



Bullhead City Metro. Planning Org.  
Central Arizona Governments  
Central Yavapai Metro. Planning Org.  
Lake Havasu Metro. Planning Org.  
MetroPlan Greater Flagstaff  
Northern Arizona Council of Gov'ts.  
Sierra Vista Metro. Planning Org.  
Southeastern Arizona Governments Org.  
Sun Corridor Metro. Planning Org.  
Western Arizona Council of Gov'ts.  
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Org.

---

## RTAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 19, 2025 1:00 PM  
League of Arizona Cities & Towns Building  
1820 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

### RTAC Board:

Nancy Campbell (Chairman)	Councilmember, Lake Havasu City (LHMPO)
Alton Shepherd (Vice Chair)	Supervisor, Apache County (NACOG)
* Tom Armstrong	Mayor, Town of Chino Valley (CYMPO)
* Paul David	Supervisor, Graham County (SEAGO)
* Vince Manfredi	Councilmember, City of Maricopa (CAG)
* Cecilia McCullough	Vice Mayor, Town of Wellton (YMPO Alt.)
* Duce Minor	Supervisor, La Paz County (WACOG Alt.)
* Andy Sutton	Mayor, City of Eloy (SCMPO Alt.)
* Jeronimo Vasquez	Supervisor, Coconino County (MetroPlan)

### Others attending:

Kevin Adam	RTAC
* Steve Abraham	CAG
* Brian Babiars	WACOG
* Chris Fetzer	NACOG
* Crystal Figueroa	YMPO
* Tara Harman	Pinal County
* Irene Higgs	SCMPO
* Karen Lamberton	SVMPO
* Tommy Martin	LHMPO
* Kate Morley	MetroPlan
* Jenn O'Connor	NACOG
* Katy Proctor	Maricopa
* Travis Pruitt	Bullhead City
* Andrea Robles	CAG
* Sandra Tavel	MetroPlan
* Chris Vertrees	SEAGO
* Fernando Villegas	YMPO

\* Participated via ZOOM

1. Chair Nancy Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:10.
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 April 28, 2025. La Paz County Supervisor Duce Minor made the motion seconded by RTAC Vice Chair, Apache County Supervisor Alton Shepherd to approve the minutes which were approved unanimously.
4. Chair Campbell announced that the presentation from Michael Smith, from the AZ@Work Mohave/La Paz Counties office, would be postponed until the next meeting.
5. Chair Campbell called on RTAC Legislative Liaison Kevin Adam to provide a legislative update. Mr. Adam indicated that work on regular session bills was close to being completed and that the need to enact a budget was the remaining task needed to complete the session and that by all indications, discussions between legislative leadership and the Governor on a budget agreement were expected to accelerate in the near future. While the State started the fiscal year with a significant carry forward balance and revenue collections during the year consistently outpaced forecasts, the budget staff was recommending a very cautious approach to making only a limited portion of the current balance available for one-time spending due to uncertainties about the impact of potential federal budget cuts on the state budget and the state of the economy during the upcoming year. While he was confident that lawmakers would prioritize transportation with one-time revenues, this more cautious approach would limit the level of funding that would be provided to projects and the Arizona SMART Fund. He indicated that it was important for the Board to continue advocating with their legislators to prioritize transportation as the budget discussions start to accelerate.
6. Chair Campbell called on Mr. Adam to discuss the potential RTAC priority project legislation for 2026. He indicated that he had discussed with the RTAC Advisory Committee how to proceed in the upcoming year and that there was a consensus to develop the legislation and have it introduced again next Session. The Advisory Committee recommended retaining the \$480 million target but to update the allocations based on the most current population numbers and to provide a separate allocation for the Bullhead City MPO. He indicated that since the process of vetting and prioritizing projects takes time, that the COGs and MPOs would need direction from the Board quickly in order to be prepared to have their project information submitted in time for RTAC to have the list and supporting materials ready for use at the Rural Transportation Summit in October. The Board agreed with that direction and instructed Mr. Adam to go forward with that plan.
7. Chair Campbell called on Mr. Adam to discuss the RTAC federal agenda. He stated that a draft agenda was distributed which focuses on; maintaining federal funding levels and flexibility for their use, increased resources and authority for regions and local governments, a more affordable and user friendly federal aid process for smaller communities, greater resources for rural safety, greater resources for rural transit, and improvements and greater support for Arizona's international ports of entry. Vice Chair Shepherd made a motion seconded by Coconino County Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez to approve the proposed RTAC federal agenda which passed unanimously.
8. 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 discussions with ADOT on the inclusion of local needs in the next long range transportation plan and greater regional/local involvement in ADOT's P2P project programming process. She stated that the federal agenda is very important and that the Committee would continue to provide input and engage on advocacy at the federal level.
9. Chair Campbell called on Sierra Vista MPO Executive Director Karen Lambertson to provide an update on the upcoming 2025 Rural Transportation Summit. Director Lambertson indicated that she was rebranding the event the Arizona Transportation Policy Summit and that she had just sent out an e-mail with the Summit details and links to the event. She stated that she was pursuing sponsorships and those levels would dictate how robust the event will be. The Summit will be October 15-17 at the ARED Community Innovation Center in Sierra Vista.

10. Chair Campbell requested ideas for future agenda items. It was noted that the Arizona@Work Program presentation and the liaison annual review would be on the June agenda.

11. Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 1:58 PM.