



PARTNERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

June 9, 2010: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Apache Gold Convention Center, San Carlos, AZ

Attendees		
Alicia J. Urquidez, ADOT	Dan Long, DPS	Mary Tapija, San Carlos
Andre Stevens, San Carlos	Doug Hansen, Pinal County	Ken Bitten, Eastern Railroads
Barney Bigman, San Carlos	Felipe Sanchez, ADOT	Paul Buck, San Carlos
Bart Smith, Ak-Chin	Jerry Irish, ADOT	
Bill Leister, CAAG	Joy Keller Weidman, Holon Consulting	
Bill Harmon, ADOT	Luis Chaves, ADOT	
Bernadette Kniffin, San Carlos	Michelle Fink, ADOT	
Bill Pederson, ADOT	Misty Dayzie, ADOT	
Charla Glendening, ADOT	Michael Pastor, Gila County	
David Simpson, Eastern Railroad	Nathan Banks, FHWA	

Facilitator: Joy Keller-Weidman and Michelle Fink

See Attached roster for contact information.

Next meeting is Sept. 23; it will be the annual meeting at this location. Start time may be different to allow for officials to get here.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Update on action items & task teams
- Understand and provide input to key transportation issues and identify strategies
- Plan for annual meeting in September

Agenda Items & Highlights

TOPIC	DETAILS
OPENING PRAYER	♦ Andre Stevens led the prayer to begin the meeting.

Introduction of the guests:

Bart Smith – Ak-Chin Tribe, Senior Planner – bsmith@ak-chin.nsn.us

David Simpson – AZ Eastern Railways- passenger and freight rail issues simpsonconsult@comcast.net

Ken Bitten – AZ Eastern Railways – bittenk@iowapacific.com

Luis Chavez- ADOT Globe, Globe RE- lchavez@azdot.gov

TOPIC	DETAILS
BARNEY BIGMAN UPDATES:	Update Liaison communication with Council ♦ Council is supportive, active and eager to work with us and these projects, they understands the need for the partnership for successful projects ♦ Council is contributing the ROW, water and easements on some of the projects ♦ Exploring future opportunities for resources for sharing materials



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 8 updates for current projects that the council is participating <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SCIR 6 Cutter Road – May 7 kickoff meeting with Dibble Engineering 2. SCIR 25 Indian Hills Roads - kick off in June or July with Pierson 3. ARRA Road repair & restoration - kick off on June 21, 2010 4. ARRA IRR Master plan roads – contract update 5. Transportation Enhancement projects Hwy 70 - July kickoff 6. San Carlos Long range transportation study – completed and approved 7. Railroad improvements at Again Bridge and Sam’s Crossing 8. ADOT Projects on San Carlos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gila River Bridge • San Carlos River Bridge • Road Safety Audit (RSA) US 70 Peridot area • Salt Creek Improvement Project <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ New turn out by the hospital on Hwy 70, much needed and long time coming ◆ Updating the crowd at the Grand Opening on the 8 projects and the public appreciated the info and were surprised that there were so many projects ◆ Thanks to ADOT for their support for widening the roads and improvements for the locals and the traveling public. The road safety audits are important for future progress.

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BERNADETTE KNIFFIN UPDATE: APACHE TRANSIT PROGRAMS	Transit Grand Opening Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ May 3 Grand Opening Celebration had a large turnout with food and music, Barney was the speaker and addressed the public with transit updates on the 8 projects ◆ Unveiling of the new Transit logo was on display and is on the Charter ◆ Demonstration of the GPS tracking system for the transit vans ◆ Bill Leister was present and received a nice blanket for his assistance ◆ Honorary plaque awarded to Bernadette and Andre for their hard work ◆ 2 Council members attended and presented to the public ◆ New Freedom assistance was awarded ◆ Seeking funds for building shelters for the bus drivers on the routes ◆ Andre – 1 year extension on program funding was granted Bill Leister – pleasure to work with Bernie and Andre and they really lead the program and congratulations on their success.



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PARTNERSHIP ACTION ITEMS UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Present the final Charter to committee with NEW TANF logo-Michelle <p>Otis was the winner of the Transit logo contest and won \$500 for the logo drawing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consider inviting a council member to next meeting <p>The invitation is always extended to the Council to attend our meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plan B: back up for Barney when he can't attend – new Transportation Coordinator is being hired in July ◆ Interviews were held and should be on Board in July. This person will attend this meeting in the future as back up to Barney.

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TASK TEAMS UPDATES	<p>Update on IGA for Maintenance – Barney Bigman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Access Management to assist on Hwy 70 maintenance issues ◆ To alleviate traffic on this road by establishing an access road ◆ Landscape maintenance and debris on the roadways, tumbleweeds are a seasonal safety issue ◆ IGAs from other tribes to develop a maintenance agreement with ADOT and BIA and the other agencies in the area <p>Update: Emergency Response Task Team- Paul Buck</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Overview of what the committee has done since December, as they developed the objectives and goals for the team. He is leading the effort as a volunteer. ◆ Paul is NIMS certified now, and reevaluated the scope of the team emergency response and communication techniques. ◆ May 4 meeting with Bernie, Tom and Dan the team discovered that they had no authority to make agreements with any agencies, can't negotiate with the team. Need a single point of contact to communicate with the Council in order to move forward. Realized that this is at the government to government level to make recommendations. ◆ Recommended the task team is suspended for the time being.



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- ◆ The TERC is doing the same thing, which makes the team redundant and duplicating efforts.
- ◆ Paul’s new focus is to hire an emergency coordinator for the tribe in July 2011 or sooner. Budget funds submission has been submitted.
- ◆ Separate emergency response MOU needed: DPS, with surrounding counties, Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Gila, Graham and Apache Counties and other organizations
- ◆ Suggestion that the IGA team join with the ERC team in the future

Discussion items:

- ◆ Ak-Chin had the same issue, they hired a coordinator with authority to plan and submit plans to the council.
- ◆ Paul is the liaison with TERC and will continue to work on emergency response issues
- ◆ Benefits of this task team: Met Graham County, DPS, and CAAG and established a useful relationship that will continue for future collaboration.
- ◆ DPS has a blanket IGA to provide the tribe with safety and security.
- ◆ TERC will be a standing agenda item on this Partnership agenda
- ◆ Tribe needs to specify which agencies they want to pursue IGA or MOU with.
- ◆ The purpose of the IGA is like insurance policy, when situations arise, the agreement is already in place to share resources and services.
- ◆ Establish a central filing location to store the agreements

GOAL#1, Sub Goal 1	STRATEGY	MEASURE
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Identify types of agreements	<p>Form a Task Team to work on this</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and identify the existing IGAs and MOUs: Do an inventory of existing agreements (determine whether they were effective or not) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How many are creditable or have validity, many are verbal gentlemen agreements. ➤ Some have been discontinued or superseded ➤ Look for loopholes – what exists, what has changed ➤ Validity – current/credible – legal parameters ➤ Templates from other tribes to use as benchmark 2. Establish a Clearing House – A central depository that is accessible and identify what agreements are needed. No set clearinghouse on how to work on issues Such as NEPA issues, need a check list, need central place to organize them. Discussion on whether Clearing House is to be housed with ADOT Tribal Transportation Website for electronic documents. 3. Identify the current documents and what is needed Discover the loopholes in the old documents and add amendments to them to bring up to date and make them valid. 4 A. Craft Master agreements with each agency Key documents with the authority and guidance to continue. 4 B. Draft new agreements 5. Create an AGREEMENTS Task team to determine the current IGAs and develop new IGAs. Question: Will TERC want to work with the new team? 	<p>Produce a list of agreements by category (6/30/2010 completion)</p> <p>Extended to September</p>
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TOPIC
<p>Identify & prioritize key issues and provide inputs and ideas to improve relationships in communication, resources sharing and streamlining governmental business on transportation issues</p>

DETAILS
<p><u>Improve relationships in communication -Brainstorming session and issues discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look long term for future use of tribal roads and transportation plan- bus, railroads, airports, trails, all venues, 4-lane roads, streets, bridges, bicycles and mass transit • Use the bqAZ program of 50 year plans for the state for long range planning, reach out to the tribal



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communities for input, get into the long range transportation plan

- Attend the public input meetings; suggest that San Carlos attend the meeting. The tribes have been invited to attend (sometimes the letters don't get out of the Council for 2-3 weeks)
- Improved railways for passengers
- Bus routes to service San Carlos residents to Globe and Safford
- Continued efforts to participate fully on the team on a regular basis
- Regional transportation plan to extend to Flagstaff or Tucson
- Transit Dollars – for example how the Miami transit programs are struggling, the loss of the LTAP dollars to their program, this partnership may suggest that FHWA come to San Carlos Council and explain the program to them, outreach effort needed.
- Review the main corridor through San Carlos to Phx, opposition from some of the locals to the traffic
- Bypass road around Tucson and Phoenix, in the conceptual stages, information gathering – Who is gathering this info?
- Identify major corridors of transit
- Visit the www.whatmovesyouarizona.gov link on the AZTT website
- Federal changes in processes, i.e. the TIGER grant funding as a template for future grants and changes
- Outreach to tribes to participate for the benefit of the state
- Walk-about really paint the picture of real tribal life and issues that they are dealing with

Improve relationships in resources sharing

- Sharing gravel and sand pit sites with Hopi and Navajo
- US 70 Highway projects partnered on water and right of way
- Establish the Agreement team and commit to finding the IGAs out there and send them to Barney
- Form a new task team such as tribal law enforcement, San Carlos Police, DPS and county



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- Crash data needs to be complete and accurate to qualify for assistance

Streamline governmental business on transportation issues

Single point of contact to take issues to the council for approval. – Barney will be

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PEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Results from March 2010 were average 3.35 ◆ Review of the results and comments from the March evaluation period. ◆ Review PEP Goal # 3, sub goal # 2 - restructured to read: Team will identify methods to upgrade existing roads ◆ Identify needs and priorities of existing roads that the committee can address

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WEB SITE REVIEW- Misty Dayzie http://www.aztribaltransportation.com	Review of news & events on the yellow left menu of website Conferences in the gray area on the right menu Look for the www.bqaz.gov .and www.whatmovesyouarizona.gov links in the middle white section for updates that will be part of the annual meeting.

TOPIC	DETAILS
ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite BIA – specific issues/challenges/role to ROW, access management for incident management (Steve Aday and Brenda Astor) • San Carlos Roads & Maintenance (Bill Noline)- jurisdiction area begin/stop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access issues occurring where new roads entering on the highway ○ Animals in the right of way ○ IGA • Resource analysis /inventory for general maintenance • Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan • High level officials and leaders present in the morning • Steering committee updates on past years results (start/end/future accomplishments) • IGAs (perspectives) • Railroads – proposed passenger plan to move people 4 times a day to Tucson and Phoenix



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- TIGER II plan that includes funds for the planning, due by **Aug. 23**
 - Working with CAAG and the ADOT planner
- Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan – have ADOT speakers attend
http://www.whatmovesyouarizona.gov/your_choice.asp

Outcomes

- ◆ Role clarified of Eastern Railway -economic development of corridors
- ◆ Perspectives shared of IGAs in general – ADOT & FHWA
- ◆ Develop & strengthen coalition of communities inside & outside San Carlos Apache Tribe reservation
 - Counties, tribes, agencies, cities, COGs to address needs of growing AZ
- ◆ Support for unified approach towards regional planning strategy
 - bqAZ- projection/corridor for future population areas
 - Regional freeway
 - Bridge – Colorado River Hoover Dam examples (FHWA)
 - Understanding and identifying short term projects – 6 months actions
- ◆ Final outcome: demonstrate how the committee had progressed and reached goals and deliverables. How we can provide assistance to others
- ◆ Advocate and demonstrate the importance and value of Partnership deliverables
- ◆ Strengthen:
 - Communication
 - Sharing resources and services
 - Agreements (IGA & MOU)

Timing

9:00 to 10:00 refreshments & registration

10:00 start

10:00 – 3:00 meeting

1st hour is the most important – engage them and make worthwhile to directors and council members

- ◆ Attention getting topics
- ◆ Why partner? Benefits and advantages
- ◆ Who is involved?
- ◆ Long term goals

Partnership demonstrates/ presents / accomplishments of 1 year
 Questions for or from the officials/leaders to gain support /input

Headline / Draw: Identify an official that would bring others to the meeting



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The first hour should be about our accomplishments ◆ Break into table discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ROW- dialog interaction at different tables with the leaders ○ IGA ○ LRTP ○ Resources <p><u>Partnership impacts on:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jobs ◆ Education ◆ Safety ◆ Quality of Life <p><u>Annual Meeting Committee Members:</u> GOTO computer/phone meetings held with Michelle and Joy Bill Harmon Bill Pederson David Simpson Mary Tapija Bernie Kniffin Felipe Sanchez Nate Banks</p>
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ISSUE RESOLUTION LEVELS CHART:

Updates are in **Red**

Level	San Carlos Apache	ADOT	ADOT MPD	BIA	FHWA	Gila County	Pinal Cty	CAAG	DPS	Time
Operations/ Steering Committee Member		Jerry Barnes Bill Harmon	Misty Dayzie	Steve Aday	Nate Banks	Mike Pastor	Doug Hansen	Bill Leister	Dan Long	1 day
Supervisor/ Tech leader	Barney Bigman	Jerry Barnes Bill Harmon	James Zumpf	Brenda Astor	Nate Banks	Mike Pastor	Doug Hansen	Bill Leister	Jack Johnson	2-3 days
Group Mgt/ Senior Leader	Terry Rambler	Floyd Roehrich	Jennifer Toth	Brenda Astor	Nate Banks	Don McDaniel	Greg Stanley	Bill Leister	Larry Scarber	3-5 days
Senior Mgt/ Director	Wendsler Nosie, Sr. Chairman	John Halikowski	John McGee		Bob Hollis	Board of Supv	Board of Supv		Robert Halliday	As needed

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CLOSING COMMENTS	Thanks for attending today; it is important that we all attend for progress Thanks to Joy for persuading members to attend Looking forward to working with Misty and Felipe on the Long Range planning Thanks to San Carlos for hosting the meeting and for lunch.
TOPIC	DETAILS
CLOSING PRAYER	Alicia Urquidez led the closing prayer for the end of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT STEPS:

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Identify which agencies need to be involved in the IGAs	Barney – check with tribe	September
Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Consider inviting ADOT LRTP to join this committee COG and MPO contact information	Misty	August
Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
See link added to Hot Topics page on website regarding LRTP www.whatmovesyourarizona.gov	Misty	July
Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Consider inviting LRTP rep to meet with the tribal committee/ council	Barney	August
Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Invite San Carlos Police or enforcement representative to the September steering committee meeting; send name to Michelle	Barney	completed
Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Invite Graham County to the Sept meeting : send name to Michelle for group listing	Barney	completed
Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Planning Committee attend GOTO meeting to begin planning the annual meeting in September	Committee members	July & August
Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Establish a central location to house the IGAs and MOUs.	Barney/ Paul Tentatively at Transportation Planning Office, San Carlos.	September



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Send your task team updates to Michelle as soon as you have completed them.

State Mandatory Furloughs:

A mandatory furlough program consisting of six furlough days in FY 2011 and six days in FY 2012 will be implemented. For the most part, the entire state government, including ADOT, will shut down on these mandatory furlough dates. The furlough dates are all on Fridays and most are during summer months to maximize utility savings. The furlough dates are:

FY 2011

- July 23, 2010
- August 20, 2010
- September 17, 2010
- November 26, 2010
- December 23, 2010
- June 10, 2011

FY 2012

- July 22, 2011
- August 19, 2011
- September 16, 2011
- November 25, 2011
- December 23, 2011
- June 15, 2012

Please remember these dates when scheduling future meetings or in corresponding with ADOT.

MEETING FEEDBACK – Based on 18 evaluations

Comments are exactly as written on the evaluation form

1. How valuable was this partnership meeting for you? AVERAGE RATING: 3.77

This meeting was not valuable 0.5 1.0 1.5	This meeting was somewhat valuable 2.0 2.5	This meeting was valuable 3.0 (1) 3.5 (12)	This meeting was very valuable 4.0 (5)
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2. What about this partnership meeting was most valuable to you?

- ◆ Exposure to Indian Community/culture/processes is extremely valuable
- ◆ Participation & input from those present
- ◆ The task team updates
- ◆ Everyone is at the table. Awesome!
- ◆ Connecting with the other members of the meeting and hearing the good news of the TANF Grand Opening and seeing the photo of the winner of the logo contest.
- ◆ More open, more honest, more straight talk
- ◆ Meeting the members and knowing there is a great disposition to find solutions that will benefit all parties
- ◆ Networking with the reps from various agencies
- ◆ Seeing everyone again, meeting some new people from the Railroads, lessons learned from the Emergency Task Team update
- ◆ Interaction with the members & learning more about them.
- ◆ A very good meeting, with very good discussion, participation on the action items



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- ◆ Sharing resources
- ◆ Group is developing into a true partnership
- ◆ Feedback for the Emergency Response Task Team
- ◆ Sharing experiences

3. What would have improved the effectiveness of this partnership meeting?

- ◆ Get involved with the task teams and input for ideas and direction
- ◆ Tribal council participation
- ◆ Pulice Dept to be included
- ◆ More globe or SEAHOC officials here
- ◆ More actions from the task teams
- ◆ Elected officials to participate occasionally – at the annual meeting?
- ◆ More involvement from SCAT PD
- ◆ I think it was effective
- ◆ Need to get the Agreements Task team going

4. How do you rate the effectiveness of the Facilitators/Presenters? AVERAGE RATING: 3.72

Was not effective	Was somewhat effective	Was effective	Was very effective
0.5 1.0 1.5	2.0 2.5	3.0 (2) 3.5(6)	4.0 (10)

- ◆ Joy does a good job capturing ideas and thoughts
- ◆ Effectiveness is good
- ◆ Great facilitators and thanks Michelle for all your hard work!
- ◆ Kept the meeting focused
- ◆ Well organized and timely
- ◆ Joy is a good match for this group
- ◆ Joy does an outstanding job in keeping this group on point
- ◆ Keeps us engaged

5. How do you rate this partnership’s potential for partnering? AVERAGE RATING: 3.75

This partnership has no potential for partnering	This partnership team has some potential for partnering	This partnership team has good potential for partnering	This partnership team has very good potential for partnering
0.5 1.0 1.5	2.0 2.5	3.0 3.5 (9)	4.0 (9)

- ◆ ADOT/FHWA partnership with AZ tribes is a good program and is needed.
- ◆ Great potential to grow
- ◆ This team is making progress – look at the emergency response report
- ◆ There are a lot of doers in the group. They really want this partnership to work.

6. What other comments do you wish to offer?



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- As committee members become more comfortable with the process, more construction communications seems to be forthcoming.
- Continue efforts to bring other key partners to meetings such as tribal law enforcement members and other tribal authorities such as council members or general manager.
- This group continues to grow and strengthen.
- Thanks!
- Start productive process & provisions to tribe & Partnering participants

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Please RSVP for the meeting to Michelle Fink at mfink@azdot.gov