



SEAGO TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR SEAGO TAC

DATE:	March 17, 2011		
TIME:	10:00am to 12:00pm		
PLACE:	Cochise Community College Meeting Room		
	1025 State Hwy. 90, Benson Arizona		
TAC Attendees	Akos Kovach – SEAGO Alan Baker – Clifton Christie Jensen – Bisbee Heath Brown – Thatcher Irene Zuniga – Sierra Vista Jackie Watkins – ADOT Jesus Valdez – Santa Cruz Co.	Karen Lambertson – Chair Cochise Co. Luke Droeger – SEAGO Marvin Mull – SCAT Mark Hoffman – ADOT Rep Michael Bryce – VC Graham Co. Randy Heiss – SEAGO	Randy Petty – Safford Rob Longaker – SCAT Scott Altherr – Kimley Horn Scott Lehman – Douglas Susan Anderson – ADOT Tom Klimek – Bisbee
SHADED ITEMS ARE MOTION ITEMS			
ITEM	SUBJECT		
1.	Call to Order and Introductions		
2.	Approval of Minutes of January 21 – Randy Petty moved to approve the minutes as presented; Heath Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. APPROVED		
3.	SEAGO Ledger Balances- <i>The SEAGO Ledger was distributed and discussed with the TAC. Luke D. stated that the Ledger has been updated to match the adopted TIP.</i>		
4.	TIP Report- <i>Luke D. and Mark H. gave a quick TIP update. Luke stated that the 2012 Draft TIP will be submitted to ADOT after presentation to the SEAGO Admin Council and Board. Randy P. asked about his project being listed in the STIP. Mark H. confirmed that once the project is in the TIP the process can start to request a TRACS number. The project does need to be in the STIP prior to obligation.</i> <i>Mark H. asked Karen L. about Davis road projects. . Karen L. stated that the county still needs an IGA with ADOT. Environmental clearance documents are in final stages and approval is needed before 60% plans can be approved.</i>		
5.	Transit Report- <i>Luke D. stated that he did not have very much to report on transit at this time. The 5300 program applications were reviewed and ranked the day before this meeting. Final applications are due to ADOT April 15. The contact for that program is Melanie Greene, a consultant with SEAGO. The Transit Coordination Plan is in the process of being rewritten. The AzTA Conference is scheduled for April 10-13. Graham/Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties were congratulated for their coordinated and proactive work in their monthly coordination meetings. A Transit Report is attached.</i>		



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6.	<p>ADOT Rep Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PARA Update – Mark H. updated the TAC on several active PARA grants in the SEAGO region. The Nogales pedestrian study has started; the Bisbee Transportation Plan Current Conditions Report is under review with a TAC meeting scheduled for April 28th; Tombstone has a bypass evaluation project that anticipates a kick-off meeting sometime in April of 2011. Wilbur Smith is on contract for the Nogales and Bisbee reports and will be reassigning project managers (Dale Miller, currently the project lead is moving to a different consulting firm).</i> • <i>The new PARA study grant cycle will be in mid-summer, possibly in July.</i>
7.	<p>Regional Local Program Reports:</p> <p>➤ <i>Status of Local Projects</i></p> <p><i>The TAC members shared brief updates on active local projects.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Randy P., Safford, noted that the sidewalks on 20th Ave., were completed with a Transportation Enhancement project beginning this Spring. They are waiting for a IGA from ADOT.</i> • <i>Tom K., Bisbee, has a Transportation Enhancement Project for the glass sidewalk going out for design next month. A sidewalk project for SR92 in the San Jose area waiting for an IGA. The Arizona St. project has broken ground and is expected to be completed by the monsoon season.</i> • <i>Irene Z, Sierra Vista. noted that several multi-use path and sidewalk path projects were finishing up with others in final design. Charleston Rd., an AARA project is ongoing and the Fry Blvd. overlay project was awarded by the State Board and will be completed at night to minimize delay.</i> • <i>Charles Russell, San Carlos Tribe noted that work in the CAAG district along San Carlos Ave., and work also along Rt. 6.</i> • <i>Jesus Valdez, Santa Cruz County, 95% plans for the Palo Parado project is at ADOT for final review. They are also working on a trails master plan.</i> • <i>Health Brown, Thatcher, submitted a Project assessment this week for a traffic signal project that they hope to bid in May.</i> • <i>Michael Bryce, Graham County, working on a JPA for a Transportation Enhancement Grant with ADOT. Almost closing out the Peterson wash project. Michael B. asked about bridge funds and Mark H. directed him to submit a letter to ADOT Bridge Team asking for assistance.</i> • <i>Scott Lehman, Douglas, is working on a resurfacing of Chino Rd. and a temporary surfacing treatment to 3rd. street.</i> <p><i>Karen L., Cochise County, stated that work continues to push Davis Rd. forward, the St. David pathway enhancement project is working to resolve a water line issue.</i></p>
8.	<p>District Engineers' Report-</p> <p><i>Jackie Watkins, sitting in for Safford District, provided an update on the crash of</i></p>



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	<p><i>two semi-trucks caused an accident which started a magnesium fire and compromised the bridge at the Mescal/J-Six interchange. The overpass will be closed until an in-kind replacement can be designed and constructed. A timeframe for doing so was not yet known. A Quarterly Report for the Safford District is attached. The SR90 interchange improvement project going well and Karen L. reminded ADOT to bring in the Cochise County inspectors for work on Dark Star Rd. and the County will be taking in that road into their system after it is completed. SR92 median project is still being considered as crashes still are occurring.</i></p>
9.	<p>HURF Update- <i>Randy H. gave a HURF update and will forward updated HURF information to the TAC. He stated that the HURF transfers next year will be \$90 million, which amounts to a \$170 million loss to the state program. Collections decreased in Jan. by 2.2%, flat for the tax year. Az. Senate legislation pulls more funds out from the transportation revenues but it is still unknown what the final budget will be. \$42 million is identified to be pulled from local funds back to the state. HURF is a complicated formula but includes lane miles + gas tax + share of the state.</i></p>
10.	<p>2010 Census Update- <i>Karen L. gave a brief census 2010 update which is attached. The TAC was given links to investigate their own specific counts and encouraged to compare 2000 data with 2010 data to get a better understanding of their local jurisdiction changes. Although a program is available for challenging the census count the criteria is very narrow and jurisdictions that question if their count is any good should begin to cross-check with other available records, like school records, to see if they can prove up any clear discrepancies. Randy H. asked about tribe census count numbers. The TAC was advised that the first data release is for redistricting purposes; additional data and population counts for sub-areas will continually be released all year.</i></p>
11.	<p>STP Project Discussion / Selection: <i>Four of the communities presented mini-DCR's (held after lunch); however, no formal submittals had been done through SEAGO. The TAC determined to set a submittal date so that the TAC could review proposals in advance of the meeting. Scoring sheets will also be sent to the TAC for pre-ranking proposals.</i></p>
12.	<p>Traffic Count RFP- <i>Luke D. stated that SEAGO had prepared a Traffic Count RFP and distributed the scope to the TAC. The group had many questions about the RFP and the TAC discussed the original purposes of the project which was to satisfy and update HPMS (which consultant rely on for local planning studies and projects), assist jurisdictions in updated information for applying for grants, to create a baseline of traffic count data to roughly match with the Census 2010 data. ADOT advised that the TAC cannot use federal funds as match to other federal funds. There was a question whether or not SEAGO was able to assist with the match. Randy H. will find out what exactly was presented to the Admin council and the Board. If funds</i></p>



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	<i>are committed to this project from the SEAGO TIP they will need to be included in the next adopted TIP. A rough cost of \$150,000 had been estimated for this project.</i>
13.	Items for General Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Luke D. distributed critical dates for the SEAGO Region to the TAC.</i>• <i>The next TAC meeting will be moved up to May 5th in order for the TAC to approve the 2012 Draft TIP before the Regional Council.</i>
14.	Items for Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STP Project Selection
15.	Next Meeting Date – May 5
	Adjourned – Approx 2:05pm

Action may be taken on any item on the agenda