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MEMO TO: ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES
FROM: RANDY HEISS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
SUBJECT: OCTOBER 5, 2023 JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Please see the details below for the conference call which has been scheduled for action items that need to be approved in between the regularly scheduled meetings. **Please note that the time of the meeting has changed from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** All members are invited and welcome to participate and provide their input; however, only the officers may make motions and vote. The call-in information is located at the bottom of the agenda.

Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.
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Bisbee, Arizona

If you have any questions, please contact me at (520) 432-5301 x 202 or send an e-mail to rheiss@seago.org.

AGENDA

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1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Call to the Public
3. Discussion and possible action to approve the SEAGO Region RTAC Priority Project List and supporting Resolution 2023-03
4. Adjournment

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Direction may be given to SEAGO staff on any item on the agenda.

Call-in information:

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ADMINISTRATIVE – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PACKET

MEMO TO: ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES
THROUGH: RANDY HEISS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FROM: CHRIS VERTREES, TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: MARCH 23, 2023
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

Last year, the Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC) requested that Greater Arizona COGs and MPOs develop a list of regional priorities consisting of the top projects to be put forward by all of the COGs/MPOs in Greater Arizona to the State Legislature for funding. The SEAGO Region was very successful during last year’s budget cycle. We secured almost \$30 million in projects.

RTAC has recommended that each Greater Arizona COG/MPO once again develop a list of Regional Transportation Priority Projects for FY25. Under the proposal, SEAGO’s was allotted \$36,102,142 for the development of our project list.

Attached is our FY25 RTAC Project List approved by the TAC at our September 21, 2023 meeting. Unfunded projects from FY23 and FY24 have been carried forward with updated cost estimates. For FY25, we received 7 applications. The TAC reviewed and scored the applications prior to our meeting. The following represents the TAC’s project scoring and ranking decisions. Attached is our project programming plan. ***Please remember that there will be little weight placed on our programming priorities by state legislatures. It is incumbent on each applicant to reach out to your state legislatures and get their support for your project.***

Attachments: SEAGO RTAC Priority Project List
SEAGO Resolution 23-03

Action Requested: Information Only Action Requested Below:

A motion to approve the list representing the SEAGO Region’s Priority Transportation Projects as developed by the SEAGO TAC, and to approve Resolution 2023-03 demonstrating regional support for RTAC’s efforts to submit a Greater Arizona RTAC Rural Regional Priority List to the Arizona Legislature.



**2025 RTAC PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR THE SEAGO REGION
PROJECT RANKINGS**

Project Score	Project Rank	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Total Cost	Local Contribution	Recommended Funding
Carry Over FY23	1	City of Nogales	Industrial Park Drive Reconstruction Project	\$3,116,949	\$188,405	\$2,928,544
Carry Over FY23	2	San Carlos Apache Tribe	Peridot Siding Road (BIA Route 103) Pavement Overlay Project	\$3,143,000	\$189,980	\$2,953,020
Carry Over FY24	3	Santa Cruz County	West Frontage Road at Camino Ramanote Roundabout	\$1,170,000	\$70,021	\$1,099,979
Carry Over FY24	4	City of Nogales	Frank Reed Road Paving Project	\$1,688,302	\$102,050	\$1,586,252
986	5	City of Douglas	Douglas Downtown Revitalization Streetscape Project	\$7,549,804	\$456,351	\$7,093,453
948	6	Graham County	Reay Lane Improvements	\$3,955,058	\$300,000	\$3,655,058
913	7	Cochise County	Davis Rd- MP 5 & 13 Improvements	\$6,000,000	\$2,890,460	\$3,109,540
901	8	Town of Duncan	High Street Improvements	\$1,810,263	\$109,422	\$1,700,841
868	9	Cochise County	Davis Rd – Central Hwy to US-191	\$7,555,013	\$456,351	\$7,093,453
826	10	City of Nogales	La Quinta Road and Mariposa Ranch Road Reconstruction	\$1,923,849	\$108,127	\$1,815,722
Yes	11	City of Willcox	Expansion Transit Vehicle	\$65,000	\$3,929	\$61,071
N/A	12	Cochise County	Moson Rd – Transfer to SVMPO	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000



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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHING A LIST OF PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR THE SEAGO REGION, AND URGING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE TO FUND THE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE RTAC RURAL REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

WHEREAS, the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) is the transportation planning organization for the non-urbanized area of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties; and

WHEREAS, the quality of Arizona’s transportation infrastructure is vital to public safety, economic prosperity, environmental health, quality of life and cost of living; and

WHEREAS, ADOT’s current long range plan estimates the state highway system’s unfunded needs at \$30.5 billion, equating to only 43% of the needs being met; and

WHEREAS, Arizona’s local road networks are facing comparable shortfalls, estimated at \$2.2 billion just for the maintenance of existing county roads; and

WHEREAS, counties & municipalities are predominantly dependent on state revenue sharing for the upkeep of local roads in lieu of local fuel and vehicle tax authority; and

WHEREAS, fuel taxes which are the predominant state revenue source for both state highways and local roads, have not been adjusted in over 30 years, dramatically reducing their impact due to inflation, rising construction costs, improving vehicle fuel efficiencies, and the development of alternative fuel vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Arizona Legislature has increased transportation investment through earmarking one-time State General Fund revenues for various projects, a process which has proven to be politically viable at least partially due to the specificity of the use of the funding; and

WHEREAS, earmarking has funded critically needed highway and road projects but bypasses the established programming processes which prioritize needs through extensive analysis and public participation, processes that are increasingly important due to the magnitude of the under-investment levels and the need to maximize the best use of available funding; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Arizona transportation planning organizations (COG/MPOs) have the opportunity to provide a compromise approach by developing

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a list of specific projects for earmarking but those that have been vetted and determined to be the top priorities for each Greater Arizona region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SEAGO Executive Board hereby establishes the attached list of Priority Transportation Projects for the SEAGO region for inclusion in the RTAC Rural Regional Priority List; and

THAT, the SEAGO Executive Board urges the Arizona Legislature to enact legislation appropriating State General Fund revenues for the projects included in the RTAC Rural Regional Priority Project List.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this day, October 5, 2023.

David Gomez,
Executive Board Chair

Randy Heiss,
Executive Director