



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

**Abrams Public Health Department, 3950 S. Country Club Road
Tuesday, August 27, 2019
Noon**

Members Present: Lucretia Free, Eric Ponce, Kendall Elmer, Don Weaver, Curtis Lueck, Ed Verburg, Tom McGovern and John Bernal

Teleconference: Yolanda Weinberger and Dan Castro

Members Absent: Albert Letzkus, Dan Eckstrom

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

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance - Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair, (Part 1 - 00:05)**
- 2. Call to Order - Roll Call - Chair Free, (Part 1 - 00:29)**
Chair Free calls the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. La Tasha Parker takes roll call and a quorum is present.
- 3. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary for July 23, 2019 Meeting - Chair Free, (Part 1 - 01:20)**
Mr. Tom McGovern makes motion to approve the meeting minutes and PCTAC member (inaudible) seconds with the exceptions to the changes requested by the committee. Motion passes unanimously.
- 4. Subcommittee Overview - John Bernal, PCTAC Member (Part 1 - 03:15)**
Mr. Bernal stated the sub-committee met on August 9th to discuss road prioritization criteria for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. The arterial and collector locations are based largely on data available from traffic and pavement condition indexes. Priority for local road repair for the current fiscal year will be based on the “worse first” approach. Staff will be providing more analysis to the committee about the entire network to allow the committee to set priorities within the failed category.

The sub-committee briefly discussed public participation and it was suggested to have further dialogue with the full committee.

Ana M. Olivares, P.E., Director

201 N.Stone Avenue, 4th Floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701-1207 • Phone: 520-724-6410 • Fax: 520-724-6439

Staff discussed the current schedule for the bid packages in May of 2020. The sub-committee results were to continue with the “worse first” scenarios, but develop other objective criteria that can be used in the future to identify roads in the local category that require treatments.

Mr. Bernal suggested the full committee revisit the sub-committee membership. The full committee does not want to exclude anyone interested in serving the sub-committee.

Chair Free clarified anyone is welcome to attend the sub-committee meetings but there will be one representative from each District to constitute the voting body. Mr. Bernal will replace Mr. Lueck as the acting chair of the sub-committee.

Mr. McGovern stated the sub-committee has evolved to a standing committee to address all issues. He was under the impression that if you were a part of the sub-committee you were eligible to vote. He was unaware of the one vote per District mandate before his tenure.

Chair Free stated the official designated District representatives are able to vote.

Mr. Bernal suggested reaching out to the entire full committee in regards to participating in the sub-committee.

MOTION by *Tom McGovern, PCTAC Member* (Part 1-12:30)

Mr. McGovern makes a motion. If you are committed to the sub-committee then you can vote. Mr. Weaver seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

**See Verbatim Conversation on Sub-committee Membership Motion

5. Roadway Condition and Prioritization Discussion Fiscal Year 2020/2021 - Rich Franz-Under, PCDOT Staff (Part 1- 13:14)

Mr. Franz-Under summarized the upcoming schedule for the committee. The committee will review criteria, gather public input and by December provide the final list of criteria that will be used to develop the road list. While the committee is preparing the final list of criteria, the County will be working on gathering data for Street Saver.

Mr. Franz-Under discussed the data that will be collected by LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging). He stated that LiDAR has collected a tremendous amount of data to be used specifically for pavement preservation. He also explained that a PCI (Pavement Condition Index) rating would be collected by a van driving all County paved roads. The County will use this rating to prioritize the roads through the Street Saver algorithm. The new PCI ratings should be available by December.

Mr. Franz-Under described the spreadsheet displayed and explained how using the data and PCI rating can break out the number of roads in poor and failed categories for arterial and collectors. Mr. Franz-Under illustrated how Street Saver can run different scenarios based on data and ratings. The results can be used to compare the ratings between Districts. The Street Saver algorithm is a tool that will

help to maximize the return on investment for roads. Mr. Franz-Under also discussed each District and their associated ratings.

Mr. Franz-Under mentioned there is a large set of failed roads and asked how to prioritize what roads are completed first. Chair Free stated there was a discussion at the sub-committee level regarding how to reach out to the community to set priorities.

[**See “PCTAC” Roadway Prioritization and Condition Rating](#)

6. Public Engagement for Roadway Prioritization Fiscal Year 2020/2021 - Carmine DeBonis
(Part 1- 39:00)

Mr. DeBonis stated the PCTAC wants to increase public input into the development of criteria for selecting local roads in Fiscal Year 2020/2021. The arterial and collector road selection has been recommended to the committee to utilize Street Saver for the optimization of the greatest return for the monies spent. Staff has put together a draft of a plan intended to be a starting point of discussion. The idea is to engage the community and gather public input from September 16th through November 18th using a variety of methods. The draft survey was distributed to the committee for review.

Mr. Weaver mentioned the importance of having meetings and not just here, but like the one Mr. DeBonis is scheduled to have in Green Valley in September. Without educating the public on the PCI rating information, the public input will be useless in his opinion. Chair Free stated the committee serves at the pleasure of the BOS. Each District representatives can work with their Supervisor to see if they would like to hold additional meetings.

The committee members reviewed and discussed the draft for the public engagement plan.

Mr. DeBonis would like feedback from the committee by September 6th on the draft survey. This will allow 10 days to make the necessary revisions and have it available for distribution. Discussion ensued with various suggestions that should be captured in the survey including the range of the rating scale.

The topic of safety was also discussed. Mr. DeBonis stated if there were overwhelming responses from the community on the subject of safety, the committee would need to make a determination on how to incorporate safety criteria in the selection of roadways. One of the safety items discussed was walkability of neighborhoods.

Mr. Bernal inquired about how the funding would be divided between local and arterial/collector roads and how it would be shared to the public. Mr. DeBonis stated many factors would have to be taken into consideration and recommended the committee retain the flexibility to make those determinations on an annual basis after receiving feedback on their road improvement requests. Mr. DeBonis stated the completed survey results would be brought to the committee and be taken into full consideration based on the criteria established by the committee.

Comments on the draft survey should be given to Ms. Valenzuela who will draft the final survey version to be presented to the sub-committee on September 6th.

MOTION by *Tom McGovern, PCTAC Member* (Part 2 - 16:05)

Mr. McGovern makes a motion to convene the sub-committee to finalize the Public Engagement Plan. Mr. Verburg seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Mr. DeBonis addressed Ms. Weinberger's question as to how the data will be collected and utilized. The survey will be taken anonymously and will be presented to the committee for consideration.

[**See "PCTAC" Public Engagement Draft Plan](#)

[**See "PCTAC" Draft Public Survey](#)

7. Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Pavement Program Update - Robert Lane, PCDOT Staff (Part 2 – 18:45)

Mr. Lane provided an update on the Bid Packaging. One project was completed at Sabino Canyon, which was presented at the last committee meeting. Granite Construction was awarded the remaining road projects at a cost of \$4.25 million and they are scheduled to begin in January. Three subdivisions were identified as part of the ADA upgrades including curb ramps. These subdivisions are Estrella, North Manor and Green Valley Fairways 3, at a cost of \$5.5 to \$6 million in the bid proposal. A Master Agreement for surface treatments will be advertised within the next two weeks. The goal is to complete these projects by May 2020.

Mr. Lane also presented a new road repairs and projects map located on the website. The color-coding and legend of the map was presented. The visualization map will also be used to display the road projects with the BOS.

Chair Free asked if there is an easier way to access these maps rather than typing the long web address. Mr. Lane replied there are links on the Transportation webpage to allow easier access.

[**See PCTAC Pavement Program Update FY2019/2020](#)

8. Thin Asphalt Overlay Staff Request - Ana Olivares, PCDOT Director (Part 2 - 26:17)

Ms. Olivares stated back in July, the PCTAC discussed Thin Asphalt Overlay and the white paper was provided to the by the committee. A letter was sent to other agencies such as Pima Association of Governments for feedback on their experiences to assist in developing specifications. Arizona Transportation Builders Association and other contractors in the state were also asked for information pertaining to Thin Asphalt Overlays, which resulted in positive responses. A plan with the specifications will be available by October 1st. The goal is to have the final specification by December 31st.

Chair Free asked if some of the feedback received could be shared at the next meeting. Ms. Olivares stated it would be provided in the summary for the next meeting.

[**See "PCTAC" Thin Asphalt Staff Report](#)

9. **Next Meeting September 24, 2019, Abrams Public Health Center - Lucretia Free, PCTAC Chair,** (Part 2 - 30:41)

a. **Agenda Items** - Due by September 6, 2019 to Annabelle.Valenzuela@pima.gov

b. **Location**

Abrams Public Health Center, 3950 S. County Club

Meeting begins at noon

10. **Holiday Meeting Schedule Alternative Dates** (Part 2 - 30:55)

November 5 or November 12

December 3 or December 10

11. **Call to the Audience - Chair Free,** (Part 2 - 32:17)

Martha Michaels and Linda Leedberg - Sabino Town and Country Estates

Ms. Michaels provided images of the road repairs that were previously facilitated but are now worse than before. The overwhelming feedback from District 1 residents consist of failed roads more than any other feedback. Ms. Michaels stated the feedback was not addressed to the PCTAC representatives. Ninety-one percent of District 1 roads are in terrible condition. Ms. Michaels expressed frustration with additional feedback being asked by the community.

Mia Tittle - Moondance

Ms. Tittle expressed frustration with the request for providing additional feedback from the community. She feels the committee should not be swayed from green asphalt to thin asphalt. She stated it should be equitable in the decision making process for the road repairs.

Kandy Alford - Picture Rocks

Ms. Alford stated she would like her roads to be repaired first. She would like to meet with her representative to discuss road issues. Ms. Alford also expressed concern with the amount of publicity with respect to the survey. She would like to know what the plans are for District 3.

Joseph Herrick - Tucson Asphalt

Mr. Herrick thanked the committee on the discussion of thin asphalt overlay. He stated Tucson Asphalt has disrupted the industry with respect to green asphalt. They have been involved in green asphalt projects since 2006. He has been in the industry for over 40 years. Mr. Herrick provided examples of projects completed.

Motion: Chair Free asked for a motion to adjourn the committee meeting. A second motion was made and the committee concurred (inaudible).

Meeting Adjourned.