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## Technical Management Committee (TMC) - DRAFT

### Minutes of July 22, 2020, Webinar Meeting

#### Committee Members Present

Kelly Udall, Town of Sahuarita  
Jamsheed Mehta, Town of Marana  
Rod Lane, ADOT  
Mary Jacobs, Town of Oro Valley  
Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County, Chair  
Carmine DeBonis, Pima County  
Diana Alarcon, City of Tucson  
Bob Iannarino  
William Carroll  
Frank Thomson  
Jim Schoen  
John Bernal

#### Members Absent

Veronica Moreno, City of South Tucson  
Michael Ortega, City of Tucson, Vice Chair  
Artemio Hoyos, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Steve Shepherd  
Paul Cella  
Curt Lueck

#### Staff Lead

Farhad Moghimi

### 1. Call to Order

The webinar meeting was called to order by Chair Huckelberry at 8:30 a.m. The TMC meeting was conducted through GoToWebinar and public access was available through YouTube live stream.

Chair Huckelberry welcomed the Technical Management Committee (TMC) members.

### 2. Approval of Jan. 15, 2020, TMC Meeting Minutes

**Action: Motion was made by Ms. Alarcon to approve the Meeting Minutes of Jan. 15, 2020, seconded by Ms. Jacobs and approved unanimously.**

### 3. RTA Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Jim DeGroot, Pima Association of Governments, reported that the FY 2021 RTA Budget was adopted by the RTA Board at its May meeting. He noted that the budget incorporates a 15% reduction in sales tax revenue, due to the pandemic's impact on the economy. Mr. DeGroot reported the current budget amount is \$97.1 million, and this amount will most likely be amended at the September RTA Board meeting to include rollover from FY 2020.

For more information, the [RTA Fiscal Year 2021 Budget](#) presentation is available for review on the RTA website.

This was an information item.

#### **4. RTA's Upcoming 15-Year Performance Review**

Jim DeGroot gave a presentation on the performance audits that are required per state statutes. The state of Arizona has begun a process to select the firm to carry out the next audit beginning at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. DeGroot highlighted that the previous audit took place after year 10 of the current plan, and he reported that the results were positive. The audit team found the RTA has good organizational structure and that it was not only both dedicated and collaborative, but in line with what was promised to the voters. He added that any delays in projects were justified and that all funds paid were in line with the approved plan and state statutes. The recommendations received from the audit included establishing and tracking performance-related goals to better highlight the benefits of the improvements that have been made. The President of the State Senate, who presides over the state's audit process, sent the RTA a letter congratulating the RTA for its success.

For more information, the [RTA's Performance Review](#) presentation is available for review on the RTA website.

This was an information item.

#### **5. RTA Next Plan Development Process Overview**

Paki Rico, PAG, gave a presentation on the RTA Next Plan Development process and provided an overview of the work being done with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) since its formation in 2018. Ms. Rico discussed the plan process steps and highlighted the activities of each phase noting the CAC is currently working through phase two of plan development. Ms. Rico noted that the development of the draft plan is delegated to the CAC with technical assistance of the TMC, and that it will also include multiple opportunities for public input before the CAC makes the final recommendation to the RTA Board.

For more information, the [RTA Next Plan Development Process](#) presentation is available for review on the RTA website.

Following the presentation, committee members asked questions regarding the outcome of the survey of the CAC's goals that took place in late 2019, and also the timeline for the next steps for the CAC. Staff shared that more than 3,100 people across the region participated in the survey, and the CAC will receive a copy of the initial project list at its next meeting.

This was an information item.

#### **6. RTA Next Revenue Projection**

Jim DeGroot gave a presentation on how the RTA's revenue projections are performed. Mr. DeGroot stated that the projections are developed by the Economic Business Research Center (EBRC) of the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management.

Mr. DeGroot discussed several aspects including the projections originally performed, as well as more recent projections and estimates. He also highlighted the various sources of revenue as well as the trends that have been observed.

Mr. DeGroot concluded by saying that the forecast incorporates how our economy is changing and how the population is shifting away from consumption of goods to services, due to Pima County's aging population. The most recent revenue estimate was performed last year, before the pandemic. Another forecast will be performed at the end of this year or in early 2021 after the impacts of the pandemic are better observed. Once the updated forecast is done, it will be the RTA Board that determines the target value for the tax revenue amount to be used in the financial plan for the next RTA programming.

For more information, the [RTA Next Revenue Projection](#) presentation is available for review on the RTA website.

This was an information item.

## **7. Review and Discussion of RTA Next Proposed Corridor Improvement Projects and Framework**

Rick Ellis, PAG, gave a presentation on the RTA Next projects list that recently had been submitted by the jurisdictions. Mr. Ellis outlined the framework for the next RTA plan and noted that the focus at this time is on the "named projects" that will have to be identified on the ballot, and that the development of the categorical elements will come later in CAC's deliberations. Mr. Ellis shared the summary of the key findings and suggestions for refinements and emphasized that the next steps and activities will involve ongoing and iterative efforts between the TMC and CAC.

For more information, the [RTA Next Proposed Corridor Improvement Projects](#) presentation is available for review on the RTA website.

Following the presentation, the committee discussed a few topics related to the Project Summary Table such as: revenue projections, cost estimates, other funding sources shown, and overlap between the current and next RTA plan, etc. Mr. Huckelberry noted that this is just the beginning of an iterative process and asked jurisdictional members to review and refine the project list, as needed, prior to the next CAC meeting to assist the CAC as their efforts progress.

This was an information item.

## **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:24 a.m.