

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

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Hon-Dah Casino & Conference Center

PURPOSE –

- *Review Annual Meeting Format
- *Refine Goals/Action Items Discussed at Annual Meeting
- *Provide Updates to Issue Resolution Ladder
- *Provide Partnership Updates
- *Discuss Any Significant/Urgent Funding Needs – Identify Possible Funding/Partnership Opportunities for Them
- *Discuss Agenda Items/Date/Location Next Meeting



ATTENDEES

Alicia Urquidez, ADOT ROW Acquisition
Angelo Belvado, Nnee Bich'oo Nii Transit Services Dispatcher
Aubree Perry, ADOT Transit Group Planning Department
Bernadette Kniffin, Nnee Bich'oo Nii Transit Services Director
Bill Harmon, ADOT Southeast District Engineer
Cassie Kenton-Garcia, WMAT Fort Apache Transit Manager
Charla Glendening, ADOT Statewide Planning Manager
David Francis, Nnee Bich'oo Nii Transit Services Fleet Supervisor
Elisabett Vargas, ADOT ROW Coordinator
Georgia Puente Meza, Fort Apache BIA Roads Manager
Hugh Moses, SCAT DOT Financial & Budget Analyst
Jerold Altaha – WMAT District II Councilman and Tribal Council Liaison
Mark Tessay, WMAT Fire Department
Mary Tapija, SCAT DOT Secretary
Matt Moul, ADOT Northeast District Engineer

ATTENDEES CONTINUED

Michael Carter, ADOT Partnering Office Administrator
Miles Begay, Navajo County Tribal Transportation Manager
Morey Cole, WMAT Police
Nona Tuchawena, Fort Apache BIA Superintendent
Orlando Tessay, WMAT Fire Department Chief
Romare Truely, FHWA Community Planner
Rosalinda Federico, ADOT Tribal Planning Program Manager
Tara Chief, WMAT DOT Director
Travis Tessay, WMAT District I Councilman and Tribal Council Liaison
Steve Aday, BIA San Carlos Agency Roads Supervisor

Facilitator

Linda Ritter
Julia Voight (Assisting)

Welcome

ADOT Partnering Facilitator, Linda Ritter, opened the meeting. Travis Tessay, WMAT District I Councilman and Tribal Council Liaison provided the opening prayer. WMAT DOT Director, Tara Chief, provided a welcoming address, expressing her appreciation to the committee for taking time out of their schedules to attend the meeting and collaborate on transportation issues. Linda thanked WMAT DOT for their generosity in hosting the meeting venue as well as the lunch and also expressed appreciation to SCAT DOT and Nnee Bich'oo Nii Transit Services for hosting the meeting's breakfast. Linda asked committee members to introduce themselves, stating their roles in their various tribes, agencies and organizations. After introductions, Linda went over the day's agenda.

Review of 2018 Annual meeting

What Worked

- Information booths – networking instead of sitting
- Discussion of ADOT assistance for Seneca
- Successes discussion by the panel/sharing stories

What Should We Change

- Seating arrangements – not circular tables, perhaps very large U-shape, or with more than 50 attendees, chevron tables may be a good idea so all can see and participate.
- Booths in a separate room did not work – there were fewer booths than expected and the meeting participants did not visit the booths. It would have been better if the participants had been ushered/led into the booth area.
- After the panel presentations, it would have been beneficial to provide time for Q & A.
- Instead of panel discussion and booths, have PowerPoint presentations by SCAT DOT, WMAT DOT, San Carlos Nnee Bich'oo Nii Apache Transit, ADOT NE District and ADOT SE District. Presentations should be shared/provided in advance. Give each agency a time limit for their presentations and build the agenda around it.
- Mail invitations to tribal leaders in addition to email invitations.

Goals/Action Items

- The Goals/Action Steps discussed at the Annual Meeting were reviewed and revised as needed.
- The Goals/Action Steps document is 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.

Issue Resolution Ladder

- Team members provided updates to the Issue Resolution Ladder and the revised document will continue to be shared among the team.
- The document serves to allow committee members to have quick access to key contact information in the event of any issues or emergencies.

Partnership Updates

Team members who wished to have updates included in this Meeting Summary briefly summarized their discussions on a “Partnership Update” form.

- Bernadette Kniffin provided a PowerPoint presentation on latest achievements for San Carlos Nnee Bich’o Nii Apache Transit.

- Bill Harmon

US 70 Bylas Safety Improvements

- Successful completion after \$13 million and 15 years
- Enhanced pedestrian safety

US 70 Globe to Bylas Passing Lane

- Completing 1st west of Peridot
- Designing 2nd east of Apache Gold Casino for eastbound traffic

Traffic Data – Accidents

- Need annual updates from tribal police department

- Mark Tessay

Wildfire Along State Route 73

- Highway 73 Oliver Fire – Thank you to ADOT for traffic control
- Fire Order is needed – per ADOT representative.

911 Addressing

- Street signs provided to WMAT Transportation
- Work with 911
- Extra work: Address verification.

TIMS (Traffic Incident Management System)

- Lost the ITCA instructor
- We have two WMAT Fire and Rescue TIMS instructors
- February 2019 will be our next scheduled training.

Two-way Access

- Need two-way access for safety: All-weather, 24-foot wide road with a good turn around area.

- Hugh Moses
 - Route 6 Second Phase “Project C1-C2-C3”
 - Route 6 second phase will start soon.
 - Approximate cost is about \$7 million
 - Waiting on approval from BIA
- Charla Glendening
 - Tribal Fund Transfer
 - The federal government is allowing states to transfer federal funding directly to tribes
 - Annual Tribal Leadership Meeting
 - The meeting was well attended. Next year, the meeting will be held at the Pascua Yaqui Casino and Conference Center – Casino Del Sol
- Aubree Perry
 - Transit
 - Coordinating with San Carlos Nnee Bich’o Nii Apache Transit and ADOT Business Engagement & Compliance (Corey Foster) to facilitate CDL trainings beginning stages of route planning study with WMAT – Fort Apache Connection Transit
 - Planning application opened last month, due November 28. 5311 agencies must partner with their local COG’s and MPO’s

Funding Needs/Identify Possible Partnership Opportunities

Mark Tessay

- It would be good to have delineators on the roads to know where people live that are off the main road.
- Councilman Jerold Altaha will work with Tara to take care of this issue. BIA is no longer involved in this matter, as WMAT Council passed a resolution to assume control of all BIA routes on WMAT land.

Councilman Jerold Altaha

- Communication in the Salt River: A super cell tower (resolution passed by WMAT Council) is to be installed over the Mogollon Rim to help with communication problems. This may or may not help with the Salt River Canyon communication issues. The hope is to fill in the gap in the Salt River Canyon as much as possible from the WMAT side.

Mark Tessay

- Vehicle versus animal collisions – There is a proposal to work with the cattle association to put reflectors on cow’s ears to help reduce vehicle versus cow collisions

Next Meeting – March 2019 (Date to be selected. Meeting will be held at Hon-Dah Conference Center.)

Agenda

- Provide more in depth updates/progress on goals
- Amos Wash Road presentation – Coordinated by WMAT DOT
 - Purpose: Better understanding of the major goal of ultimately upgrading this route.
 - Will include aerial view
- Seneca presentation – Coordinated by Councilman Jerold Altaha (Charles Russel and possible other individual may provide this presentation.)
 - Purpose: Better understanding of the major goal of bringing back the store and park
 - To include an overview of the history of Seneca and current photos.
- Examples of transit facilities that have been built in the last 10 years and their costs. – Charla Glendening to provide
 - Purpose: To understand possible transit opportunities at Seneca

Note: Mary Tapija to look into possibility of teleconferencing for those who cannot attend from San Carlos.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by WMAT Councilman Jerold Altaha

Summary of Participant Meeting Evaluation

Scores are based on 11 evaluations. Comments are taken from the evaluation forms exactly as written.

1. How valuable was this meeting for you? 4.18 out of 5
2. Could you or other team members have done anything more during the meeting to encourage a successful outcome? 3 Yes 8 No
 - Great process
 - Research and study topics with current information.
 - Probably!
3. How well did the facilitator guide and encourage team members to understand and discuss key meeting items? 4.45 out of 5
4. How do you rate the effectiveness of the team? 4.54 out of 5
5. Do you have any suggestions for improving future meetings? 3 Yes 8 No
6. How satisfied were you with the facility? 4.27 out of 5
7. How satisfied were you with the refreshments? 4.27 out of 5

Comments

- Would be good to see PowerPoint slides from both WMAT and SCAT. Not just one.
- Breakfast was cold. Not even warm.
- I enjoyed the meeting. Sorry I missed the Annual Meeting. We were in California on a wildland fire.
- Some form of short simple training on a subject. Just informative update on how to fill a form or to start a project. – Take away learning.

- Good food.
- Good discussion. Team should evaluate whether there are enough items to warrant a meeting. Today's agenda seemed very light relative to past meetings.
- Thanks!
- Great job. Enjoyed the meeting.