

SEAGO TAC Meeting

Transcript

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The SEAGO TAC Meeting covered several key points. Attendance was confirmed for various representatives from different counties and SEAGO staff. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Lizzie presented on the TMX Plus traffic count tool, explaining its features and data sources, including connected vehicle and cell phone data. Chris Vertrees discussed the ledger report, highlighting a \$1.8 million project for Chino Road and available funds for 2023. Two TIP amendments were approved for the towns of Thatcher and Duncan to support existing projects. The 2026 meeting calendar was also approved. Chris Vertrees sought direction on the pavement assessment project, considering options to extend the contract or shut it down.

Action Items

- [] @Christopher Vertrees - Determine if the existing contract can be extended for another cycle.
- [] @Christopher Vertrees - Ensure funds are available to extend the contract if that is the chosen option.
- [] @Christopher Vertrees - Obtain necessary approvals to extend the contract if that is the chosen option.

Outline

Attendance and Meeting Start

- Chris Vertrees and Tom Palmer discuss starting the meeting and resolving an attendance issue.
- Chris Vertrees reads off the list of attendees, including representatives from various counties and SEAGO staff.
- Tom Palmer opens the meeting for public comments, but no one from the public speaks up.
- Tom Palmer moves to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, which are seconded and approved by the group.

Traffic Count and Calibration Project

- Lizzie presents on the traffic count and calibration project, explaining the use of the TMX plus traffic count tool.
- Lizzie demonstrates how to use the tool to view estimated and projected traffic counts, and how it can be used in rural environments.
- John Merideth asks for an explanation of the methodology and data sources used to obtain the traffic counts.
- Lizzie explains that the data comes from various sources, including connected vehicle data and cell phone data, and discusses the limitations in rural areas.

Discussion on Data Utilization and Licensing

- John Merideth and Lizzie discuss the availability of data in more populated areas like Nogales.
- John Merideth inquires about the possibility of adding more users to the system and the associated fees.
- Lizzie confirms that additional user licenses can be added for a small fee and discusses the potential for adding demographic data.
- Chris Vertrees and John Merideth discuss the benefits of using real-time data for project planning and the potential for adding more users.

License Plate Readers and Data Integration

- Tom Palmer raises a question about the integration of data from license plate readers installed in the Gila Valley.
- Chris Vertrees and John Merideth discuss the potential for utilizing license plate reader data in conjunction with other data sources.
- Tom Palmer mentions the increasing number of license plate readers and their potential to provide real-time data.
- The group discusses the possibility of comparing data from different sources to ensure accuracy and completeness.

Ledger Report and Financial Updates

- Chris Vertrees presents the ledger report, highlighting the Chino Road project and its funding requirements.

- Chris Vertrees explains the current financial status, including available funds and upcoming project requests.
- Chris Vertrees discusses the clearing of major projects and the potential for new projects in the future.
- Tom Palmer thanks Chris for his work on the ledger and moves on to the TIP report.

TIP Report and Action Items

- Chris Vertrees presents two action items related to the TIP report: funding for the town of Thatcher and the town of Duncan.
- Chris Vertrees explains the need for additional funding to move these projects forward and the importance of supporting existing projects.
- Tom Palmer and other attendees discuss the importance of these projects and the need for timely funding.
- The group moves to approve the two TIP amendments, with Leonard Fontes Jr. making the motion and Brad Merideth seconding.

Approval of 2026 Meeting Calendar

- Chris Vertrees presents the proposed 2026 meeting calendar for approval.
- Juan from Nogales makes a motion to approve the calendar, and Vernon Batty from the town of Pima seconds the motion.
- The group votes to approve the 2026 meeting calendar.

Pavement Assessment Project Discussion

- Chris Vertrees seeks direction on the future of the pavement assessment project, which is due to expire on March 31.
- Chris Vertrees outlines four options: extending the contract, maintaining the portal, contracting with Isola directly, or shutting down the program.
- The group discusses the pros and cons of each option, with a focus on cost and feasibility.
- Chris Vertrees suggests continuing the project and obtaining necessary approvals and funding to extend the contract.