MEETING MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee

2:00 – 4:00 PM
MAY 27, 2026

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TECHNICAL ADVOSIR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- ☒ Nate Reisner, Coconino County Engineer, Chair
- ☒ Paul Mood, City of Flagstaff Engineer, Vice-Chair
- ☒ Anne Dunno, Mountain Line Capital Development Manager
- ☐ Michelle McNulty, City of Flagstaff Planning Director
- ☒ Jeff Bauman, City of Flagstaff Transportation Manager
- ☒ Jess McNeely, Coconino County Community Development Assistant Director, *Departed at 3:00pm*
- ☒ Ruth Garcia, ADOT Regional Planning, *Departed at 3:00pm*
- ☒ Victoria Nill, ADOT Northcentral Assistant District Engineer
- ☐ Kimberly Utley, Federal Highway Administration
- ☐ Stephanie Santana, City of Flagstaff Senior Transportation Engineer *(Alternate for JBauman)*
- ☐ Jennifer Hobert, ADOT Regional Planning Section Manager *(Alternate for RGarcia)*
- ☐ Ryan Wolff, ADOT Transportation Engineer *(Alternate for ADOT Assistant District Engineer)*
- ☒ Charlie Wilson, Coconino County Lead Design Engineer *(Alternate for NReisner)*
- ☐ *VACANT*, Northern Arizona University

METROPLAN STAFF

- ☒ Kate Morley, Executive Director
- ☒ David Wessel, Planning Manager
- ☒ Tami Suchowiejko, Business Manager
- ☒ Mandia Gonzales, Transportation Planner
- ☒ Kim Austin, Transportation Demand Management Planner
- ☐ Hailey Bishop, Transportation Education AmeriCorps Member
- ☒ Ava Elia, Montoya Fellow

Also present: Ty Hutton, Coconino County Right of Way Agent; Allison Shinn, CivTech

A. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

   Chair Reisner called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

   See above.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

   There were no comments from the public.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   Technical Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2026

   Member Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes for the TAC meeting of April 22, 2026. Member Mood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are routine in nature and/or have already been budgeted or discussed by the Technical Advisory Committee.

1. RECOMMEND EXECUTIVE BOARD ADOPT FY2027 TITLE VI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

   Member Nill made a motion to recommend the Board adopt the FY2027 Title VI Implementation Plan. Member Mood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FY2027 BUDGET

   MetroPlan Staff: Tami Suchowiejko, Business Manager

   Recommendation: The TAC recommends the Executive Board adopt the FY2027 budget as presented.

   Business Manager Suchowiejko presented information that there have been no changes to the draft budget presented to the TAC at the April 22, 2026, meeting.

   TAC Discussion: There was no discussion by the TAC.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Member Dunno made a motion to recommend the Executive Board adopt the FY27 budget as presented. Member Mood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPDATE TO FY2026 AND FY2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

MetroPlan Staff: Kate Morley, Executive Director

Recommendation: The TAC recommends the Executive Board adopt the update to the FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Executive Director Morley provided information about the update to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP budget was updated to match the FY2027 draft budget. Also included is information that NAU has joined as voting members on the Board and TAC, as well the potential purchase of bike racks with Cardon Reduction Program funds.

TAC Discussion: There was no discussion by the TAC.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Member Bauman made a motion to recommend the Executive Board adopt the update to the FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program. Member Dunno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FY2027 GREATER ARIZONA FUNDING INITIATIVES - RURAL TRANSPORTATION ADVOCACY COUNCIL (RTAC) BILL REGIONAL PROJECTS
MetroPlan Staff: Kate Morley, Executive Director

Recommendation: The TAC recommends the Executive Board adopt US180 Corridor Improvements and West Route 66 for the FY2027 RTAC Bill projects.

TAC Discussion:
Chair Reisner asked if there was any feedback from the legislators on how they feel about these two projects. Executive Director Morley commented that the consistent message we hear from the legislators is that they also agree that there needs to be more funding for transportation, and these are good projects that they would like to be able to move forward, but it comes down to the budgetary piece. There has never been any opposition to these projects, the only response has been that there is no money.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Member Nill made a motion to recommend the Executive Board adopt US180 Corridor Improvements and West Route 66 for the FY2027 RTAC Bill projects. Member Bauman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2027-2031 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

MetroPlan Staff: Mandia Gonzales, Transportation Planner

Recommendation: The TAC recommends the Executive Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Transportation Planner Gonzales presented the updated 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program.

TAC Discussion: There was no discussion by the TAC.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Member Mood made a motion to recommend the Executive Board adopt Fiscal Year 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Member Dunno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY GROUP MEETING

MetroPlan Staff: Mandia Gonzales, Transportation Planner

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) serves as the Transportation Safety Group (TSG), identified in the Vulnerable Road Users Safety Action Plan. The Transportation Safety Group will convene annually to discuss regional crash trends, MetroPlan's Vision Zero goal monitoring, and multidisciplinary collaboration that services as a forum for transportation safety by bringing together local engineers, planners, and transit agencies.

Transportation Planner Gonzales presented the 2026 crash data report. The report is part of the MetroPlan's Vision Zero goal and is an accountability tool, as we work toward a 40% reduction in serious crashes by the year 2041. Ms. Gonzales reported that region experienced a total of 9, 831 crashes resulting in 63 fatalities and 191 serious injuries. Overall, fatalities declined by 43%, and serious injuries increased by 15%. Flagstaff is well below the state average. Ms. Gonzales also presented information about the high injury network. The high injury network methodology identified 93.7 miles of roadway that represent only 3% of the region, but 70% of the fatal and serious crashes in the region. The screening identified segments of road, as well as intersections, which are high risk.

TAC Discussion:
The TAC discussed the High Injury Network (HIN) locations on Empire Avenue. Member Dunno asked what type of crashes are occurring at this location. Chair Reisner and Member Bauman commented that the crashes on Empire Avenue include pedestrian crashes.

Chair Reisner commented that the County also prepares an HIN report and asked if the City also prepares an HIN report. Member Bauman confirmed that the City also prepares an HIN report. He commented that there is overlapping work being done.

Executive Director Morley asked if the City and County are mandated to prepare an HIN or is this a chosen effort. The response was that both are chosen efforts. Member Bauman commented that the City uses their HIN report to identify areas to be addressed and then implements changes to correct the issues.

Member Bauman asked about the timing of the report. He recommended shifting the report to September to include the most recent data which comes out in June. Executive Director Morley offered that the agenda for the May meeting allows for the most time for Crash Report discussion. We may want to consider additional time for the meeting in September to allow for discussion.

Member Mood asked if there are trends in locations for the serious injury crashes. Planner Gonzales explained that the HIN report identified the intersections that experience the most crashes.

Member Gonzales asked for updates from the partners on projects that include a safety component:
Butler Complete Streets – working on 60% design
Butler/4th Ave Intersection Improvements – working on 60% design on one segment, moving forward
Coconino Roadway Safety Action Plan – In progress
Safe Streets Master Plan – In progress
Safety Performance 4th/Cedar Roundabout - complete
Safety Performance University/Beulah Roundabout – complete

Additional Projects
US89/Burris Traffic Signal – going to design in FY27
Lonetree Overpass – corridor complete this fall, start the overpass this fall
US89/Smokerise Traffic Signal Rebuild – contract awarded
West RT66/Woody Mountain Road Temporary Signal – to be completed in June
West RT66/Thompson/Railroad Spring/Northwestern – traffic signal warrant & safety analysis
First Mile/Last Mile – 8 new pedestrian crossings completed this fall
Huntington/Grant – recommended new signalized pedestrian crossing
Lake Mary Road/Crimson Road - County is installing a 42-stall parking lot

Chair Reisner commented that each organization has their own HIN, making it difficult to identify the priorities for each. He added that this may create issues for grant applications. Chair Reisner asked if MetroPlan would consider using the top three locations from the City County and ADOT, rather than developing a MetroPlan HIN. This way the agencies can refer to their top priorities when making grant application and will not conflict with the MetroPlan HIN. Planner Gonzales said that we can continue the conversation about the methodology used for HIN reporting.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

2. METROPLAN CONNECT PROJECT PRIORITIZATION UPDATE

MetroPlan Staff: David Wessel, Transportation Planning Manager

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Transportation Planning Manager Wessel introduced Vamshi Yeliisetty from Kittelson to present information about the prioritization project. Mr. Yellisetty shared the proposed scoring criteria and weighting for the Connect tool.

TAC Discussion:
Member Dunno requested that the criteria be emailed to the members of the TAC. She also asked how the criteria for active transportation projects vary from roadway projects. Mr. Yellisetty shared that the sub criteria for active transportation are different and include more safety criteria.

Chair Reiner commented that he liked the separation of roadway and active transportation projects because there are specific requirements for active transportation versus roadway projects.

Executive Director Morley offered that the prioritization tool will allow you to filter projects in many ways.

Transportation Planning Manager Wessel added that the tool will include many filters, as well as numerous project components allowing search by geography and project type.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

3. SAFE STREETS MASTER PLAN SAFE SYSTEMS APPROACH

MetroPlan Staff: David Wessel, Transportation Planning Manager

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Transportation Planning Manager Wessel presented an update on the Safe Streets Master Plan. He described the Safe System Approach, as well as the upcoming meetings for the project management team and technical working group.

TAC Discussion:
Member Mood commented that Kittelson presented the Safe Streets Master Plan overview to the City Council and it was well received.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

4. SAFER PEOPLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

MetroPlan Staff: Kim Austin, Transportation Demand Management Planner
Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Transportation Demand Management Planner (TDM) Austin gave an update on the Safer People campaign. We are working with Mountain Mojo to develop educational materials on common crash types and increase micromobility safety awareness and update the website.

TAC Discussion:
Member Dunno asked about the new roundabout on Fourth Street and were there any

lessons learned that you would incorporate. TDM Planner Austin commented that the kids know how to use the roundabout better than some of the drivers. We will increase the messaging for drivers. Chair Reisner commented that when the roundabouts were installed in Sedona, when a driver was using the roundabout incorrectly, Sedona Police Department would pull them over and give them an instructional video to watch. Member Dunno commented that there are more roundabouts coming, so more education will be helpful.

Member Mood commented that the City is working on a request for qualifications from companies to provide micromobility service to the City.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

5. HAPPENINGS AT METROPLAN

MetroPlan Staff: Kate Morley, Executive Director

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Executive Director Morley reported on MetroPlan's recent activities and accomplishments.

TAC Discussion: There was no discussion by the TAC.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

E. CLOSING BUSINESS

1. ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Chair Reisner reported that the County is updating the east Bellemont traffic interchange. They submitted the final change of access report to ADOT. After ADOT approves they will take it to FHWA, and then they can close out the report. They have requested congressional directed spending for final design on that traffic interchange. Both Senators Gallego and Kelly are supportive.

2. NEXT SCHEDULED TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 23, 2026**, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Downtown Connection Center, Ponderosa Room

** Following the May 27th meeting, the date for the next TAC meeting was changed to September 30, 2026, due to a conflict.

3. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) final program of projects for Sections 5307 and 5339 funding under the Federal Transit Administration unless amended. Public notice for the TIP also satisfies FTA public notice requirements for the final program of projects. The MetroPlan Public Participation Plan (PPP) provides public participation notices and processes for NAIPTA as required to meet federal and state requirements for public participation and open meetings.