



PIMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Pima County Department of Transportation
Safety Conference Room
1313 S. Mission Road, Tucson, Arizona 85713
October 16, 2019
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Subcommittee Members Present: John Bernal, Eric Ponce, Albert Letzkus, Kendall Elmer

Others Present: Carmine DeBonis Jr., (Deputy County Administrator-Public Works), Yves Khawam (Assistant County Administrator-Public Works), Ana Olivares (PCDOT), Jim Cunningham (PCDOT) Kathryn Skinner (PCDOT), Annabelle Valenzuela (PCDOT), Rich Franz-Under (PCDOT), John Olivas (PCDOT) La Tasha Parker (PCDOT), Priscilla Molina (PCDOT) and Jessica De La Ossa (PCDOT)

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call** - *John Bernal, Subcommittee Chair, (Part 1 - 03:01)*
Chair Bernal calls the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. Ms. Parker takes roll call and a quorum is present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - *John Bernal, Subcommittee Chair, (Part 1 - 03:28)*
3. **Action: Approval of Meeting Summary for September 6, 2019** - *John Bernal, Subcommittee Chair, (Part 1 - 04:53)*
Mr. Elmer makes motion to approve meeting minutes and Mr. Letzkus seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
4. **Survey Data Discussion** - *Annabelle Valenzuela, PCDOT (Part 1 - 06:16)*
 - a. Public Engagement Plan
 - b. Public Survey

Chair Bernal reminded the subcommittee they were tasked to develop the criteria staff will use to recommend the roads slated for preservation in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021. Mr. Huckelberry's October 11th memorandum to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) stated Pima County is operating and focusing on repaving worst first roads this FY. Mr. DeBonis stated that Mr. Huckelberry will recommend to the BOS on November 5th, to include an additional \$10M along with consideration to the Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) recommendation.

Ms. Valenzuela stated the County has received approximately 1700 responses from the survey as of October 15, 2019. Department of Transportation (PCDOT) staff participated in Tucson Meet Yourself on October 11-13th and received 200 survey participants. PCDOT will continue to advertise on Facebook and a news release will be sent out to solicit community input for the full PCTAC Call to the Audience on October 22nd. Ms. Valenzuela and the subcommittee reviewed the survey responses. The overwhelming response to date has been to repair local roads in the

worst condition first. Ms. Valenzuela explained that cross tabulation was done by zip code and on the importance of paving local roads in the worst condition first. A map was and provided showing responses based on zip code. Chair Bernal requested a comparison of the regional demographics of the respondents to the community to see if respondents were proportional to the make-up of the community.

Ms. Valenzuela explained that two of the questions on the survey were open-ended questions and had varied responses. In order to analyze the written comments, PCDOT is looking into upgrading the Survey Monkey license. For example, the current license shows a cloud of words commonly used by respondents, but the upgrade would tell how many times a specific word was used. The committee would also be able to filter the responses by how a particular question was answered. Ms. Skinner said the committee could provide a list of words to use for searching purposes in the survey. Chair Bernal was concerned about the committee recommending criteria staff would not be able to use such as traffic volume.

Mr. Khawam stated it is unclear which roads are worst first now, but after the rating of the roads are finalized then staff will have a true rating of every roadway. Worst first roads for the next FY could be selected based upon the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating without having to apply sub-criteria. Mr. Elmer stated responses from the first three questions on the survey were most important and the other remarks would be considered sub-criteria information. The committee should choose the top 10 to 20 most repeated words and cross tabulate that data into useful and meaningful information the committee can utilize.

Chair Bernal inquired if there was data to back-up date of last treatment in order to address constituent responses to repair paved roads based on date of last treatment. Mr. Cunningham stated that some information is readily available regarding surface treatments, but it would take a significant amount of effort to obtain the information.

Mr. Franz-Under stated the Light Detection and Ranging (LiDar) van is driving throughout Pima County and taking samples of the pavement to determine the type and severity of the road failures. Once the failures are identified, they will be entered into the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) algorithm and be assigned a PCI rating. The completed PCI data will be available by the end of December.

Members of the committee suggested changing the data charts to something easier to read by District, but the data was collected by zip code and zip codes could cross multiple Districts. Mr. DeBonis stated he was concerned with adjusting the original raw data. He recommended including all valid and invalid zip codes to ensure PCDOT is transparent with the survey data given by constituents.

On November 5th, the BOS will meet and if the additional \$10M is awarded the funding will go toward FY 2019/2020 local road repair distributed equally between five Districts. Chair Bernal asked if future funding amounts would be divided equally between Districts or will funding go strictly toward worst first. Mr. Letzkus said this should be brought to the full committee next

week. Ms. Olivares suggested waiting until all the roadways have been assigned PCI ratings to see if ratings are disproportioned between Districts.

The subcommittee discussed meeting after the PCI ratings have been completed to finalize the criteria to recommend to the full PCTAC. Mr. Franz-Under said criteria is needed in order to run scenarios. Scenarios for FY 2020/2021 will be based on the updated PCI ratings.

5. Call to the Audience - (Part 2 - 24:16)

No constituents spoke at this meeting.

6. Future Meeting Schedule - (Part 2 - 38:20)

The next tentative meeting is Friday, November 22, 2019 at the same location.

7. Adjournment - John Bernal, Subcommittee Chair, (Part 2 - 39:00)

No motion was made to adjourn. Meeting ended at 12:22 P.M.