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# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

Tuesday, September 26, 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 Froslie)

Chairman Greg Froslie called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

## 2. ROLL CALL (Sarah Lojewski)

Sarah Lojewski performed the Roll Call

Present: Chairman Greg Froslie, Vice-Chairman Steven Latoski, Members Will Randolph, Jess Knudson, Jeff Thuneman, Roland Hulse, Sam Massey for Todd Steinberger, 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 Froslie)

There was no request from the public to address the TAC.

## 5. Approve the TAC Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2023

Jeff Thuneman motioned to approve the July 25, 2023, meeting minutes. Roland Hulse seconded the motion.

## 6. RTAC Projects for Legislative Session 2024

The list comprised of projects for Greater AZ totaling \$400 million will be introduced to the state legislators as a *single* piece of legislation (bill) or may simply be included in the Governor's budget. Based on the table and figures provided by the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC), the overall anticipated funding available to the LHMPO region is estimated at \$14,283,157.95.

The LHMPO has created a new section in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) specifically for the state legislative side-aside funding. The 4 projects programmed in the TIP for this specific funding source will be considered in "Parking-Lot" status (pending) until the funding is awarded by the state legislators.

Will Randolph, Regional Transportation Planner abstained from voting.

Roland Hulse motioned to approve the RTAC Projects for Legislative Session 2024. Steve Latoski seconded the motion.

## 7. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Projects

Justin Hembree, LHMPO Director advised the TAC on the grant application submitted by the LHMPO for a \$400k scoping project with 8 locations for safe routes to school. Mr. Henige with ADOT LPA informed the TAC of the successful submittal of the prescreening process from LHMPO with the final applications due by Friday 9/29/23.

#### 8. ADOT LPA Report

Mr. Hembree shared with the TAC the ADOT LPA project status report. The report is attached to the Agenda packet. The projects are federally funded projects within the Lake Havasu MPO region. Mr. Froslie disclosed to the TAC that the ADOT staff was on site in Lake Havasu City meeting with the locals and reviewing the designs on these projects. Mr. Henige corrected the report stating there is an updated version and the London Bridge Safety Improvement Project is under the construction phase, not the design phase. He also explained the importance of the report and the coordination between the ADOT staff and the locals.

## 9. ADOT District Engineer's Report

John Casey, the Developed Engineer with ADOT advised the TAC on the upcoming projects in the region.

## 10. ADOT Planner's Report

Will Randolph, Regional Transportation Planner

Subject: ADOT MPD Report

- **1. FY25-29 Five-Year Construction Program:** District workshops have been recently completed for the month of September. The P2P Manager is working on incorporating Workshop comments & project updates into the P2P List. The P2P process will prioritize all highway construction projects for consideration in ADOT's FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Construction Program.
- **2. 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 <a href="https://azdot.gov/planning/grant-coordination/az-smart-fund">https://azdot.gov/planning/grant-coordination/az-smart-fund</a>.

- **3**. **Federal Discretionary Grants:** Please continue to visit USDOT's website or the ADOT grant coordination page <a href="https://azdot.gov/planning/adot-grant-coordination-group">https://azdot.gov/planning/adot-grant-coordination-group</a> for the NOFOs and deadlines.
- **4. TA Program:** Project applications were accepted up to August 31st for phase 1 of the process. Project sponsors whose application met the phase 1 screening criteria were 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. The program website is live at <a href="https://activetransportation.az.gov/transportation-alternatives-program">https://activetransportation.az.gov/transportation-alternatives-program</a>. The website has a recorded webinar, guidance, FAQs, and links to the application.

#### Status of ADOT studies:

## 1. Long Range Transportation Plan:

The LRTP has finished the first public review for the Draft LRTP for the 45 day comment period and the deadline was September 7th. For the review of the draft LRTP ADOT received over 120 responses and 485 individual comments. In addition, at the 8/22/23 Statewide Virtual Meeting, 67 people attended and submitted 73 comments and questions. Public comments were reviewed and the draft went to the Governor's Office, ADOT Executive Leadership and the STB mid September. Now we are currently in the 30 day public comment period before it goes to the STB for final approval in October. Please visit the ADOT LRTP webpage <a href="https://www.adot2050plan.com">https://www.adot2050plan.com</a> which hosts the plan documentation, summary sheets (2-3 page bullet point reports of said working papers) and to provide comments.

- 2. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan: The NEVI plan update was submitted on August 1st with approval expected by September 30th as required per the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation. A Statewide Virtual Public Meeting for the EV Plan Update took place on 7/18/23. The Request for Information period has closed to gain feedback and perspectives for the future procurement of vendors regarding the EV installation and we are reviewing the responses received. ADOT will be looking at conducting RFPs later 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
- 3. The **Statewide Truck Parking Plan:** The last stakeholder meeting occurred on September 11th and the project is on schedule. The recent stakeholder meeting discussed the undesignated parking analysis, locations of improvement, and implementation strategies. The consultant is also working on a benefit/cost

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analysis, alternative materials, and locations for potential truck parking expansions/conversions at existing ADOT facilities. The next stakeholder meeting will be October 3rd to discuss the implementation strategies.

4. **Statewide ITS Architecture Update:** The data collection is completed. The prior 2018 project lists have been sent to local agencies for any updates to be implemented in the project list. ADOT will be providing its own project updates to the consultant soon since most of the ITS efforts are concerned with the statewide system.

#### 11. WACOG Transportation Report

Roland Hulse, WACOG Transportation Manager provided an update on the Regional Transit Implementation Plan. The final plan is complete and he anticipates the plan to go out for review after the consulatant finishes quality control.

#### 12. Request For Proposals- Ranking (Voting Members Only)

Jess Knudson motioned to approve the unanimouse vote to appoint Kimly Horn as the top consultant for the ranking of the proposals. Roland Hulse seconded the motion.

#### 13. UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

- o LHMPO Executive Board Meeting: October 10, 2023, 10:00 AM
- o LHMPO TAC Meeting: November 14, 2023, 10:00 AM

#### 13. ADJOURN

Chairman Greg Froslie adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

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