



**SIERRA VISTA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE
AGENDA: NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

MEETING LOCATION:

Sierra Vista Public Works Bld.
Training Room
401 Giulio Cesare Ave.
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

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MEETING DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday, November 17, 2020
10:00 AM

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Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Subcommittee (BPAC) Members

One or more members may participate via teleconference

Buena High School Mountain Bike Club	John Healy Mountain Bicycle Club Coach
Cochise Bicycle Advocates	Kathy Buonocore Cochise Bicycle Advocates
Cochise County Health and Social Services Dept.	Carl Hooper Cochise Health & Human Services
Emergency Services/Medical Profession	
Fort Huachuca Wellness Division	
Hereford/Palominos Citizen Representative	Byron Baker
Regional Fitness/Health Club	
Regional Hiking/Running Club	Steve Scheumann Huachuca Hiking Club
Sierra Vista Citizen Representative	
School District/Wellness Coordinator	
Whetstone/Huachuca City Citizen Representative	Kara Harris
ADOT Liaison (Non-Voting)	Donna Lewandowski ADOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator

STAFF:

SVMPO Administrator: Karen L. Lamberton, AICP

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members and guests will introduce themselves/ their affiliations. Cochise County Health Dept. has appointed a new representative, Carl Hooper, their Environmental Health Specialist to represent their BPAC position.

This is an informational item.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

Review and accept the September 29, 2020 BPAC Regular Meeting Minutes. *As per the consensus of the BPAC members acceptance of meeting summaries is desired rather than formal action to approve meeting minutes. Revisions will be made by SVMPO staff as directed by the BPAC attendees.*

This is a discussion/consensus item.

NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

3. SVMPO LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRIORITIES

The SVMPO Board has set priorities for project selection for the long-range transportation plan at their September 17, 2020 Board meeting. These selection criteria will be shared with the BPAC members and discussed how they will be applied during the final project recommendation stage.

This is an information and discussion item.

4. SVMPO LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Existing Conditions; Priorities and Gap Analysis

A key component of the regional long-range transportation plan update includes the multi-modal element of bicycle and pedestrian transportation options.

Attendees will review existing information, provide staff and the consultant team with input on **completed projects**, and discuss **priorities for those projects** still pending. Criteria for prioritizing projects may also be discussed to assist in developing future recommendations for the region. Key concerns identified in previous meetings was improving **connectivity** and filling in **missing links** in the bicycle or pedestrian networks. Recreational options were also identified as a need to enhance tourism and improve quality of life for area residents.

This is an information and discussion item.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & MEETING DATE/TIMES

Members will identify agenda items that they would like to discuss in future meetings. Items will likely include review of future bicycle and pedestrian specific recommendations and a review of multi-modal public and agency comments made during the public outreach efforts for the long-range transportation plan. A general discussion may be had regarding regional activities of interest for follow-up by the SVMPO.

The next BPAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 at 10 a.m.** The preliminary 2021 BPAC meeting schedule will be discussed. Attendees have discussed the pros and cons of a mid-day meeting time vs an evening meeting time. It is acknowledged

that no one time works for all attendees and that some combination of evening events may be desired to include valued input from the region's bicycle and pedestrian community.

This is an information and discussion item.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES AND GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC

This is the time set aside for BPAC members to share information and current events. ADOT, or SVMPO staff, will provide an update regarding state-level activities that are underway at this time.

This is also the time set aside for members of the public to provide general comments to the BPAC. *Members of the Sub-Committee may not take formal action on matters not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (H) action taken as a result of public comment is limited to responding to any criticism, directing staff to review the matter, or scheduling the matter for discussion at a later date.*

This is an information item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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SIERRA VISTA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

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MEETING LOCATION:

Sierra Vista Public Works Bld.
Training Room
401 Giulio Cesare Ave.
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

MEETING DATE AND TIME:

September 29, 2020
10:00 AM



Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Cochise County Bicycle Advocates: Kathy Buonocre
Cochise County Health and Social Services: Suzanne Hagel (*telephonically*)
Regional Bicycle and Running Club: Steve Scheumann
Hereford/Palominos Rep: Byron Baker
Whetstone/Huachuca City Rep: Kara Harris (*Telephonically*)
ADOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordination: Donna Lewandowski (*Telephonically*)

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDANCE

Buena HS Mountain Bike Club: John Healy

STAFF:

SVMPO Administrator: Karen L. Lamberton, AICP
SVMPO Civil Engineer: Dennis Donovan, P.E.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Pregler, Senior Planner, Sierra Vista Community Development
Brent Crowther, Kimley-Horn PM, Long-Range Transportation Plan Update (*Telephonically*)
Tristan Black, Michael-Baker Planner, Short-Range Transit Plan Update (*Telephonically*)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The BPAC meeting was called to order at 10:05. A quorum was present. Members and guest were introduced themselves/ their affiliations. One new BPAC member, Byron Baker, was appointed by the SVMPO Board at their Sept. 17th Board meeting, and he was welcomed to the BPAC group. Administrator Lamberton stated that she regretted inform the group that the representative for Sierra Vista, Mike Baltunis, had to resign his position with BPAC.

This was an informational item.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES of September 29, 2020.

Review and accepted the September 19,, 2020 BPAC Regular Meeting Minutes. *As per the consensus of the BPAC members acceptance of meeting summaries is desired rather than formal action to approve meeting minutes. Revisions will be made by SVMPO staff as directed by the BPAC attendees.*

This is a discussion/consensus item.

NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

3. SUN CORRIDOR TRAIL PROJECT

Administrator Lamberton advised the group that a new initiative was under development for a continuous walking/hiking pathway from Las Vegas to southwestern Arizona/Douglas, tentatively to be known as the Sun Corridor Trail. This project is modeled after the Arizona Trail and has identified champions for a state-level Board to advocate for the development of this route. It is understood that County Supervisor Peggy Judd just recently joined this Board. One of the advocates for this project apparently worked on the now completed Arizona Trail.

An introductory website has been created by the newly formed Sun Corridor Trail Alliance located at this link:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=eb88da8a7860413c8f0772146efd4851>

Attendees noted that this idea had come and gone over time. ADOT indicated that they have been looking at some Right-of-Way opportunities with Freeport McMoran to handle bicycle routes around the Lavender Pit in the Bisbee area. The sidewalk is need of repair in that areas as well. A Bisbee feasibility study is supposedly going to be released for additional study of this issue in the Fall of 2020.

This was an information and discussion item.

4. SVMPO LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE:

a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Existing and Future Conditions

The BPAC members and attendees were introduced to the just initiated Long-Range Transportation Plan Update. Kimley-Horn, with Rick Engineering and Gordley Group, have been selected as the consultant team to conduct this effort.

Brent Crowther, Project Manager for the regional Long-Range Transportation Plan led a discussion of the plan process, schedule and major tasks planned. Attendees were also provided with the most current status of known bicycle and pedestrian projects completed since the 2011 Bicycle and Safe Routes Study was approved by City of Sierra Vista Council. Information about recommendations from the 2040 Cochise County Long-Range Transportation Plan, adopted in 2017, and the Town of Huachuca City General Plan were shared.

Jeff Pregler, staff from the City's Community Development Dept. also participated to provide guidance of the City's understanding on what projects might be completed in the near-term.

Key concerns stated including obtaining details as to what exactly need to be done to complete previously identified projects, how much those projects might cost, how to identify dedicated funding, either locally or through regional or state sources, to continue improvements to the bicycle and pedestrian network. The lack of dedicated funding was of high concern among attendees, including the need to address the lack of transportation funding in general (e.g. the gas tax) would have to be resolved for any long-range transportation plan priorities to be implemented.

Several specific locations were identified for additional follow-up:

- Oakmont Connector
- Connection to Golf Links; need for bicycle signs and sight distance issues at this location
- Highway 82 width with increased freight movement on this highway and thus increased conflicts with other modes, especially with bicycle.
- Striping width on Highway 90 should be wider.

Prioritizing of projects should consider connections, closing gaps as high priorities. Safety, maintenance of existing and future routes funded, ensuring schools and high use areas are covered, shopping links, look closely at where bicyclists are traveling now. Jeff Pregler noted that in some cases some projects are part of developer agreements and would be built when the developers choose to move forward with construction at some future time.

Outreach options the group acknowledged were challenging under the COVID limitations and the likelihood of restrictions continuing into the next year. A bicycle drive-through event was suggested, possibly a connection with SunSpokes that has opened a second store in the Coronado mall area at Fry Blvd and Highway 90. No planned events are scheduled at this time. Smaller or individual rides do occur with occasional group starting up at coffee shops about the City. Possible postings of survey options at coffee shops might reach this group specifically.

This is an information and discussion item.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & MEETING DATE/TIMES

Members discussed several items they would like follow-up on or discussed in future meetings. These included:

- Who can use a multi-use path – electric bicycles on multi-use paths?
- Safety concerns with people not knowing who yields on shared/multi-use paths.
- Need for training for bicyclists and drivers: how could this be done?

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This was an information and discussion item.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES AND GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC

BPAC members did not have any known upcoming current events to report.

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This was an information item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned by general consent at approximately 11:35 p.m.



Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum

To: SVMPO BPAC
From: Karen L. Lamberton, AICP, SVMPO Administrator
Date: November 17, 2020
Subject: 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Goals, Targets and Project Prioritization

Brent Crowther, Kimley-Horn's Project Manager, with the SVMPO Administrator, led a discussion with SVMPO Board members on Performance Measures and Project Prioritization at a Board Work Session on October 15, 2020.

Federal guidelines set out requirements for regional governments to consider in development of long-range transportation plans. These six factors guide the funding decisions of the SVMPO Work Program and Transportation Improvement Program activities and projects. *(Slide 2)*

These federal goals are then expanded by each State into Performance Targets that each State feels is achievable given state priorities and forecasted transportation funding availability. At this time, the SVMPO has chosen, as has most of the Arizona MPO's, to adopt the State targets as their own.

Early in the development of regional Long-Range Transportation Plans, each MPO identifies prioritization factors that are of the highest importance for their own region. This is a regional policy decision, informed by the federal goals and state targets, and known technical data.

Potential factors were presented to the SVMPO Board to discuss, and priority rank for the region. A set of prioritized factors were selected. The SVMPO Board, after discussion, directed the consultant team to equally weight each of the selected factors for the initial project prioritization effort. These will be the factors that the TAC will use to make the initial project selection for the LRTP. *(Slide 3)*

The prioritization process guides the order in which projects are included in the fiscally constrained long-range regional transportation project list. Highly prioritized/ranked projects have a greater chance of being included in the earlier time periods of the fiscally constrained project list. Lower prioritized/ranked projects fall into later phases or may be identified in a list of project that may be considered only if additional funding sources are identified, or become available through other funding opportunities, like non-government sourced grants, developer impact fees or direct local agency or developer contributions.

Active work is underway to identify revised Transportation Analysis Zones for the expanded SVMPO boundaries and populate those with socio-economic data at this time. Travel Modeling will then occur, and those results inform the first technical analysis of the system. In the meantime, the first phase of public outreach is being developed. This will include some media advertisement and a

Social Pinpoint opportunity for public response. At the request of the SVMPO Board, a larger Joint Work Session with all member jurisdictions City Council, Town Council and County Board of Supervisors on the LRTP update is very tentatively being scheduled for mid-April 2021. (Potentially April 14th or 15th).

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) falls into the category of “Involve” the public, as stated in the SVMPO Public Participation Plan, adopted by the SVMPO Board in January 2019, “**To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered,**” and the promise that “**We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.**”

A draft LRTP Public Outreach Plan consistent with this direction is under development, with feedback from the SVMPO and member jurisdiction staff informing the final outreach activities. Key public and agency input phases include:

- ❖ **Late October/November 2020** – Education about the purpose of the LRTP, solicit local knowledge of existing needs; seek input on future needs or desired improvements
- ❖ **Late January/February 2020** – Share assessment of existing conditions and future transportation needs and challenges; continue to solicit input on future needs or desired transportation system improvements
- ❖ **March/April 2020** – Share drafted policy and project recommendations, seek input on potential project priorities; solicit feedback on project phasing and funding options
- ❖ **April or May 2020** - Formal public meeting, concurrent with SVMPO Board adoption, tentatively scheduled for May 2020

Controlling public expectation is a critical factor in any regional long-range transportation plan outreach. Often the public believes that a project may be built sooner than it is planned or may negatively impact them immediately. The reality is that regional transportation plans slowly come to fruition, needed rights-of-way obtained during windows of opportunity, not by condemnation, and constructing to a federal standard may take years of advance study of potential impacts before funding is approved.

Action steps from BPAC member and their affiliated organizations include:

- Provide real-time updates to existing conditions;
- Push out public outreach opportunities through formal and informal methods;
- Plan for attendance and/or coordination with others for public outreach events or activities;
- Review, post-holidays, early draft working papers on first sections of the LRTP report.

Attachments: Goals and SVMPO LRTP Prioritization Factor Slides

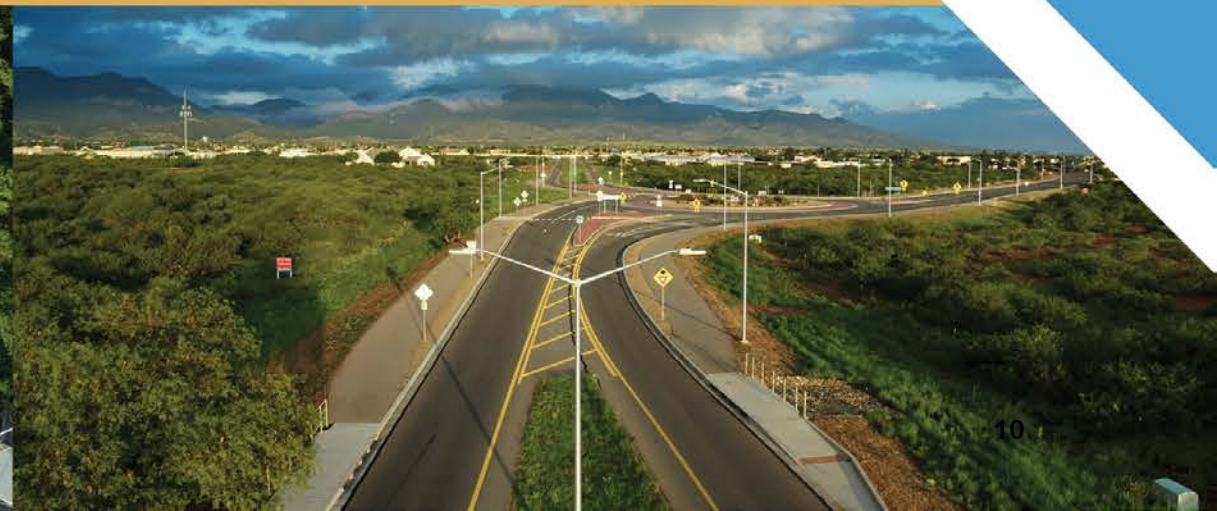
Action Requested: This is an information and discussion item.

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2020–2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan

Federal Goals, SVMPO Prioritization Factors per SVMPO Board Direction



Federal Long-Range Transportation Plan Goals

FAST-ACT/Federal Performance Measure Goals



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Safety. Reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.



Infrastructure Conditions. Maintain the National Highway System in a state of good repair



Congestion Reduction. Reduce congestion on the National Highway System



System Reliability. Improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system.



Freight Movement & Economic Vitality. Improve the national freight network, strengthen rural access to national/international markets and support economic development.



Environmental Sustainability. Enhance performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan Factors

Prioritization Factors for the SVMPO Plan: Equal Weights to Each Measure for SVMPO LRTP



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Regionally Significant: Project improves regional connectivity; is located on a route that connects to a state highway; completes a missing link or segment in the regional network.



Safety: Project implements one of the FHWA proven safety countermeasures; addresses a specific location with identified safety deficiencies or concerns; located at a site with high/severe crash rates.



Vehicle and Freight Mobility: Project addresses current deficiencies in volume to capacity ratios; addresses forecasted deficiencies in capacity ratios; mitigates congestion on high volume roadways; corridor serves freight and goods movement.



System Preservation: Project extends the life of pavement surface; addresses damaging flooding issues; addresses deficiencies noted in pavement, bridge or culverts for poor or fair rating conditions.



Economic and Community Connectivity: Project serves a major employment area; enhances access to Fort Huachuca; is within a 1/4 mile of a park, school or medical facility; serves a recreational area.



Multimodal Integration and Accessibility: Project includes one or more multimodal elements to improve transit, bicycle or pedestrian facilities; improves access or connectivity to alternative mode travel options; completes missing links or gaps in multimodal facilities or connections.



Sustainable Environmental and Social Investment: Project provides elements identified in substantiable highways by FHWA (INVEST at [www. sustainablehighways.dot.gov](http://www.sustainablehighways.dot.gov)) supports healthy ecosystems and stormwater reuse; improves travel opportunities and access for vulnerable and diverse population groups.



Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum

To: SVMPO BPAC
From: Karen L. Lamberton, AICP, SVMPO Administrator
Date: November 17, 2020
Subject: Bicycle and Pedestrian Existing Conditions, Priorities and Gap Analysis

The consultant team, Kimley-Horn, has been compiling information about the existing conditions of the regional bicycle and pedestrian network for the SVMPO region. Preliminary projects, previously identified in a 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, have been reviewed for completeness. City staff are in the process of identifying exactly what improvements remain to be done as some are believed to be partially, but not completely, done.

City staff and the consultant team have also begun identifying costs for completing those tasks. At this time there is not a local or regional fund source directed towards bicycle and pedestrian improvements, although some of these types of projects are legible for regional funds. Often, however, such project costs are not large enough to warrant a federally funded project given the additional requirements and costs associated with any federally funded project.

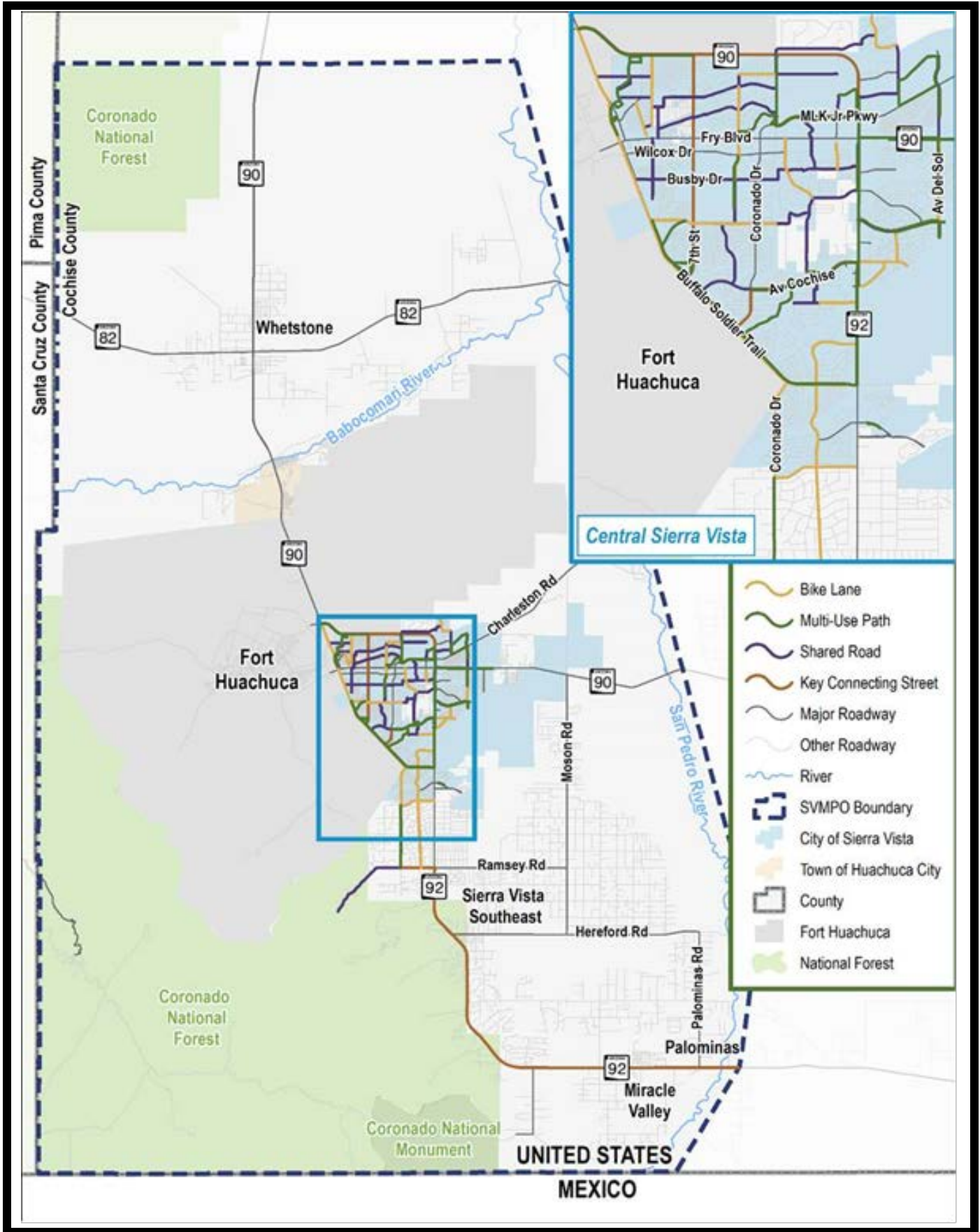
Potential action steps from BPAC members, and their affiliated organizations, include:

- Provide real-time updates to existing conditions;
- Identify highest priorities for previously identified projects for near term, med-term and longer-range potential projects;
- Identify missing links or gaps in the current regional network;
- Identify new projects, not yet identified, for the BPAC members and attendees to consider adding to the list; and/or
- Identify recreational connections for multi-modal opportunities.

Attachments: Existing Condition Map; Current Status of Prior 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Projects

Action Requested: This is an information and discussion item.

PRELIMINARY EXISTING CONDITION BIKE/PED LRTP MAP: NOVEMBER 2020





Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum

To: SVMPO BPAC
From: Karen L. Lamberton, AICP, SVMPO Administrator
Date: November 17, 2020
Subject: 2021 Tentative Meeting Schedule

After reviewing deliverables for the SVMPO for next calendar year, the following meeting dates are recommended:

BPAC	TAC	Work Session	Board of Directors	CRITICAL PATH ITEMS
	Jan. 27 th		Jan. 28 th	Draft Title VI Plan Summary Draft FY22 Match Requirements
Feb: Jurisdiction Stakeholder Meetings for Long-Range Transportation Plan & Short-Range Transit Plan				
March 2 nd	March 10 th		March 25 th	Adopt Title VI Plan Draft LRTP Review Draft SRTP Review/Work Session
		April 14 th or 15 th Joint LRTP Work Session		Joint Councils and Board Discussion on Long-Range and Short-Range Plans
May 4 th	May 12 th		May 27 th	Adopt Short-Range Transit Plan Adopt Long-Range Transportation Plan Approve FY21 JPA Agreement Draft Work Program
	June 9 th	June 10 th Work Program	June 24 th	Adopt Work Program and Annual Budget Adopt TIP
No Planned Meetings in July/Monsoon Season				
Aug 3 rd	Aug. 11 th	Aug. 12 th Administrator Review	Aug. 26 th	Financial Report for end of Fiscal Year Administrator's Contract
Oct 5 th	Oct 13 th		Oct 28 th	Financial Adjustments for Federal Budget
No Planned Meetings in November				
No Planned Meetings in December				

BPAC advisory subcommittee meetings are tentatively set for the first Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. once a quarter. One specific bicycle/pedestrian focused outreach event is planned for the

Spring related to the long-range transportation plan effort- date yet to be scheduled. BPAC members are welcome to attend the planned Joint Work Session on the Long-Range Transportation Plan and pending FY22/FY23 Work Program.

The TAC meetings have been set for the second Wednesday of each month (except for January) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Additional technical meetings may be held related to active plan projects.

The Board of Director meetings have been tentatively set for the fourth Thursday of each month, following the week typically held for State Transportation Board meetings.

Tentative work session dates have also been identified to focus on pending items for Board Adoption. The Joint Work Session may be held April 14th and April 15th with all member jurisdictions. BPAC members are also advised that additional technical and public outreach meetings related to the Long-Range Transportation Plan update and Short-Range Transit Plan update will also occur in 2021. Attendance and support of those events will be needed by members and their agencies/groups that they represent.

BPAC members may share if there are any known conflicts with suggested dates.

Attachments:

Action Requested: BPAC members are asked to concur on a tentative meeting dates and times.