

Quarterly Newsletter

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Public Participation Plan

AVAILABLE FOR YOUR COMMENTS!

The Sierra Vista MPO has updated their outreach strategies and activities for including the public in regional planning.

Do you have any ideas of how to include your friends and family in regional planning activities? How do you like best to be contacted about regional government activities? Are you part of a group that would like presentations about regional transportation plans and projects? Send the SVMPO your ideas to include in our 2019 updated Public Participation Plan!

The drafted Public Participation Plan is available for your review and comments on the Sierra Vista MPO website: www.svmmpo.org

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Acronym Definitions

MPO: Metropolitan Planning Organization

SVMPO: Sierra Vista MPO

ADOT: Arizona Department of Transportation



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Metropolitan Planning Organization

PUBLIC MEETING

JANUARY 10TH
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sierra Vista Library
Small Conference Room
2600 E. Tacoma St.

No formal presentation: Just drop by for a few minutes and join the discussion about regional transportation plans and projects.

How do you think your community could be involved in regional transportation issues?

No time? Check out our website at:
www.svmppo.org

You can quickly send a few thoughts about the updated Public Participation Plan on our on-line comment form or e-mail your ideas:
svmppo@SierraVistaAz.gov

You are Invited!!

**Regional
Transportation
Open House**

**Have ideas for
our area's
transportation
system?**

**Want to be
involved with
transportation
plans and
projects in your
community?**

**Come share your
thoughts with the
SVMPO
Administrator!**

**For More
Information:
www.SVMPO.org**

Available Funds for Projects:
\$3,085,432

Approved Project Cost Estimates:
\$2,832,664

Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
Approved Nov. 15, 2018

Available Funds for Planning:
\$510,940

Expended 1st & 2nd Quarter:
\$68,764 (7.43%)

Unified Planning Work Program & Budget
Approved Nov 26, 2018

SVMPO operates on a State Fiscal Year that runs from
July 1st to June 30th.

Funding is also adjusted on the Federal Fiscal Year
that runs from October 1st to September 30th.

The SVMPO has two types of projects: design or construction projects that are approved in the SVMPO Transportation Improvement Program, known as the TIP, and planning studies and regional activities approved in the SVMPO annual Work Program.

SVMPO ACTIVE PROJECTS

Pavement Condition Survey: This project is almost completed! The consultant team, Infrastructure Management Services, has created a software tool that includes data and imagery from all of the City of Sierra Vista's maintained roadways. A presentation and staff training on this tool is being prepared but already the draft information is being used by Sierra Vista to prioritize maintenance activities for the roads in the worst condition and for roads where maintenance will allow deferring more expensive reconstruction activities until later. Anticipated completion: June 2019.

Adaptive Signal Control: This project is just beginning! Kimley-Horn has been selected to help the City of Sierra Vista provide real-time traffic signal alerts and signal timing adjustments with the newest in high-tech equipment and software programs. Anticipated completion: October 2020.

North Garden/Fry Bvd Phase I Design: This project has just begun to take the conceptual Master Plan for the West End and design specific improvements for portions of North Garden Ave. and the intersection with Fry Blvd. Contracting with the J2 Engineering and Environmental Design Firm will occur in January 2019. Anticipated completion of design: December 2019. Construction planned for the year 2020.



SURVEY RESULTS

In the Fall Newsletter, the SVMPO asked you to respond to a short two minute survey about how the SVMPO communicates with you.

Newsletter Readers Responded! This is what you told us:

A little over half of you, 68.75% look at the SVMPO Website every one or two months. But 31.25% of you don't use the SVMPO Website very often or at all.

Most of you, 88.24%, would like to see this Newsletter at least every quarter but no more often than monthly.

By far the most desired item to cover, ranked high by 70.59% of you, was information about active transportation projects. Information about the SVMPO funds and long-range plans ranked second by 61.43%.

Most of you like to provide comments on-line, either by e-mail, 64.71% or via on-line surveys, 35.29%. 29.41% like a meeting format and just a few of you, 5.88% would prefer sending comments by mail.

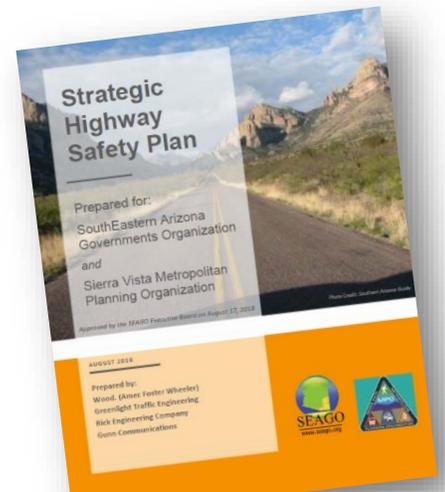
Several of you told us that you wanted to see information about road closures and areas in the region affected by construction projects. This is a good suggestion to add to our SVMPO Website!

A few of you also told us that information about how the SVMPO uses the money that the taxpayers have given us should be very clearly stated in a format that is easier to understand. Right now this information is provided in several different reports: the Work Program Budget and the Transportation Improvement Plan. This is a good suggestion to create an easy to access summary of the funds that the SVMPO has to spend and how we spend it.

There were also suggestions posted about specific roads or corridors to work on; these included Moson Rd., Highways 92 and 90; Bevers Rd., and Buffalo Solider Trail, among them. These suggestions will be brought forward to jump-start the public discussion about long-range transportation improvements that the SVMPO expects to begin in the Fall of 2019.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

Based on your feedback, the SVMPO will keep the Quarterly Newsletter in place but will consider providing e-mailed updates on active projects, especially when construction activities could potentially disrupt your travel. We will also work on improvements to our SVMPO Website to provide more of the information that you need and improve your ability to contact us on-line.



Read **the 2018 Strategic Highway Safety Plan**,
online at www.svmppo.org

Safety Moment Stay Alive...Focus on the Drive

In the Sierra Vista MPO area the challenge to get everyone home from their journey safely is **not** the transportation infrastructure. It is us – the drivers – and the choices we make.

Did you know that in the Sierra Vista MPO area drivers in fatal crashes were **eight percent more likely to have driven without their seat belts on** than in other areas of our State? Buckling up is the one of the easiest ways to make sure that a fender bender is just that: a scratch on your fender and a visit to a body shop, not severe injuries and a visit to an emergency room.

How can you help? Buckle up before you drive and make sure that all your passengers are also safely secured in their seats or car seats.

Stay Alive...

Focus on Your Drive



Notes from the Administrator's Desk

This past week saw our SVMPO region with mountain-tops dusted with inches of snow and icicles hanging down from home roofs from the Hereford area to the Town of Huachuca City.

As families snuggled down by the fireplace, eating up leftover holiday treats, your Public Works Dept. pulled on their jackets and gloves and went to work. There is that proverbial joke about how do snow-plow workers get to work...here is the truth of it, folks. They sleep all night in their snow-plow cabs, waiting for the snow to fall and being ready to clear the Highway so that your travel plans are not interrupted.

We all know, and respect, our emergency services staff for their selfless duty when the need arises. Beside them, and in really bad weather conditions, in front of them, go our Public Works staff. They are clearing the roadways, making a path for utility companies to reach those downed electric lines, or tow trucks to reach stuck travelers or emergency services to reach residents in distress.

It is times like these, when the winter storms come in, that we appreciate the foresight of our Arizona Department of Transportation's purchase of snow plows and their training of equipment operators for these challenging driving conditions. When I first heard that ADOT had purchased 25 new, lighter Snowplows with 12 foot blades (which is the width of most of our Highway lanes in the SVMPO region) I didn't think much about it.

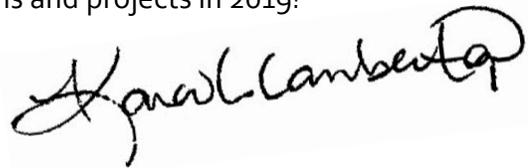
And then it started to snow!
Gratefulness is a fantastic way to start out the New Year.

In our area, snow conditions are rare and usually do not delay your travel more than a day or two. But when you absolutely must go out, be prepared with emergency

items in your car: extra blankets, warm clothes, food and water, cat litter or sand for traction, a first aid kit and a fully charged phone. We do not recommend pulling over to build snowmen or having a snowball fight on the side of the roadway! This can create a hazardous situation for your family and other drivers.

Our ADOT partners have prepared excellent information about how to travel in our Arizona snow: check out www.azdot.gov/KnowSnow link.

Wishing each of you safe journeys ...and looking forward to working together on great regional plans and projects in 2019!



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October Sky Island Tour Ride

Next Year: October 5, 2019

www.skyislandtour.com



Public Participation is welcomed without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, and disability or family status. Persons that require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services should contact the SVMPO at 520.515.8525

2019 Committee Meetings

SVMPO Executive Board Meetings are held at the Sierra Vista City Hall: 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ at 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Jan 17th; March 21st; May 16th; June 20th; Sept. 19th and Nov. 21st.

Technical Advisory Committee Meetings are held at the Sierra Vista Public Works Bld: 401 Giulio Cesare Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ at 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

- Jan 10th; March 5th; May 7th; June 4th; Sept 3rd; Nov 5th.

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Subcommittee (BPAC) Meetings are held at the Sierra Vista Public Works Bld: 401 Giulio Cesare Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ at 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

- Feb 25th, April 29th, Aug. 26th, Oct 28th.

Public Meeting notices are posted in the lobby of City of Sierra Vista's Public Works Building: Pete Castro Center, located at 401 Giulio Cesare Avenue, Sierra Vista, Arizona, 85603. This location is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except legal holidays.

For up to date meeting information also visit www.svmppo.org/calendar.

