

**Administrative Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.**  
**SEAGO Main Office (Telephonic)**  
**1403 W. Highway 92**  
**Bisbee, Arizona**

**Administrative Committee Present:**

Ron Robinson, Town of Patagonia – Chair  
Heath Brown, Town of Thatcher – Vice-Chair  
Daniel Coxworth, Cochise County – Treasurer

**Executive Committee Present:**

David Gomez, Supervisor, Greenlee County – Chair  
Ken Budge, Mayor, City of Bisbee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair  
Jorge Maldonado, Mayor, City of Nogales - Treasurer

**Members Present**

Steve Ahmann – Greenlee County Private Sector Representative  
Barney Bigman – San Carlos Apache Tribe, Administrative Council  
Luis Pedroza, City of Douglas  
Damian Dorame, City of Douglas

**Staff Present:**

Randy Heiss, Executive Director  
Chris Vertrees, Transportation Program Administrator  
Keith Dennis, Community Development Program Manager

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Chair Gomez called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. Randy Heiss read the names of those in attendance for the record.

**2. Call to the Public**

No one from the public was present.

**3. Discussion and possible action to approve the SEAGO Region RTAC Priority Project List and supporting Resolution 2023-03 – Chris Vertrees**

Chris Vertrees stated that this was a time sensitive matter that required action in between regular meetings since the project list would be presented to members of the Legislature attending the Rural Transportation Summit on October 18<sup>th</sup>. He explained that last year, the Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC) had requested that rural COGs and MPOs develop a list of regional priority projects to be put forward by all of the COGs/MPOs in Greater Arizona to the State Legislature for funding. The SEAGO Region secured almost \$30 million in projects during last year's budget cycle. He further explained that the RTAC has recommended that each rural COG/MPO once again develop a list of Regional Transportation Priority Projects for FY25. Chris explained that each project on the priority project list had been reviewed and scored through a process developed by the SEAGO TAC. He then proceeded to describe the various projects on the list and offered to answer any questions. Mayor Maldonado thanked Chris for his work and asked what he could do as Mayor to support Nogales' projects. Chris advised him to meet with the members of the Legislature representing Nogales to secure their support and advocacy for the projects to be funded. Barney Bigman asked why there was a difference between the total cost of each project and the amount of funding recommended to the Legislature. Chris explained that projects that had a matching contribution fared much better than those that did not offer a local contribution.

**Administrative Committee Action:**

Ron Robinson moved to approve the SEAGO Region RTAC Priority Project List and supporting Resolution 2023-03. Heath Brown seconded the motion.

**Motion:** Ron Robinson

**Second:** Heath Brown

**Action:** Unanimous

**Executive Committee Action:**

Mayor Jorge Maldonado moved to approve the SEAGO Region RTAC Priority Project List and supporting Resolution 2023-03. Mayor Ken Budge seconded the motion.

**Motion:** Jorge Maldonado

**Second:** Ken Budge

**Action:** Unanimous

**4. Adjournment**

Chair Gomez adjourned at the meeting at 11:52 a.m.