



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: CHRISTOPHER VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Please see the details below for the Executive Board meeting date, time, and location.

September 10, 2026
10:00 a.m. – Executive Session
10:30 a.m. – Public Session
Virtual – MS TEAMS

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EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA

10:00 A.M., SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
TEAMS Meeting
TEAMS Link: [Executive Board Meeting Link](#)

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| I. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM | Chair Maldonado | |
| II. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 10:00 A.M.
Pursuant to A.R.S. §38.431.03 Subsection A.1., the Executive Board may adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of evaluating the performance of the Executive Director | Chair Maldonado | |
| III. PUBLIC SESSION – 10:30 A.M. | Chair Maldonado | |
| IV. a. Reconvene to Public Session/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call
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Chair Maldonado N/A

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Chair Maldonado N/A

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Chair Maldonado N/A

DIRECTION MAY BE GIVEN TO SEAGO STAFF ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
10:00 AM, THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2026
HYBRID MEETING**

OFFICERS PRESENT: Arnold Lopez, Chair, Safford
Jorge Maldonado, 2nd Vice-Chair, Nogales (Phone)
David Gomez, Secretary, Greenlee County

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Brown, Clifton
Alex Blake, Duncan
Gary Hancock, Willcox (Virtual)
Ken Budge, Bisbee (Virtual)
Jose Grijalva, Douglas (Virtual)
Paul David, Graham County
Heather Floyd, Cochise County PSR
Marina Morales, Greenlee County PSR
Brent Morris, Graham County PSR

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Vertrees, Executive Director/Transport Prog Manager
John Merideth, IT Manager
Will Osborne, CDBG Manager
Celeste Vasquez, AAA Program Director
Maria Valles, Community Coordinator
Heather Glenn, Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INTRODUCTIONS

A quorum was confirmed, Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked members to introduce themselves, as well as mentioning critical issues they are dealing with in their jurisdictions.

II. MEMBER ENTITIES' DISCUSSION

Mayor Jose Grijalva, Douglas, attended the nation's largest retail convention in Las Vegas, described marketing efforts, new business interest and emphasized the need to correct external misconceptions about Cochise County's location and safety. He encouraged other local officials to attend similar conventions to attract business visits and improve perceptions of border communities. **Graham County Supervisor Paul David** shared that he attended the National Association of Counties where there was discussion about SMRs covering their capacity, compact 5-acre footprints, liquid sodium cooling, condenser units that reclaim water, and low operational water use. He noted construction costs, potential

co-location with data centers or mines due to transmission constraints and that one SMR is under construction in Virginia, prompting discussion and legislative resistance to state preemption. Attendees raised concerns about water consumption and sought further information. There was discussion about the proximity of potential proponents and the importance of evaluating proposals rather than reflexively opposing them.

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public was present.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of February 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Heather Floyd

SECOND: Arnold Lopez

ACTION: Unanimous

2. Election of Officers

Chris Vertrees provided an overview about the election process and presented three options (retain current slate, elevate the next officer, or elect a new slate), and noted a routine rotation practice. Several members expressed willingness and constraints of potential officers. Supervisor Kathleen Gomez indicated she preferred not to be elevated to the Chair position at this time. Mayor Maldonado joined and expressed interest to run for Chair, and procedural contingencies for members up for election were clarified. Greenlee County Supervisor David Gomez made a motion to approve Option 2 with the following slate of nominees:

Chair	Jorge Maldonado, Nogales, representing Santa Cruz County
1 st Vice Chair	David Gomez, Greenlee County, representing Greenlee County
2 nd Vice Chair	Kathleen Gomez, Cochise County, representing Cochise County
Treasurer	Arnold Lopez, Safford, representing Graham County

MOTION: David Gomez

SECOND: Paul David

ACTION: Unanimous

3. SEAGO Member Assessments

Chris Vertrees presented required dues adjustments following the mid-decade 2025 population estimates and explained the resulting changes to the member assessment schedule, noting Graham County experienced the largest increase while most changes were

limited. He also explained how RTAC assessment changes affect member agency obligations and how SEAGO will subsidize a portion through transportation planning funds. The Board discussed the per capita increase and transit funding impacts from San Tan becoming a city.

David Gomez recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Assessment Schedule.

MOTION: David Gomez

SECOND: Alex Blake

ACTION: Unanimous

4. FY27 Sustainability of Fund Balance

Chris Vertrees provided background on the SEAGO budget reserves showing a year-end balance slightly over \$2.4 million, operating expenditures from the prior year of a little over \$2.5 million, and a potential usable fund balance around \$1.144 million. He noted they did not expect to use reserves this year and highlighted pending grant awards that could change the budget. Supervisor David asked about the risk assessment and other liabilities. Mr. Vertrees confirmed no recent out-of-court settlements and credited staff stability for avoiding unplanned expenses.

5. FY27 SEAGO Budget

Chris Vertrees provided information on reserves showing a year-end balance slightly over \$2.4 million, operating expenditures from the prior year of a little over \$2.5 million, and a potential usable fund balance around \$1.144 million; staff noted they did not expect to use reserves this year and highlighted pending grant awards that could change the budget. Mr. Vertrees shared that SEAGO is working on a shoestring budget and is still awaiting word on the Brownfields and CHODO (Community Housing Development) grants. Supervisor David shared that there is a movement to do away with CDBG and that members need to fight to keep them.

Supervisor David then recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 SEAGO Budget.

MOTION: Paul David

SECOND: David Gomez

ACTION: Unanimous

6. Classification Plan Update

Chris Vertrees recommended consolidating the standalone economic development program into a combined Community and Economic Development Program Manager role to

improve efficiency, reduce duplication, strengthen grant competitiveness, and better align project timing. This requires eliminating the current economic development program manager position, adjusting salary grade, and is expected to yield salary and benefit savings.

David Gomez moved to recommend approval of the proposed classification plan update.

MOTION: David Gomez

SECOND: Brent Morris

ACTION: Unanimous

7. Approval of IGA with Santa Cruz County

Chris Vertrees described the regional pavement assessment contract with Vaisala and explained Santa Cruz County's request to collect additional local miles under the existing contract; the proposed IGA covers 400 miles for \$9,200 for 12 months, shifts only driving cost to the county, adds no extra cost to SEGO under the vendor contract, and has been reviewed by both attorneys.

Alex Blake made a motion to recommend approval of the intergovernmental agreement between SEAGO and Santa Cruz County.

MOTION: Alex Blake

SECOND: David Gomez

ACTION: Unanimous

8. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of the proposed representatives for appointment to fill Advisory Council on Aging vacancies

Carrie Vaughn reported two interested nominees, Betty "Ann" Peschka from Nogales and Jorge Maldonado, Santa Cruz County Unincorporated, for Advisory Council on Aging vacancies and the committee voted to recommend their appointments.

Supervisor David moved to approve Betty "Ann" Peschka for appointment to the vacant City of Nogales seat and Jorge Maldonado for appointment as the Santa Cruz County Unincorporated representative on the Advisory Council on Aging.

MOTION: Paul David

SECOND: Brent Morris

ACTION: Unanimous

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Future Meeting Dates

Chris Vertrees announced the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2026.

B. Quarterly Finance Report

Chris Vertrees gave an update on the quarterly finance report and answered questions.

C. IT Updates

John Merideth provided an update on IT and answered questions.

D. AAA Area Plan on Aging**E. AAA Program Updates**

Carrie Vaughn gave an update on AAA programs and legislation and answered questions.

F. CDBG Updates

William Osborne gave an update on community development block grant projects answered questions.

G. Community Development Report

William Osborne gave an update on community development and answered questions.

H. SEAGO Economic Development District Report

Chris Vertrees gave an update on economic development and answered questions.

J. Transportation Program Updates

Chris Vertrees gave an update on Transportation and answered questions.

VII. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS / CURRENT EVENTS

Chris Vertrees thanked the outgoing Chair Lopez for his service to the Board. AAA Program Director Celeste Vasquez provided feedback to the Executive Board regarding Mr. Vertrees' notable leadership during extreme circumstances, which was echoed by other staff and Board members.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Vertrees reminded members that the Executive Director Performance Evaluation is due at the next meeting and that Heather Glenn would be collecting and disseminating the feedback from Board members prior to the meeting. He reminded members that this will require an Executive Session before the regular meeting, so the next meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. There may also be presentations by John Merideth and another presentation about the weatherization program being managed by AAA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Volker adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.



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MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: CHRISTOPHER VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: VACANCY – COCHISE COUNTY PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

As you are aware, our Executive Board must include private sector representation as a requirement of the Economic Development Administration. Per SEAGO's Bylaws, Private Sector Representatives must represent a low income or minority group, or representative organization, or represent the principal economic interests in the region, such as, but not limited to, industry, finance, utilities, education, agriculture, or labor.

In May, Heather Floyd reached the end of her second term of office and is therefore ineligible to continue serving as a PSR. Heather has recommended that Mignonne Hollis to fill her vacancy.

Ms. Hollis is currently employed as the Executive Director for the Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation (ARED). Her community involvement and leadership roles include service on the Board of Trustees for the Canyon Vista Medical Center, serving as the President of Good Neighbor Alliance and President of Premier Alliances as well as an appointment to the Arizona Commerce Authority Board of Directors.

Ms. Hollis is exceptionally qualified and meets the EDA PSR requirements. Her experience in economic and community development would be a welcome addition to the SEAGO Executive Board.

At their meeting on August 6th, the Administrative Council unanimously recommended approval to the Executive Board for the appointment of Mignonne Hollis to serve a two-year term as the Cochise County Private Sector Representative on the Executive Board.

I will look forward to answering any questions at the meeting.

Attachments: Mignonne Hollis – Letter of Interest and Resume

Action Requested: ☐ Information Only ☒ Action Requested Below:

A motion to recommend the appointment of Mignonne Hollis to serve a two-year term as the Cochise County Private Sector Representative on the Executive Board.

July 28, 2026

SEAGO Executive Board
SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization
1403 W. Highway 92
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Subject: Letter of Interest for SEAGO Board Membership

Dear Members of the Executive Board,

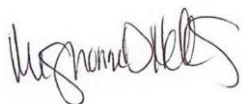
I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) Executive Board. As a resident of Cochise County, I am deeply committed to the sustainable development, economic resilience, and overall quality of life in our southeastern Arizona region. I welcome the opportunity to contribute to SEAGO's vital mission of fostering regional cooperation.

Through my background in serving the Cochise County area on various hospital boards, serving as the President of Good Neighbor Alliance, President of Premier Alliances coupled with my full-time job as the Executive Director of the Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation, I have developed a strong understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities facing our local communities. I am particularly interested in supporting SEAGO's strategic initiatives in economic development as well as housing. I believe that regional challenges require collaborative solutions, and I am eager to help bridge local needs with regional resources.

If appointed, I am prepared to dedicate the necessary time and energy to actively participate in board meetings, engage with member entities, and advocate for policies that benefit our shared region. My goal is to ensure that our communities continue to thrive through smart planning and efficient service delivery.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued leadership in southeastern Arizona. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how my background aligns with the current needs of the SEAGO Executive Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mignonne D Hollis', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mignonne D Hollis

Executive Director Profile

Specialize in strategic economic development with demonstrated history of fostering regional growth, adept at formulating and implementing policies that spur economic progress and community revitalization.

Skillfully navigate complexities of government and private sector dynamics to secure and allocate resources effectively, ensuring projects not only align with organizational missions but also achieve financial viability. Exceptionally proficient in crafting partnerships across educational institutions, industry groups, and state agencies, enhancing regional economic initiatives. Expertise in legislative analysis, workforce development, and infrastructure planning, underpinning record of transformative leadership and community engagement. Proven knowledge of financial analysis and strategic planning, equipped to drive organizational objectives and economic policies at highest levels of executive leadership.

Areas of Expertise

- Strategic Planning
- Economic Development
- Policy Formulation
- Financial Analysis
- Resource Allocation
- Legislative Analysis
- Grant Management
- Partnership Building
- Workforce Development

Career Experience

Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation, Location
Executive Director

2010 – Present

Develop policies and procedures for economic development programs in Cochise County. Formulate strategic and operational plans targeting long and short-range economic objectives. Compile comprehensive inventory of community buildings and sites for economic use and monitor business transitions within area. Monitor and analyze local, state, and federal legislation and regulations impacting economic development; communicate findings and trends to Board. Forge and promote workforce development strategies aiding in employee recruitment, training, and retention for current and prospective employers. Cultivate and maintain relationships with current and potential businesses and industries within area

- Engaged with government officials, lenders, Chamber of Commerce, Arizona Commerce Authority, private sector companies, and economic development professionals to influence local and state policy changes and promote industrial, commercial, and new development.
- Established partnerships with local, state, and regional entities including educational institutions, industry organizations, and state agencies for economic development initiatives and projects.
- Facilitated interactions between industrial business owners, building developers, marketing and financial firms, as well as transportation and utility companies, with federal, state, regional, and county agencies concerning loans, grants, research data, and educational resources for economic development.
- Spearheaded initiation of new projects, conducting research on prospective projects that align with organizational goals, and evaluate financial feasibility and resource allocation.
- Actively identified, drafted, and managed grants and financial incentives aimed at fostering economic development, community revitalization, and infrastructure improvements.
- Conducted meetings with external agencies, developers, business leaders, and community groups to outline and discuss services, aims, and strategic initiatives of AREDF.
- Assisted firms with fast-tracking permit processes and accessing capital by coordinating financial support from federal, state, and local agencies.
- Compiled and presented detailed reports, communications, and presentations for Board to keep members informed of ongoing and upcoming program activities

Additional Experience

Director, Small Business Development Center | Accountant, Business and Tax Analyst | Business Owner and Accountant– Cochise College, Location
Senior Financial Analyst – Sierra Vista Regional Health Care Center, Location
Instructor – University of Phoenix, AZ
Learning Center Manager – University of Phoenix, AZ

Education

Masters in Business Administration – University of Phoenix
Bachelors of Science in Business Administration/Accounting - University of Phoenix

Certifications

Cochise College Leadership Academy | American Association of Community College Leadership Institute | Greater Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program | Certified NxLevel Instructor – Entrepreneurial training Program | Certified SBDC Counselor | Certified QuickBooks Instructor | Arizona Economic Development Course | International Economic Development Council | Real Estate Development and Reuse Course | Economic Development Marketing and Attraction Course | Economic Development Credit Analysis Course | Entrepreneurial & Small Business Development Strategies Course | Business Retention and Expansion Course

State Appointments

Board of Directors, Arizona Commerce Authority
Board, Greater Arizona Development Authority
Commission, Aerospace and Defense
Board of Governor, State Bar of Arizona
Executive Team, Arizona Mexico Commission

Affiliations

Greater Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce
Advisory Committee, Aerospace Arizona
State Chapter Secretary, Association of Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International
Chair of Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Association of Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International
Past President, Arizona Association of Economic Development
Board Member, International Economic Development Council
Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, International Economic Development Council
Board Member, National Small Business Association
US Global Leadership Coalition

Community Development

Past Board of Trustees, Canyon Vista Medical Center
Past Board Member, Chiricahua Community Health Center
Citizens Advisory Commission
Participant, Arizona Town Hall

Cochise County Workforce Board
President, Good Neighbor Alliance
Secretary, Premier Alliances

June 24, 2026

Chris Vertrees
Executive Director
Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization
1403 W. Hwy 92
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Dear Chris Vertrees:

On behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am pleased to congratulate you and confirm that the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization was selected as one of the entities EPA will begin negotiations with to award a cooperative agreement for an Assessment Grant. The Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization submitted an outstanding application, and we deeply appreciate the tremendous commitment of time and energy that went into its preparation.

Since its inception in 1995, EPA's Brownfields Program has worked to help states, Tribal Nations, and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. We fully expect that these brownfield projects will provide benefits to the environment and economy of local communities. Jennifer Tung and Daniel Moher, your Regional Brownfields Contacts, will work closely with the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization to negotiate the cooperative agreement prior to the grant award. You may contact Jennifer Tung at 415-972-3698 or tung.jennifer@epa.gov and Daniel Moher at 415-972-3210 or moher.daniel@epa.gov.

Again, congratulations on being selected! We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Jerry Minor-Gordon-English". To the right of the main signature, there is a smaller, more stylized signature that appears to be "H. J. MGE".

Jerry Minor-Gordon-English, Acting Director
Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization

cc: Jennifer Tung
Daniel Moher
William Osborne



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: CELESTE VASQUEZ, AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS FOR VACANT ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING MEMBER SEATS

Background

The Advisory Council on Aging's (ACOA) revised bylaws, dated **February 21, 2025**, establish the Council's composition, membership requirements, and term limits.

Article III – Composition and Membership, Section A.1. specifies that the ACOA shall consist of eighteen (18) members allocated as follows:

- Cochise County – eight (8) representatives
- Graham County – four (4) representatives
- Greenlee County – three (3) representatives
- Santa Cruz County – three (3) representatives

Section A.1.a. further requires that at least ten (10) members be sixty (60) years of age or older and that every effort be made to ensure representation of individuals with the greatest economic or social need, minority individuals, and participants in services funded by the Agency.

Section B.4. states that members appointed by the SEAGO Executive Board shall serve three-year terms and are limited to two (2) consecutive terms. A previous member may be reappointed only if a vacancy cannot be filled within ninety (90) days. The Advisory Council on Aging may submit a member to the Executive Board for reappointment for an additional term when eligible.

Current Vacancies

There are currently five **(5) vacant seats** on the Advisory Council on Aging. Members are selected to represent incorporated cities, towns, and unincorporated areas within each county. The current vacancies are as follows:

Cochise County (4 Vacancies)

- Huachuca City – one (1) seat
- City of Sierra Vista – one (1) seat
- City of Willcox – one (1) seat
- County Unincorporated – one (1) seat

Greenlee County (1 Vacancy)

- County Unincorporated – one (1) seat

Term Expiration and Reappointment Eligibility

One current Advisory Council on Aging member reached the maximum allowable consecutive terms:

- **Greenlee County – County Unincorporated**
 - **Member:** *Mr. Jaime Aguilar*
 - Mr. Aguilar's second consecutive three-year term expired on **April 20, 2026**.
 - In accordance with **Article III, Section B.4.**, he is **eligible for reappointment**, as this vacancy has remained unfilled for ninety (90) days.

Appointment Term and Effective Date

Nominated representatives approved by the SEAGO Executive Board will commence their three-year term on the date of Board approval. The next scheduled Executive Board meeting is **August 27, 2026**.

At their meeting on August 6th, the Administrative Council unanimously recommended approval to the Executive Board to approve the appointment of Jaime Aguilar as the ACOA representative for Greenlee County Unincorporated.

Attachments: None

Action Requested:

☐ Information Only

☒ Action Requested Below:

A motion to approve the appointment of Jaime Aguilar as the ACOA representative for Greenlee County Unincorporated.



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MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: CHRISTOPHER VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

In response to the requirements of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and ADOT, SEAGO developed a Title VI Plan in July 2011. The purpose of the Plan is to describe how SEAGO intends to ensure that underserved individuals are provided meaningful opportunities to become involved in the transportation planning process within the SEAGO region. At the time this iteration of the Plan was developed, there was no federal requirement that such a plan be approved by an agency's governing board. Since that time, the FTA has revised its Circular 4702.1 B, which, among other things, now requires approval of Title VI plans by an agency's governing board.

While ADOT will accept the minutes of a meeting as evidence of governing board approval, the minutes do not become official until approved at a subsequent meeting. Because meetings of the SEAGO Executive Board occur quarterly, approval of the August 27th meeting minutes will not be considered until November – well after the deadline for ADOT to submit our Title VI plan to FTA. Therefore, I have prepared a Resolution for your consideration which, if adopted, will provide immediate evidence of the Executive Board's approval of SEAGO's Title VI Implementation and Public Participation Plan dated August 1, 2026.

Due to the volume of paper, the Title VI Plan would add to your meeting packet, we have posted the Plan to SEAGO's website for your review. The Plan is available for your review or download at any time by clicking the following link:

<https://www.keepandshare.com/doc12/view.php?id=260503&da=y>

I'll be pleased to answer any questions you may have at your meeting.

At their meeting on August 6th, the Administrative Council unanimously recommended approval to the Executive Board to approve Resolution No. 2026-02.

Attachments: Resolution No. 2026-02

Action Requested: ☐ Information Only ☒ Action Requested Below

A motion to recommend approval of Resolution No. 2026-02.



SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization

Serving our member governments and their constituents since 1972

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE ORGANIZATION'S TITLE VI IMPLEMENTATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN DATED AUGUST 1, 2026

SEAGO Member Entities

Cochise County
Benson
Bisbee
Douglas
Huachuca City
Sierra Vista
Tombstone
Willcox
Graham County
Pima
Safford
San Carlos
Apache Tribe
Thatcher
Greenlee County
Clifton
Duncan
Santa Cruz County
Nogales
Patagonia

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WHEREAS, the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) is a council of governments serving the four-county region of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties; and

WHEREAS, the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization is a subrecipient of funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) passed through Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), to carry out an annual work plan consisting of transportation and public transit planning activities; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.102, ADOT has the authority to delegate project administration and management to subrecipients and Local Public Agencies (LPAs) including any city, county, township, municipality, or other political subdivision that may be empowered to cooperate with the ADOT in highway matters; and

WHEREAS, as an LPA and subrecipient of FHWA and FTA funding, SEAGO is required to carry out its transportation planning duties and obligations in accordance with all applicable federal requirements, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which requires outreach to underserved groups; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title VI requirements, SEAGO has developed a Title VI Implementation and Public Participation Plan, the purpose of which is to describe how SEAGO intends to ensure that underserved individuals are provided meaningful opportunities to become involved in the transportation planning process within the SEAGO region; and

WHEREAS, FTA Circular 4 702.1 B, as revised, now requires Governing Board approval of Title VI plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SEAGO Executive Board hereby approves the SEAGO Title VI Implementation and Public Participation Plan dated August 1, 2026.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this 27th day of August 2026.

Jorge Maldonado,
Executive Board Chair

Christopher Vertrees,
Executive Director



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MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: CHRISTOPHER VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: BROWNFIELDS COALITION ASSESSMENT GRANT

SEAGO is pleased to announce that our application for the Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant was a success. We are scheduled for the \$1,500,000 grant to be funded this October. Eligible Activities include inventorying potential Brownfields sites, conducting Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments, community outreach, cleanup planning, and reuse planning. The grant will fund activities in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties.

Implementation of this program will require highly technical work in environmental studies. Therefore, the procurement of a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) is needed. We fully anticipate that the costs of engaging such a consultant will significantly exceed the procurement threshold of \$20,000 that triggers Executive Board approval before going to bid. The costs of the QEP will be funded through the grant.

We are therefore requesting your recommendation to the Executive Board to authorize us to prepare and publish a request for proposals, evaluate proposals received, and enter into a contract with a Qualified Environmental Professional consultant to assist in implementing our Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant. Our goal is to have a QEP in place early in the first quarter of the 2027 Federal Fiscal Year (October – December 2027). Updates to our progress and plans for rolling out the program will follow at our November meetings.

At their meeting on August 6th, the Administrative Council unanimously recommended approval to the Executive Board to authorize staff to publish a request for proposals, evaluate proposals received, and enter into a contract with a Qualified Environmental Professional consultant to implement SEAGO's Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant.

Attachment: EPA Grant Award Notice

Action Requested: ☐ Information Only ☒ Action Requested Below:

A motion to authorize staff to publish a request for proposals, evaluate proposals received, and enter into a contract with a Qualified Environmental Professional consultant to implement SEAGO's Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant.



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: CHRIS VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN SEAGO AND THE ARIZONA
LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Arizona Local Technical Assistance Program (AZ LTAP) exists to help Arizona's local public agencies better identify and utilize existing transportation resources at their disposal. AZ LTAP helps our local agencies cope with the ever-growing transportation demands they face by providing access to technical and management materials, delivering on-demand technical assistance and training, and by maintaining a vast network of communication with industry experts.

For over 20 years, SEAGO is a contributing member agency to AZ LTAP. SEAGO annually programs \$10,000 in STBG funding to AZ LTAP. The \$10,000 covers the membership costs for all of our member agencies. As a result, our member agencies pay no additional costs for training. Membership has many benefits including no further participant registration fee for courses, except for a \$20 fee per person for the cost of the First Aid/CPR/AED certification cards. Our member agencies also can request training at their location, at a time convenient for them and their employees. As a member we have access to the following services:

1. No fee access to any LTAP training provided at any location in the State.
2. The ability to request localized on-demand training for any course offered by LTAP.
3. No fee access to their equipment loan program.
4. No-fee access to their technical assistance program.

In addition, their **Road Scholar Program** provides an opportunity for local municipal employees to be trained by AZ LTAP in the latest technologies and innovations through a series of training sessions conducted at convenient locations throughout Arizona. The program currently offers three levels of training:

Level I Road Scholar: Training courses are targeted for entry-level transportation employees or those with no or limited experience (i.e., up to five years' experience in the transportation field).

Level II Road Scholar: Training courses are targeted for employees working within transportation industry, motivated to advance their knowledge, skills and abilities to excel their career. Level II training is in the beginning supervisory level and management course work. (Up to 10 years field experience).

Level III Road Scholar: Is aimed at employees working in supervisory level & management positions (traditionally up to 15 years or more of experience).

Additional services available through AZ LTAP include:

Technical Assistance Program - Upon request, LTAP will provide a subject matter expert to assist local agencies with road construction, maintenance, and administrative issues. Technical assistance is often provided in areas such as road construction, maintenance, and administrative issues. This service is not intended to supplant or compete with traditional engineering or consulting services, but rather to augment them.

Heavy Equipment Training and Certification Program - The AZ LTAP program offers Heavy Equipment Training and Certification to Local Governments of Arizona on a per request basis. AZ LTAP provides certification for the following pieces of heavy equipment:

- Motor Grader I and II
- Backhoe I and II
- Bulldozer I and II
- Front End Loader
- Wheeled Excavator
- Gannon (Box Scraper)
- Bucket Truck (Aerial Lift)

If we did not fund the program, the cost to each agency would be \$100 per transportation employee. For example, an agency with 12 employees dedicated to transportation would pay \$1,200 per year to be a member of LTAP. The program cost of \$10,000 annually is charged against our Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) annual apportionment of approximately \$950,000.

The attached Agreement commits SEAGO to continue contributing \$10,000 per fiscal year of STBG funding to cover the membership costs of 100 transportation employees who participate in LTAP each year from FY 2027 through FY 2031.

Attachments: Agreement between AZ LTAP and SEAGO

Action Requested: ☐ Information Only ☒ Action Requested Below:

A motion to approve the Agreement between SEAGO and AZ LTAP for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031.

ADOT CAR No.: JPA 26-0011914-I
AG Contract No.: P0012026000550
Project Location/Name: AZ LTAP
Type of Work: Training Resources
ADOT Project No.: RLTA
TIP/STIP No.: NA
Budget Source: FHWA

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN
THE STATE OF ARIZONA
AND
SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into this date _____, pursuant to the Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 28-334 and A.R.S. § 28-367, as amended, between the STATE OF ARIZONA, acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (the "State" or "ADOT") and the SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION, acting by and through its BOARD OF DIRECTORS and SEAGO MEMBER AGENCIES ("SEAGO" or the "Local Agency"). The State and SEAGO are each individually referred to as a "Party" and are collectively referred to as the "Parties."

I. RECITALS

1. The State is empowered by A.R.S. § 28-334 and A.R.S. § 28-367 to enter into this Agreement and has delegated to the undersigned the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the State.
2. SEAGO is empowered by its Articles of Incorporation (Article IV Section B) and Arizona Revised Statute 23 C.F.R. § 450.104 to enter into this Agreement and has authorized the undersigned to execute this Agreement on behalf of SEAGO.
3. The Arizona Local Technical Assistance Program (AZ LTAP) helps local agencies use existing resources more efficiently and to cope with transportation problems by increasing their expertise through technical and management materials, training and assistance. The AZ LTAP brings together governmental, academic and private resources and information to ensure a safe, effective and efficient transportation system in the state of Arizona. The AZ LTAP delivers new concepts and ideas, training, technical assistance and disseminates research results and new technologies for both transportation providers and users. The AZ LTAP is paving the way as a leader in transportation information exchange.
4. Many local agencies within Arizona are contributing members of AZ LTAP based on funding provided through their Associations of Government or other planning organizations. SEAGO (COG/MPO) will contribute \$10,000 per fiscal year (FY) of federal aid to cover the membership costs of 100 transportation employees who participate in LTAP from FY 2027 through FY 2031 (the "Project").

5. The foregoing Recitals referred to herein and attached shall be incorporated into this Agreement.

In consideration of the mutual terms expressed herein, the Parties agree as follows:

II. SCOPE OF WORK

1. The Parties agree:
 - a. After this Agreement is executed, SEAGO will contribute SEAGO federal aid in the amount of \$10,000 for the Project per FY from FY 2027 through FY 2031.
 - b. The State will accept the SEAGO contribution of \$10,000 for the Project.
 - c. SEAGO will provide contact information for transportation employees and request desired courses.
 - d. The State will send training notices, FHWA and industry bulletins and other up-to-date transportation information to the transportation employees provided by SEAGO.

III. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. Effective Date. This Agreement shall become effective upon signing and dating of all Parties.
2. Amendments. Any change or modification to the Project will only occur with the mutual written consent of both Parties.
3. Duration. The terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until completion of the Project and all related deposits and/or reimbursements are made.
4. Cancellation. This Agreement may be canceled at any time up to 30 days before the appropriated funds are transferred, so long as the canceling Party provides at least 30 days' prior written notice to the other Party. It is understood and agreed that, in the event the Local Agency terminates this Agreement, the State shall in no way be obligated to complete or maintain the Project.
5. Programmed Federal Funds. The cost of the AZ LTAP under this Agreement is to be covered by the federal funds programmed for this Project, up to the maximum available. The Local Agency acknowledges that actual Project costs may exceed the maximum available amount of federal funds, or that certain costs may not be accepted by FHWA as eligible for federal funds. Therefore, the Local Agency agrees to pay the difference between actual costs of the Project and the federal funds received.

6. Termination of Federal Funding. Should the federal funding related to this Project be terminated or reduced by the federal government, or Congress rescinds, fails to renew, or otherwise reduces apportionments or obligation authority, the State shall in no way be obligated for funding or liable for any past, current or future expenses under this Agreement.
7. Indirect Costs. The cost of the Project under this Agreement includes indirect costs approved by FHWA, as applicable.
8. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. The Parties warrant compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 and associated 2008 Amendments (the "Act"). Additionally, in a timely manner, the Local Agency will provide information that is requested by the State to enable the State to comply with the requirements of the Act, as may be applicable.
9. Single Audit. The Local Agency acknowledges compliance with federal laws and regulations and may be subject to the CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, PART 200 (also known as The Uniform Grant Guidance). Entities that expend \$1,000,000 or more (on or after 10/01/24) of federal assistance (federal funds, federal grants, or federal awards) must comply by having an independent audit in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F (§§200.500 through 200.521).
10. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Arizona laws.
11. Conflicts of Interest. This Agreement may be canceled in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-511.
12. Inspection and Audit. The Local Agency shall retain all books, accounts, reports, files and other records relating to this Agreement which shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection and audit by the State for five years after completion of the Project. Such records shall be produced by the Local Agency, electronically or at the State office as set forth in this Agreement, at the request of ADOT.
13. Title VI. The Local Agency acknowledges and will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
14. Non-Discrimination. This Agreement is subject to all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 42 U.S.C. 12101-12213) and all applicable federal regulations under the Act, including 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36. The Parties to this Agreement shall comply with Executive Order Number 2009-09, as amended by Executive Order 2023-01, issued by the Governor of the State of Arizona and incorporated in this Agreement by reference regarding "Non-Discrimination."
15. Non-Availability of Funds. Every obligation of the State under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of funds appropriated or allocated for the fulfillment of such obligations. If funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by the State at the end of the period for which the funds are available. No liability shall accrue to the State in the event this provision is exercised,

and the State shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments as a result of termination under this paragraph.

16. Arbitration. In the event of any controversy, which may arise out of this Agreement, the Parties agree to abide by arbitration as is set forth for public works contracts if required by A.R.S. § 12-1518.
17. E-Verify. The Parties shall comply with the applicable requirements of A.R.S. § 41-4401.
18. Contractor Certifications. The Parties shall certify that all contractors comply with the applicable requirements of A.R.S. §§ 35-393.01 and 35-394.
19. Other Applicable Laws. The Parties shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, as may be amended.
20. Notices. All notices or demands upon any Party to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered electronically, in person, or sent by mail, addressed as follows:

For Agreement Administration:

Arizona Department of Transportation
Joint Project Agreement Section
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Phoenix, AZ 85007
JPABranch@azdot.gov

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21. Revisions to Contacts. Any revisions to the names and addresses above may be updated administratively by either Party with written notice to the other Party.
22. Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be signed in an electronic format including DocuSign.

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(Signatures on the next page)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement to be effective upon the full completion of signing and dating by all Parties to this Agreement.

SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION

By _____ Date _____
CHRIS VERTREES
Executive Director

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By _____ Date _____
MATT MOUL, PE
Project Delivery and Operations
Division Director



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD

THROUGH: CHRIS VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SEAGO RESOLUTION 26-03 - COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDs)

A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is a collaborative plan that guides economic growth, job creation, and community prosperity by identifying priorities, coordinating resources, and establishing a clear vision for the future. **One of the most important purposes of the CEDs is to position communities for funding opportunities, as the CEDs is often required for certain federal economic development grants and has significant value in the pursuit of other Federal grant opportunities.**

We kicked off public outreach efforts in January with a widely distributed SWOT survey to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for each County. In addition, we hosted in-person public outreach meetings in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties in January to collect additional data. The results of these public meetings and SWOT surveys were presented in each County during the last week of July. Information was collected involving projects important to each County and their communities that needed to be included in the CEDs.

The 2026-2030 CEDs was delivered to the EDA on August 18, 2026. EDA reviewers indicated that “document is well prepared and presents as a useful tool for the region”. With a few minor corrections related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) language that was contained in the plan, the EDA is prepared to accept the plan. However, the EDA requires Executive Board approval before the plan can be formally accepted. This issue is time sensitive as the CEDs must be accepted by the EDA by September 30, 2026, or our FFY2027 EDA Planning Grant funding will be delayed.

Here is the link to our 2026-2031 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) for your review: <https://www.keepandshare.com/doc12/view.php?id=260470&da=y>.

Action Requested: ☐ Information Only ☒ Action Requested Below:

A motion to approve SEAGO Resolution 26-03 (CEDs approval).



SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization

Serving our member governments and their constituents since 1972

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

WHEREAS, the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) has been designated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as an Economic Development District (EDD) for the four-county region of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires regions to develop and maintain a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to guide economic development planning and investment; and

WHEREAS, SEAGO in cooperation with local governments, businesses, community organizations, educational institutions, and other stakeholders, has prepared the 2026-2031 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the SEAGO Region; and

WHEREAS, the CEDS identifies the region's economic strengths, challenges, opportunities, strategic priorities, goals, objectives, and implementation activities designed to promote economic resilience and sustainable economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the CEDS was developed through a planning process that included stakeholder engagement, public participation, and review by the CEDS Strategy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed CEDS and finds that its goals and strategies are consistent with the economic development needs and priorities of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the SEAGO Executive Board hereby approves and adopts the 2026-2031 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the SEAGO Region; and

THAT, the Board authorizes staff to submit the adopted CEDS to the U.S. Economic Development Administration and other appropriate agencies as necessary; and

THAT, The Board supports the implementation of the goals, objectives, and strategies identified in the CEDS and encourages regional partners to participate in its execution; and

SEAGO

Member Entities

Cochise County

Benson

Bisbee

Douglas

Huachuca City

Sierra Vista

Tombstone

Willcox

Graham County

Pima

Safford

San Carlos

Apache Tribe

Thatcher

Greenlee County

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Santa Cruz County

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THAT, The Executive Director is authorized to make administrative, technical, or non-substantive revisions to the CEDS as needed, provided such revisions do not materially alter the adopted strategy.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this 10th day of September 2026.

Jorge Maldonado,
Executive Board Chair

Christopher Vertrees,
Executive Director



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: CHRIS VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Administrative Council normally meets virtually at 9:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of February, May, August and November via MS Teams. The Executive Board normally meets at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays, two weeks following the Administrative Council meetings unless there is a holiday, or unless the Board sets an alternative date. The location of each Executive Board meeting is determined by the jurisdiction hosting the meeting and therefore varies.

Administrative Council	Executive Board
February 5, 2026	February 20, 2026 - Cochise County
May 7, 2026	May 22, 2026 – Graham County
August 6, 2026	August 27, 2026 – Greenlee County
November 5, 2026	November 20, 2025 – Santa Cruz County

Also, below please find the tentative schedule for our Executive Committee meetings in the upcoming 12 months:

Executive Committee Meetings (Virtual)
April 2, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
June 4, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
October 1, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
December 3, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Attachments: None.

Action Requested: ☒ Information Only ☐ Action Requested Below:



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: CHRISTOPHER VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY EXECUTIVE BOARD PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE

As you may be aware, our Executive Board must include private sector representation as a requirement of the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Per SEAGO's Bylaws, Private Sector Representatives are appointed from the nominations submitted by the Member Entity Representatives from each county area that represents a low income or minority group, or representative organization, or represent the principal economic interests in the region, such as, but not limited to business, industry, finance, utilities, education, agriculture, or labor.

Prior to our May Executive Board meeting, Perin McNelis resigned her position as our Santa Cruz County Private Sector Representative (PSR). To date, we have not received a nomination to fill the Santa Cruz County vacancy.

Ensuring that there is representation on our Board from one of the sectors noted above is important to EDA. Therefore, SEAGO is accepting nominations for the vacant Santa Cruz County Private Sector Representatives for approval at our November meeting. We are required to provide the resumes of our private sector representatives to the EDA. Nominations will need to include a resume from the nominee.

Please submit nominations via email to cdvertrees@seago.org by October 22, 2026, so that they may be considered by our Administrative Council at their November 5, 2026, meeting.



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
THROUGH: CHRIS VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FROM: DINA CURTISS, FINANCE MANAGER
DATE: AUGUST 27, 2026
SUBJECT: FINANCE REPORT

Attached is the SEAGO Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the quarter ending June 30, 2026, for your review.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures at our meeting.

Action Requested: ☒ Information Only ☐ Action Requested Below

SEAGO
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - R&E that ties to Budget - Unposted Transactions Included In Report
From 4/1/2026 Through 6/30/2026
(In Whole Numbers)

		<u>Cur Pd Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget ...</u>
Revenue					
General Fund	101	16,924	77,224	150,000	51.48%
Agency Response	301	0	68,362	45,302	150.90%
Community Development Block Grant	302	51,488	190,459	370,000	51.47%
Economic Development	303	0	87,297	110,358	79.10%
Public Transit	308	5,296	18,697	20,000	93.48%
State Planning & Research	309	32,904	151,671	172,272	88.04%
Area Agency on Aging	310	414,214	1,367,962	2,762,464	49.51%
Regional Mobility Management	311	53,165	210,359	162,500	129.45%
RMM Training	314	17,712	75,058	87,500	85.78%
Nogales Area Transit Feasibility Stu...	351	0	0	95,000	0.00%
United Way of Graham and Greenle...	356	0	0	65,130	0.00%
Regionwide Pavement Assessment ...	357	13,051	69,136	241,715	28.60%
Bisbee Route Efficiency Study ADOT	358	0	2,508	75,000	3.34%
Santa Cruz Cnty Elgin School Rem...	359	0	0	8,000	0.00%
BSERC Environmental Review	360	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Bisbee Bus Service	362	10,000	53,000	53,000	100.00%
Total Revenue		<u>614,752</u>	<u>2,371,733</u>	<u>4,423,240</u>	<u>53.62%</u>
Expenses					
General Fund	101	0	151	150,000	0.10%
Agency Response	301	7,010	28,206	45,302	62.26%
Community Development Block Grant	302	62,746	180,019	370,000	48.65%
Economic Development	303	28,019	100,032	110,358	90.64%
Public Transit	308	5,296	18,697	20,000	93.48%
State Planning & Research	309	32,904	151,670	172,272	88.04%
Area Agency on Aging	310	393,977	1,317,475	2,762,464	47.69%
Regional Mobility Management	311	53,165	210,360	162,500	129.45%
RMM Training	314	17,712	75,058	87,500	85.78%
Nogales Area Transit Feasibility Stu...	351	0	0	95,000	0.00%
United Way of Graham and Greenle...	356	0	31,500	65,130	48.36%
Regionwide Pavement Assessment ...	357	13,051	69,136	241,715	28.60%
Bisbee Route Efficiency Study ADOT	358	0	2,508	75,000	3.34%
Santa Cruz Cnty Elgin School Rem...	359	0	0	8,000	0.00%
BSERC Environmental Review	360	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Bisbee Bus Service	362	9,150	51,035	53,000	96.29%
City of Willcox MOU LS	363	0	32	0	0.00%
City of Douglas SR-80 Utilities Expa...	364	2,376	2,376	0	0.00%
SCC IGA SEAGO/Vaisala	365	209	209	0	0.00%
Santa Cruz County Training Progra...	366	309	309	0	0.00%
Total Expenses		<u>625,924</u>	<u>2,238,773</u>	<u>4,423,240</u>	<u>50.61%</u>
Balance		<u>(11,172)</u>	<u>132,960</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>



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MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD

THROUGH: CHRIS VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: WILLIAM D. OSBORNE, AICP, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATES

Better Cities Resilience Action Planning & Freeport McMoRan

The monthly Greenlee County Resiliency Planning Meeting of May 7, 2026 highlights included a progress update on the Greenlee County Housing Feasibility Study Update funded by FMI, that the update would likely be done in July 2026. SEAGO Community & Economic Development (C&ED) Manager Will Osborne virtually presented the findings of the Graham County Housing Assessment & Housing Strategy (2025) to the Graham County Community Partnership Panel on May 7, 2026 at their 2Q2026 Meeting.

Brownfields Assessment Grant (BAG)

As of July 21, 2026, the small amount of funding (less than \$15,000) remaining in the 1st SEAGO Brownfield Assessment Grant (BAG) effectively leaves one (1) project that has property owner concurrence with brownfield assessment activities, qualifies as having a Phase I Assessment completed, and also has a budget amount lower than but close to the remaining balance. That project is the Phase II ESA Willcox MSW Landfill, submitted by Cochise County.

The EPA pre-awarded SEAGO for the second-round Collaborative Brownfield Assessment Grant (BAG). SEAGO Executive Director Chris Vertrees has prepared the necessary scope of work and budget refinements, which will be discussed in his reports on Brownfields.

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) - Douglas

Citizens, artists, business owners, City staff, federal support staff and other stakeholders in Douglas concluded the public outreach, brainstorming and strategic prioritization phases of the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) process on June 23rd and 24th, 2026. Douglas City staff and members of the Steering Committee will be coordinating with federal support staff on scheduling remaining calls to finalize the Douglas RERC Action Plan.

WIFA Projects

The **Sweet Springs Community Mobile Home Park** water system improvements project

in St. David has been in construction for over two (2) months, with Labor Standards Compliance Monitoring (LSCM) – site interviews and payroll certification performed by SEAGO Community Coordinator Maria Valles. **The City of Douglas Well #18 Equipping** (CoD 2026-PW-010) project has had SEAGO support for LSCM and American Iron & Steel (AIS) Certification Monitoring since mid-April, and is expected to continue into August. SEAGO has been coordinating payroll certifications with the City of Douglas for their reporting to WIFA on the Well 18 Equipping project. The **Graham County Electrical Cooperative (GCEC)** has a **water supply storage tank placement project funded by WIFA** that will have SEAGO LSCM support when construction begins in Fall 2026.

City of Douglas Projects

SEAGO has concluded most of the initial labor standards compliance interviews for the active City of Douglas projects including the **West Douglas Utilities Expansion** (CoD 2026-PW-001) and the **Well #20 Drilling** (CoD 2026-PW-020) project, near the Cochise Community College–Douglas campus. Staff continues to process certified payrolls for these projects and coordinate with the City as needed.

CD Program Staffing – Community & Economic Development Planner Recruitment(s)

The C&ED Manager will be working with the Executive Director and Finance Manager in revisiting the Planner position to ensure alignment of duties, responsibilities and compensation with the integration of the Community Development Program and Economic Development Program. The staffing need is critical for SEAGO's successful performance of its workload both committed and in 'the pipeline.'

Attachments: None

Action Requested:

☒ Information Only

☐ Action Requested Below



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
THROUGH: CHRIS VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FROM: WILLIAM D. OSBORNE, AICP, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: CDBG Updates

1% COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CDBG TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT WITH ADOH

SEAGO staff is preparing a performance report and request for payment for the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) relating to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) One Percent (1%) Technical Assistance Account Funding Agreement (CDBG #137-25). ADOH sets aside 1% of the annual funding allocation it receives from the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) to distribute to the Arizona Councils of Government serving rural Arizona communities. SEAGO may submit costs for public meeting preparation and attendance, staff and community training, project development, and compliance guidance services that SEAGO Community & Economic Development (C&ED) staff provide to individuals, groups, and our member communities without a CDBG project.

REGIONAL ACCOUNT UPDATES

Bisbee: The **City of Bisbee** has finished procuring kitchen equipment as part of the **Bisbee Senior Center Improvements** (CDBG #139-25) project. Construction is expected to begin soon, with SEAGO staff preparing to conduct Labor Standards Compliance Monitoring (LCSM) as well as preparing and submitting authorized performance reports and reimbursement requests to ADOH.

Clifton: ADOH approved the **FY2025 Regional Account (RA)-CDBG Clifton Senior Center Improvements** application, and SEAGO staff are working on the Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the project to include potential improvements in future phases. An ADOH Funding Agreement for \$102,500 is expected once the ERR is approved. The **Town of Clifton** has selected to apply its **FY2026 RA-CDBG to Public Buildings & Sidewalks ADA Improvements**.

Graham County: The **Graham County Fairgrounds ADA Improvements** (#112-26) project began construction on July 15, 2026, and **SEAGO Community Coordinator Maria Valles** is conducting LCSM and **SEAGO C&ED Manager Will Osborne** continues to

provide other project grant administration and financial compliance technical assistance.

Huachuca City: On May 14, 2026, the **Town of Huachuca City** resolved that **Community Facilities Accessibility and Improvements** will be the project application for its approximately \$515,000 in non-competitive **FY2026 RA-CDBG** funds. SEAGO C&ED staff will be preparing the application and environmental review record for this multi-facility project focused on removing barriers in existing public facilities to ADA-compliance. Procurement of design/engineering will be part of the scope of work for this project.

Nogales: On July 23, 2026, the **City of Nogales** resolved to apply approximately \$440,000 in **FY2026 RA-CDBG** funding to a project application for **Park Improvements** that would provide **ADA-accessible public restrooms at two City of Nogales parks** that are in low-moderate income areas. SEAGO will be preparing the application with details provided by Nogales Parks and Nogales Public Works staff.

Pima: The **Town of Pima** held a CDBG Introduction and Project Identification (P-2) Public Hearing on July 14, 2026. SEAGO C&ED Manager Will Osborne facilitated remotely to assist the people of Pima to increase their familiarity with CDBG, and potential projects for future CDBG applications.

Safford: The City of Safford resolved to apply for FY2026 RA-CDBG funds to use for Sidewalk ADA Improvements on 3rd Avenue and in other low-moderate income areas of Safford, if needed and funding is available from a potential award of approximately \$291,000.

Santa Cruz County: The **Pierson Park Improvements** (#116-26) had its construction procurement bid opening on July 24, 2026, with seven (7) bidders for the playground equipment installation project at the former Pierson High School play area above the sports fields. SEAGO C&ED staff will continue to work with Santa Cruz County staff on LSCM, and technical assistance in reporting and financial reimbursement compliance.

The **Damon Recreation Complex Improvements** (#117-26) project has just received ADOH funding, and SEAGO will soon execute a Technical Assistance Contract (TAC) with **Santa Cruz County** for this RA-CDBG project to support construction of a set of tennis/pickleball courts in the west Rio Rico area of the County.

Thatcher: The **(High School Avenue) Sidewalks & ADA Improvements** (#100-26) project, has finished construction in the last couple of weeks. SEAGO continues to provide technical assistance in ensuring the project is properly brought through close-out on labor standards, payroll certifications, invoicing and payments.

Tombstone: SEAGO is finalizing the Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the FY2025 RA-CDBG Tombstone Food Bank Improvements project. The Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) required Class III Cultural Resources Survey was completed and no findings of effect were provided through the consultation of native American tribes; so the project is good-to-go when the ERR is complete, and the City executes a Funding Agreement with ADOH.

FY2025-2026 COLONIAS CDBG & FY2026 STATE SPECIAL PROJECTS (SSP) CDBG

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Colonias Set-Aside CDBG and State Special Projects (SSP) CDBG have yet to be released, and will therefore have a shorter application and environmental review completion windows. There will be two (2) applications filed this fiscal year for these competitive CDBG funds.

Huachuca City: The Town resolved on May 14, 2026 to submit a SSP-CDBG application for up to \$750,000 to conduct Water Infrastructure Assessment and Improvement activities. SEAGO staff will put together an application and ERR as quickly as possible for this effort, possibly focusing on procuring professional services to update or generate planning and engineering documents that would be needed to apply for other implementing source funds. A planning/engineering focused application would require a less complicated environmental review process.

Nogales: The City resolved on July 23, 2026 to submit a \$1.1M Colonias-CDBG application for Elm Street Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements that will also use WIFA funding and City general funds.

Please contact us if you have any questions about projects in your communities.

Attachments: None

Action Requested: ☒ Information Only ☐ Action Requested Below



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
THROUGH: JOHN MERIDETH, IT MANAGER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

The following provides a summary of current Information Technology initiatives at SEAGO:

Digital Analytics & Performance

Website Analytics

The following table outlines unique page visits and search engine interactions across SEAGO's digital properties:

	Google Interactions	seago.org	seagomobility.org	seagotam.org	southeastarizonaeconomy.com
Apr-26	96	897	56	34	6
May-26	87	794	52	20	6
Jun-26	112	1,100	43	29	11

Communication Systems

Monthly call volume summary:

	Inbound	Outbound	Total
Apr-26	948	684	1632
May-26	894	498	1392
Jun-26	981	545	1526

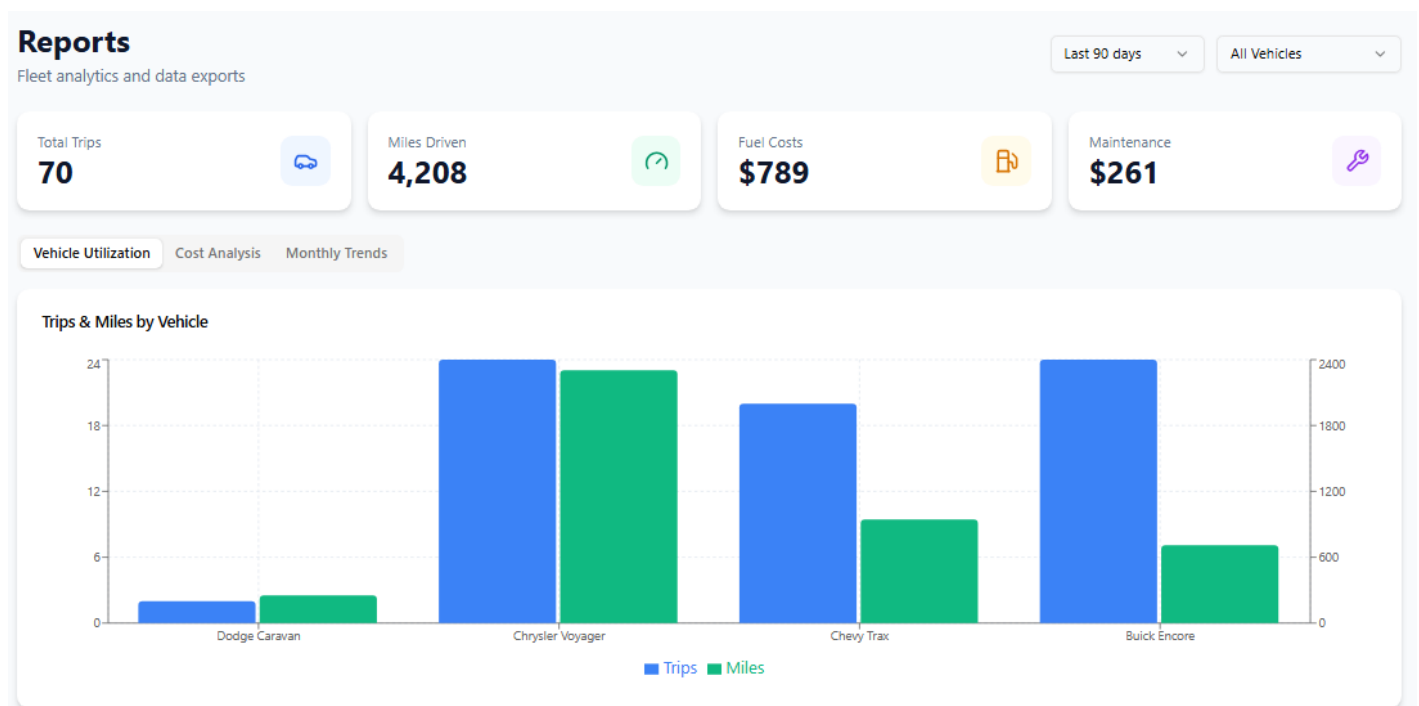
Application Development Pipeline & Strategic Updates

The following pages outline the progress, technical capabilities, and deployment schedules for SEAGO's current software development initiatives.

Active & Upcoming Deployments and Updates

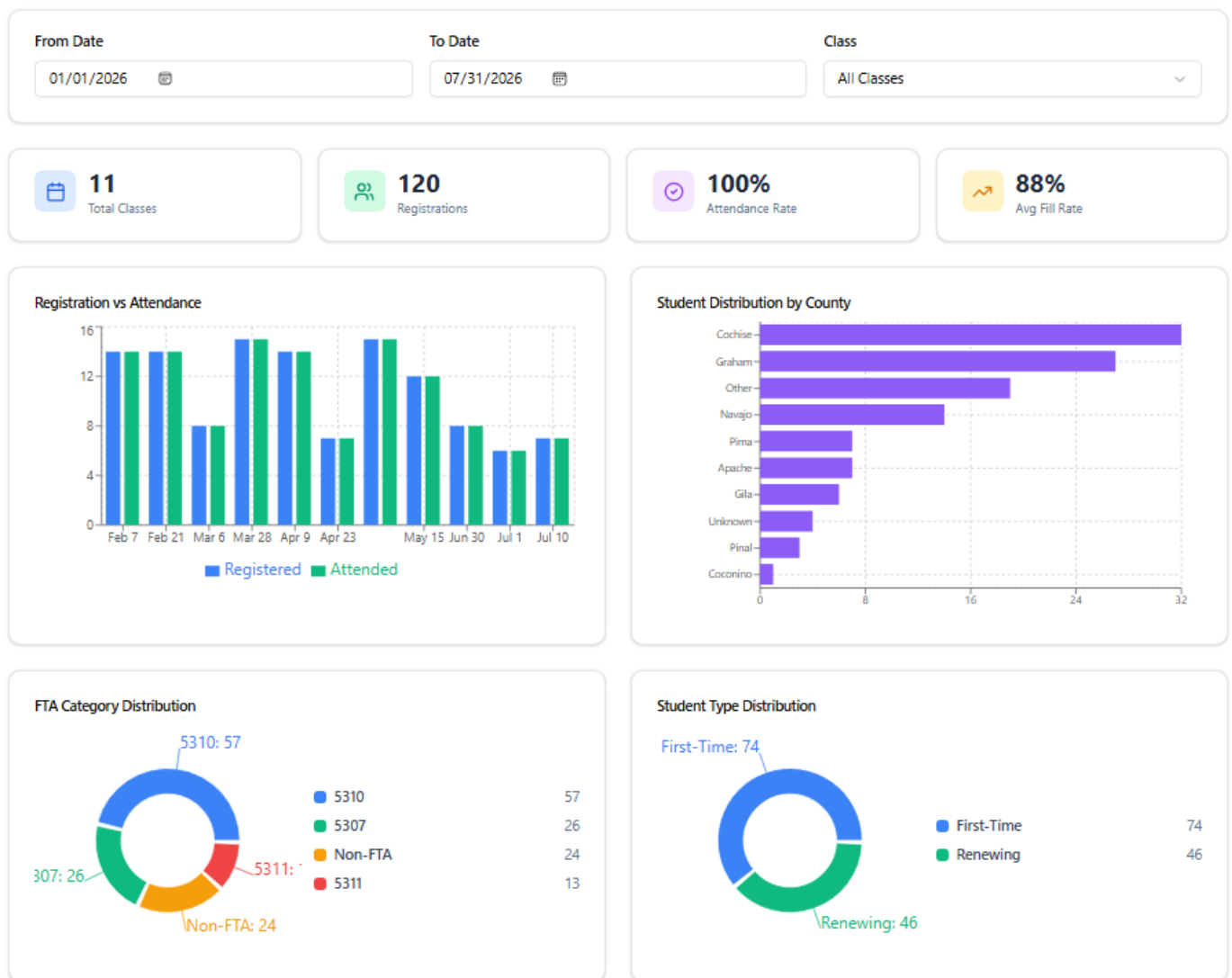
- **SEAGO FleetFlow (Fleet Management):**

- **Status:** Launched January 1, 2026.
- **Functionality:** A full-cycle mobile solution for the checkout and return of SEAGO fleet vehicles.
- **Data Capture:** Automates the recording of odometer readings, fuel purchases, and maintenance logs.
- **Compliance & Oversight:** Digitizes pre- and post-trip inspections to eliminate paper waste. The system provides real-time reporting for accidents and triggers automated notifications for the Fleet Manager regarding PM (Preventative Maintenance) schedules, registration renewals, and insurance expirations.
- **Analytics:** Enables management to analyze vehicle utilization rates and total cost of ownership (TCO).

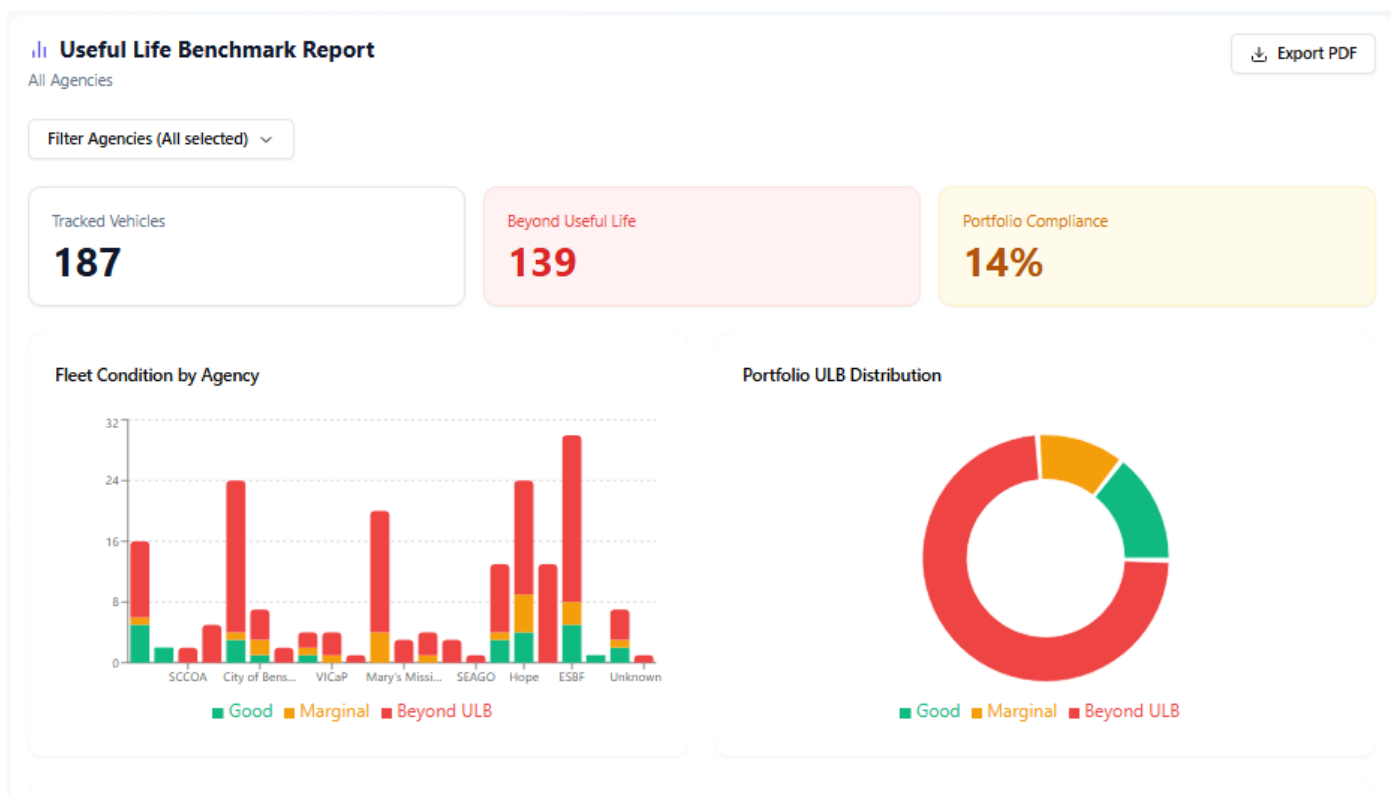


- **PASS 8.0 Student Registration:**

- **Status:** Launched March 1, 2026.
- **Functionality:** A student-facing portal for class registration with integrated waitlist logic.
- **Key Features:** Students can track attendance history and submit course feedback directly through the interface.
- **Scope:** Supporting 14 statewide classes for the 2026 calendar year.

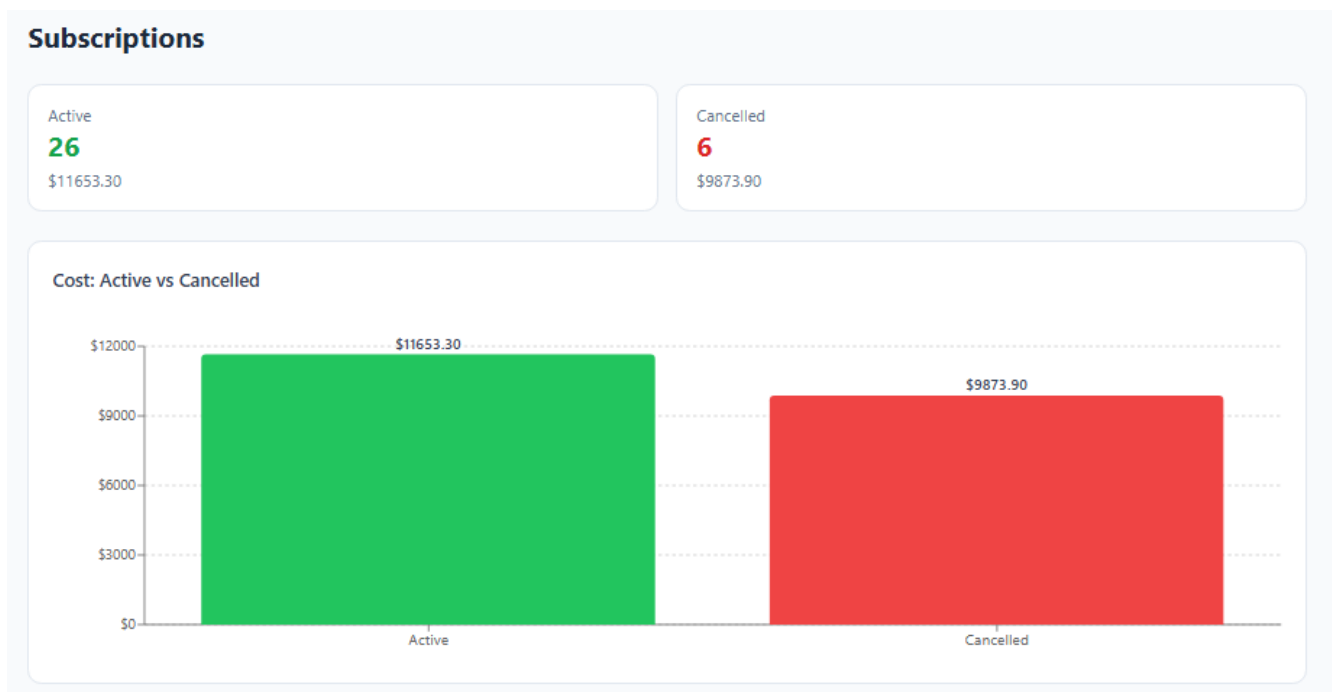
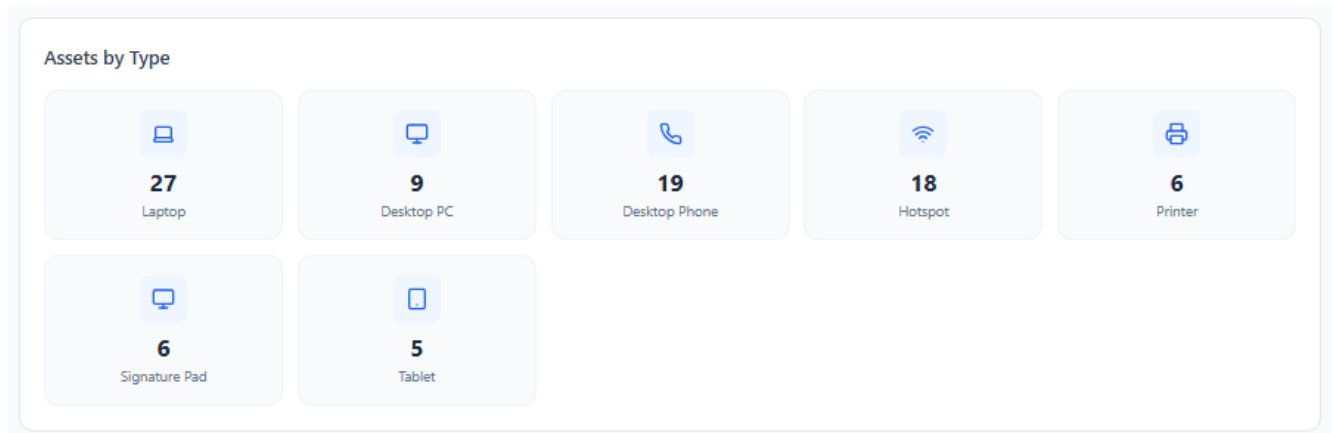


- **TAM (Transit Asset Management) System aka SEAGO Transit Connect:**
 - **Status:** Ongoing Development (Replacement of 2017 legacy system).
 - **Core Capabilities:** Designed for both public and non-public transit operators to monitor vehicle health and regulatory compliance.
 - **Data Architecture:** Features a comprehensive analytics dashboard tracking **ADOT Useful Life Benchmarks (ULB)** and **State of Good Repair (SGR)**.
 - **Operational Portals:** Includes specialized Driver and Dispatch Portals to capture real-time maintenance, utilization, communications, and operational compliance data.



- **IT Asset Management System:**

- **Status:** Live on March 1, 2026.
- **Objective:** Replace current system with a mobile and user friendly system that will allow IT to track and manage assets and warranty expirations as well as software subscriptions.



- **SEAGO GIS (www.seago-gis.org):**
 - **Status:** Under development.
 - **Objective:** Provide one place to locate all SEAGO GIS products including SEAGO Region Traffic Data, Community/Economic Development Projects, and SEAGO STBG/TIP Tracker.



Available Maps and Apps



Community and Economic Development Projects Status (CDBG, EDA, USDA-RD, WIFA, etc.)

🕒 Last Updated: Jul 23, 2026



SRTD
SEAGO Region Traffic Data

🕒 Last Updated: Jun 26, 2026



SEAGO TIP
SEAGO STBG Ledger and TIP

- **AAA Mobile App Revamp:**
 - **Status:** In Development (Replacement of 2017 legacy system).
 - **Timeline:** Targeted rollout in 2027.
 - **Objective:** To modernize the Area Agency on Aging's digital interface.
- **SCTP Driver Mobile App:**
 - **Status:** In development.
 - **Objective:** Custom app for Santa Cruz Training Programs to track daily ridership.
 - **Impact:** Will help with required monthly reporting and tracking.

Action Requested:

X Information Only

Action Requested Below



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: CELESTE VASQUEZ, AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: AREA AGENCY ON AGING STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
SUBCONTRACTS

Background:

SEAGO Area Agency on Aging completed the State Fiscal Year 2026-2027 subcontracts by June 30, 2026. Attached is a summary of funds awarded to contractors and providers. We will continue to closely monitor fund usage and, if necessary, reallocate funds to another service or provider to ensure the full state award is utilized. If additional funds become available, we will assess regional needs and request funds as appropriate.

Attachments: SEAGO AAA State Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Subcontracts

Action Requested: ☒ Information Only ☐ Action Requested Below:

SEAGO AAA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Subcontracts

Case Management			
Available Funding Graham and Greenlee:			\$ 46,700
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
Cochise County			
SEAGO-Area Agency on Aging	Case Management		\$ 147,534
Graham/Greenlee County			
Southeastern Arizona Community Unique Services	Case Management		\$ 46,700
Santa Cruz County			
SEAGO-Area Agency on Aging	Case Management		\$ 73,766
Home Care Cluster			
Available Funding By County:			
Cochise:			\$ 269,145
Graham:			\$ 160,305
Greenlee:			\$ 44,900
Santa Cruz:			\$ 211,620
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
Cochise County			
Accent Care	Attendant Care	Cochise County - All	\$ 32,500
	Attendant Care-SSBG		\$ 146,035
	In-home Respite		\$ 40,020
Lutheran Social Services	Attendant Care	Cochise County - All	\$ 32,500
	Attendant Care-SSBG		\$ 10,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 8,090
Graham County			
Accent Care	Attendant Care	Graham County - All	\$ 12,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 3,950
Southeastern Arizona Community Unique Services	Attendant Care	Graham County - All	\$ 136,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 8,355
	Home Repair	Graham/Greenlee	\$ -
	Adaptive Aids	Graham/Greenlee	\$ -
Greenlee County			
Greenlee County Health Department	Attendant Care	Greenlee County - All	\$ 43,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 1,900

Home Care Cluster (continued)			
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
Santa Cruz County			
Accent Care	Attendant Care	Santa Cruz County - All	\$ 20,400
	Attendant Care-SSBG		\$ 20,500
	In-home Respite		\$ 7,500
Consumer Direct	Attendant Care	Santa Cruz County - All	\$ 48,000
	Attendant Care-SSBG		\$ 48,600
	In-home Respite		\$ 1,070
Lutheran Social Services	Attendant Care	Santa Cruz County - All	\$ 47,200
	Attendant Care-SSBG		\$ 10,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 8,350
Meals Programs			
Available Funding By County:			
Cochise:			\$ 450,750
Graham:			\$ 218,605
Greenlee:			\$ 155,270
Santa Cruz:			\$ 348,875
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
Cochise County			
City of Tombstone	Congregate Meals	Tombstone	\$ 85,000
Douglas ARC	Congregate Meals	Douglas	\$ 13,000
	Home Delivered Meals	SE Cochise County	\$ 195,000
Mom's Meals	Home Delivered Meals	Rural Cochise County	\$ 157,750
Graham County			
Mom's Meals	Home Delivered Meals	Rural Graham County	\$ 39,438
Southeastern Arizona Community Unique Services	Congregate Meals	Safford	\$ 52,500
	Home Delivered Meals	Graham	\$ 126,667
Greenlee County			
Mom's Meals	Home Delivered Meals	Rural Greenlee County	\$ 39,437
Southeastern Arizona Community Unique Services	Congregate Meals	Clifton and Duncan	\$ 52,500
	Home Delivered Meals	Greenlee	\$ 63,333
Santa Cruz County			
Mom's Meals	Home Delivered Meals	Rural Santa Cruz County	\$ 78,875
Santa Cruz Council on Aging	Congregate Meals	Nogales	\$ 200,000
Senior Citizens of Patagonia	Congregate Meals	Patagonia	\$ 70,000

Transportation			
		Cochise: \$	100,000
		Graham: \$	10,000
		Greenlee: \$	15,000
		Santa Cruz: \$	2,000
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
Cochise County			
City of Benson	Transportation	Benson Area	\$ 20,000
City of Bisbee	Transportation	Bisbee Area	\$ 20,000
City of Douglas	Transportation	Douglas - Cochise Cnty	\$ 20,000
City of Willcox	Transportation	Willcox Area	\$ 20,000
Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program (VICAP)	Transportation	Cochise County -All	\$ 20,000
Graham County			
Easter Seals Blake Foundation	Transportation	Graham County	\$ 10,000
Greenlee County			
Easter Seals Blake Foundation	Transportation	Greenlee - Clifton	\$ 6,000
		Greenlee - Duncan	\$ 9,000
Santa Cruz County			
Valley Assistance Services-Tentative	Transportation	Santa Cruz County	\$ 2,000.00
Unobligated Funds			
		Available Funding All Counties: \$	90,707
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
TBD	CNG-HDM	All Counties	\$ 90,707
Grand Total - All			\$ 2,345,177

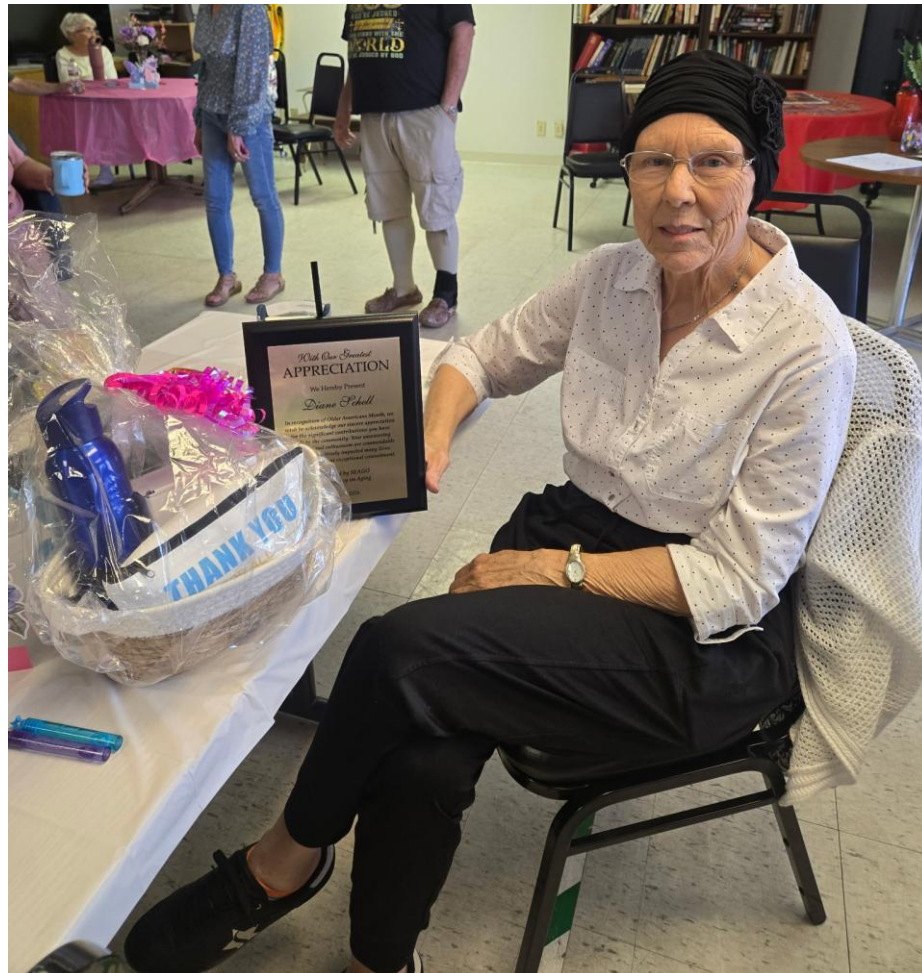


EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: CELESTE VASQUEZ, AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAMS & AREA PLAN UPDATE

Administration:

During the final quarter of State Fiscal Year 2025–2026, the Area Agency on Aging team carried out several outreach and community education activities. In May, staff recognized Older Americans Month through events held across each county in the region. These activities provided an opportunity to honor older adults, promote well-being, independence, and aging with dignity, and share information about Area Agency on Aging services available to older adults and their families.



In June, the agency continued its outreach efforts with a focus on elder abuse awareness and prevention. SEAGO Area Agency on Aging recognized World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) through a month-long education campaign that included presentations and collaboration with local law enforcement agencies across all four counties. As part of this year's awareness theme, red flags were distributed to attendees as a visual reminder of the warning signs associated with abuse, exploitation, and scams.



The agency was also pleased to welcome Attorney General Kris Mayes back to Duncan, Arizona, where she hosted an Elder Scams Town Hall for community members.



Attorney General Kris Mayes 

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I was honored to join SouthEastern Arizona Elder Abuse Task Force and empower seniors in the Duncan area to protect themselves from scams. On World [#ElderAbuseAwarenessDay](#) and every day, protecting Arizona seniors from abuse and exploitation is one of my top priorities.



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To conclude the month's outreach activities, staff participated in the Bisbee Pride Event by hosting an information and education table. The team shared community education materials and registered one community member for services. With strong attendance from residents of Cochise and surrounding counties, the event provided a valuable opportunity to increase awareness of Area Agency on Aging programs and resources.

The Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Aging and Adult Services, organized a partnership meeting with Jakenna Lebsock, Deputy Assistant Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System. The Area Agencies on Aging welcomed the opportunity to learn more about how they may support clients and the aging population in their communities with Medicaid and Arizona Long Term Care System applications. While case managers currently assist clients with Arizona Long Term Care System applications when needed, they are not certified assessors. Formal training would strengthen staff understanding of the process and improve their ability to support clients. A follow-up meeting with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System is scheduled for September, with the goal of advancing a close and collaborative partnership.

Case Management and Family Caregiver Support Program:

FCSP/CMG coordinated AAA's vendor participation at the June 2026 Bisbee Pride event, increasing awareness of AAA programs, services, and resources among hundreds of attendees from Cochise County and surrounding areas. The event strengthened community partnerships and expanded outreach. AAA's parade float won first place in the float contest and was featured on several media platforms, further increasing visibility of AAA services across the region.

FCSP/CMG has developed key partnerships with Hummingbird Senior Facility and Life Care Center to increase visibility of AAA services. Plans are underway with Hummingbird to open an adult day care program early next year, and Life Care Center will host a monthly Memory Café in conjunction with its family council meetings.

FCSP/CMG continued participating in community meetings in Benson and Douglas, as well as networking events throughout Cochise County, to strengthen relationships and increase awareness of available resources. FCSP also presented on caregiver burnout during the Step Up Douglas Learning Series and received positive attendee feedback. Through ongoing outreach and engagement, FCSP continues to support community partners, build relationships, and promote services for caregivers and families.

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program:

The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Coordinator has met with several current partners and continues to conduct outreach with additional Area Agency on Aging partners. The program currently has 10 volunteers, including two Tai Chi volunteers and eight A Matter of Balance volunteers. Plans are underway for Sierra Vista volunteers to begin offering classes in the fall.

The Coordinator completed an A Matter of Balance class at the Nogales Senior Center in June, with an additional class scheduled to begin in September. Two Tai Chi for Arthritis

classes are currently in progress, and two additional classes are planned following completion of the current sessions. Participation in the Tai Chi classes has continued to increase.

Information & Referral/ Central Intake:

Top 3 Ways I&R Received



Phone
72.4%

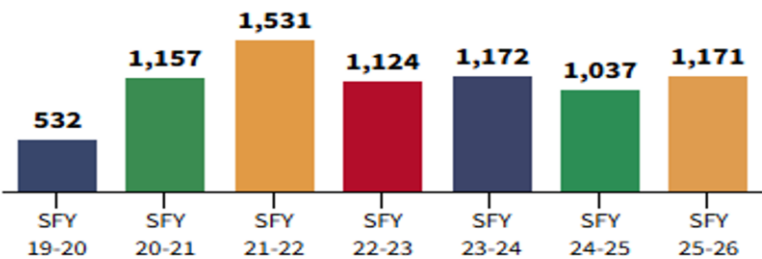


Email
21.0%



In-Person
2.1%

I&R Calls Per SFY



Caller		
	Total	Percent
Agency/ Professional	293	25.5
Caregiver	3	0.3
Community gatekeeper	4	0.3
Family member	217	18.9
Friend/neighbor	50	4.4
Other	48	4.2
Person 60 or over	500	43.6
Person under 60	32	2.8
Unknown	0	0.0

Long-Term Care Ombudsman:

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman and volunteer team continue to maintain engagement with skilled nursing and assisted living facilities throughout Region VI.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program recently participated in the Arizona Department of Economic Security's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event in Phoenix. Program staff also plan to attend the USAging conference in July to strengthen knowledge, enhance skills, and support continued community outreach and education efforts.

The Southeastern Arizona Elder Abuse Taskforce continued its mission to raise awareness and provide education during World Elder Abuse Awareness Month in June by hosting four community events. The Nogales event included approximately 100 attendees and vendors; Safford welcomed approximately 30 participants; Duncan drew approximately 50 attendees, featured Attorney General Kris Mayes, and received media coverage; and Sierra Vista hosted approximately 50 attendees and 27 vendors, also receiving media coverage. Each event helped strengthen community awareness, education, and connection around elder abuse prevention.

State Health Insurance Program and Senior Medicare Patrol:

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program and Senior Medicare Patrol continued outreach efforts across Region VI, resulting in multiple beneficiary referrals. Staff attended events in all four counties: Graham, Greenlee, Santa Cruz, and Cochise. A total of 12 events were held in May and June. In April, staff participated in meetings, emails, and phone calls to develop new partnerships and coordinate with existing partners in preparation for these outreach activities.

State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselors provide information about coverage options and may review annual dental allowances available under individual plans. These extra benefits may change in the coming year, with the possibility of reduced coverage. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program and Senior Medicare Patrol work closely with community medical health centers to connect beneficiaries with nearby services and sliding-scale programs that may help reduce dental costs.

Medicare Savings Program and Extra Help applications are available for individuals who meet the recommended income guidelines. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program and Senior Medicare Patrol have identified concerns regarding non-permanent residents losing Medicaid benefits due to residency status. To support individuals without Medicaid coverage, the program has partnered with Canyonlands, Mariposa, Chiricahua, and Gila Medical Centers, which offer sliding-scale programs to assist with copayments. The program coordinator refers eligible non-permanent residents to their designated medical center for sliding-scale enrollment information when requested.



EXECUTIVE BOARD PACKET

MEMO TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD
THROUGH: CHRIS VERTREES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATES

RTAC Priority Project List

The last several years, the Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC) has 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 successful during the FY26 budget cycle. We secured \$6.2 million in projects. Last year we developed a FY26 Priority Project List that included \$42,698,599 in projects. Unfortunately, due to significant budget issues the State Legislature did not fund any projects from the RTAC list.

RTAC has requested that each Greater Arizona COG/MPO once again develop a list of Regional Transportation Priority Projects to be submitted to the State Legislature for funding for the FY28 budget cycle. At our July TAC meeting, the TAC voted to recycle the FY26 Project List. Attached is our FY28 list of projects for your records.

FY26 Arizona Transportation Policy Summit

The 2026 Arizona Transportation Policy Summit will be hosted by MetroPlan and NACOG. The Summit will be held in Flagstaff from October 14th through the 16th at the High-Country Conference Center. To date 16 state legislatures have committed to attending the summit. Here is the link to register for the Summit: <https://www.azrts.org/>

I will be glad to answer any questions you may have at our meeting.

Attachments: SEAGO FY28 RTAC Priority Project List.

Action Requested: ☒ Information Only ☐ Action Requested Below



FY2028 RTAC PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR THE SEAGO REGION

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Cost	Local Contribution	Recommended Funding
San Carlos Apache Tribe	Peridot Siding Road Pavement Overlay Project	\$3,143,000	\$179,151	\$2,963,849
Santa Cruz County	West Frontage Road at Camino Ramanote Roundabout	\$1,170,000	\$66,690	\$1,103,310
City of Douglas	Douglas Downtown Revitalization Streetscape Project	\$7,549,804	\$472,309	\$7,077,495
Graham County	Reay Lane Improvements	\$3,955,058	\$225,438	\$3,729,620
Cochise County	Davis Rd- MP 5 & 13 Improvements	\$6,000,000	\$383,000	\$5,617,000
Town of Duncan	High Street Improvements	\$1,962,611	\$111,869	\$1,850,742
Cochis County	Davis Rd – Central Hwy to US-191	\$7,555,013	\$471,636	\$7,083,377
Graham County	8th Street Improvement Project	\$2,535,000	\$144,495	\$2,390,505
City of Nogales	Western Avenue- Target Range Road Paving Project	\$6,927,573	\$394,872	\$6,532,701
City of Douglas	SR 80 - Washington Turn Lane Improvements	\$1,500,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000
Cochise County	Moson Road - Transfer to SVMPO	\$3,100,000	\$0	\$3,100,000
			Total Cost	\$42,698,599
FY 27 Projects				
FY 26 Projects				