

Every Day Counts AZ Local Public Agency Stakeholders Council



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Council Vacancy

🤠 WANTED ...

- 🤠 How do we communicate with local public agencies?
- 🤠 Why do we do communicate?
- 🤠 How do we meet (or not meet) expectation?

How Does the Message get home?

What do our partners do?

- Arizona established a communication initiative to loop information to and from our partners
- It came from Every Day Counts: **Stakeholder Partnering**
 - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/>

WHAT IS 'EVERY DAY COUNTS'?



Ω “The **Every Day Counts** is a finite set of initiatives that are designed to identify and deploy innovation aimed at reducing the time it takes to deliver highway projects, enhance safety, and protect the environment.”¹

Ω Initiated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Ω There are multiple initiatives under the umbrella.

What was the impetus for starting the Council?

- 🐾 To pursue enhanced communication through the establishment of a Stakeholder Council for the Local Public Agency (LPA) Program in Arizona
- 🐾 Open up the communication dialogue on topics important to LPAs per FHWA funded projects

How and when did the Stakeholder Council get started?

- 🕒 Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) chose this initiative at the a session of a November 2012 Every Day Counts (EDC) II Summit
- 🕒 Preliminary planning started after the Summit
- 🕒 FHWA and ADOT deployment team was formed to mount the initiative in Arizona
- 🕒 Peer to peer conversation took place between Nebraska and Arizona
- 🕒 Survey was sent out to LPAs

Who participates? How are they selected?

- 🐾 Members
 - 🐾 Representatives from local public agencies, FHWA, Councils of Government (COGs), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and ADOT
- 🐾 COGs and MPOs were asked to identify appropriate representation within their region
- 🐾 Selection criteria included:
 - 🐾 Region
 - 🐾 Rural and Urban
 - 🐾 Varied sizes of communities

How often does the Council meet?

Everyday Counts II Arizona Local Public Agency Stakeholder Council	
Thursday, December 5, 2013 1:00PM - 5:00PM County Supervisors Association of Arizona 1905 W. Washington Street, Suite 200 Phoenix, Arizona 85009	
MEETING PURPOSE: To enhance the communication relating on topics concerning transportation projects funded under the Federal-aid Highway Program by providing opportunity to learn and share information.	
Wellcome:	1:00PM - 1:05PM Jennifer Tobo, ADOT State Engineer's Office Fandy Everett, FHWA
Introductions:	1:05PM - 1:15PM All
First Session:	1:15PM - 2:00PM Joel Poonoy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role and Responsibilities• Basic Ground Rules• Survey Topics• Concerns• Communication Dissemination
Open Discussion(s):	2:00PM - 2:15PM All
Future topics:	2:15PM - 2:25PM All
Meet Steps:	2:25PM - 2:50PM All
Next Meeting/Tentative Date - March 2014	Bahram Darvish
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- 🐾 The AZ LPA Stakeholder Council was launched together with our federal partners and local public agencies on Dec. 5, 2013
- 🐾 Expectation to meet quarterly
- 🐾 Central location chosen at a partner agency for those traveling

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What is the Council focusing on?

🐾 Five Categories

- 🐾 Finance
- 🐾 Environmental
- 🐾 Right-of-Way
- 🐾 Administration
- 🐾 Other

🐾 Topics identified from the survey and more added by the LPA Stakeholder Council

🐾 Educate/learn from each other

🐾 Share information: disseminate information to and from their “network” for topic brainstorming

🐾 **Where is the opportunity for change?**

🐾 **Where does the law not allow us? (constraint)**

🐾 **Facilitate continuous improvement**

What is the Council focusing on?

FINANCE	ENVIRONMENTAL	RIGHT-OF-WAY	ADMINISTRATION	OTHER
Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)	NEPA	PROCESS (Uniform Act, Training, Acquisition and Record Keeping)	SELF-ADMINISTRATION	Implementation
Financial Threshold	Categorical Exclusion 1&2		LPA Projects Manual/Training	Communication/Resources
REVIEW FEES	Environmental Assessment		Certification Acceptance	CMAR
Construction Engineering Costs	TIMELINES/RESOURCES		WAYS TO PROCURE A CONSULTANT (ON-CALL)	How can we be innovative (innovative sharing)
Sourcing			Buy America	Federal policy implementation and communication
Eligibility			Escalation Process	
TIMELINES/TIMEFRAMES			DBE Goal Assessment	
Public Private Partnership Authority			LPA PARTICIPATION (under ADOT administration)	
Reimbursement of local funds after closeout			IGA responsiveness	
			Prevailing wage requirements	
			Approvals and Authority for bids and change orders with buy-in of LPA	
			Alternate Bidding	
			Federal component	

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- 🌀 Some things we have found out thus far:
 - 🌀 Various levels of experience pertaining to federal-aid process
 - 🌀 Continuous education needed (revolving door of staff)
 - 🌀 Frustration: over fees and reimbursement of local funds; environmental; consultant procurement process—on call contract; cost of project when using federal \$\$ compared to local \$\$
 - 🌀 “Just tell me what you want.”
 - 🌀 Desire to swap federal \$\$ for state \$\$
 - 🌀 When time is taken to explain “why” people have a better understanding and better respond to constraints
 - 🌀 **We** learn from our partners to work on solutions

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- Do you work well with others?
- Do you appreciate working on issues for improvement?
- Are you willing to share information with your network and return feedback to the Council?
- Would you be a good representative for your agency?

How can you get more information?

📄 Stakeholder Partnering Resource Library

📄 http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc-3/partnering_library/index.cfm#faq

Thank you

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Introducing a Helpful Tool

The logo for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). It features the letters 'ADOT' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'A' is purple, and the 'DOT' is teal. A small white dot is positioned between the 'A' and the 'D'.

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