



PIMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF WEBEX MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

12:00 PM

Members Present: Albert Letzkus, Dan Eckstrom, Charlene Robinson, Lucretia Free, Tom Berezny, Frank Santa Cruz, Ed Verburg, John Bernal, Tom McGovern

Members Absent: John Winchester, Melissa Brown-Dominguez, Ramón Valadez, and District 3 Vacancy.

Also Present: Transportation Staff: Ana Olivares, Director; Lauren Ortega, Deputy Director; Kathryn Skinner, Deputy Director; Matt Sierras, Maintenance Operations Division Manager; Michelle Montagnino, Maintenance Operations Assistant Division Manage; and Annabelle Valenzuela.

Madam Chair Lucretia Free called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

*** Segments marked by three red asterisks were discussed out of sequence. However, notes track with Agenda.

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1.	Pledge of Allegiance – <i>Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair</i> Chair Free led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.	Pt 1 00:12
2.	Call to Order - Roll Call – <i>Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair/Annabelle Valenzuela, PCDOT Staff</i> Ms. Valenzuela took attendance; a meeting quorum was achieved.	Pt 1 01:02
3.	New Transportation Staff Introductions – <i>Ana Olivares, PCDOT Director</i> Chair Free acknowledged Rich Franz-Under for his longstanding service to the PCTAC. She appreciated his professionalism, close involvement and thorough explanations in Subcommittee presentations in the early months of the PCTAC formation. Chair Free thanked Mr. Franz-Under and wished him the best in all future endeavors.	Pt 1 03:05
	Director Olivares presented new DOT staff fully committed to help the PCTAC:	Pt 1 03:57
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lauren Ortega</i>, Deputy Director, joins Kathryn Skinner in assisting Director Olivares with running the Department of Transportation. Ms. Ortega replaces Jorge Riveros (resigned). • <i>Matt Sierras</i>, Maintenance Operations Division Manager, brings extensive work experience in maintenance and construction areas. Mr. Sierras replaces Rob Lane (resigned). • <i>Jason Boley</i>, Pavement Management Manager, oversees Pavement Management Program and handles DOT’s contract packages requesting bid proposals for DOT road projects. Mr. Boley replaces John Olivas (retired). • <i>Gabe Leyva</i>, Analytics and Process Manager, heads the Network Management Systems team to run scenarios with our StreetSaver program and other traffic metric data apps that support the road list. For the last two months, he has worked with Mr. Franz-Under to achieve a seamless transfer of knowledge. Mr. Leyva replaces Rich Franz-Under who will retire February 2, 2022. 	
	Chair Free expressed confidence in Ms. Olivares’ ability to create another successful team working with PCTAC and the residents of Pima County.	Pt 1 06:50
4.	Welcome New District 3 Committee Member Charlene Robinson – <i>Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair</i> Chair Free welcomed new PCTAC member Charlene Robinson. Technical difficulties prevented Ms. Robinson from introducing herself and sharing of her interest in transportation and road issues.	Pt 1 07:01

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4.	Ms. Valenzuela announced that PCTAC member Dan Eckstrom and the Honorable Board Member Steve Christy were in attendance. Chair Free welcomed their participation.	Pt 1 09:10
5.	PCTAC Officer Elections – Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair Chair Free informed she would continue participating in the Committee, though this is her last meeting as Chair. She opened the floor for PCTAC officer nominations.	Pt 1 10:05
	Nominations for PCTAC Chair	
	Mr. Berezny nominated Ed Verburg for PCTAC Chair; Mr. Letzkus seconded the motion. Mr. Verburg replied that though unexpected, he would be happy to serve.	Pt 1 10:40
	Chair Free called for other nominations for Chair. Mr. Verburg nominated Ramón Valadez saying that the PCTAC would benefit from his knowledge and past experiences with running effective meetings; Dan Eckstrom seconded the motion.	Pt 1 11:26
	Chair Free asked if the person being nominated needed to be present to accept the nomination. Ms. Valenzuela replied that the Bylaws do not specify. However, when she spoke with Mr. Valadez regarding a potential nomination, he replied he would accept.	Pt 1 12:24
	Chair Free welcomed nominees to speak regarding their interest in being PCTAC Chair.	Pt 1 12:50
	Mr. Verburg thanked Chair Free for her expertise and willingness to look at different views. He said he would model after her meeting proceedings as she did an overall fantastic job running the PCTAC meetings. He liked that she sought not only committee input but also public input, and that she recognized, in a very good fashion, Board members attending meetings. Mr. Verburg mentioned his own undergraduate studies with surveying emphasis, plus his neighborhood responsibilities over the years with road maintenance and his added interest in improving county roads, would benefit the Committee. He felt the PCTAC is headed in the right direction with committee and staff input and though he had not expected the nomination, he appreciated the consideration and looked forward to working with the group. Chair Free thanked Mr. Verburg for his comments.	Pt 1 13:08
	Mr. Valadez was not in attendance to comment. However, Chair Free acknowledged his prior experience serving in various roles, in particular with the Pima County Board of Supervisors and that he had expressed his willingness to be Chair, if elected to do so.	Pt 1 14:12
	A roll-call vote followed with nine members present. Mr. Verburg’s nomination for Chair received a majority vote.	Pt 1 15:06
	A Roll-call vote followed with nine members present. Mr. Valadez’s nomination for Chair did not receive any votes.	Pt 1 17:07
	Ms. Valenzuela confirmed Ed Verburg received six votes to be elected Chair. Chair Free asked the Committee to approve the motion, confirming Mr. Verburg as new PCTAC Chair. Hearing no oppositions, motion was approved.	Pt 1 13:39
	Nominations for PCTAC Vice-Chair	
	Chair Free called for nominations for PCTAC Vice Chair. Mr. Bernal said though it is unfortunate Ms. Charlene Robinson was unable to introduce herself earlier, he has known her for some time and nominated her for Vice-Chair as a welcomed addition to the PCTAC. Mr. Santa Cruz seconded the nomination.	Pt 1 20:20

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5.	Ms. Valenzuela confirmed Ms. Robinson was willing to accept the Vice-Chair nomination. Being unopposed, Ms. Robinson’s nomination for Vice Chair was unanimously confirmed.	Pt 1 22:03
6.	Action Item: Approval of Meeting Summary for October 26, 2021 – , PCTAC Chair Mr. McGovern motioned to approve; Mr. Berezny seconded. Without opposition, motion passed.	Pt 1 22:30
7.	Road Repair Update – Michelle Montagnino, PCDOT Staff Reference Ms. Montagnino’s presentation for FY22 Pavement Program details and project photos.	Pt 1 23:20
	<u>Completed Projects</u>	Pt 1 24:42
	Ms. Montagnino noted little has changed since PCTAC’s last meeting. Completion dates noted.	
	<u>Milling and Paving</u>	
	Town of Ajo – 11/19 La Bella & New Day – 12/10	
	<u>Curb Ramp</u>	
	Green Valley Curb Ramp Ramps – 11/18 Catalina & Central Area ADA – 11/24	
	<u>In Construction</u>	
	Several projects recently started, including three new curb ramp projects are on track for completion before end of March, with paving following shortly thereafter. For milling and paving projects, four large hard-bid projects started in December 2021.	Pt 1 25:25
	<u>Curb Ramps</u>	
	Countryside Area (new) South of CDO (new) North of CDO (new) South Area	
	<u>Surface Treatments</u>	
	A new crack sealing project started 01/17/22 in the Colossal Cave area will be completed end of February.	
	<u>Paving</u>	
	<u>BOS Districts 1 & 4</u> – pre-construction activities underway, paving completion end of February.	
	<u>BOS District 1 Area A</u> – currently milling and paving in Villa Entrada area.	
	<u>BOS District 1 Area B</u> – pre-construction activities underway in Riverside Terrace subdivision.	
	<u>BOS Districts 1 & 3</u> – pre-construction activities underway, paving in Rancho Feliz / Sunset Manor subdivisions.	
	<u>Southeast M & P</u> – Vail area complete. Focusing on J-6 for early February completion. Mary Ann Cleveland skipped due to TEP manholes requiring schedule workaround. Southern Arizona Paving partnered with TEP on utility adjustments and project completion by June, when high school is on break.	
	<u>Arivaca Area M & P</u> – operations wrapping up; cleanup work underway	
	Ms. Montagnino updated the committee regarding Arivaca Road pavement damage. A section of Arivaca Road, from the I-19 Border Patrol station into the Town of Arivaca, developed pavement damage varying in severity from rough surface to stress cracks and potholes. Staff has been monitoring and pothole patching some bad areas while investigating the cause. She referenced slide 5 regarding what staff has learned about the problem areas, what geotech soil analysis discovered, and what staff is doing to monitor and repair Arivaca Road pavement damage. Ms. Montagnino said these problems have not been seen on Ruby Road or Arivaca-Sasabe, which were pulverized roads.	Pt 1 28:29
	The pavement problem continues developing and staff is closely monitoring those areas. Speed reductions are in place; pothole patching is being done; and more thorough geotech analysis has been contracted with Conformatech for testing of 12 areas instead of the initial 4. Once the road is stabilized, staff will identify what the repair limits will be using geotech analysis to achieve a stable base road surface. Future updates will be provided.	Pt 1 31:00

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7.	Mr. McGovern asked if there is a visual inspection or geotech analysis performed on the subgrade after pulverization, either by testing or typing subgrade or checking to determine enough density available for paving. Ms. Montagnino replied that the inspection was mostly visual with onsite staff and inspectors reviewing rolling patterns, vibrations, and process ensuring enough water was in the subgrade material being worked in during regrading. Formal geotech testing was not done after the milling was complete.	Pt 2 0:07
	Mr. McGovern commented he was sure the finished pavement was tested because it looked like there was gravel pavement, meaning there was something wrong with the mix and not the subgrade. Ms. Montagnino said no determinations have been made and investigations were ongoing but they do have mix design and quality analyses samples for all onsite pavement.	Pt 2 01:28
	Mr. Bernal commented that since most of the pavement is improved, there may be high speed drivers unaware of problem areas. He asked what public information is being shared with residents of Arivaca regarding reductions in speed in worse spots. Ms. Montagnino replied that increased signage, news stories, media blasts, Facebook notices and variable message signs have been used to warn of troubled areas.	Pt 2 02:03
	Mr. Berezny asked if the Green Valley Sheriff's department detachment covering the Arivaca area was being kept informed. Ms. Montagnino replied that staff was regularly coordinating with the Sheriff's department but she would confirm.	Pt 2 03:07
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***	Picking back up on Slide 6, Ms. Montagnino reported several projects were awarded: Green Valley Mill & Pave was a hard bid project awarded to KE&G at \$7.8M. It includes 15.5 mi local roads and 15 mi arterial / collector roads.	Pt 2 14:13
***	Mr. Berezny asked if this included neighborhoods with curb ramps and if there is a tentative schedule available from KE&G? Ms. Montagnino replied yes to the curb ramps and that a tentative schedule would be received within a week. More information will be provided next meeting.	Pt 2 14:48
***	Ms. Montagnino reported Board of Supervisors District 5 received a hard-bid project awarded to Granite Construction in the south area with 9.0 mi local roads and 3.4 mi arterial / collectors. The low bid came in at \$3.3M. The other award was for FY 22 Countywide Surface Treatment project includes fog seal with micro seal on Cortaro Farms road. The hard-bid package includes 9.8 mi of arterial / collector surface treatments. The low bid of \$1.1M was awarded to Cactus Asphalt.	Pt 2 15:25
***	For District 5: Manzanita Terrace I & II Mill & Pave JOC for 5 3.8 mi local roads bid for \$1.3M and Cardinal Estates/Mission Ridge Mill & Pave JOC for 4 mi local roads for \$1.5M. Both were awarded to Sunland.	Pt 2 16:21
***	For District 1: Casas Adobes & Wildwood Park Mill & Pave JOC for 4.4 mi local roads bid for \$1.6M was awarded to Tucson Asphalt and the North Point Village, Raintree & North Point Terrace Mill & Pave JOC for 3.5 mi for \$1.8M was awarded to Markham.	Pt 2 17:07

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	Program Status by the Numbers	
***	Ms. Montagnino reported that all ADA curb ramp projects are in-construction. To date, 107 curb ramp projects have been completed. 40.4 mi of arterial / collector roads are awarded and not yet started. 5% of these road projects are complete and 64% are in construction.	Pt 2 17:54
***	There are some projects that are back in the package preparation category. When the December 2021 update was made, the department had spent all \$85.5M of roadway funding. Due to economic price escalations, the department had not been able to work through the entire road list. However, with recent HURF coming in, the department was able to contribute from its Operating Budget. The Program Budget is now approximately \$96.5M to complete this year's program road list. The department is committed to contributing the necessary funding needed to complete the road list published in April 2021. You will be seeing 5 follow-on curb ramp projects and 1 local road project in the Summer Haven area. Everything should be advertised and awarded by end of March.	Pt 2 18:22
***	Ms. Montagnino said the online project map would be updated shortly. Chair Verburg thanked her for her patience and appreciated knowing where the funding is coming from for remaining projects.	Pt 2 20:31
8.	RTANext Update – Kathryn Skinner, PCDOT Deputy Director / Tom McGovern, PCTAC Member Ms. Skinner reported that the CAC had not met formally since May 2021, because they lacked a full committee. She reported that on Thursday, January 27 th , the RTA Board meeting would hear from RTA/CAC Selection Committee representatives regarding recommendations for fully staffing the CAC. Selection criteria would include geographic representation, diversity of thought, economic representation, and demographic representation. The RTA/CAC Selection Committee underwent a lengthy ranking process to select atop 10 for the list. The Selection Committee then accepted a listing of the next three applicants in ranked order for consideration by the RTA Board for representation of the Tohono O'dham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe and City of South Tucson, since no applicants were received for these areas. Ms. Skinner added that the Selection Committee identified an alternate applicant for RTA Board review and action.	Pt 2 03:46
	It is anticipated that once the CAC Board is fully joined with active members, the RTANext discussions will resume since the City had not submitted a list of projects back in May 2021 and have since done so.	Pt 2 03:54
	Mr. McGovern added that the diversity of the 13 new members should be commensurate with the current 22 original committee members, while including the desired diversity goals of thought, geography and demographics, as requested by the Board. When fully ratified, the City of Tucson would have 18 of the 35, or a majority of its residents on the committee. He reminded everyone that the RTA/CAC committee takes an oath to be a regional body that looks for the best for the entire region not just their own interest area, mode of transportation or neighborhood. He is hopeful the CAC will return to action shortly.	Pt 2 06:01
	Mr. Letzkus read in a recent publication that the City of Tucson was thinking of withdrawing from RTANext because the Mayor reported being unhappy how the RTA or PAG is run. He asked if there is truth to the story that the City may pull out of RTA?	Pt 2 06:35
	Mr. McGovern replied that the Mayor and Council, as a unified body, stated they want their demands met by February 1 or they will consider leaving the RTA. The position was solidified over the past couple weeks. More decisions coming in the next two weeks.	Pt 2 09:10

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8.	Mr. Letzkus asked if the City were to leave the RTA, would the RTANext funding program be nixed? Mr. McGovern replied that he was unsure what formula/format the Board would use to hold an election of their own that would not include City residents.	Pt 2 09:45
	Ms. Skinner said that the Mayor and Council hears this topic on a regular basis and encouraged the PCTAC to watch their live meetings and watch their discussion to get the information directly from them. Mr. Letzkus asked if the RTA is a separate body from PAG and can withdraw from RTA and still be a member of PAG? Ms. Skinner replied that the Regional Council and RTA have been discussing these topics and the PCTAC forum is not the place to address the legality of how those actions might move forward. Mr. Letzkus understood and said he was curious about what was going on.	Pt 2 11:24 Pt 2 12:08
9.	Topics for Future Discussions – Ed Verburg, PCTAC Chair Chair Verburg requested topics for discussion or future agenda items. A future topic includes: RTA maintenance dollars.	Pt 2 21:01
	Mr. Berezny informed that most of the November 2021 Tour de Tucson went through District 4. Not much feedback was provided by either El Tour, County representation, or the Sheriff's Department. He proposed receiving an update from the Department of Transportation or the El Tour organization.	Pt 2 21:28
	Ms. Olivares replied DOT staff would reach out to the El Tour Perimeter Committee to request an update. Ms. Free supported Mr. Berezny's request.	Pt 2 23:38
10.	Call to the Audience – Ed Verburg, PCTAC Chair Ms. Valenzuela read the one Comment Input Form received.	Pt 2 25:00
	Bruce La Rose – regarding Rancho Sierra Subdivision: <i>“Good Morning, In hopes of finding a sympathetic ear I'm requesting that the budget for the next fiscal year include the repaving of the roads in Rancho Sierra Subdivision. They have not been repaved since 1979. Many of the roads in surrounding neighborhoods have been resurfaced in the past couple of years, but not ours. We are beginning to feel like orphans. Please help, our roads are really very bad!! Thank you, Bruce LaRose.”</i>	Pt 2 26:02
	Chair Verburg confirmed with Director Olivares that DOT staff would reply. Ms. Olivares replied yes.	
11.	Next Meeting: February 22, 2022 via WEBEX – Ed Verburg, PCTAC Chair Please submit agenda items by February 4, 2022 to Annabelle.Valenzuela@pima.gov .	Pt 2 26:25
12.	Adjournment – Ed Verburg, PCTAC Chair Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Berezny; seconded by (inaudible recording). Chair Verburg mentioned Albert [Letzkus]. Without opposition, meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM.	Pt 2 26:35

Respectfully submitted, Juanita Garcia-Seiger, Assistant