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Jason James, ADOT
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Jess Knudson, Lake Havasu City
Stuart Schmeling, Lake Havasu City
Tim Walsh, Mohave County
Justin Hembree, WACOG

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MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 835 9836 2249 Call in Information: 1-669-900-6833

Shaded Items are action items

1. Call To Order
Greg Froslic called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call
The roll call was performed by Jeanette Buckley
Present via Zoom Meeting: Greg Froslic, Steven Latoski, Todd Steinberger, Jason James, Stuart Schmeling, Jess Knudson, Justin Hembree, and Scott Holtry.
3. Title VI – Notice to the Public (Jeanette Buckley)
Jeanette Buckley read the Title VI – Notice to the Public
4. Action Item - Approve the TAC meeting minutes of May 19, 2020
Motion
Jess Knudson presented a motion to approve the TAC meeting minutes of May 19, 2020.
Motion was seconded by Stuart Schmeling.
Vote on Motion
The vote on the motion was unanimous.
5. LHMPO Director's Report
Vinny Gallegos announced that Jeanette Buckley has been transfer to Transit Department. She will be transitioning into Transit and the MPO is filling this position in the coming weeks.

Vinny Gallegos advised the TAC that he revised the Agenda to give each agency a chance to give a report.
6. WACOG Transportation Report
Justin Hembree announced that the Transit TAC awarded the Regional Implementation Transportation Plan to Kittleson & Associates.
7. RTAC (Rural Transportation Advocacy Council) Report
Kevin Adams updated the TAC that the impact on public revenues weren't not as bad as estimated. State revenues are up state sales tax was up 13 % over July of 2019. Revenues are trending in the right direction. Gas tax is 12% down on collections due to the people working remotely. ADOT financial staff was looking at an 11 million dollar loss due to COVID affecting the revenues. ADOT financial staff is looking at finalizing the revenue forecast by August 31st. Arizona State Transportation Board will adopt the 5 Year State Transportation

Plan on October 27th. On the federal level there looks like there will be another round of COVID funding and hopefully there will be transportation infrastructure funding included.

8. ADOT District Engineer's Report

Todd Steinberger reported to the TAC the State Traffic Engineer will be coming to Lake Havasu City to look at the Kiowa shopping center for the traffic signal project. He will let the District know if he is going to support that the signal go forward at the third driveway.

Todd Steinberger advised the TAC that the micro-sealing will be pushed to next year because of the funding.

Greg Froslic asked Todd Steinberger if he knew when the 3rd driveway at Kiowa was going to be evaluated. Todd Steinberger responded he hasn't heard a schedule from the State Traffic Engineer.

Vinny Gallegos indicated to the TAC that anybody that would like to comment to the Arizona State Transportation Board regarding SR95 or the funding. Originally the September meeting was supposed to be held in Lake Havasu City but since they are still holding the meetings virtually it is still a good opportunity to join the meeting virtually and addressing the State Transportation Board.

9. ADOT Planner's Report

Jason James provided the following report to the TAC

1. P2P (FY22-26): Consultant (AECOM) is currently working on Technical & Policy Score updates for Pavement Preservation & Bridge projects. Call for District Top 5 Modernization Projects was sent to all ADOT Districts. The P2P Workshops will take place in October 2020. Final P2P List will be completed by mid-November 2020. Planning Level Scoping & Finalized Project List to Programming by the end of February 2021.

2. MPO/COG Manual Update: WSP was selected to be the consultant for the AZ MPO/COG Manual Update. An internal review by ADOT/FHWA program sections should be wrapping up this week. Once this internal review is completed, the Draft manual will be sent to COG/MPO Planners for comment. This comment period will last 2 weeks. Around end of Sept/early Oct, final Manual Presentation will take place at AZ COG/MPO Planners Meeting.

3. Corridor Profile Studies: ADOT's Corridor Planning Group is currently preparing an RFP to update the Corridor Profile Studies. It is anticipated that the next Corridor Profile Studies will kick-off in late 2020. The purpose of the corridor profile studies is to evaluate the performance of each of the state route corridors in five main categories including pavement, bridge, safety, mobility, and freight. Based on performance, the study team would be able to develop solutions and propose projects to address the corridor needs. Each of these solutions/projects would be submitted for consideration in ADOT's Planning to Programming (P2P) process. Corridors of interest in LHMPO Region:

- SR 95 from I-8 to I-40
- I-40 West (California Border to I-17)

- SR 68/SR 95 North Corridor

4. Planning Level Estimating: In place of the September 2020 Every Day Counts (EDC) Stakeholder meeting, ADOT LPA Group will be following up on a topic previously discussed and identified as a subject to improve delivery on federal-aid projects. The topic is "Planning Level Estimating." An online training session will take place on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The training will consist of the following:

- ADOT LPA, How to Do A Planning Level Estimate Using E2C2 (Estimated Engineering Construction Cost). 30 Minutes + 15 Min Q & A
- Pima County's Methodology for A Planning Level Estimate. 30 Minutes + 15 Min Q & A

The focus of the Planning Level Estimate Using E2C2 will show local agencies how to look up recent ADOT historical bid prices and discuss consideration of defining detailed description of work and impacts of time on planning level estimating. Pima County will share their recent experience preparing a planning level estimate.

10. Lake Havasu City Transit Report

Patrick Cipres updated the TAC that Lake Havasu City Transit has been able to navigate the TRAMS system. Also been working with ADOT Transit Division on the statewide Safety Plan that is a requirement for the 5307 funding. Currently we are working on the National Transit Database requirements. We were successful in putting in a CARES act application and a 5307 application.

Patrick Cipres thanked Greg Froslic and Vinny Gallegos for with the transition of Jeanette Buckley to Transit to get these items done it takes two people to navigate through all the requirements. Greg Froslic congratulated the Transit team on all the accomplishments so far.

11. **HSIP FY19/20 Project Update** - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon for Acoma Blvd. & Pima Dr. North
Greg Froslic updated the TAC that on August 19th there was partnering meeting and construction conference. This meeting was attended by ADOT, KAZ Construction and Lake Havasu City staff. Lake Havasu City is working with KAZ Construction with what they need as far as submittals. Construction will start in January.

12. **HSIP FY21/22 Project Update** - Swanson Ave. / Acoma Blvd. Revised Scope and Cost
Vinny Gallegos advised the TAC that Mike Blankenship with Greenlight Traffic Engineering finished the cost estimate for a traffic signal at Swanson Ave/Acoma Boulevard it came in right under \$1 million dollars.

Mike Blankenship updated the TAC that the project came in right under \$1 million dollars. In addition to the traffic signal there is also rectangular flash beacons and speed feedback signs on Acoma by the golf course area. There also will be a couple of speed feedback signs on McCulloch on the approach to El Dorado. If the bids come in higher than estimated Lake Havasu City can send in a justification letter to ADOT dropping the additional projects to cover the traffic signal this project has no match for Lake Havasu City.

Vinny Gallegos will reach out to ADOT and advise them that the scope of work is completed, and it came in under the \$1 million-dollar mark.

13. HSIP FY23/24 Projects Update – London Bridge Road Safety Improvements / MPO Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

Vinny Gallegos updated the TAC that Lake Havasu City MPO was awarded two projects for FY23/FY24. The MPO Strategic Transportation Safety Plan was awarded \$350,000. Vinny Gallegos turned the update on London Bridge Road Safety Improvement over to Mike Blankenship.

Mike Blankenship informed the TAC that the London Bridge Road Safety Improvements are restriping the southern end of London Bridge Road to SR95 adding bike lanes. Where appropriate reduce the lanes to two lanes and add four speed feedback signs.

14. 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Workshop

Vinny Gallegos indicated that this is the first meeting/workshop with the TAC and looking for engagement. Vinny Gallegos advised the TAC their input will shape this 25-year plan.

Phyllis Davis gave the TAC a presentation which is available at the Lake Havasu MPO office. Phyllis Davis provided what the Regional Transportation Plan and this workshop will be covering:

- This plan will set up the region up for success
- What are the changing transportation needs
- What federal compliances have changed
- Determine priorities for the region
- The final plan should be completed in May 2021
- The differences with this plan versus the 2040 plan will be an integrated approach (vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, transit, goods movement, and aviation)
- Federal and State performance measures and targets
- Project Prioritization Process
- Who's on the team Kittleson and Associates, Greenlight Traffic Engineering and AECOM
- Will be reviewing what major improvements have been completed since the 2040 RTP
- Develop the future needs of the community as far as transportation needs
- What corridors should the plan focus on
- Updated functional classifications and increased number of minor collectors
- Focus on regionally significant routes
- What key intersections should be included
- What improvements need to be done to the key intersections
 - Stuart Schmeling asked about a second connection to the island could be looked at
 - Greg Froslic advised that there is property that has been purchased for a possible second bridge
- Travel conditions what areas are experiencing congestion or operational issues
 - Greg Froslic advised that the transition from SR95 to Mesquite or Swanson the traffic signal timing has caused back up
 - Steven Latoski suggested floating car runs to determine level of service for SR95
 - Jeff Herb suggest Lake Havasu Avenue and Kiowa intersection
 - Greg Froslic said the traffic guys should be included in this conversation

- Steven Latoski asked if freight corridors should be looked out
- How has COVID-19 impacted traffic
 - Greg Froslic advised that traffic has increased in Lake Havasu City
 - Steven Latoski advised that with the pent-up demand in California has been bringing these folks into Bullhead City, Parker and Lake Havasu City
 - Greg Froslic advised that anywhere boat launches has been causing backups every weekend
- What areas experience safety issues
 - Michael Blankenship informed the TAC that 40% of the fatal crashes are involving motorcycles
 - Two fatal accidents were head on crashes on SR95 Mike Blankenship suggested raised medians on SR95
 - Vinny Gallegos that there has been discussion of medians on SR95 by this group and would like to see if there is support for doing the medians
 - Todd Steinberger indicated that ADOT is probably is going to go after medians on SR95
 - Steven Latoski said he wants to see in this Regional Transportation Plan is technology and adaptive traffic signal control
 - Steven Latoski has done a white paper on this technology in Mohave County
 - Phyllis Davis and Greg Froslic requested a copy of this white paper from Steven Latoski
 - Jeff Herb that signal coordination could help with the rear end crashes
 - Jeff Herb suggested looking at potential bus pullouts for transit since this will be starting in the near future
 - Vinny Gallegos added that Lake Havasu MPO does have money set aside to do a potential project with ADOT to do traffic signal technology
 - Jeanette Buckley informed that the price for this project was \$187,000 and that Lake Havasu MPO's half would be around \$94,000
 - Vinny Gallegos stated this is still an option that there needs to be further discussion with the TAC
- What Multimodal improvements do you think are needed
- Phyllis Davis will be sending out maps to the group to see if there needs to be additional walking/bike paths
- What is the biggest challenges and future trends for the region moving forward
 - Jess Knudson advised that one of the biggest challenges will be the amount of right-of-way available
 - Greg Froslic indicated that in some areas Lake Havasu City is built-out and limited on the right-of-way that is available
 - Vinny Gallegos advised that with the census that there possibly will be a neighboring MPO in Bullhead/Mohave area this can cause the funding resources can be reduced
 - Justin Hembree stated that he agreed with Vinny Gallegos that the funding is getting reduced and projects are increasing in cost
 - Todd Steinberger suggested at looking at the region as a whole when we start talking about technology and also look at another route that takes the place of SR95 besides London Bridge Road and Lake Havasu Avenue
- What is next
 - Existing and Future Conditions - Fall 2020
 - Public Outreach Phase 1 – Late Fall 2020

- Evaluation and Prioritization - Winter 2020-2021

15. Future Agenda Items?

Greg Froslic asked for any future agenda items none were given.

16. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- LHMPO Executive Board Meeting: **September 8, 2020 2:00 PM**
- LHMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting: **September 22, 2020, 1:30 PM**

17. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was presented by Jess Knudson, seconded by Stuart Schmeling. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.