

April 2, 2013

TO: Members of the MAG Street Committee

FROM: Charles Andrews, P.E., Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 - 1:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Chaparral Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Street Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please note the earlier starting time of 1:00 pm.** Committee members or their proxies may attend in person, via video-conference or by telephone conference call. Those attending video conference must notify the MAG site three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference please contact MAG offices for conference call instructions.

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The next meeting of the MAG Street Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Teri Kennedy or Steve Tate at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of the March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve the minutes from the March 12, 2013 meeting.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Street Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Street Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. For information.
4. <u>Transportation Programming Manager's Report</u> The MAG Transportation Programming Manager will review recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for MAG Committees and other related regional transportation activities.	4. For information and discussion.
5. <u>Request for Scope Expansion</u> The City of Tempe has requested to expand the Holdeman Neighborhood Alley Stabilization Project to include more alleys to be paved. Additional funding required for the scope expansion will be provided by the MAG closeout.	5. For information and potential action to expand the scope of the City of Tempe's Holdeman Neighborhood Alley Stabilization Project
6. <u>Request to Defer Change Project Sponsor and Reorganize CMAQ Funded Multi-Use Path Project</u> The Town of Gilbert has requested to take over	6. For information and potential action to transfer sponsorship of the 202 (Santan Fwy): Lindsay Road to Gilbert Road, Design and Construct Multi-Use Path Project to the Town of Gilbert, re scope the project and defer the project to a future

and rescope the ADOT 202 (Santan Fwy): Lindsay Road to Gilbert Road, Design and Construct Multi-Use Path Project. As currently scoped this project is not feasible given ADOT construction decisions and cannot be authorized this federal fiscal year. As a result, it will need to be deferred to a future year. This project has not been previously deferred within the MAG CMAQ programming process as approved by the Regional Council on October 26, 2011.

year.

7. Request to Defer Project for a Second Time

7. For information and potential action to defer the project to FY 2014.

The City of Glendale has requested to defer the following project a second time due to last minute requests by the SHPO for an inventory of historical structures:

Glendale Avenue to Glenn Drive and 58th Avenue to 57th Avenue, Construct Pedestrian Improvements.

8. Roads and Streets Conference

8. For information and discussion.

At the meeting members will be requested to comment on and highlight important events from the Roads and Streets Conference.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday March 12, 2013 1:00 p.m.
MAG Offices, Suite 300,
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Charles Andrews, Avondale, Chairman	Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Bret Anderson for Lupe Harriger, ADOT	Maria Deeb, Mesa
* Jose Heredia, Buckeye	* James Shano, Paradise Valley
Dan Cook, Chandler	Ben Wilson, Peoria
Bob Senita, El Mirage	Shane L. Silsby, Phoenix
* Tony Rodriguez,	Janet Martin, Queen Creek
Gila River Indian Community	* Elaine Cabrera, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Michael Gillespie, Gilbert	Indian Community
Purab Adabala for Bob Darr, Glendale	Todd Taylor for Phil Kercher, Scottsdale
Hugh Bigalk, Goodyear	Jason Mahkovtz, Surprise
* Gino Turrubiates, Guadalupe	Catherine Hollow for Shelly Seyler, Tempe
Daymara Cesar for Darryl Crossman,	* Jason Earp, Tolleson
Litchfield Park	Grant Anderson, Youngtown

* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Patrick Stone, ADOT	Dana Owsiany, Phoenix
Janice Simpson, Avondale	Jerre Mills, Regional Pavement Maint.
Duane Dana, Dibble Engineering	John Bullen, MAG
Kevin Roberts, Dibble Engineering	Stephen Tate, MAG
Jorge Gastelum, El Mirage	Teri Kennedy, MAG

1. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Andrews called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the February 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Dan Cook moved approval of the February 12, 2013 minutes. Mr. Grant Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

There were no members of the public at the meeting who expressed a desire to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Ms. Teri Kennedy briefed the Committee. She noted that the Regional Council had approved CMAQ applications for FY 2015, FY 2016 and FY 2017, new urbanized boundaries for the MAG Region and changes to the NHS. In March it is anticipated that the Council will approve design projects using the FY 2013 closeout funds, and the TA programming.

It is anticipated that in April, MAG will request updates to ADOT HPMS data and begin the update process for the ALCP. In May, MAG will distribute MAG federal fund workbooks for update.

MAG has released its Local Governments Manual. It is available on the web.

5. Arterial Life Cycle Program Project Changes Technical Review: El Mirage Road North of Thunderbird

Mr. John Bullen provided a brief overview of the ALCP project change process. He noted that the ALCP is funded primarily with half-cent funds and is guided by policies and procedures approved by the Regional Council. Eligible projects for the ALCP include only improvements to major arterial streets such as widening existing facilities, building new facilities and intersection improvements.

The role of the Street Committee is to review and if appropriate to approve major changes to ALCP projects. All updates must be consistent with the RTP and approved by the Committee process.

Mr. Anderson and Ms. Deeb asked Mr. Bullen to expand on the topic. Mr. Bullen noted that project sponsors could request change projects where the current project was deemed to be not feasible, provided that the new project was in the vicinity of the old project. The list of projects is not strictly limited to those approved in 2004.

Mr. Jorge Gastelum introduced the request. He noted that the request was to change the scope of a project only and would not affect project cost.

Mr. Kevin Roberts presented the project request. He noted that the project is on El Mirage Road and that it is requested to change the limits of the project to begin at Thunderbird Road and terminate at planned Grand Avenue improvements to be constructed by ADOT. The current roadway has a two lane cross-section with on-street parking. Along the roadway are located several recreational and municipal uses that generate traffic and residential uses along the roadway are expected to gradually be converted to commercial use. Currently vehicles must stop at the north end of the roadway and make a right turn to connect with Grand Avenue.

The proposed improvements maintain the current cross-section and on-street parking and will include improved sidewalks, lighting and a bicycle route. The north end will be changed to allow nonstop flow to the ADOT access improvements to Grand Avenue.

Mr. Cook asked if the section was part of the original ALCP. Mr. Roberts noted that it had, but that it would have required the construction of a new roadway with a four lane cross-

section and the acquisition of numerous right-of-way parcels.

It was noted that in the future it would be possible to expand the roadway to a four-lane cross section if on-street parking is removed and that conversion to commercial use required businesses to provide off street parking.

Mr. Anderson and Ms. Deeb questioned the eligibility of the project. It was argued that the although the sponsor was referring to it as a “modified arterial” that the name change did not make it an arterial facility, that there was prior precedent against approving changes for interim improvements and that the fact that the improvements provided safety benefits was not sufficient to meet ALCP criteria.

It was suggested by Mr. Silsby that the proposed changes would reduce project cost and that the cost savings could be used to help balance the ALCP program.

It was noted that the facility is listed as an arterial on the MAG plan, that the facility does provide increased connectivity to Grand and provides for through movement.

Mr. Silsby moved approval of the El Mirage proposed change provided that curb widths would in the future allow for a four-lane cross-section with projects of \$11 million to be returned to the ALCP in phase four. Grant seconded the motion.

After discussion it was determined that savings should be addressed within the adopted ALCP process.

Mr. Silsby with Mr Anderson’s concurrence modified the motion to eliminate the reference to project savings. The modified motion was carried unanimously.

6. Arterial Life Cycle Program Project Changes Technical Review: Thunderbird Road between Grand Avenue and El Mirage Road

Mr. Roberts presented the proposed changes to increase the limits to 127th Avenue. He noted that the improvements include a two through lanes in each direction, bicycle lanes, improved sidewalks and a raised median where appropriate.

Mr. Anderson moved approval of the change. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. The modified motion was carried unanimously.

7. Arterial Life Cycle Program Project Changes Technical Review: Gilbert Road from Chandler Heights to Riggs Road

Mr. Cook briefed the Committee. He proposed to combine two segments into one project. The propose change would not impact the design of the roadway and includes right-of-way acquisition for future widening if necessary.

Mr. Bob Senita moved approval of the proposed change. Mr. Michael Gillespie second the motion. The modified motion was carried unanimously.

8. Changes to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Format and the Arterial Life Cycle Program

Mr. Bullen briefed the Committee. He noted that in the new TIP, all project costs must include inflation, while in the ALCP all costs must be expressed in constant dollars. To address this issue he identified two alternatives approaches:

- a. Adding a cost line in the TIP listing for inflation for ALCP projects. This would allow the retention of ALCP constant dollar cost amounts in the TIP, while meeting requirements to show inflation.
- b. In the TIP expressing ALCP costs in nominal dollar amounts. This would meet the requirement to show costs in inflated dollars, but would make it difficult to compare costs between the ALCP and the TIP.

After a brief discussion the Committee expressed support for the first option.

9. MAG Federally Funded Status Workbooks

Mr. Tate briefed the Committee. He noted that in May, MAG would distribute workbooks for agencies to update. The returned workbooks would be used for the FY 2014 closeout and final reconciliation of FY 2013. As this is the case, member agencies were admonished to use the workbooks to update cost estimates in the notebook.

He concluded by identifying key milestones that are necessary for FY 2014 project to continue in the year they are programmed. These include: (a) the agency commitment letter for the project, (b) the submission of technical documents necessary for the environmental clearance, (c) the completion of a right-of-way inventory and (d) the completion of draft in-house 60 percent plans.

Mr. Tate noted that the last milestone - the 60 percent plans requirement - conflicted with FHWA guidance that design may not proceed beyond 30 percent plans with completion of an environmental clearance, but that it is common practice where design is locally funded to proceed at an agency's own risk to 60 percent plans without an environmental clearance.

Mr. Anderson indicated that FHWA no longer required an environmental clearance to proceed beyond 30 percent plans. Several members of the Committee confirmed Mr. Anderson's comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.