



**PIMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(PCTAC)**

**Abrams Public Health Center, 3950 S. Country Club Road  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
Noon**

**Members Present:** Albert Letzkus, Eric Ponce (telephonically), Lynne Mangold, Lucretia Free, Dan Castro, Bob Gugino, Tom McGovern, Curtis Lueck

**Members Absent:** Dan Eckstrom, Kendall Elmer

**Others Present:** Ana Olivares (PCDOT), Jim Cunningham (PCDOT), Robert Lane (PCDOT), Annabelle Valenzuela (PCDOT), Vanessa Schmidt (PCDOT), Priscilla Molina (PCDOT)

**1. Call to Order - Roll Call**

Chair Free calls the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Vanessa Schmidt takes roll call and a quorum is present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Meeting Summary for January 22, 2019 Meeting**

John Bernal makes a motion to approve the minutes. Tom McGovern seconds and members unanimously approve.

**4. Overview of Funding**

- a. Impact Fees**
- b. 1997 HURF Bond**
- c. General Fund Revenue**
- d. HURF/VLT**

Ana Olivares presents. \*\*See “Overview of Transportation Funding Sources” under the “Documents” tab.

Staff presents on allocated, potential and ineligible funding sources. Allocated sources include Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) and Vehicle License Tax (VLT). Potential sources involve regional funds through Pima Association of Governments (PAG), property tax and sales tax. Ineligible sources include right-of-way permit fees as well as development impact fees. Pima County Transportation utilizes bonds and Certificates of Participation (COPS) to finance road repair. Current sources used for road repair and preservation are HURF/VLT as well as the Fiscal Year 2018 local street property tax program. Staff goes over funding allocations for previous, current and future years as well as proposed sources for road repair.

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Staff and members discuss the details of COPs, impact fees and the remaining 1997 bond projects to be completed. Members bring up the County bond fund contributions to projects in collaboration with the City of Tucson (COT) and intergovernmental agreements (IGA). Members suggest that Pima County Transportation approach the City of Tucson to amend the IGAs of the 1997 Bond Ordinance so that the COT and unincorporated Pima County each pay their respective portion of the bonds with their own HURF funds.

Albert Letzkus makes a motion for PCTAC to ask the COT to amend existing 1997 HURF bonds IGAs so that they use their own funding sources (as opposed to using unincorporated Pima County funds) to retire the bond debt of roadway projects that reside within city limits. There is no second and the motion fails. Members and staff discuss the proposed \$15 Million funding source from the General Fund.

Staff presents on Capital Improvement Program (CIP) roadway project prioritization. As per PAG policy, most of the regional funding for CIP can only be used for RTA projects. We must finish the projects that we have before proposing new ones. We are focusing on our transportation network system management to address intersection improvement. The highest priority for funding that we do have is to address roadway repair.

Members and staff discuss criteria for prioritizing previous and future roadway projects.

## **5. Responses to Public Input – Road Repair Funding**

Ana Olivares presents.

Staff discusses Supervisor Christy's concerns regarding the use of the remaining monies from the \$62 Million HURF Bonds. \*\*See "Supervisor Christy Call to the Audience TAC Meeting;" "Bond Amendment – March 9, 2018;" "Memo from Chuck Huckelberry to Board of Supervisors re: Remaining 1997 HURF Bonds – December 13, 2018;" "Memo from Chuck Huckelberry to Board of Supervisors re: General Fund Vehicle License Tax Allocation to Transportation;" and "Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Breakdown."

Staff discusses Ms. Martha Michaels' questions pertaining to state funds, savings collected from the recent efficiency savings reorganization of the department, the state transportation budget, PCDOT projects and reallocating funds to roadway repair and current state legislative bills. See "HURF and VLT Collections Fiscal Years 2014-2018;" and "Bonds in Incorporated Feb. 2019" under the "Documents" tab.

## **6. Alternative Funding Discussion**

Curtis Lueck presents.

Members discuss the possibilities of enhancing funding at the local level versus the state level. Local options include implementing a local gasoline sales tax, regional development impact fees, improvement districts, renewing the local road repair property tax. Federal options include raising the federal gas tax and eventually using a GPS-based vehicle mileage charge.

Members discuss forming a sub-committee to explore the aforementioned issues further.

## **7. The Loop and Funding**

Albert Letzkus presents. \*\*See “Memo from Chuck Huckelberry to Ana Olivares re: Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Item 7 Regarding the Loop” under the “Documents” tab.

Members discuss a Chuck Huckelberry memorandum in reference to using flood control funds to build part of The Loop multi-use path. Staff says that The Loop is no longer part of PCDOT and, thus, is not relevant to this committee. Members and staff talk about The Loop being a recreation facility, the Camino de la Tierra/Rillito River Path Improvement Project, whether flood control funds can be used for transportation purposes.

Albert Letzkus believes it was improper use of DOT-57 funds as project “match” money for the construction of the Camino de la Tierra bike bridge for the Loop. Mr. Letzkus describes the Loop as a recreational facility based on the February 26, 2019 Chuck Huckelberry memorandum to Ana Olivares in the second to last paragraph: “... while the Loop is used almost daily as a recreational element...” He asserts that since it is a recreational facility and not a transportation facility it was improper to use DOT-57 funds for the bridge. He asks the committee to remember in the future that Parks and Recreation department funds should be used for future infrastructure projects on the Loop instead of transportation funds. Mr. Letzkus asks that the PCDOT send a letter to the Pima County Parks and Recreation department asking for a reimbursement of the \$78,000 spent on the bridge project. No additional commentary was provided following this request.

Mr. Letzkus asks staff to provide written documentation (memos, emails, or letters with the responsible Federal agency) of the requirement in the Clean Water Act, Section 404, for approval of the 404 permit for river bank protection that paved bike paths (i.e., the Loop) be included in the bank protection project, as stated in the Chuck Huckelberry memo to Ana Olivares dated February 26, 2019. He requests that a copy of the final 404 permit for the Pima County bank protection project showing this stipulation be included in the documentation.

## **8. Bylaws Discussion**

The Pima County Attorney's office reviewed the recent bylaws draft submission and determined that it does not need to be approved by the BOS.

Albert Letzkus nominates himself as the Vice Chair and Tom McGovern seconds. Motion carries 8 to 1.

Albert Letzkus makes a motion to approve the bylaws draft. Curtis Lueck seconds. Motion carries 9 to 0.

## **9. Next Meeting on March 26, 2019**

### **a. Future Agenda Items**

Agenda items are due by March 8, 2019.

### **b. Meeting Location**

Members discuss alternating the location of future PCTAC meetings. Possible alternate locations include various Pima County libraries and the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation building (3500 W. River Road). The upcoming April PCTAC meeting will be held in the District 1 area and is to be determined.

## **10. Call to the Audience**

- a. Martha Michaels is a District 1 resident and expresses concern about the road conditions in the Sabino Town and Country Estates as well as poor and failed local roads in general.

## **11. Adjournment**

John Bernal makes a motion to adjourn. Curtis Lueck seconds. Chair Free adjourns meeting at 1:28 p.m.