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## RTAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 23, 2025 1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

### RTAC Board:

Nancy Campbell (Chairman)	Councilmember, Lake Havasu City (LHMPO)
Alton Shepherd (Vice Chair)	Supervisor, Apache County (NACOG)
Maria Cruz	Councilmember, City of San Luis (YMPO)
Paul David	Supervisor, Graham County (SEAGO)
Keith Eaton	Mayor, Town of Florence (CAG Alt.)
Vince Manfredi	Councilmember, City of Maricopa (CAG)
Duce Minor	Supervisor, La Paz County (WACOG Alt.)
Andy Sutton	Mayor, City of Eloy (SCMPO Alt.)
Jeronimo Vasquez	Supervisor, Coconino County (MetroPlan)

### Others attending:

Michael Smith	AZ@WORK
Kevin Adam	RTAC
Keith Brekhus	Coconino County
Steve D'Amico	BHCMPO
Chris Fetzer	NACOG
Crystal Figueroa	YMPO
Irene Higgs	SCMPO
Edigar Karijwa	Bullhead City
Karen Lamberton	SVMPO
Sarah Lojewski	LHMPO
Tommy Martin	LHMPO
Kate Morley	MetroPlan
Jenn O'Connor	NACOG
Jamescita Peshlakai	State Transportation Board
Andrea Robles	CAG
Chris Vertrees	SEAGO

1. Chair Nancy Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:01.
2. Chair Campbell made a call to the public. No one wished to address the Board.
3. Chair Campbell called for a motion to approve the draft RTAC Board meeting minutes of May 19, 2025. City of Maricopa Councilmember Vince Manfredi made the motion seconded by Eloy Mayor Andy Sutton to approve the minutes which were approved unanimously.

4. Chair Campbell introduced Michael Smith, from the AZ@WORK, Mohave/La Paz Counties Office, and asked Mr. Smith to provide a presentation concerning the activities of AZ@WORK and their involvement in construction industry workforce development. He indicated that AZ@WORK was heavily involved in training the workforce and helping participants find jobs. A lot of focus is directed to displaced workers and out of school youth. He stated that AZ@WORK is a statewide program but that not every area subscribes to the program. For his region, La Paz and Mohave counties, his office focuses on manufacturing, construction and information technology. He also indicated that Build It AZ Grants also provide apprenticeship opportunities and that RTAC could provide support advocating for these types of workforce development programs.

5. Chair Campbell called on RTAC Legislative Liaison Kevin Adam to provide a legislative update. Mr. Adam indicated that with just a week left before the start of the next state fiscal year, the Legislature was at a budget impasse and that there was a very real threat that the State could experience a government shutdown for the first time in its history. He stated that the inclusion and level of available one-time revenues to be included was the primary obstacle. This is very significant to the transportation infrastructure as virtually all of the proposed additional project investments would be funded through this one-time revenue. The Legislature's Finance Advisory Committee had indicated back in April that the state was carrying a higher than expected cash balance, in excess of \$600M, but that a cautionary approach should be taken regarding its use due to future uncertainties regarding the impact of potential federal budget cuts and their impact on the state budget as well as concerns regarding a possible downturn in the economy. The House independently developed two proposals. One was a "skinny" budget of \$17B that would essentially continue existing state spending levels, which House leadership thought could pass quickly, to avoid a July shutdown with the intent of reconvening shortly after to consider how to use the remaining revenue balance. Their second plan provided for some limited new spending, including some transportation projects, that totaled \$17.3B. At the same time, Senate leadership developed a bipartisan plan with the Governor totaling \$17.6B recognizing bipartisan cooperation would be needed to secure adequate legislative votes while avoiding an insurmountable veto. A significant number of transportation projects and funding levels are also included in this version. He stated that, as of the time of the meeting, the House, Senate and Governor were still in disagreement over how to proceed.

6. Chair Campbell presented a video that she developed in support of the RTAC federal agenda that she planned to use in support of a proposed League resolution introduced by Lake Havasu City to support the contents of the RTAC federal agenda. She indicated that she would keep the Board apprised of the work of the League's Transportation Committee and the progress of the proposed resolution towards adoption.

7. Chair Campbell called on RTAC Advisory Committee Chair, MetroPlan Greater Flagstaff Executive Director Kate Morley to provide an update from the RTAC Advisory Committee. Director Morley stated that the Advisory Committee has focused on three topics; requesting ADOT to revamp their rural consultation process, include local projects in the next state Long Range Transportation Plan, and to start to review and consider projects for inclusion in the next RTAC priority project legislation. Sierra Vista MPO Executive Director Karen Lamberton provided an update on the upcoming 2025 Arizona Transportation Policy Summit that will be held October 15-17 at the ARED Community Innovation Center in Sierra Vista.

8. Chair Campbell requested ideas for future agenda items. Mr. Adam indicated that the next meeting was scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> and that it would be in person at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Building and that the focus would be on reassessing the upcoming year's agenda and the best means and process for success.

9. The Board entered into Executive Session to conduct the annual legislative liaison performance review.

10. Chair Campbell reconvened and adjourned the regular meeting.