

San Carlos Apache Tribe / White Mountain Apache Tribe Transportation Partnership Steering Committee Notes

Wednesday, August 14, 2019
10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
Sunrise Park Hotel

PURPOSE –

- Learn about ADOT Road Safety Assessments
- Find out about Fort Apache Connection Transit’s latest developments
- Receive update from San Carlos Nnee Bich’o Nii Apache Transit
- Learn about the ADOT Partnering Office
- Discuss goals developed at the 2018 Annual Meeting



ATTENDEES

- Aubree Perry, ADOT Transit Group/Planning Department
 Bahram Dariush, ADOT Traffic Safety, Road Safety Assessment Program Manager
 Bernadette Kniffin, Nnee Bich’o Nii Transit Services Director
 Brad Burgess, ADOT Program Administrator, Partnering and Transportation Lean Coach Teams
 Cassie Kenton-Garcia, WMAT Fort Apache Transit Manager
 Don Sneed, ADOT Planning Program Manager and Tribal Liaison
 Elisabett Vargas, ADOT ROW Coordinator
 Ermalinda Gene, ADOT Tribal Planning Program Manager
 Hugh Moses, SCAT DOT Financial & Budget Analyst
 Hutch Noline, SCAT TERO Director
 Jason Bottjen, ADOT Planning Program Manager
 Jerold Altaha – WMAT District II Councilman and Tribal Council Liaison
 John Osgood, Navajo County Public Works Director
 Harding Hooke, BIA Transportation San Carlos Agency
 Kurt Harris, ADOT Assistant Southeast District Engineer
 Lisa Robertson, City of Show Low Grant & Transit Manager
 Marco Burnette, WMAT Transportation Specialist
 Mark Henige, ADOT Local Public Agency Section Program Manager
 Mark Tessay, WMAT Fire Department

ATTENDEES CONTINUED

Marvin Mull, SCAT DOT Director

Mary Tapija, SCAT DOT Secretary

Matt Moul, ADOT Northeast District Engineer

Michael Carter, ADOT Partnering Office Administrator

Miles Begay, Navajo County Tribal Transportation Manager

Morey Cole, WMAT Police

Nanci Roberts, ADOT Right of Way

Tara Chief, WMAT DOT Director

Theodore Shaw, WMAT Police Chief

Travis Ashbaugh, Central Arizona Governments Transportation Planning Manager

Travis Tessay, WMAT District 1 Councilman and Tribal Council

Steve Aday, BIA San Carlos Agency Roads Supervisor

Facilitators: Linda Ritter, Julia Voight

Welcome

Travis Tessay, WMAT District I Councilman and Tribal Council Liaison provided the opening prayer and welcome to the participants. He expressed appreciation for the committee's efforts to collaborate on transportation issues. He spoke of past WMAT Chairman Ronnie Lupe, who recently passed, and was a great inspirational leader to the White Mountain Apache Tribe. A moment of silence was observed for Chairman Lupe. Members noted his powerful positive impact on the tribe.

A moment of silence was also observed for SCAT Tribal Council Aide, Treymayne Galson, who also recently passed. Mary Tapija, SCAT DOT Secretary, talked of Treymayne. Only in his early thirties, he was a talented individual who was well liked and valued by those who worked with him. His passing was felt strongly, as he had a long bright future ahead of him.

Linda went over the day's agenda and asked committee members to introduce themselves, stating their roles in their various tribes, agencies and organizations.

Road Safety Assessment Program

- Bahram Dariush, Road Safety Assessment Program Manager with ADOT Traffic Safety, provided an overview of ADOT's Road Safety Assessment Program. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the AZ Tribal Transportation site in the near future after the current site is posted to a new platform by ADOT's IT Department: <http://www.aztribaltransportation.org/sca/index.asp>
- The presentation included the following topics:
 - Definition of a Road Safety Assessment:
 - A formal safety performance review of an existing or future road or intersection by an independent multi-disciplinary team. It is proactive, focused on road safety and includes thorough field observation during all times of day and night. Vehicles, as well as pedestrians, bikes, ADA compliance, transit, and trucks are observed.
 - How the application process works:
 - What information is required in the application and when to apply
 - How applications are scored
 - The schedule/how long the scoring process takes
 - How the assessment works:
 - How data is analyzed
 - What is observed; what is included in the report
 - A list of previous tribal Road Safety Assessments

Issue Resolution Ladder

- Team members were asked to review the Issue Resolution Ladder and submit any updates to it. The document serves to allow committee members to have quick access to key contact information in the event of any issues or emergencies. It will be posted on the AZ Tribal Transportation website: <http://www.aztribaltransportation.org/sca/index.asp>

Transit Updates

- Cassie Kenton-Garcia, WMAT Fort Apache Transit Manager, provided a PowerPoint Presentation on Fort Apache Transit. Since its inception in June 2017, the transit system has grown remarkably in the short period of time in routes and ridership. Cassie overviewed the new routes, ridership on those routes, as well as routes in the planning stage.
- Bernadette Kniffin, Nnee Bich'o Nii Transit Services Director, updated the committee on transit operations with a PowerPoint presentation. Services continue to expand in areas of most need. Transit is a service that not only gets tribal members where they need to go, but offers the opportunity for those, such as the elderly who may otherwise stay home all day, to get out and socialize.
- Both PowerPoint presentations will be posted on the AZ Tribal Transportation website: <http://www.aztribaltransportation.org/sca/index.asp>

Partnering Office Presentation

Mike Carter, ADOT Partnering Office Administrator, provided an overview of the Partnering Office.

- The Partnering Office serves to provide structure for transportation-related teams to work on common goals and shared objectives. The benefits of Partnering are to build long-lasting relationships and long-term stability with access to knowledge.
- Facilitators serve to support teams. They work with team leaders to understand the “what, when, where, and who” of meetings that need to be planned. Based on input, they create meeting agendas and other materials as needed.
- Partnering facilitators assist in setting up meetings and ensure that any needed presentations or documents are provided at the meetings. They communicate meeting information to appropriate team members.
- Partnering facilitators serve to guide the flow of the meetings and workshops, to make sure they run smoothly and cover the main agenda items. They remain neutral during discussions, and they serve to ensure that everyone listens, has a chance to speak and feels included in the process.
- Facilitators assist teams in the development and maintenance of partnership documents, such as team charters and guiding principles, issue resolution documents, goal development, action plans and contact information.

Charter and Partnership Guiding Principles

At the previous Committee Meeting in April 2019, a member asked the question after the meeting as to what the Partnership served to accomplish. The Charter and Partnership Guiding Principles that had been developed by the committee and signed by participants at the Annual Meeting in August 2018 provide the answer to that question. Linda went over the Charter for those new to the Partnership.

Charter

Provide a forum for partnership members to strengthen working relationships, identify transportation concerns and work collaboratively to address those concerns.

Partnership Guiding Principles

Be patient
Seek to understand
Cooperate and collaborate to achieve goals
Provide timely feedback
Make timely decisions
Attend meetings and participate in discussions
Be open and honest
Work to develop trust and respect
Be committed to the partnership and members
Disseminate accurate information
Use agreed-upon processes to resolve issues
Listen to understand

Goals/Action Items

- There was some question as to agreed-upon partnership goals expressed at the previous committee meeting in April 2019; therefore, the Goals developed at the Annual Meeting in August 2018 were reviewed to determine what, if any, should be changed and the status of each. It was determined that the Seneca Park redevelopment goal will no longer be a goal of the Partnership, as the San Carlos tribe is actively working on a plan to restore the park. All other Goals will remain. While not a partnership goal, updates on the Seneca plan will be provided by SCAT at future committee meetings.
- Goals and Action items have been updated and will be posted on the AZ Tribal Transportation website: <http://www.aztribaltransportation.org/sca/index.asp>
- At future Steering Committee meetings, members will provide updates regarding goal achievements or steps taken to ultimately achieve goals.

Next Meeting

Date to be selected and announced. Meeting will be held Apache Gold Casino in San Carlos.

Possible Agenda Items

Please let Linda Ritter know your ideas for agenda items, presentations, etc.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Hutch Noline, SCAT TERO Director.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.