



**PARTNERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

*June 14, 2012: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*

*Apache Gold Convention Center, San Carlos, Arizona*

**MEETING NOTES**

<b>Attendees</b>	
Wayne Grainger, ADOT Globe	Misty Klann, ADOT MPD
Bill Harmon, ADOT Globe	Michelle Fink, ADOT CCP
Martha Interpreterbaylish, SCAT	Joy Keller- Weidman, Holon Consulting
Bernadette Kniffin, Nnee Bich’o Nii	Robert Travis, ADOT Railroad
Marvin Mull, Jr. SCAT	Rod Wigman, ADOT CCP
Charles Russell, SCAT	Cora Truax, SCAT
Andre Stevens, Nnee Bich’o Nii	Jim Cunningham, ADOT Globe
Alicia Urquidez, ADOT, ROW	Shannon Elston – AZER RR, General Manager
Don Sneed, ADOT, MPD	Carlos Lopez, ADOT MPD Rail planner

Facilitators: Partnering Keller-Weidman, Holon Consulting and Partnering Fink, ADOT, CCP, Partnering Outreach

*Please see Attached roster for detailed contact information.*

**Agenda Items & Highlights**

TOPIC	DETAILS
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	<b>Andre Stevens, Nnee Bich’o Nii Transit Team</b>

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<b>KICK OFF &amp; WELCOME</b>	<p><b>Martha Interpreter Baylish, Council member &amp; Transportation Committee Chairperson, Bylas District</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We appreciate everyone’s participation at this meeting today; you have a busy schedule, and have taken the time to attend this meeting.</li> <li>• Transportation is key to the San Carlos Apache Reservation, and is important to all of the local people. It affects our tourism and the travelling public. New funding is being sought and pursued.</li> <li>• Martha looks forward to working with the Partnership.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>PARTNERS' INTRODUCTIONS and Agency</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wayne Granger, Globe Construction Office</li> <li>• Jim Cunningham, Globe Construction Office</li> <li>• Cora Truax- SCAT Language Preservation Program</li> <li>• Rod Wigman – ADOT CRO for Globe area- community relations for ADOT for the district, construction project notices and road closure, assist with making connections</li> <li>• Marvin Mull, Jr. San Carlos – finance officer, right hand to the director</li> <li>• Shannon Elston – AZER RR, General Manager – provide a safe railroad for the community,</li> <li>• Bill Harmon – ADOT Safford District – meeting the needs of the traveling public and assist the San Carlos Apache Tribe with transportation safety and improvements.</li> <li>• Misty Klann – ADOT MPD Planner and Tribal Liaison: focuses on tribal coordination, works with the ATSP, Hopi, and Navajo Partnerships but also manages tribal PARA studies</li> <li>• Don Sneed - ADOT MPD Planner and Tribal Liaison : focuses on tribal PARA studies and technical operation but also helps with tribal coordination activities</li> <li>• Bernadette Kniffin, Nnee Bich o Nii Transit, With the TANF Welfare Work Program needed to provide transportation to get to work, school, hospital etc. Now has 14 vans, 2 buses and still growing</li> <li>• Alicia Urquidez – ADOT Right of Way secure permits for projects</li> <li>• Carlos Lopez, ADOT MPD Rail planner – long range vision to have a multimodal system that includes rail</li> <li>• Robert Travis – ADOT Railroad Liaison – assists all the districts and all projects and Federal funded projects statewide. Resource for all to use</li> <li>• Andre Stevens – Nnee Bich o Nii Transit, Transit coordinator</li> <li>• Joy Keller Weidman – Holon Consulting, has worked with ADOT for 28 years, and helped establish ATSP and the 3 tribal partnerships</li> <li>• Charles Russell, San Carlos Transportation Program</li> <li>• Michelle Fink, ADOT CCP Partnering Outreach coordinator for</li> </ul>



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<p><b>SAN CARLOS TRANSPORTATION GROUP UPDATES</b></p>	<p><b>Marvin Mull, Jr., SCAT Transportation Project Coordinator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancement projects at the San Carlos entrance with new Welcome to San Carlos Indian Reservation Signs</li> <li>• Gila and San Carlos Bridges are making progress and on schedule</li> <li>• Route 6 to begin soon. Widen the road, add street lights, and sidewalks on the A and B sections of the plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Martha Interpreterbaylish – San Carlos Tribe Councilwoman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize the BIA allocation funding for future projects</li> <li>• Tribal Transportation Road Program may be the new name of the IRR program depending on which transportation bill is passed.</li> <li>• Committee Planning for 2015 and identifying safety and improvements for tribe roadways</li> <li>• New community being constructed, south of Bylas, that will include an elementary school that will require new roads that can be planned</li> <li>• I93 and 194 will connect with Highway 70</li> <li>• 2 railroad tracks crossings that need to be updated</li> <li>• Master plan for the communities that are being tied into the plan for Peridot district</li> <li>• Looking at establishing an ordinance to prevent landowners from cutting fences and making roads that are convenient to their land.</li> <li>• Hospital roadway needs attention and improvements</li> <li>• Gilson Wash road to make that road more drivable and safer</li> <li>• Chairman Rambler and Martha met with Police Department about safety concerns:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Roadway near the market</li> <li>○ Turnoff by the Gila river bridge</li> <li>○ Lane Country store – signal light at that intersection</li> <li>○ Turn off to the lake –</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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- Elementary school intersection – light
- Apache Gold Casino – light
- Lighting is a concern in many areas  
BIA route 6 at the milepost 1 and 3 are steep and turn sharply has a 55 miles per hour to reduce the speed to 45 mph, fatal accidents at these sites- could be a HSIP fund project
- Hwy 70 to put in beacon lights at areas of concern
- ARRA funds being utilized
- Attended a June BIA meeting that covered an overview of the current laws, formulas and proposed language for the implementation of the IRR program and Federal delivery of Tribal transportation services.
- Intercity or urban tribes are pushing to include language to include county roadway as a tribal roadway. This could negatively affect rural tribes and future funding.

**Bill Harmon, Safford District Engineer**

- Chief Benally, Chief of Police, shared crash data with ADOT
- Lighting and illumination of the crosswalk near the store
- HSIP funds for safety is based on a benefit cost analysis
- District Minor funding in 2013 for scoping on raised median, illumination, crosswalks in Bylas, near the store, and lower the speed limit to 45 mph
- Will review the request for lighting at intersections
- Route 193 funding of \$500,000 for 2017 improvement projects that will begin soon and take 5 years to scope, design and develop in accordance with federal aid policy.
- The old San Carlos bridge cannot be left as a foot bridge, too many safety issues and maintenance costs

**Charles Russell, SCAT Transportation Program Director**

- Submitted proposal to BIA for funds
- Meeting with ADOT for HSIP funds for Route 6 and 170



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<p><b>RAILWAYS PRESENTATION</b></p>	<p><b>Robert Travis, State Railroad Liaison (<a href="mailto:rtravis@azdot.gov">rtravis@azdot.gov</a>) and Carlos Lopez, Rail Planner (<a href="mailto:clopez@azdot.gov">clopez@azdot.gov</a>):</b> information about funding sources, long-term plans and other available resources for railways.</p> <p>Robert will work with Bill and Charles on the upcoming Bylas area railroad crossings</p> <p>Robert has a lot of experience with roads and railroads and is available to everyone to answer your questions</p> <p>FHWA Section 130 funding available for safety improvements (flashing lights, gates, and stripping on existing public crossings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of 39 crossing (public and private)</li> <li>• 12 Public Crossings               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 8 At-grade</li> <li>• Apache Gold Casino Road- rubber crossing surface</li> <li>• Cutter Road – rubber crossing surface and lights and gates</li> <li>• BIA 101/ Sam’s Crossing – concrete surface, flashing lights</li> <li>• BIA 2 Road – concrete surface, flashing lights &amp; gates</li> <li>• Navajo Road – asphalt crossing surface, flashing lights and hydraulic gates</li> <li>• Center Point Road- asphalt crossing surface, flashing lights and hydraulic gates</li> <li>• BIA 105 Road only passive crossing. All others updated to active signals</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Provide updated information at the crossings to Robert – number of cars, transit buses and school buses that cross daily</b></p> <p>Project Process Flow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency determines project scope</li> <li>• Concept plan shared with Railroad, Railroad authorized to perform preliminary engineering</li> <li>• Onsite Diagnostic Meeting</li> <li>• Railroad and Agency design project</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction &amp; Maintenance agreement executed</li> <li>• Railroad easement agreement executed</li> <li>• Arizona Corporation Commission Opinion and Order issued (as needed)</li> <li>• Railroad performs work</li> <li>• Agency performs work</li> </ul> <p><b>Robert Travis</b> – ADOT Railroad Liaison, 602-712-6193, <a href="mailto:rtravis@azdot.gov">rtravis@azdot.gov</a></p> <p><b>Carlos Lopez</b> –ADOT Railroad Liaison, <a href="mailto:clopez@azdot.gov">clopez@azdot.gov</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/Utilities/index.asp">www.azdot.gov/Highways/Utilities/index.asp</a></p> <p><b>Shannon Elston– Arizona Eastern Railway – AZER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 miles of rail improvement will be finished 2015. Genesee Wyoming Railways is here for the long term and want to be involved with the community</li> <li>• Attempt to combine highway and railroad improvements during the scoping for the updates to the replacement of crossing surface and signals when the sidewalks are placed.</li> </ul>
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<b>Nee Bich’o Nii Public Transit</b>	<p><b>Bernadette Kniffin and Andre Stevens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone received a copy of the Transit program color tri-fold brochure summer schedule. Bus route map and fares by zone easily displayed</li> <li>• The brochure was produced as a result of the Transit study funded through the PARA program. The study included a marketing plan.</li> <li>• 2 new 4-wheel drive trucks will be added to the fleet</li> </ul>



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<b>CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM</b>	<p><b>Cora Truax – SCAT Language Preservation Representative</b> Program has been running for 1 year with 3 staff members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focusing on teaching 500 children in the Childcare and Head Start programs how to speak the Apache language. Goal is to preserve and encourage the language with this young generation. The San Carlos dialect is different from White Mountain language.</li> <li>• The program could expand to Transit signs that could be both languages.</li> <li>• ADOT could install and maintain the dual language signs. Permits are not required to place the smaller street name signs on top of the stop sign. The English alphabet and characters would be used to form the Apache words.</li> <li>• Please review the book that is being circulated with Apache and English words and diagrams.</li> </ul>

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<b>Partnership Focus 2012</b>	<p>Charter review and goals: Change wording from Establish to Continue on goal 1 and 3 <b><u>PARTNERSHIP GOALS:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>CONTINUE STRONG INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIP</b></li> <li>❑ <b>SHARING OF RESOURCES</b></li> <li>❑ <b>CONTINUE SAFE &amp; EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION</b></li> </ul>

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<b>Partnership PEP subgoals – review &amp; update criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop relevant goals or update existing goals for the Partnership</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does ADOT use the results for justification for the Partnership?</li> <li>• Could we stop using the PEP form or update the goals?</li>   <li>• Research the value requirement of the PEP form</li> <li>• Misty will check with ADOT managers about the need of the PEP use</li> <li>• The PEP form is a principle part of the Partnering process</li> <li>• Update the PEP form with new goals</li> <li>• Include purpose of group and rate how well meeting supported the purpose.</li> </ul> <p>Redesign the rating forms and goals, share with the steering committee</p> <p>PURPOSE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Share updates (Partners) projects/concerns/status</li> <li>2. Brainstorm topics / needs/ issues             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identify resources/ resolutions available</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Expand thinking</li> </ol> <p>Determine what are the best next steps for the Partnership?</p>
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<b>PEP Results April 2012</b>	<p><b>Michelle Fink, ADOT-CCP, Partnering Outreach</b></p> <p>Partnership ratings are above 3 and show that the Partnership is healthy and working well together.</p> <p>PEP sub goals should to be updated with input from the new leadership.</p>

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<b>OCT. 4, 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OUTCOMES &amp; INVITEES</b>	<p>Research: Value requirement of PEP form and the meeting feedback form. Consider combining the PEP and feedback forms.</p>

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<b>FINAL ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING NEXT STEPS/COMMITTEE</b>	<p>See template for meeting planning attached.</p> <p>Success Stories identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Integrated Scope -Robert/Bill</li> </ol>





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<b>SUCCESS STORIES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Vendors/supplier information – Bill</li> <li>3. Agreements – pavement preservation – Alicia</li> <li>4. Crash data- Scott Beck</li> <li>5. Arrow Weed – Bill/Marvin</li> <li>6. TANF- Bernie/Andre</li> <li>7. Infrastructure Railroad – Robert – create jobs for SCAT, have Bernie research</li> </ol>
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<b>CLOSING COMMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Please sign get well card for Herbert Stevens of the Cultural Center</li> <li>◆ Thanks for attending the meeting today</li> <li>◆ Thanks for attending this important meeting, it's valuable</li> <li>◆ Take a photo of the group to preserve the group next time</li> <li>◆ Thanks for everything and I enjoy coming to these meetings</li> <li>◆ This partnership has come a long way and with all the changes to the SCAT team, need to identify new goals and projects</li> </ul>

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<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Alicia J. Urquidez, ADOT-ROW

**NEXT STEPS:**

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Provide updated information at the railroad crossings to Robert –number of cars, transit buses and school buses that cross daily	Charles Bernadette	July 30

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Send RSA letter by email to Charles to fill out for new RSA	Michelle	June 20



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<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Work on success story template for Railroad improvement project	Robert Travis Bill Harmon	August 1
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Ask ADOT management about the PEP necessity for the Partnership (can the partnership opt out or do something different?)	Misty	August 1
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Contact Steve Aday (BIA) and invite to October meeting	Charles	July
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Consider contacting Bill Harmon about Shared language signs- Apache/English on select signs & sites	Beatrice	When ready
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Contact Bernadette about having annual meeting lunch catered at the Cultural Center or have it at the conference center	Michelle	July
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Include partnership measurement as topic at annual meeting (position)	Planning committee	first planning meeting
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
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**MEETING FEEDBACK      Based on 11 evaluations forms**

**1. How valuable was this partnership meeting for you? Average Rating: 3.4**

This meeting was not valuable	This meeting was somewhat valuable	This meeting was valuable	This meeting was very valuable
0.5    1.0    1.5	2.0    2.5	3.0 (4)    3.5 (6)	4.0 (1)

**2. What about this partnership meeting was most valuable to you?**

- ◆ Important to hear success stories and hearing how the tribe is now meeting us half way
- ◆ Meeting stakeholders and sharing accomplishments
- ◆ Discussion on Purpose and Goals
- ◆ Meetings are very valuable to get new information – Railroad info and contacts
- ◆ Hearing other agency projects and outlooks
- ◆ Understand San Carlos Apache Tribe concerns and the role that ADOT plays
- ◆ The continuance of the partners willingness to assist SCAT
- ◆ Railroad update was educational and informational and helpful to the SCAT team
- ◆ SCAT update on local projects and meetings
- ◆ Hearing about new success stories
- ◆ Meeting the new railroad representative and the ADOT Railroad liaisons

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

- ◆ Important that key tribal members attend the meeting
- ◆ BIA, FHWA, and law enforcement participation
- ◆ Have more stakeholders present
- ◆ Overall, it was great, great flow to the meeting. Some of the attendees had to leave. It would have been nice for everyone to stay for the whole meeting and afternoon discussions.
- ◆ More attendance by other SCAT members
- ◆ More tribal participation
- ◆ Better attendance
- ◆ Maintain tribal attendance throughout the meeting
- ◆ If you leave early, it is important that you fill out this form before you go, or your input is not captured



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**4. How do you rate the effectiveness of the Facilitators/Presenters? Average Rating: 3.5**

Was not effective 0.5   1.0   1.5	Was somewhat effective 2.0   2.5	Was effective 3.0 (2)   3.5 (6)	Was very effective 4.0 (3)
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- ◆ Joy always keeps up on track and provides guidance to our group
- ◆ Excellent
- ◆ Very effective. Kept the discussion alive and good timing with the progression of the topics.
- ◆ Positive and supportive of all discussion
- ◆ Joy is excellent at gathering the necessary information and moving the meeting forward

**5. How do you rate this partnership's potential for partnering? Average Rating: 3.5**

This partnership has no potential for partnering 0.5   1.0   1.5	This partnership team has some potential for partnering 2.0   2.5 (1)	This partnership team has good potential for Partnering 3.0 (1)   3.5 (6)	This partnership team has very good potential for partnering 4.0 (3)
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- ◆ This is a great partnership!
- ◆ Diverse group focusing on complex issues
- ◆ Partnership update are very beneficial and useful
- ◆ Good potential, great people = great partnerships
- ◆ Great possibilities
- ◆ Very good – all those that attended did participate
- ◆ There has been considerable turn over in 3 years. Educating the new members is continuous.

**6. What other comments do you wish to offer?**

- ◆ Thanks!
- ◆ First meeting – obvious good foundation and Partnering and now getting good results
- ◆ It is important that we continue to support the SCAT Transportation team

**Next meeting (annual meeting) is October 4, 2012.**