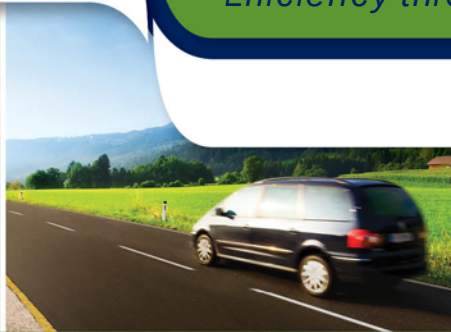


Arizona's Local Public Agency Stakeholder Council

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Efficiency through technology and collaboration



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EDC2 Initiative

- Nov 2012 - ADOT Staff attended EDC Summit
- Learned about Stakeholder Partnering initiative
- Value in enhanced communication
- Decided to participate



Learn from Others

- ADOT and FHWA Deployment Team
 - Video Conference with Nebraska
- Arizona LPA Survey
 - 124 LPAs notified; 31 Responses
 - Identify topics of interest or concern
 - Finance
 - Environmental
 - Right-of-Way
 - Administration
 - Other



Initiation Phase

- Created the Arizona LPA Stakeholder Council
 - Communication Initiative
 - Enhance communication
 - Improve coordination
 - Encourage collaboration



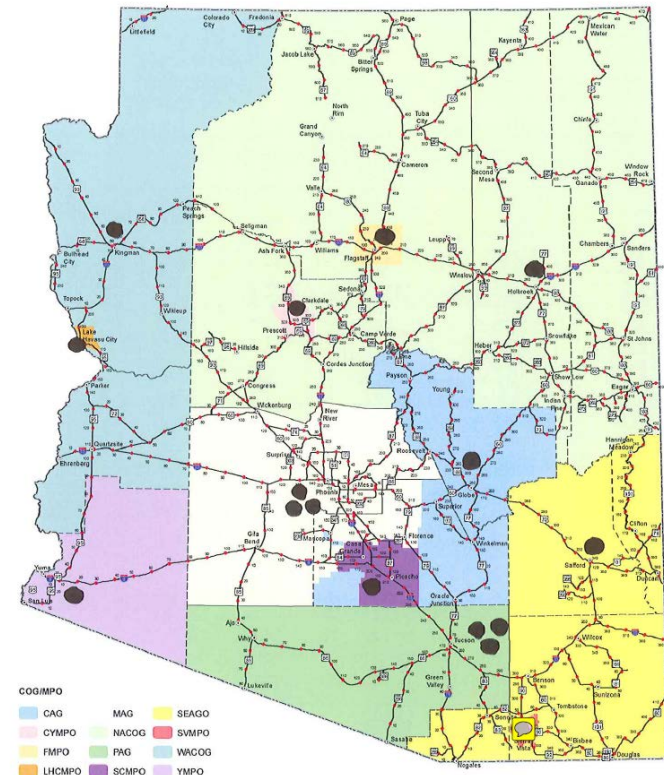
Initiation Phase

- Stakeholder Council Membership
 - Deliberate selection of members
 - Represent regions and communities throughout the state
 - Urban and Rural
 - Various sizes
 - Different experiences with Federal program



Initiation Phase

- Initial LPA Stakeholder Council Membership
 - 26 total members
 - 6 Local Public Agencies
 - 6 Councils of Government
 - 4 Metropolitan Planning Organizations
 - 8 ADOT
 - 2 FHWA



Structure

- Informal, quarterly meetings
- Started in December, 2013
- ADOT led meetings
- Set expectations at initial meeting
 - Role of stakeholders – communicate with their network
 - Ground Rules for meetings
- Agenda
 - Based on survey results – hot topics
 - Top four topics defined agenda for coming year



Accomplishments

- Completed first round of hot topics
 - Environmental, Right-of-Way, Finance, and Contracting
- Small, incremental changes have occurred
- Improvements result from:
 - Increased knowledge, understanding of topics
 - Created avenues for communication
- Better understanding of challenges on use of Federal-aid Highway Program



Benefits

- Management buy-in
 - Set the tone
 - Highlighted the importance
- Open lines of communication
 - Voice at the table
 - New opportunity to exchange information
- Collaborative environment
- Shared knowledge and perceptions
- Gaining understanding



Challenges

- Lack of full participation and commitment by all members
 - Requires dedicated time and effort
 - Competes with other priority work
- Agency or LPA personnel turnover
- Must manage personalities
- Sustainability & maintaining momentum
- Lack of immediate results



Lessons Learned

- Participation has declined over time
- Remaining members are active and engaged
- Seeking knowledge and strong working relationship
- Educational opportunities vs. Dialog
 - Initial efforts have been educational
 - Building on a foundation
 - Strive for programmatic level discussions
- Membership is critical
 - Need more LPAs as members of council



Moving Forward

- Remain flexible and adapt with change
- Revise, expand the membership
 - Inviting more LPAs
 - Retaining those that have been active
 - Seeking those with recent experience
 - Consider inviting consultants
- Anticipate focus will shift with new members



Moving Forward

- Change the format of meetings
 - Move away from classroom type setting
 - Workshop style, actively engage all members
 - Encourage interactive, open dialog
 - Stakeholders, not ADOT, to run meetings
- Achieving enhanced communication
- Share message with respective network



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