

# San Carlos Apache Partnership Annual Meeting

Apache Gold Conference Center, San Carlos, Az

October 16, 2014 9:30-3:30 p.m.

## MEETING NOTES

Attendees		
Alvena Bush, WMAT	Gary Murrey, Apache Gold Casino	Lee Randall, SCAT
Arnold Beach, WMAT	Michael Pastor, Gila County	Tony Alsenay, WMAT
Alfred Brooks, WMAT	Jason Pike, ADOT	Teresa Welborn, ADOT
Alvin DeClay, WMAT	Terry Rambler, SCAT	Misty Klann, ADOT-MPD
David Franklin, WMAT	Richard Powers, Jacobs Engineering GP	Lance James, AZER
Sharon Gordon, FHWA -Az-Division	Hutch Noline, SCAT	Theresa M. Larzelere, WMAT
Angela Gotto, CAG	Brenda Roberts, WMA	Dan Long, Az-DPS
Ruth Greenspan, ADOT	Marvin Mull, Jr, SCAT	David Mack, ADOT
Jessie Gutierrez, ADOT-Globe District	Andy Smith, CAG	John Marcanti, Gila County
Bill Harmon, ADOT-Safford District	Mindy Teague, ADOT-Globe District	Matt Moul, ADOT-Globe
Carrie Heglund, Southwest Gas	Mark Tessay, WMA	Floyd Walker, WMAT
Dallas Hammit, ADOT-SEO	Kimberly Utley, FHWA-Az-Division	Kino Kane, WMAT
Doug Hansen, Pinal County	Mary Tapija, SCAT	Jesus Sandoval, ADOT-Globe
David Frances, SCAT Transit	Romare Truly, FHWA, Az-Division	Wilbur Belvado, SCAT TANF
Bill Harmon, ADOT-Safford District	Bill Noline, SCAT	Vansler Nosie, SCAT TANF
David Kitcheyan, WMAT	Rod Wigman, ADOT-Globe District	Nathan Nash, SCAT

Facilitator: Michele Crank, ADOT, Office of Partnering

Recorder: Clem Webb, ADOT, Office of Partnering

**The next Partnership steering committee meeting is: January 27, 2015**

Agenda Items and Highlights	
Topic	Details
<b>Invocation</b>	Hutch Noline provided the invocation.

Topic	Details
<b>Introductions</b>	Each attendee was asked to introduce themselves name, title/agency and a lifetime highlight.

Topic	Details
<b>Overview of meeting material</b>	Michele Crank provided an overview of all the material and tabs (10) within the meeting packets provided to the attendees.

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<b>Welcome Address</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The welcome address was to be provided by San Carlos Apache Tribal Chairman Terry Rambler but members were informed that San Carlos Apache Tribal Council convened for an emergency Tribal Council meeting.</li> <li>Gary Murrey, General Manager of Apache Gold Casino Resort welcomed members and guest to the annual partnership meeting.</li> </ul>

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<b>San Carlos Apache Transportation</b>	<p>Marvin Mull, Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with SEGO, Bylas Communication and ADOT, HWY 70 turnoff.</li> <li>Projects-Road Construction to high school in Bylas should be complete by next week.</li> <li>Volte-San Carlos detention center is 6 months-95% complete, construction should start as early as 2015.</li> <li>We will be applying for grants again.</li> </ul>

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<b>San Carlos Apache Tribal Transit</b>	<p>Wilbur Belvado and Dave Francis, Lead Transit Supervisor provided the powerpoint presentation for the San Carlos Apache Tribal Transit Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided FY15 number of budgets under the program currently 13, and only 8% Tribal contribution.</li> <li>Since 2008, (WPR) Work Participation Rate rates have been met saving Tribe penalty charges of \$120,000 yearly.</li> <li>Recent hires, 2 CDL drivers for 24/7 Apache Gold Resort &amp; Casino Employee Shuttle.</li> <li>80% of Transit will be relocated to the Substation at Cutter Airport, due to outgrowing current location and for safety reasons. Leasing building from Tribe, Wilbur Belvado will be supervising that location.</li> <li>Two new Transit routes will be open in December 2014, which will provide more options for public Transit.</li> <li>Additional training slots will be available December 1, 2014 for van driver and CDL driver license, two Dispatcher Training positions for four months duration; project will be effective until March 2015.</li> <li>We're growing, adding, and training people as we grow.</li> <li>Christina will assist with resume's etc.</li> <li>Transit runs 7:00am-2:00 pm for Casino Employees</li> <li>ADA Van services older senior Community for shopping from Tuesday-Thursday.</li> </ul> <p>Service to Copper Mountain will be provided in the future.</p>

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<b>ADOT-SEO</b>	<p>Dallas Hammit, Sr. Deputy State Engineer Speaking points presented by Jesse Gutierrez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing of accident data, so we may review and identify crucial areas so we can acquire funding.</li> <li>Partnerships are critical to ADOT, because this helps us to maintain the relationships we have so we can develop long range plans through this Partnership. These partnerships are important because, there is commitment from ADOT to the Partnership, Hired a Tribal Facilitator; it's more than just a Partnership and excellence in Transit Award.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to come together and identify needs from ADOT and Tribes, to improve roadway, mobility and safety. The Partnership is working very well.</li> </ul>
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<b>ADOT Globe District</b>	<p>Jesse Gutierrez, District Engineer</p> <p>Introduced members of his staff, Mindy Teague, Sr. Engr, North Region, Matt Moul, Assistant DE, and Jesus' Sandoval-Gil newest member to this team 2<sup>nd</sup> day on the job.</p> <p>Globe District current Project updates: (See Presentation)</p> <p>Highlights of projects from Presentation:</p> <p>SR 73 MP, Whiteriver to Coalmine Canyon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stripping this week, more needs to be done.</li> </ul> <p>District Springs Wash Bridge Replacement done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ruth Greenspan and her team assisted with the project.</li> </ul> <p>West Reservation Boundary Entry Monument Sign Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs high quality resolution for the seal, then project can be finalized.</li> </ul> <p>Salt River Canyon Rest Area (After)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to the public Monday October 20, 2014</li> <li>Vendor's located across highway, old gas station and little pull out areas.</li> </ul>

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<b>ADOT Safford District</b>	<p>Bill Harmon, District Engineer-See Memo</p> <p>Highlights from memo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WMAT lighting issues, meeting will be planned to discuss the issue with Jesse and Brenda Roberts, White Mountain Apache.</li> <li>Other areas discussed were, Everyday Counts, Transportation committee and signage.</li> <li>Sharing information, that's how it happens, public meeting in Bylas next month.</li> </ul>

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<b>FHWA</b>	Sharon Gordon and Romare Truly, see presentation information in file.

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<b>CAG</b>	<p>For additional information contact: <a href="mailto:asmith@cagza.org">asmith@cagza.org</a>, (480) 474-9300</p> <p>Regional Transportation Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5310 Program to ADOT through CAG to Tribe.</li> <li>Plan began in 2011 and has until the end of 2014 to present to cancel.</li> <li>Pinal County adapted the RTP (Regional Transportation Plan)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan has lots of Federal mandates</li> </ul> <p>REGIONAL STRATEGIC SAFETY PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation on Monday October 20, 2014 to Apache, Gila, A 'chin, Elected Official on the Transportation Board etc.</li> <li>Gila River is still apart of MAG</li> <li>WMAT needs to send a letter to join CAG</li> <li>Andy met with NACOG and Mr. Palmer in Globe, met with Mr. Brooks in Showlow and he would like to continue these meeting.</li> </ul>
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<b>Railroad</b>	<p>David Franklin Powerpoint in presentation file</p> <p>AZER Railroad Improvements Under G &amp; W</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>33 million has enhanced tract conditions, this equates to 62 mile of track.</li> </ul> <p>Raising the track speed to 25 MPH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trespassing signs are in English and Apache, Spanish will be added as well.</li> </ul> <p>Operation life saver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeremiah Ricker and Lance James are the two lifesaver volunteers.</li> <li>Would like to get involved with the schools in San Carlos and Bylas to talk to kids and teachers to discuss railroad safety, and provide pens and pencils for children.</li> </ul>

Topic	Details
<b>Work Group Sessions</b>	(1) Right of Way ,(2) Incident Command Management ,(3) Community Access Management Education Process

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<b>Group Presentation on Discussion</b>	<p><b>RIGHT OF WAY-</b> Scribe-Michele Crank</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>JPG-Tribal Seal-Mull-Globe District.</p> <p>Permit-Globe district Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit-safety, sight issues, decide if location is durable</li> <li>Can also be environmental issue also</li> <li>Tribal Planning dept. can assist</li> <li>Tribal Transportation Access Plan? PARA dollars and Land Use Plan.</li> <li>Have Steering Committee invite Verna Cassd, WMAT, BIA Reality to speak/meet also Planning and Zoning</li> <li>Flyers packets to those who are leasing land</li> <li>Need to go through BIA and Tribal Council to issue approval</li> <li>Can ADOT permits be part of the approve process?</li> <li>Adapt process to include ADOT Permits</li> </ul>

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- Reinforce safety aspect of this. Safe Access
- ADOT would like to get using a frontage road system.
- Can install cattle guards
- There are incentives to get the permit from ADOT

### **COMMUNITY ACCESS MANAGEMENT EDUCATION PROCESS** – Scribe Teresa Welborn

Discussion

Tribal livestock Inspector, Ordnance, Process, education.

Contact SCAT Livestock Association

All Board Cattle Association

Action Plan:

- Attend all Board Cattle Association monthly meetings
- Chair-Steve Titla
- Re: Temp Holiday, facilities roles (SCAT, WMAT has one)
- Develop response protocols

### **INCIDENT COMMAND MANAGEMENT**- Scribe Sharon Gordon

Discussion

Incident in State Parks

Interagency Agreement in place

US 70, no signage to direct traffic

Utilities-Work with first responders, responsibilities for who plans signage on Reservation, first responder training for Tribe, first responder plan

Bylas issue, flooding

No Tribal energy management center

#### **Types of Incidents:**

Highway related

State routes-accidents

Chemical spills (Hazmat)

Slope failure

Weather (major)

Railroad

Stakeholders:

- DPS, Fire Dept. ADOT Reservation, City (San Carlos) , Local Public Agencies, Utility Companies (SWG), Public, Flood Control

#### **Training:**

- **FEMA**
- **Develop first Responder Training**
- **AZ Cert**

#### **Communication Assessment:**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communication protocols</li><li>• Roles and responsibilities</li><li>• Reservation vs State</li><li>• Planning routes (Tribal roads)</li><li>• Signage</li></ul> <p><b>Action Plan:</b> Detour route plan, include Tribal roads, may need to update Directional signage Ensure everyone has access Radio alert system (AM) KYAY-Tribal Communication System TOC to include Reservation Use of Reservation frequency Need Interagency agreement</p>
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Benediction	Mr. Marvin Mull, SCAT

Next SCAT Steering Committee meeting January 27, 2015.

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### Participant Meeting Evaluation Feedback

Feedback is based on 29 forms.

Ratings: 1 = lowest 5 = Highest

#### 1. How valuable was this meeting for you?

Average Rating 4.24

##### What about this meeting was most valuable to you?

Opportunity to network, exchange of information.

SCAT showing it can be done.

Learning the degree of cooperation/collaboration

Learning all about Partnerships

Networking

I never knew anything about Transportation until last month, and today was a good day, learned a lot  
Still yet to learn

The collaboration with other Agency Personnel

Overall information shared

Partnership and information about projects and concerns

First time to attend, very good information

Meeting new stakeholders

How excellent working relationship between Tribe and ADOT

Everyone enjoying themselves

1<sup>st</sup> meeting and the Partner that are helping with SCA Tribe

Creating/establishing working relationships with key stakeholders in San Carlos Indian Reservations

Networking

Our Tribe really needs to get our Transportation moving, we need a director now

The breakout session was available

Improvement in Intergovernmental and stakeholder relationships, keep moving forward to make it  
Continuous

The break-out groups help to resolve issues

I felt that ADOT and San Carlos working well with all the resources that are brought to the program

Meeting with members of WM Tribe agencies face to face and hearing what's being worked on and  
what concerns are

Partnership, how good working relationships lead to accomplishments

The meeting was well organized move along very well

Interaction with both Tribes

Information and expertise sharing that allows for solutions to numerous Transportation concerns

Success transit

#### 2. What would have improved this meeting?

All good, first meeting.

Not a thing.

It would be good for WMAT to become Partnerships.

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#### Continue Comments on #2. What would have improved this meeting?

Ha! Softer chairs, but I whine too much

Have meetings throughout Az. and Tribal Reservations

Invite other to meetings

Clearly outline the table topics what is desired for each team to provide, ensure that each agency is

Represented at each of the subject topics

The ability to network more, the agenda was not followed and this meeting was more business like

Comments from participants sometime hard to hear, should use a second microphone, otherwise all else was good

The meeting gets better and better each time

Inviting key personnel from Tribe

No suggestions

Invite BIA Reality, and SCAT Planning and Tribal Council

#### 3. How do you rate the Facilitator?

**Average Rating: 4.55**

Michele is an excellent facilitator. I'm impressed at how quickly she has become familiar with the Partnership and people and issues.

Great job

The facilitator did a very good job

Michele keeps the meeting moving, great

Informational

Excellent leadership, respectful of diverse stakeholders

They're all have the expertise

Hard worker and efficient

Kept meeting on track and on-time

Did a good job, very good

Keep up the good work Michele

Good job keep on schedule

Great prep work

Effective, stays on task

Very good at seeing everyone organized and on schedule

#### 4. How do you rate the effectiveness of this team?

**Average Rating: 4.31**

Very effective communication at meetings

Great meeting and speakers

Get along well

Always room for improvement

Great potential

Work well as a team

Great work and I look forward to working with this group moving forward

Great communication and interaction

Good to hear the support from the San Carlos Apache Tribe Chairman

With a little more time training, this could be rated a 5

Very effective at working together to move forward with workable solutions



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#### 5. What other comments or suggestions do you have?

Let's meet more often. WMAT needs to have the meetings on the Ft. Apache

Best information I receive

Will continue to work towards getting WMAT

The success of this Partnership is ongoing, keep the momentum going as you tackle new issues

Great, would like to join the partnership

Thanks

Excellent and well informational work

Identify expectations for each of the categories

Get a good pointer for presentations, also make sure to ask question before moving to next topic

Note: Members of White Mountain Apache Tribal Council and White Mountain Apache Transportation Board members were invited to this meeting approved by the SCAT Steering Committee members.

Next meeting Steering committee meeting on January 27, 2015