



PIMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**SUMMARY OF WEBEX MEETING
Tuesday, September 28, 2021
12:00 PM**

Members Present: Tom Berezny, Dan Eckstrom, Kendall Elmer, Lucretia Free, Tom McGovern, Frank Santa Cruz, Ed Verburg, Ramon Valadez, John Wallace, John Winchester (12:15 p.m.)

Members Absent: John Bernal, Melissa Brown-Dominguez, Albert Letzkus, **Also Present:** Transportation Staff: Ana Olivares, Director; Kathryn Skinner, Deputy Director; Rich Franz-Under, Michelle Montagnino, Annabelle Valenzuela

Madam Chair Lucretia Free called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM.

Item	Agenda Topic	Recording Time			
1.	Pledge of Allegiance – <i>Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair</i> Chair Free asked Mr. McGovern to lead the group recitation.	00:40			
2.	Call to Order and Roll Call – <i>Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair/Annabelle Valenzuela, PCDOT Staff</i> Ms. Valenzuela took attendance and a meeting quorum was achieved.	01:11			
3.	Approval of Meeting Summary for August 24, 2021 – <i>Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair</i> Mr. McGovern motioned to approve; Mr. Verburg seconded. Without opposition, motion passed.	03:21			
4.	Road Repair Update – <i>Michelle Montagnino, PCDOT Staff</i> Reference Ms. Montagnino’s presentation for details on the FY22 Pavement Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff has focused on ADA Ramp projects ahead of paving projects due later this year. Four of six projects (or 56%) of the ADA ramp projects were advertised and awarded. The remaining two ADA projects will advertise end of week or beginning next week. ▪ A large portion (or 50%) of arterial/collector roads primarily in Arivaca in the southeast area are currently in construction. ▪ First major local roads subdivision project is out for bid now. More local internal arterial/collector packages coming in the near future. ▪ Status by dollars: Currently \$19.6M under contract; \$10M advertised; \$22.4M in package prep, with a package sent Friday to Procurement to advertise soon. Remaining local road and arterial/collector packages will be out for bid one per week before end of November. \$33.9M represents pending packages that staff is actively working on to put out for bid. 	04:32			
	Procurement packages currently out for bid or recently awarded are:	07:08			
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4.	BOS District 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2" mill and pave in Avra Foothills & Ranchita Avra subdivision limits ▪ JOC Award: SAP 	BOS District 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 70 ADA Curb Ramps in Green Valley ▪ JOC Award: SAP 	BOS Districts 1 & 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 37 ADA Curb Ramps in 5 Catalina & Central Area subdivisions ▪ JOC Award: SAP 	10:10

Construction Updates

- **Town of Ajo** – COVID issues delayed construction start to 09/13/21; JOC project will wrap up in September, with final striping end of October. 11:37
- **Southeast Mill & Pave** – construction started 09/13/21; Hard Bid 25.6 mi arterial/collector and 13.3 mi locals; SAP will complete Marsh Station Road this week and next is Calle Riconado area, into Vail and J-6 Area.
- **Arivaca Area Mill & Pave** – construction started 09/27/21; Hard Bid 41 mi arterial/collector; 2.5 mi local roads; staging for pulverization in Town of Arivaca area. First is Ruby Road, Arivaca and Arivaca/Sasabe. Lastly, will be local roads.
- **Green Valley Curb Ramps** – 70 ADA Ramps; JOC construction started 09/20/21; project will wrap up end of November.
- **Catalina & Central Area ADA** – 37 ADA Ramps; JOC construction started 09/13/21; project will be completed by end of November.

Road Repair & Preservation Projects Map

Map shows status of FY 22 program; pending status updates will be added shortly. 13:22

Chair Free acknowledged Supervisor Christy and welcomed comments and input from Pima County Board of Supervisors. 13:42

5. **FY 2022/2023 Prioritization Plan** – Rich Franz-Under, PCDOT Staff 14:15
 Reference Mr. Franz-Under’s presentation regarding the recommended FY23 Criteria for FY 23 Roadway Prioritization Plan.

Only one main change is recommended to previously-used road criteria: 16:35

- **Budget Split** – previously the subcommittee met to review ways to accelerate progress for the local road program and used StreetSaver software to achieve the road network average of PCI 80 by 2030. Analyses included ways for locals to catch up to arterials/collectors and split the budget accordingly. With last year’s budget, the additional \$50M was fully designated to local roads. However, the overall average PCI of locals and arterials/collectors is catching up. When this year is complete, the average local PCI will be 73 and the arterial/collector PCI will be 70. Staff recommends a 50/50 budget split for locals and arterial/collectors based on current inventory of road areas (49.3% locals and 50.7% arterial/collectors). Projected to 2030, the PCI will be 79-80 and 81-82, respectively.

Mr. Franz-Under said no other changes are requested in the other criteria. This year, once final bid packages are gathered, there may not be local roads in the ‘worst’ category and possibly close to not having roads in the ‘failed’ category. 19:25

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5.	Chair Free recalled that a 50/50 split was previously considered by the PCTAC based on public input and staff rejected the idea. She wanted to know why previous staff concerns would not apply now.	20:47
	Mr. Franz-Under replied that local roads were in such poor shape, then. Achieving an average PCI 80 was difficult without early investment of resources. Last year, \$50M all went to locals, effectively making them trend higher than the arterial/collectors. Also, the PASER road condition data had used a more conservative formula to show degrading conditions over time, making the roads look worse than the pavement rating van later identified. In many cases the local roads rated better than staff had estimated over the years.	21:15
	Moving forward, a 50/50 budget split get us closer to achieving a goal PCI of 80 for both local and arterial/collectors.	22:44
	Mr. Franz-Under shared preliminary scenarios showing that local roads will trend higher than arterials-collectors. In future years, the average of both numbers will add to 80 PCI. Therefore, planning for a 50/50 budget split is recommended.	23:04
	Next Fiscal Year, staff is planning to do another PCI inspection. A van will review all the roads to validate the work completed. Staff will have mill and fill projects from FY2019 considered for crack and fog seal maintenance treatments. The local road criterial will need to be revised and have money set aside to maintain what was just repaired, using the worst-first criteria. A relatively small percent of the overall budget will be used for the maintenance treatments.	24:25
	Mr. McGovern recalled that is was 'rough going', in regards to the schedule getting the road inspections done. He asked if there were lessons learned that can be applied, such as getting started earlier with qualified inspectors to have the review run more smoothly.	26:21
	Mr. Franz-Under agreed. Staff realized that reviewing roads in FY23 will allow for results to be received in time to inform the work plan for FY24. Inspections will still be within the five years range. Staff is now more aware of temperature limitations for road vans performing the reviews. One cannot run the van on a road surface over 100 degrees. That can stretch into September.	27:13
	Inspections will go smoother this time because it is the second review and the GIS representation of the road network is better than four years ago. There will be better results.	28: 20
	Mr. McGovern asked if the subcommittee needs to review the proposal and then the full committee will approve in December. Mr. Franz-Under, said though staff would like committee approval today, it is dependent upon whether the PCTAC feels comfortable with the Budget split change and whether there are any questions from the subcommittee regarding what StreetSaver shows.	29:34
	Chair Free informed that it would be a decision for the committee to consider and there are some vacancies in the subcommittee. Mr. McGovern deferred to remaining members of the subcommittee, and said he would be comfortable with approving staff recommendations for the three criteria, either today or in December.	29:59
	Chair Free asked Ms. Valenzuela to identify members of the existing subcommittee. Members include: Albert Letzkus (D1), Vacant (D2), Kendall Elmer (D3), Lucretia Free (D4), Ed Verburg (D5) and John Bernal (County Administrator).	31:28

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5.	Chair Free asked Messrs. Elmer and Verburg to share their thoughts. Mr. Elmer replied he was comfortable evaluating the proposed criteria revision for number 1 and leaving the others the same, and making a decision at today's meeting. The budget split made sense to him and he was willing to support the move to go in that direction today.	31:52
	Chair Free asked if there was a motion to go forward with the proposed road schedule and criteria.	32:43
	Mr. McGovern moved the motion; and Mr. Elmer seconded. Without opposition, the motion passed.	33:00
6.	RTANext Update – Kathryn Skinner, PCDOT Deputy Director / Tom McGovern, PCTAC Member Ms. Skinner provided an update on the activities of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), Citizens Advisory Committee's (CAC) Next development of the region's 20-year plan by reviewing submittals of the various jurisdictions.	33:51
	Ms. Skinner informed that the CAC last met on May 10, 2021. The RTA Board discussed CAC composition. There are currently 22 active members of a 35 committee membership with a 3-year term. The application process closed September 10, 2021, and she is not aware of any action resulting of the reviews, at this time. When the RTA Board last met, the CAC discussion item was tabled due to lack of time and a lengthy meeting.	34:28
	Ms. Skinner invited Mr. McGovern to share his perspective, as Chair of the RTA-CAC. He reported that last week, City Council voted unanimously to institute a February 1, 2022 deadline to have its demands met by the RTA or risk the City exiting the RTANext process. The City demanded that the RTA address several issues including weighted or representative voting which was debated at length during the PAG Regional Council meeting. The City also asked for a more diverse CAC membership, including representation of city residents, diversity representation in all respects since there are potentially 12 vacancies on the committee. The RTA Chair (McGovern) and two vice-chairs (Teso and Yucupicio) discussed selection criteria and that report was given to the Board but the item was tabled. Of great interest are the types and extent of individual demographic questioning that ought to be done by the Board, before deciding on membership. The Board has decisions to make regarding the amount of risk in making selections as perceived by the City.	35:49
	The city demanded project shortfalls, \$250M for active projects that were to have been completed in the last 5 years, be covered by the RTA. Those conversations started with the Board and may be even more difficult to find where the funding will come from, for project shortfalls. The final demand from the Mayor and City Council was that proportional funding be instituted in RTANext because the City represents 55% population of Pima County, with over 60% tax money raised in this program, coming from vendors in the program, that the City thinks should have a percentage of the money generated by the tax, currently estimated to be 63%. It appears that the concern they have is more directed at the criteria applied to RTANext, not so much a reflection on the current RTA plan.	39:18
	These issues, Mr. McGovern felt, will be handled before February 1 st . However, if the City is to pull out of the RTA is still to be determined. Mr. McGovern will keep the PCTAC informed.	42:43
	Chair Free asked if there are questions of Ms. Skinner or Mr. McGovern. Mr. Verburg replied that he brought up several months ago, maintenance needs for the roads being built and expanded. He wondered if this criteria is entering discussions and thought voters would want to know if roads would be properly maintained.	43:18

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6.	Ms. Skinner informed that the County submitted projects with a category for pavement preservation and maintenance. As each jurisdiction presented to the CAC, there seemed to be fairly strong support for including that category but the CAC has not gotten to the point for such discussion.	43:18
	Mr. McGovern, feels that the 22 existing members, appear to strongly support maintenance being included in RTANext and reminded the group that the current half-cent sales tax has by legislative action been relaxed to allow voters to consider up to a 1 percent tax. That plays into this issue seeing where the public stands, regarding a 20-year funding source for maintenance of RTA projects. He fully expects to see maintenance in RTA next.	43:50
	Mr. Verburg asked for periodic updates regarding the ongoing issue. Chair Free agreed to include an RTA discussion each month.	45:19
	Mr. Winchester asked if it is possible that the City may make a decision before the February 1 deadline, whether they will participate in RTANext. He said that there is discussion going on in the community and he had not heard one way or another. Mr. McGovern said it is possible but he expects that it is most likely that the City may decide to relax its deadline if progress is made.	45:48
7.	Non-Maintained County Roadway Overview – Ana Olivares, PCDOT Director Refer to Ms. Olivares’ presentation for definitions applicable to private and public roadway differentiations.	47:18
	Ms. Olivares informed that there are 2800 mapped miles on Pima Maps. She provided a historical overview of the background on dirt roads and legislative decisions that affected how roads are grandfathered or accepted into the County’s maintenance system based on evaluated standards. The current procedure is that Pima County only accepts paved roadways built to current Pima County dirt road standard conditions.	49:00
	Ms. Olivares shared two options residents can take to have roadways added to the county road maintenance system and she provided three examples of special circumstances when the County can assist with roadway maintenance requests for unimproved right of way.	50:58
	Chair Free stated that residents have many questions about non-county maintained roads. Does the County still allow development on none-county maintained roads and how does the public become aware that the properties being purchased are not on public road?	54:46
	Ms. Olivares informed that it may require Development Services to provide additional details. They provide review as a property gets developed. At that time, Development Services would notify other departments and DOT would however, not know that roads are being used as road or private easement. DOT is not aware if homeowners get public notice of the development.	55:18
	Chair Free read Mr. Bernal’s, September 27, 2021 emailed comments into the record as follows: I completely understand the limitations for Pima County in <u>not</u> being able to accept maintenance responsibilities for roadways that do not meet the conditions noted in the presentation for this item. My observation is about County maintained dirt roads in particular locations. I know that Pima County has in the past evaluated the necessity for paving currently maintained dirt roads when such action was of benefit to the area residents and Pima County.	56:18

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7.	I am particularly addressing circumstances where maintained dirt roads are in isolated locations that may be adjacent to or adjoining <u>county maintained paved roads</u> . In such circumstances where: a) neighbors approve of paving, b) safety is not compromised, and c) where such action saves Pima County money. I believe that consideration should be given to paving such roadways.	56:51
	If an analysis of these possible conditions has not been made, I encourage Pima County to undertake such an evaluation.	57:16
	Ms. Olivares agreed that it would be good to perform a cost benefit analysis.	57:30
	Chair Free asked the PCTAC if a special call to the public meeting would be beneficial to allow concerns to be shared and plan for an in-depth meeting.	59:00
	Mr. McGovern felt that better understanding from the public would be beneficial.	1:00:00
	Mr. Verburg felt it is an excellent idea that he can support.	1:01:09
	Mr. Winchester really likes the idea and is not always helped by people aspiring for elected office and PCTAC can elucidate the responsibility of service provision.	1:02:01
	Mr. Berezny informed that the Green Valley Council will have a symposium on this specific topic.	1:02:55
	Ms. Olivares offered that DOT could invite Development Services to help the public who maintains responsibilities. Educational presentation. Chair Free agreed that would be helpful.	1:03:40
8.	County Administrator's August 20, 2021 Memorandum: Update of Pavement Preservation & Road Repair Program – Ana Olivares, PCDOT Director Refer to Ms. Olivares' presentation explaining the accelerations of the pavement preservation program and Mr. Huckelberry's memorandum to the BOS regarding Update on Pavement Preservation Road Repair Program .	1:05:00
	Mr. McGovern appreciated the summary of the progress, potential budgets and results. He asked why Maximo developers missing their deadline by four years. Ms. Olivares explained it was planned that Maximo would be helpful with automated routing of hot spots, but required a program upgrade to get that done so that crew Supervisors could be anywhere into the county and have their work orders updated. Right now the capability does not exist. The upgrade was started but the project grew into a much larger program. Everything was placed on hold until other applications county-wide are also upgraded. She further explained that upgrades are being done in house by central IT. Integrating the changes into our business is the hold up.	1:15:26
9.	Topics for Future Discussions – Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair Chair Free informed that topics for discussion allows staff to research items for future discussion	1:19:45
10.	Staff Updates – Ana Olivares, Director Recruitment underway to fill Rob Lane's vacancy, Advertisement closes Friday. Deputy Director Jorge Riveros, accepted a job with the City of San Diego. No rush to fill, she and Ms. Skinner are reviewing efficiencies prior to bringing someone new to fill the vacancy.	1:20:00

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11.	Call to the Audience – <i>Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair</i>	1:22:15
12.	Next Meeting: October 26, 2021 via WEBEX – <i>Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair</i> Please submit agenda items by October 8, 2021 to Annabelle.Valenzuela@pima.gov .	1:22:24
13.	Adjournment – <i>Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair</i> Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Berezny with a second by Mr. Elmer. Without opposition, meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM	1:22:51

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Garcia-Seiger, Assistant