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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
MEETING**

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 10:00 AM.

**In-Person Attendance is suspended for this Meeting.
This meeting will be held through technological means.**

Zoom Meeting ID: **543 061 1521** Call-in Information: **1-669-900-9128**

Shaded items are action items

1. **CALL TO ORDER (Greg Froslic)**
Chairman Greg Froslic called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
2. **ROLL CALL (Sarah Lojewski)**
Sarah Lojewski performed the Roll Call
Present: Chairman Greg Froslic, Vice-Chairman Steven Latoski, Members Will Randolph, Jeff Thuneman, Todd Steinberger, Roland Hulse, and Matt Gunderson for Tim Walsh
3. **TITLE VI - NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC (Sarah Lojewski)**
Sarah Lojewski performed Title VI Notice to the Public.
4. **Call to the Public (Greg Froslic)**
There was no request from the public to address the TAC.
5. **Approve the TAC Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2023**
Roland Hulse motioned to approve May 23, 2023, meeting minutes. Jeff Thuneman seconded the motion.
6. **Traffic Signal Analysis & Modeling Study - RFP Timeline**
Justin Hembree, LHMPO Director, updated the TAC on the Traffic Analysis & Modeling Study and the Request for Proposals (RFP) timeline. The LHMPO officially advertised the project on July 10. The RFP was announced in the local newspaper, the LHMPO website, and the LHMPOs social media accounts. The deadline for proposal submittals is September 8. After proposals are received, The TAC will have a two-week period from Sept 8th-Sept 22nd in which they will review and rank each proposal. During the September 26th TAC meeting, the TAC members will vote to either select the highest-ranked proposal or may decide it is necessary to conduct further interviews with the top three candidates/firms. The highest-ranked proposal

will be presented to the Executive Board on either October 11 or December 12 for final approval (pending the necessity of an interview process).

7. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

Justin Hembree, LHMPO Director discusses the CRP funds with the TAC. Within 2 years, the state in consultation with any MPOs must develop a carbon reduction strategy, which will support efforts to reduce transportation emissions, identify projects and strategies to reduce transportation emissions, support the achievement of targets for reductions, at state discretion quantity the total carbon emission from the production, transport, and use of materials used in the construction of transportation

facilities within the state, be appropriate to the population density and context of the state and be updated every four years. By July of next year, MPO must have programmed projects.

8. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Projects

Justin Hembree, LHMPO Director, discussed the recently announced Transportation Alternatives (TA) program and ADOT's call for projects/grants. The agenda packet contained a link to ADOT's Transportation Alternatives website. Mr. Hembree noted the link and how the ADOT website includes resources, a guidebook, and the application forms to apply for grant funding. Mr. Hembree explained the two-phase application process and the deadline for the prescreening applications. The deadline for prescreening applications is August 31. Mr. Hembree discussed the various agencies eligible to apply for the TA grant funding. Mr. Hembree said he encouraged all agencies to apply for "scoping" projects during this grant cycle.

9. RTAC Projects for Legislative Session 2024

Justin Hembree, LHMPO Director, reminded the TAC of the 2024 call for legislative/RTAC projects and the announcement email sent out on July 18. Mr. Hembree stated that the anticipated funding available to the Lake Havasu region is roughly \$14 million for the 2024 session. Mohave County chose to recycle last year's London Bridge Rd Rubber Chip Seal project and to increase the cost to cover inflation (\$325k new project total), leaving roughly \$13.9 million for city-specific projects. Mr. Hembree discussed the ongoing coordination with Greg Frosile and the City Engineers to utilize the City's current 5-year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list to identify projects to assign the \$13.9 million. The due date for legislative/RTAC project submittal is September 8. Once the MPO receives the project applications, the MPO will create project fact sheets to be included in the RTAC statewide project booklet and attached to sponsored legislation. The MPO must submit the project fact sheets to RTAC by October 1 to be included in the statewide omnibus project booklet. The statewide project booklet will be showcased during the AZ Rural Transportation Summit on October 18-20.

10. Greenlight WACOG/LHMPO Safety Plan Update

Mike Blankenship, Greenlight Engineering, presented updates to the WACOG/LHMPO safety plan. Mr. Blankenship reviewed the latest crash data analysis and explained key emphasis areas/categories that Greenlight will be looking to address with future safety implementation recommendations. Mr. Blankenship also highlighted the possibility of utilizing data from the LHMPO safety plan update to pursue other federal grant programs (such as the Safe Streets for All program).

11. Federal Transportation Grant Application - ADOT Notification

Steve Latoski, Mohave County Engineer, discussed the ADOT Grant Coordination Group and that they provide assistance to local partners by securing letters of support from ADOT for local grant applications while also notifying the ADOT Project Management Office of possible upcoming projects. Mr. Latoski suggested that If your agency is pursuing a Federal grant and you anticipate ADOT will be administering the project, it is highly recommended that agencies complete the one-page form available on the ADOT Grant Coordination Group website as it will alert ADOT staff of the potential project and avoid unnecessary delays should grant funding be secured.

12. ADOT LPA Report

Chandra McMillian, ADOT LPA, was absent.

Mr. Hembree explained to the TAC that the report provided by ADOT LPA (attached to the packet) was a project status report on federally funded projects within the Lake Havasu MPO region. The report contains not only the status of the project but the ADOT project manager's contact information should local agencies have questions.

13. ADOT District Engineer's Report

Todd Steinberger, P.E. Northwest Assistant District Engineer the ADOT district advised the TAC on the upcoming projects in the region.

14. ADOT Planner's Report

Will Randolph, Regional Transportation Planner

ADOT MPD Report

1. FY24-28 Five Year Construction Program: The five year program was adopted by the board on June 16th. Please visit the website to provide comments and for further information. <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-programming/tentative-five-year-program>.

For the FY 25-29 program, project nominations from ADOT technical groups were in June. The call for district rankings was recently released with the deadline at the end of this month, and the district workshops are scheduled for the end of August

thru September. The P2P process will prioritize all highway construction projects for consideration in ADOT's FY 2025-2029 Five Year Construction Program.

2. Federal Discretionary Grants: Please continue to visit USDOT's website or the ADOT grant coordination page <https://azdot.gov/node/18401> for the NOFOs and deadlines.

3. ADOT SMART Program: Please continue to work with your local agencies to submit any applications for the SMART program. The website continues to be host of useful information found at <https://azdot.gov/planning/grant-coordination/az-smart-fund>.

4. TA Program: The call for projects was released last week on July 20th. The program website is live at <https://activetransportation.az.gov/transportation-alternatives-program> The website has a recorded webinar, guidance, FAQs, links to the application and more. The Phase 1 screening application must be submitted before the August 18, 2023 deadline. Project sponsors whose application meets the phase 1 screening criteria will be invited by email to apply to the phase 2 evaluation process. Project sponsors will need to submit their Phase 2 evaluation applications before the September 29, 2023 deadline

Status of ADOT studies:

1. Long Range Transportation Plan:

ADOT PM presented the LRTP to the State Transportation Board Meeting on 6/16/23. The draft of the LRTP was recently completed and was reviewed by ADOT staff. The first public review period for the Draft LRTP will be 45 days. Please visit the ADOT LRTP webpage <https://www.adot2050plan.com> which hosts the plan documentation and accompanying summary sheets (2-3 page bullet point reports of said working papers) and to provide comment.

2. Statewide Rest Area Study: The final report was completed on schedule and 167 comments were received from the public. The final report can be downloaded from the project website.

3. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan: ADOT is conducting its annual update of the NEVI plan as required from the USDOT/Joint Energy office. A Statewide Virtual Public Meeting for the EV Plan Update took place on 7/18/23 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. A Request for Information was sent to EV Industries on 6/29/23 to gain feedback and perspectives for the future procurement of vendors regarding the EV installation. ADOT will be looking at conducting RFPs the later part of this year or into 2024. For more information visit our EV plan website, and feel free to sign up to the mailing list to receive study updates by email and opportunities to provide input. <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/arizona-electric-vehicle-program>

4. The **Statewide Truck Parking Plan** is moving forward which is a continuation of the Freight Plan and Statewide Rest Area Study to specifically address truck parking outside of the rest areas and developing an implementation plan. The project will take six months and is currently on schedule. The first Stakeholder Meeting was on June 15, 2023 that included various groups from the public and private sectors. Comments were received from ADOT District Groups and the ATA.

5. The ADOT ROW **Wireless Communications Facilities Program Guidelines Study** has been completed and has been distributed for ADOT and industry review, with being on schedule for completion in August. **Statewide ITS Architecture Update** is in the data collection process with participating stakeholders. If any local agencies can send in their inventory and need surveys that would greatly be appreciated.

15. WACOG Transportation Report

Roland Hulse, WACOG Transportation Manager provided an update on the Regional Transit Implementation Plan and the Strategic Regional Transportation Safety Plan.

16. UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

- LHMPO Executive Board Meeting: **August 8, 2023, 10:00 AM**
- LHMPO TAC Meeting: **September 26, 2023, 10:00 AM**

13. ADJOURN

Chairman Greg Froslic adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am.

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In an effort to determine who attends our meetings and to improve participation in the planning process, the LHMPO ask that you please fill out the following voluntary survey:

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