



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PINAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

Thursday, November 21, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.

**Palo Verde Room (Northwest Multipurpose Room), Pinal County Administrative Complex,
135 N. Pinal Street
Florence, AZ 85132**

The minutes for the regular meeting are as follows:

Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kevin Louis called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

TAC members present: Maxine Brown, James "Jim" Fabris, Theodore "Ted" Hawkins, Kevin Louis, Giao Pham, Paul Prechel, Thomas "Tom" Snider, and Harold Vangilder.

TAC members absent: David Garcia and Philip Wakeman.

III. Welcome

Chairman Louis greeted all present at the meeting and provided brief opening remarks.

IV. Introductions

The TAC members and Pinal County/Public Works leadership and staff provided introductions.

Pinal County/Public Works leadership/staff present: Louis Andersen, Scott Bender, Fausto Burruel, Patricia Grieb, Doug Hansen, Jim Higginbotham, John Kraft, Joe Ortiz, Celeste Pemberton, Jeff Stolze, and Angeline To.

Guests present: Bernard Williams and Steve Zobro.

V. Call to the Public

Chairman Louis opened the call to the public and two members of the public responded.



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Steve Zobro who lives in Gilbert, Arizona requested that the TAC consider McDavid Road (south to Sage Street) and Sage Street, approximately a 1-mile segment, for inclusion in the 2014 Transportation Improvement and Maintenance Program (Budget Year 2017-2018) as a dust palliative project. Mr. Zobro indicated that he was aware that the proposed project was not being recommended by Public Works staff for inclusion in Budget Year 2017-2018 but stated his company was willing to invest \$30,000 in the cost of the proposed project. Mr. Zobro further stated that air quality within the area could be an issue with the existing dairy and potential traffic from the new airport.

Bernard Williams who lives in Maricopa, Arizona requested that the TAC consider Hidden Valley Road (from Sotol Road to Fresno Road) and Sotol Road (from Warren Road to Hidden Valley Road) for inclusion in the 2014 Transportation Improvement and Maintenance Program (Budget Year 2017-2018) as an paving project. Mr. Williams stated that the County should pave these roads since other roads in the area have already been paved.

Clerk Kathy Borquez read written comments received from Bryan Maibauer on November 19, 2013. Mr. Maibauer who lives in Apache Junction requested that the TAC consider Muleshoe Road (from east Roundup Street north to 1415 Muleshoe Road) for inclusion in the 2014 Transportation Improvement and Maintenance Program (Budget Year 2017-2018) as a dust palliative project.

Copies of the public comment form for each speaker and written comments provided to the Clerk are attached.

VI. Discussion/Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2013

Member Jim Fabris made a motion to approve the minutes from September 24, 2013 and Member Maxine Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Transportation Project Status Reports on projects currently listed in the 2013 Transportation Improvement and Maintenance Program

In the interest of time, oral reports were not given by the Public Works area engineers. Written reports were provided by the Public Works Area Engineers. Copies of the reports are attached.

VIII. Other Business

Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses

Clerk Borquez stated that during the last TAC meeting (September 24, 2013), Chairman Louis raised the question if TAC members could be reimbursed for field work to review projects. At that time, Clerk Borquez advised the TAC that she would consult with legal counsel on the matter and report back. Clerk Borquez requested a legal opinion from Deputy County Attorney Patricia Grieb on the subject.



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Ms. Grieb stated that mileage cannot be reimbursed for field work. She stated that field work is not a function of the members of the TAC and County staff is responsible for providing the necessary information so that the TAC can make its recommendations on the proposed transportation projects.

IX. New Business

Presentation/Discussion of the Transportation Project Requests (Budget Year 2017-2018) and Project Amendments for consideration in the 2014 Transportation Improvement and Maintenance Program

Clerk Borquez provided an overview of the Transportation Project Requests (Budget Year 2017-2018) for consideration in the 2014 Transportation Improvement and Maintenance Program and reviewed the process for which requests are screened, evaluated, and scored. She stated that from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, Public Works staff received 44 transportation project requests with 6 of those requests originating from Public Works staff. 14 of the 44 requests were ineligible for the transportation program because they were either duplicated requests, already listed on the current transportation plan or not related to transportation. After removing the ineligible requests, the Public Works area engineers reviewed and evaluated 30 requests.

A copy of the presentation is attached.

Public Works Area Engineers Celeste Pemberton, Jeff Stolze, and Angeline To presented the Public Works staff recommendations along with their engineering evaluations of the proposed transportation projects. Public Works staff recommended 13 (6 improvement and 7 maintenance) projects with an estimated cost of \$4.5 million.

A summary report of the recommended proposed projects is attached.

X. Announcements

Chairman Louis announced that the next REGULAR MEETING is Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 2:30 p.m., Palo Verde Room (Northwest Multipurpose Room) No. 142, Pinal County Administrative Complex (1891 Courthouse), 135 N. Pinal Street, Florence, AZ 85132

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Louis adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.



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APPROVED this 25th day of February, 2014, by the Pinal County Transportation Advisory Committee.

Chairman, Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTEST:

Clerk, Transportation Advisory Committee

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