



DATE: March 25th, 2024
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: 135 N. Pinal Street Florence, AZ 85132

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Craig McFarland, City of Casa Grande, called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman McFarland, City of Casa Grande, led the Pinal RTA Board, staff, and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Chairman Craig McFarland, Vice Chair Mila Besich, Board Member/Supervisor Jeffrey McClure, Board Member Robert Schroeder, Board Member Jon Thompson, Board Member Micah Powell, Board Member Vince Manfredi

Members Absent: Board Member Robin Benning, Board Member Tara Walter, Board Member Curtis Stacy, Board Member Patricia Armenta

Staff: John Kross, Jennifer Corralejo, Tara Harman, Dedrick Denton, Ray Telles, Benjamin Coker, Ashlee Feliz, Sylvia Mondejar, Bill Sims, Andy Smith, Tami Ryall, Dan Marum, Amy Moran

Guests: Leo Lew, Rodney States, Chris Keller, Richard Miller, Jason Bottjen, Benjamin Bitter, Joshua Franklin, Lisa Garcia, Celeste Garza, Jeff Graves, Jan Martin, Benjamin Navarro, Joe Ortiz, Paul Patane, Andrea Robles, Christopher Salas, Heather Wilkey, Mohamed Youssef, Keith Brown, Lana Clark, Mackenzie Letcher, Matt Rencher, Ron Aldous, Rob Wisler, Ron Grittmann

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC - NONE

Chairman McFarland, City of Casa Grande, opened up the floor to anyone that would like to address the board.
No items to address.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member/Supervisor Jeffrey McClure, Pinal County, made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Robert Schroeder, City of Apache Junction, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approval of January 29th, 2024 Pinal RTA Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) roster for 2024.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS - NONE



7. New Business Items

- A. Discussion/possible action on approval of a cooperative services Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) funding the between the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) and Pinal County. (Bill Sims)

Board Member Micah Powell, City of Eloy, made a motion to approve the cooperative services Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) funding the between the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) and Pinal County as presented. Board Member Jon Thompson, City of Coolidge, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion/update on status of Pinal Regional Transportation Authority Quarterly Financial Report between the PRTA. (John Kross) John Kross, PRTA Executive Director, presented the First Quarter Financial Report. (PowerPoint Presented. Materials attached)

- C. Discussion and possible action on Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 PRTA Budget. (John Kross) John Kross, PRTA Executive Director, presented the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 PRTA Budget. Mr. Kross noted that the recommended budget was a high-level projection and does include estimates related to elections costs anticipated to be incurred the last quarter of the fiscal year. (PowerPoint Presented. Materials attached)

Board Member Robert Schroeder, City of Apache Junction, made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 PRTA Budget as presented. Board Member/Supervisor Jeffrey McClure, Pinal County, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Discussion and possible approval of the Guiding Principles, Project Evaluation and Selection Criteria for developing a new Regional Transportation Plan. (John Kross, Dan Marum and Amy Moran)

John Kross, PRTA Executive Director, Dan Marum & Amy Moran, Wilson & Company, presented the Guiding Principles, Project Evaluation and Selection Criteria for developing a new Regional Transportation Plan. Discussion ensued from members of the Board relative to ensuring that the program costs, although not identified or known until later in the regional transportation plan update process, will need careful analysis to ensure projects included, are properly funded within the 20-year program term. Mr. Kross, PRTA Executive Director, noted that it is likely that the revenues estimated from the ½ cent new sales tax would not fully fund all projects but that the financial gap will need to be funded from other sources. The other sources of funding will need to be determined at the appropriate time and at the time of the regional transportation plan approval by the Board. **(PowerPoint Presented. Materials attached)**

Board Member Robert Schroeder, City of Apache Junction, made a motion to approve the Guiding Principles, Project Evaluation and Selection Criteria for developing a new Regional Transportation Plan as presented. Board Member Jon Thompson, City of Coolidge, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



- E. Discussion and possible action on Resolution in support of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Transportation Plan. (Chair McFarland)

Chairman McFarland presented this item, identifying the importance of the MAG Region's roadway program's positive importance on the Pinal region.

Board Member/Supervisor Jeffrey McClure, Pinal County, made a motion on the Resolution in support of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Transportation Plan as presented. Vice Chair Mila Besich, Town of Superior, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRTA Board members enter the Executive Session at 2:49pm

- F. Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority's Attorney, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4) for discussion, consultation, legal advice and instruction concerning an Intergovernmental Agreement among the Arizona Department of Revenue, Pinal County and the PRTA regarding cooperative efforts among all the parties to establish and implement a process for refunding the PRTA transportation excise tax that was first collected in April 2018 and terminated by order of the Arizona Supreme Court on March 8, 2022.

Chairman Craig McFarland, City of Casa Grande, called the meeting to order at 2:52 PM.

Executive Session adjourned at 3:07pm

Regular Session resumed at 3:10pm

- G. Discussion and possible action on approval of an IGA with Pinal County and the Arizona Department of Revenue for administration and process of PRTA Tax Refunds. (Bill Sims)

Board Member/Supervisor Jeffrey McClure, Pinal County, made a motion to approve an IGA with Pinal County and the Arizona Department of Revenue for administration and process of PRTA Tax Refunds as presented. Board Member Robert Schroeder, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion of Board members' request for future agenda item and/or reports.

No items to address.

9. Upcoming Meetings & Events

June 10th, 2024

10. ADJOURN

Chairman Craig McFarland, City of Casa Grande, adjourned the Pinal RTA executive session at 3:14 PM.

First Quarter Financial Report

PRTA Board Meeting – March 25, 2024

PRTA EXPENSES FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 TO MARCH 31, 2024		
PERSONNEL SERVICES		
	Personnel Services	\$ 48,499.26
SUPPLIES		
	Office Supplies - Business Cards	\$ 17.15
SERVICES		
	Rounds Consulting	\$ 55,000.00
	Educational (staffing) Services – Consulting	\$ 7,489.83
	Sims Mackin LTD - Legal Services	\$ 7,740.00
TOTAL		\$ 118,746.24

Proposed Fiscal Year 2024/25 PRTA Budget

PRTA FY24/25 BUDGET	
Funding Sources	
Pinal County General Fund	\$1,560,000
Total	\$1,560,000
Expense Category	
Personnel Services	\$ 500,000
Professional Services	\$ 1,030,000
Supplies	\$ 10,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 20,000
Total Budget	\$1,560,000



Pinal Regional Transportation Authority

Regional Transportation Plan Development

PRTA Board

March 25, 2024



Agenda

- Scope & Schedule
- Relevant Studies (what are we forgetting)
- Guiding Principles
- Project Evaluation & Selection Process



Scope & Schedule

Pinal Regional Transportation Plan – *Forward 2045*

Rev. 2/13/2024

	2024												2025											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	
Task 1: Project Mgmt and Administration																								
• TAC (1)		■		■		■		■		■		■		■		■								
• Transit Sub-cmte						(Tent)		(Tent)																
• PRTA Board (1)			■			■			■			■	■	■		■		■						
• Other (CTAC, City/Town Councils, County BOS; sub-regions outreach)		SR; BOS (ind)		SR; BOS (ind)		SR; BOS (ind)		SR; BOS (ind)		SR; BOS (ind)														
Task 2: Existing and Future Needs Assessment																								
• Project Criteria/Guiding Principles		■	■																					
• Member Agency Call for Projects				■	■																			
• Project Cost Validation and Revenue Forecast					■	■	■																	
Task 3: Scenario Development/Packages						■	■	■																
Task 4: Plan Development and Refinement (Board, TAC, Member Agencies, Board Review of Draft Plan)							■	■	■	■	■													
• Board Adoption												■												
• Public Outreach (2)													■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Ballot to Recorder																						■		
Election																							★	

(1) Additional meetings may be needed depending on the development of policy discussion and direction provided. (2) Outreach may need to be modified after election scheduled.



Relevant Studies

- Regionally Significant Routes for Safety & Mobility (including programmed projects)
- SCMPO RTP
- West Pinal County – Maricopa Transportation Study
- Town of Queen Creek and Pinal County SATS
- Superstition Vistas Area Study
- Gold Canyon Circulation Study
- General Plan Circulation Elements
- Other Adopted Local Plans (CIPS, TIPS, IIP, etc.)

Guiding Principles Statute Requirements



- \$300K (or 1%) jurisdictional allocations (ARS 48-5308D.1)
- Public transportation (ARS 48-5309A.2)
- Other items permitted in statute:
 - Regional Transportation Corridors
 - Order the priority of regional transportation corridors for development
 - Determine mix of alternative transportation modes appropriately considered with each corridor
 - Appropriate transportation technology

Recommended Guiding Principles

Other Considerations



Guiding Principle	TTAC Recommended (2/29/24)
Funding for state facilities	Yes, contribute funds to state facilities
Full or partial funding of projects	Partial funding of projects
Maximum funding contribution threshold as percent of forecasted revenue (per project)	Yes, with funding cap(s) identified at a future date
Project inclusion in a publicly vetted agency plan and/or RSRSM	Yes, must be included in a publicly vetted plan
Inclusion of intersection capacity improvement projects	Yes, as long as included in a publicly vetted plan
Inclusion of projects consisting of right-of-way acquisition only	Yes, as long as included in a publicly vetted plan

Project Evaluation & Selection



- Categories of Evaluation Criteria
- Category Weighting/Emphasis
- Criteria

Project Evaluation & Selection Categories



- SCMPO
 - Safety
 - Vehicle Mobility/Regional Connectivity
 - Bicycle, Pedestrian & Transit Mobility
 - Economic Vitality
 - Infrastructure Condition
 - Environmental Protection
 - Equity
 - Technology
- MAG
 - Safety
 - Mobility
 - Prosperity
 - Maintenance
 - Responsiveness
- Others?

Project Evaluation & Selection

Weighting – PRTA Recommended Approach



Category	SCMPO Weighting	MAG Weighting	PRTA Weighting (TTAC Recommended/2/29/24)
Safety	25	25	25
Vehicle Mobility/Regional Connectivity	20	30	30
Economic Vitality/Prosperity	20	25	25
Infrastructure Condition/Maintenance	20	10	10
Technology/Responsiveness	5 (bonus points)	10	-
Bicycle, Pedestrian & Transit Mobility	10	-	5
Environmental Protection	5	-	-
Equity	5 (bonus points)	-	-
Sustainability	-	-	5

Project Evaluation & Selection Criteria – PRTA Recommended Approach



Category	MAG Metrics	SCMPO Metrics (TTAC recommended 2/29/24)
Safety	Total crash rate, fatal & injury crash rate	number of safety countermeasures, level of observed safety need
Vehicle Mobility/Regional Connectivity	LOS, volume/capacity ratios, travel time indices	Connectivity to interstates/regionally significant roads, facility type
Economic Vitality/Prosperity	Existing & future population densities	Improved access to existing or future employment centers
Infrastructure Condition/Maintenance	Pavement condition and bridge rating databases	Simplified pavement/bridge condition (good/fair/poor), presence of bridge on roadway segment
Responsiveness/Technology	Planning time indices	Number of technology elements included in the project
Bicycle, Pedestrian & Transit Mobility	n/a	Number of alternate mode elements included in project
Environmental Protection	n/a	Inclusion of sustainable elements
Equity	n/a	Location within a disadvantages community
Sustainability	n/a	Combination of technology, environmental, and equity considerations