

DRAFT MINUTES OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

January 18, 2011
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

* Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona	+ Chris Lemka, City of Glendale
* Tom Burch, AARP	+ Luke Albert for Hugh Bigalk, City of Goodyear
* Kohinoor Kar, ADOT Shane Kiesow, City of Apache Junction	* Chris Plumb, Maricopa County Sanja Grujakovic for Renate Ehm, City of Mesa
+ Margaret Boone-Pixley, City of Avondale	*William Mead, Paradise Valley Mannar Tamirisa for Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria
Paul Ward, Town of Buckeye	Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix
Hong Huo for Martin Johnson, City of Chandler	Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale
* Lt. Jenna Mitchell, DPS	+Tracy Eberlein, City of Surprise
Jorge Gastelum, City of El Mirage	Julian Dresang, City of Tempe (Chair)
* Kelly LaRosa, FHWA Kurt Sharp, Town of Gilbert	Gardner Tabon, RPTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Fitzer, Town of Gila Bend	Doug McCants, PBS&J
Gene Slechta, Town of Fountain Hills	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Randy Harrel, Town of Fountain Hills	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Shanthi Krishnan, Jacobs	Leo Luo, MAG
Vinay Vanapalli, Stantec	

+Teleconference

*Not present

1. Call to Order
Chairman Julian Dresang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Approval of November 23, 2010 Meeting Minutes
Kerry Wilcoxon moved to motion to approve the minutes, Paul Ward seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 23, 2010.
3. Call to Audience
Chairman Julian Dresang made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. No public comments were received.

4. Program Manager's Report

The following items were highlighted by Sarath Joshua in his report:

- ***RSA Train-the-Trainer Workshop:***
MAG hosted a Regional Road Safety Assessment (RSA) Train-the-Trainer workshop on December 7-8, 2010. The workshop participants included staff from member agencies and MAG On-Call consultants that will be performing RSAs.
- ***FY2011 HSIP Projects:***
 - These projects were recommended for approval by Transportation Review Committee and Management Committee and are on consent agenda for the Regional Council Executive Committee meeting to be held on January 18, 2011 at Noon.
- ***FY2010 HSIP Projects:***
 - ADOT has forwarded all procurement projects to FHWA and has received comments from FHWA. ADOT is expected to advertise the specifications for a statewide procurement shortly.
- ***RTSIMS Implementation***
The software developed for crash analysis was installed at MAG, Mesa, Peoria and Scottsdale. This crash analysis software is available at no cost to any MAG member agency.

5. Safe Routes to School Project Review

Sarath Joshua reported that in response to a statewide call for projects announced by the Arizona DOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, public and non-profit agencies in the MAG region have submitted a total of ten (10) project proposals. Eight of these proposals are for infrastructure projects and two for non-infrastructure projects. A set of proposals were sent to each committee member for their review and scoring. Kiran Guntupalli told the committee that the individual scores from the reviewers were combined to generate composite committee scores and ranked composite scores. The draft final ranking was handed out at the committee meeting. Paul Ward suggested normalizing the scores before ranking for next years' SRTS project proposals. **Kerry Wilcoxon from City of Phoenix moved to recommend approval of the draft final ranking. Shane Kiesow from Town of Apache Junction seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the motion.**

6. MAG Road Safety Assessments

Sarath Joshua reported that the first round of RSA projects, involving eleven (11) intersection sites, will be carried out using a combination of FY 2011 HSIP funds and MAG planning funds. It is expected that ten (10) MAG on-call consultants that are qualified to provide services in Transportation Safety will provide assistance in the performance of the RSAs. He also stated that the RSA program at MAG is being developed based on the successful ADOT RSA program. He reported that preparations are underway to coordinate and develop the MAG RSA program with technical assistance from the ADOT RSA program. A brief outline of the process was provided stating that

ADOT RSA Program Manager will lead the first round of RSA's and the On-Call Consultant will help coordinate this effort. The details of the process will be finalized at the meeting with all the On-Call Consultants and ADOT Program Manager on February 7, 2011 at 2:00PM in the Cholla Room at MAG. He also stated that funding is available for performing more RSA's than the list recommended by the Committee. Paul Ward asked whether other intersection locations, identified by the jurisdictions, could be added to this list, even if they are not identified in the top 100 list. After some discussion the committee agreed that a new call for projects should be announced to identify RSA sites beyond the Top 100 list. Sarath Joshua assured the committee that MAG will issue a call for projects to identify additional intersections. Any interested agency could respond with a list of intersections and supporting data to perform an RSA. All the locations received will be evaluated at the next Transportation Safety Committee meeting in March.

7. Study to Determine the Effectiveness of Non Engineering Safety Strategies

A brief summary of this study was provided by Sarath Joshua. He stated that recent road safety findings from Australia indicate that non-engineering safety countermeasures can be very effective in well developed road systems. However, little is understood about the metrics on how these non-engineering strategies, such as Education, Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) impact overall road safety. This study will examine the accumulated experience and knowledge in this area within and outside the United States and identify metrics that could be used to incorporate such strategies in road safety planning activities at the regional and local levels. The study findings will be helpful in identifying potential future non-engineering projects for improving road safety in the MAG region. The scope of work was provided to committee. Chair Julian Dresang asked that any comments regarding the scope of work should be sent MAG in two weeks.

8. Reports by the Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Kerry Wilcoxon of Phoenix reported that the city is proceeding ahead with the recommendation of the City Council to add additional signage and flashing lights along 7th Street and 7th Avenue reversible lane corridors.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

No agenda item requests were received from committee members.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cholla Room at MAG.

11. Adjournment

Chairman Julian Dresang adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.