

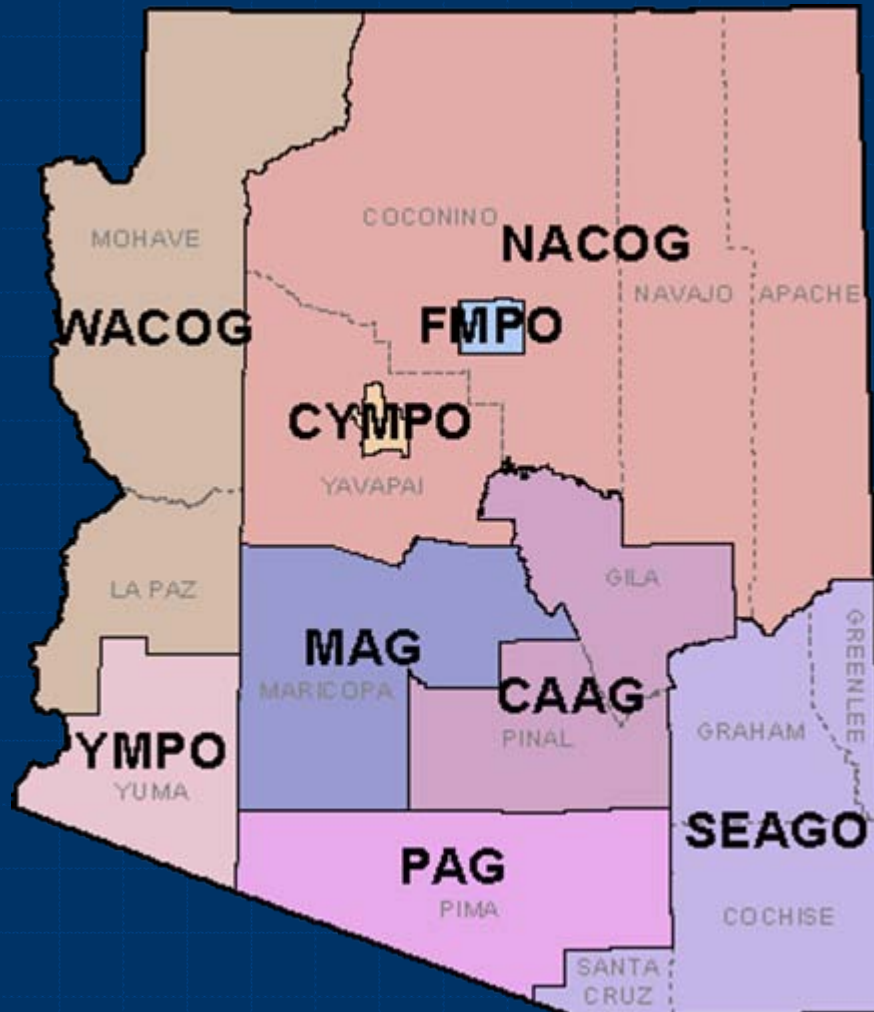
Northern Arizona Council of Governments

Generating
Stakeholder Interest
and Participation

NADO Rural Transportation
Peer Learning Conference
September 28, 2006



Arizona's Regions



COG Regional Planning Activities

- ◆ Data Acquisition
- ◆ Rural Consultation
- ◆ Project Prioritization & Programming
- ◆ Grant Program Coordination
- ◆ Functional Classification & Urban Boundaries
- ◆ Liaison between local agencies & ADOT
- ◆ Information & Technical Assistance
- ◆ Transportation Planning

Project Funding in Rural Arizona

- ◆ Surface Transportation Program Funds
- ◆ Transportation Enhancements
- ◆ ADOT District Minor Funds
- ◆ Bridge Rehab/Replacement
- ◆ Safety

Rural Transportation Summits

- ◆ First conducted in 1999
- ◆ Statewide rural response to urban areas
- ◆ Forum for education, dialogue, and policy development
- ◆ Strong annual increases in participation

Rural Transportation Advocacy Council

- ◆ Statewide rural transportation coalition
- ◆ Formed as an outcome of 2001 Rural Summit
- ◆ Full-time legislative liaison to monitor legislature and ADOT re policy issues
- ◆ Funded collectively by rural COG's and small MPO's
- ◆ Greater visibility for rural interests

Arizona's Rural Consultation Process

◆ Consultation meetings

- COGs coordinate and facilitate
- Forum to educate elected officials
- To be held in all 13 rural counties as requested
- To occur at meaningful points in the process
- Informal to maximize open dialogue
- Feedback from ADOT on input received

Adoption of the Process

*Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council
Resolution 04-01*

*A Joint Resolution of the Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council
and the Arizona State Transportation Board
Regarding the Establishment of Arizona's Rural Consultation Process*

In 1995, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century amended ISTEA by requiring states to consult with non-metropolitan local officials in statewide transportation planning and programming processes. The Arizona Department of Transportation has responsibility for over 5,000 miles of the State Highway System that serves Arizona's 13 rural counties and 64 rural communities. This multi-modal transportation system plays a critical role in providing for statewide mobility and supporting the economy of rural Arizona.

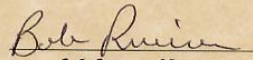
WHEREAS, the ADOT and Arizona State Transportation Board have responsibility to plan, design, construct and maintain the State Highway System; and

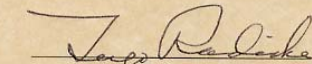
WHEREAS, local elected officials from throughout rural Arizona developed a recommended rural consultation process seeking greater input in the State's planning and programming processes; and

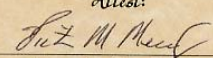
WHEREAS, ADOT has embraced those recommendations for the establishment of the rural consultation process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council and Arizona State Transportation Board do formally establish Arizona's Rural Consultation Process that will build upon Arizona's long tradition of partnership between rural Arizona and the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Passed and adopted by the Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council and the Arizona State Transportation Board on this 16th day of January 2004.


Bob Rivera, Chairman
Arizona Rural Transportation
Advocacy Council


Ingo Radtke, Chairman
Arizona State Transportation Board

Attest:

Victor Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation



Challenges with Consultation

- ◆ Expanding the level of participation
- ◆ Making the connection – “Consultation to concrete”
- ◆ Avoiding fatigue

Contact Information

Chris Fetzer, AICP

Planning Director

Northern Arizona Council of Governments

119 East Aspen Avenue

Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

928-213-5209

cfetzer@nacog.org