on one side	0	\$529	+ \$529
Pima Region Middle School Bike and Ped Education Program (TIP ID #104.08)	Adds a Pima County TE project for bicycle and pedestrian education for middle school	0	\$776	+ \$776
Rillito River divided urban pathway (TIP ID #102.08)	Adds a Pima County TE project to construct a ½-mile path including a bike/ped bridge	0	\$471	+ \$471
Santa Cruz River Shared Use Path Phase 3 (TIP ID #106.08)	Adds a Town of Marana TE project to construct a 14-ft.-wide shared-use path (Lon Adans alignment to Airline Rd. alignment)	0	\$1096	+ \$1096
<b>Item B</b>				
Sun Tran – Weekday Evening Service Expansion (TIP ID #70.06)	Decreases funding of an RTA expansion of weekday evening service along major routes	\$32406	\$31993	- \$413
<b>Item C</b>				
Sun Tran – Weekend Service Expansion (TIP ID #94.06)	Decreases funding of an RTA expansion of weekend service along major routes	\$4049	\$4029	- \$20
<b>Item D</b>				
Sun Tran – Frequency and Area Expansion (TIP ID #93.06)	Increases funding of an RTA improvement of bus frequencies along major routes, extend	\$1788	\$2513	+ \$725
<b>Item E</b>				
Houghton Park-and-Ride (TIP ID #108.06)	Increases funding of an RTA project to construct a Sun Tran Park-and-Ride in the Broadway/Houghton area	\$1830	\$3260	+ \$1430
<b>Item F</b>				
Rita Ranch Park-and-Ride (TIP ID #109.06)	Increases funding for an RTA project to construct a Sun Tran Park-and-Ride in the Rita Ranch area	\$950	\$1710	+ \$760
<b>Item G</b>				
Preventive Maintenance for Sun Tran & Van Tran	Increases FTA funding to provide capital maintenance for Sun Tran & Van Tran	\$13157	\$12658	+ \$29
<b>Item H</b>				
Van Tran Expansion Vans (TIP ID #29.03)	Decreases FTA funding to expand the Van Tran fleet citywide	\$3100	\$467	- \$2633

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<b>Item I</b>				
Bus Replacements FY07 Carryover (TIP ID #119.07)	Decreases FTA funding to purchase 20 lift-equipped replacement buses	\$12048	\$6580	- \$5468
<b>Item J</b>				
Sun Tran Expansion Bus Purchases FY07 Carryover (TIP ID #121.07)	Decreases FTA funding to purchase 13 additional buses for Sun Tran	\$5135	\$5200	+ \$65
<b>Item K</b>				
La Cholla/Overton Intersection (TIP ID #17.07)	Increases RTA funding	\$870	\$1040	+ \$170
<b>Item L</b>				
Tanque Verde/Soldier Trail Intersection (TIP ID #20.07)	Increases RTA funding	\$300	\$365	+ \$65
<b>Item M</b>				
South Tucson Intersections (TIP ID #13.07)	Increases RTA funding	\$300	\$365	+ \$65
<b>Item N</b>				
Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program – Pima County (TIP ID #80.17)	Decreases funding for low income assistance with transportation issues	\$330	\$245	- \$85
<b>Item O</b>				
New Freedom (Urban) – Mobility Training Program	New project – a program to train and educate bus drivers and riders	0	\$90	+ \$90
<b>Item P</b>				
Job Access Reverse Commute (Urban) – COT Shuttle	New project that will provide job access in the urban area	0	\$324	+ \$324
<b>Item Q</b>				
Job Access Reverse Commute (Urban) – Hope of Glory	New project – urban area – funding will provide discount bus passes	0	\$10	+ \$10
<b>Item R</b>				
Houghton Road, Tanque Verde to Old Spanish Trail (TIP ID #58.07)	Expands scope of project to include section of Houghton between Speedway and Tanque Verde	\$4132	\$4132	\$0

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

**Motion was made by Priscilla Cornelio to recommend approval of Amendment #6 (Items A-R) to the FY 2008-2012 TIP, seconded by Craig Civalier, and approved unanimously.**

Mr. Rodriguez reported that the TIP Subcommittee has scheduled three Public Open Houses for the FY 2009-2013 TIP:

- Thurs., March 6 - Green Valley Public Library, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 7 - Foothills Mall, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. (Saks Courtyard)
- Tues., March 11 – Randolph Park Golf Course Clubhouse, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

and invited members to have representatives attend to answer questions on specific jurisdictional projects.

### **8 – Border Needs**

Cherie Campbell reported that ADOT has requested input from the committee on transportation-related improvements that may be eligible for a coordinated border infrastructure program administered by the state. Ideas include: roadway widenings and accelerating projects such as the Sahuarita TI. Jurisdictions with additional concepts were asked to contact PAG or ADOT.

John Carlson mentioned that Jim Kolbe, who had been appointed by the Governor as the expeditor of the CANAMEX corridor, may be a good source of information.

Jim Glock, Chair, requested that this item be on next month's agenda when a local ADOT Tucson District staff member can be present.

### **9 – High-Capacity Transit Study**

Cherie Campbell reported that PAG has issued an RFP for a High-Capacity Transit Study to look at our region's high-capacity transit needs into the future. Findings from the study will be incorporated into PAG's long-range plan as well as some of the BQ AZ (Building Quality Arizona) concepts coming forth this year. The RFP's original submittal deadline of Jan. 4, was extended until Jan. 11. The selection committee will meet on Jan. 14 to review submittals received, and results of that review will be reported to Management Committee on Jan. 17.

The selection panel includes:

- Tom Fisher, City of Tucson Transit Division
- Aimee Ramsey, Town of Oro Valley
- Bob McGee, Sun Tran
- Pat McGowan, Pima County Transportation Systems

Mr. Glock reminded members that the Governor has asked the state through BQ AZ to study the types of programs with strong transit components to provide technical background needed to make recommendations with respect to high-capacity transit projects to include in that particular plan. Our 2030 plan included some high-capacity transit work and Marana has done some commuter rail work on behalf of the City of Tucson. The city would like this particular study to include the extension of the modern streetcar. As the price of gas continues to increase, the option of high-capacity transit becomes more publicly appealing.

### **10 – JARC & New Freedom Programs**

Cherie Campbell reported that after the award late last year of initial JARC and New Freedom proposals, supplemental funds from FY 2007 were found to be available and additional submittals were sought. The towns of Oro Valley and Marana have submitted proposals which are recommended for committee approval. Requests for submittals will be issued soon for another round which will take place in the spring.

**Motion was made by Craig Civalier to recommend approval of the JARC and New Freedom Grant submittals from the towns of Marana and Oro Valley, seconded by Priscilla Cornelio, and approved unanimously.**

### **11 – Legislative Report**

John Liosatos reported that the next legislative session starts on Mon., Jan. 14. To date, 135 bills have dropped. PAG staff is tracking 11 bills under four different categories: environmental, social services, transportation finance and safety. Most of these have minimal impact and have been previously discussed by the committee.

Mr. Liosatos mentioned a new transportation-related Senate bill (SB 1042) on Private Toll Roads that would remove some of the hurdles to putting in toll roads. The bill further states that ADOT must award the contract and have the toll road under construction by 2010. This particular toll road is between the intersection of the Loop 303 and 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection (Phoenix) and Prescott. Although there will likely be a drain on state finances to build this toll road, the bill opens up the issue of toll roads in the future.

The state budget will be a very large issue at the Legislature this year. The appropriations committee chairman has released some of his recommendations; one of which is a \$106 million transfer from the HURF to DPS. If this goes forward, staff has estimated that it would have a \$7 million impact on the area (\$1.6 million in 12.6% and 2.6% regional funds and the remainder coming from the individual jurisdictions), meaning a loss of over \$2 million for the city of Tucson and over \$2.7 million for Pima County.

Mr. Liosatos indicated that the governor's budget will be introduced next week, and staff will be watching not only transportation-related cuts, but also cuts in state-shared revenues. The LTAF II funds (based on lottery and Powerball ticket sales) already have been mentioned as a potential cost saving item. Last fiscal year the PAG region received \$1.5 million in LTAF funds, which also help with local match.

Discussion at this morning's RTP Financial Plan meeting focused on where previous budget cuts had come from. Depending on where the cuts take place, regional funds may be hit or funds intended directly for individual jurisdictions. Everyone is affected when cuts come off the top.

When asked about an option to shift funds from the state's Motor Vehicle Division, Ben Goff responded that anything that comes off the HURF funds affects us almost dollar for dollar. Currently there are many uncertainties and much speculation as to what may happen, and it can change quickly.

Mr. Liosatos added that the Joint Budget Legislative Committee (JBLC) has a 248-page report of recommendations on where money is available to make up the state deficit. It's important that jurisdictional elected officials are aware and in touch with their state legislators not only on transportation-related funding, but also on state-shared revenues.

### **MONTHLY REPORT:**

### **12 – RTP Financial Subcommittee Report**

Ben Goff reported that, depending on what happens between now and the end of June, actual receipts are tracking ahead of last year. Although we're still running behind projections, there has been substantial recovery. However, that's subject to any adjustments the Legislature makes this fiscal year. The subcommittee is working closely with ADOT to determine an explanation for the erosion of

gas sales in Pima County over the past 5 years. It may be due to reporting discrepancies, but it has a big impact on cities and towns.

#### QUARTERLY REPORT:

### **13 – Transportation Systems Subcommittee Report**

Paul Casertano reported that the Transportation Systems Subcommittee’s activities over the past quarter included:

- Continued work on the Regional Traffic Signal Operations Program to look at traffic operations on a 3-5 year cycle. A scope of work for the Ina Road signal coordination program has been developed, as well as one for an ongoing traffic signal services project that will enable a contracted group to look at signal timing issues and make recommendations for changes at select intersections determined by area traffic engineers.
- Meeting with stakeholders regarding development and maintenance of a regional map for all regional transportation construction projects working closely with the utility planning and coordination committee.
- Participation in the Regional Transportation Data Network (RTDN) program to identify getting off of leased line communications and on to a municipally owned network for transportation operations as well as supporting some emergency service functions. The Draft Master plan has been developed and is currently under committee review.
- Continued work in transportation safety planning participating in the Governor’s Traffic Safety Advisory Council’s (GTSAC) development of the Arizona Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) to meet the requirements of SAFETEA-LU. Currently an implementation plan is being developed that will be presented to this committee in the coming months.
- Concluded a project to assemble a regional crash database system in the PAG metropolitan region which modified the Arizona Local Government Safety Project Analysis Model (AZ LGPA Model), which was the state level software model platform, to include an intersection diagram tool, current traffic volume data and up-to-date crash data from ADOT’s data set. Release of this software to PAG jurisdictions is anticipated in February after an ADOT review process.
- Compiled and ranked Safe Routes to School applications for the region which were submitted to ADOT for competition at the state level.
- Continued work with emergency services on evacuation planning efforts in the region.

Mr. Casertano announced a Transportation Safety Day for Legislators (an out growth of GTSAC ) on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 11:30 a.m. at the state capitol in Phoenix.

Regional pavement management program activities included:

- Options available for a potential program reorganization to look at staffing levels and where the group will be housed, possibly under PAG to serve regional interests more effectively
- Continued efforts to assist South Tucson’s pavement program as well as the Town of Sahuarita
- Recent work to assist Oro Valley in the annual PMS budget report
- Review of Pima County’s Major Streets and Routes (MS&R) data with recent data collected in some sections of Ajo and compiled a 10-year budget to fix all Pima County Functional Classification roadways and implement it into the county’s system
- ADOT’s HPMS training at PAG in December that was well attended by all agencies.

OTHER:

**14- Future Agenda Items**

Arnold Burnham suggested a presentation next month on the BQ AZ (Building Quality Arizona) and how it will affect us, by the DMJM consulting firm, project manager for statewide framework studies.

Priscilla Cornelio noted that utilities are on a critical path for project implementation, and had asked PAG to put a summit together with top level utility staff to discuss the issues and how jurisdictions can help. She requested an agenda item to start discussion on how the region can assist the utility companies and alert them to upcoming projects.

Curt Lueck suggested a presentation on the Regional Access Management Plan and update on the state level, and a presentation by himself and Carla Blackwell of Pima County Development Services on the Pima County Southwest Infrastructure Plan as given to EPAC on Jan. 4.

Mr. Carlson requested an agenda item dealing with consolidated information on concrete.

**15 - Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.