

MINUTES OF
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

January 7, 2014
Maricopa Association of Governments
Ironwood Room, Suite 200
302 N. 1st Ave,
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Michael Duhamel for Linda Gorman,
AAA Arizona
Tom Burch, AARP
Kohinoor Kar, ADOT
Shane Kiesow, City of Apache Junction
Dana Chamberlin, City of Avondale
*David Gue for Thomas Chlebanowski,
Town of Buckeye
Martin Johnson, City of Chandler
Bob Senita, City of El Mirage
Kelly LaRosa, FHWA
Erik Guderian for Mike Gillespie,
Town of Gilbert
Kiran Guntupalli for Chris Lemka,
City of Glendale

*Alberto Gutier, GOHS
+Hugh Bigalk, City of Goodyear
Mazen Muradvich for Nicolaas Swart,
Maricopa County
Renate Ehm (Chair), City of Mesa
*Jeremy Knapp, Town of Paradise Valley
+Mannar Tamirisa for Jamal Rahimi,
City of Peoria
Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix
*George Williams, City of Scottsdale
+Nuning Lemka for Jason Mahkovtz,
City of Surprise
Julian Dresang, City of Tempe
Sam Diggins for Gardner Tabon, RPTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Margaret Boone, MAG
Eric Nava, MAG
Chaun Hill, MAG
Eric Maceyko, EPS Group
Mike Blankenship, AMEC
Patrick Stone, ADOT

Jim Lee, Lee Engineering
Matt Tsark, Strand Associates, Inc.
Doug McCants, Atkins
Justin Van De Graaff, Sunrise Engineering
Mike Manthey, Parsons
Sandra Thoms, Jacobs Engineering

+ Teleconference
Videoconference
* Not present

1. Call to Order
Chair Renate Ehm called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of November 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes
Chair Renate Ehm called for a motion to approve the November 19, 2013 minutes.
Shane Kiesow moved, Julian Dresang seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to Audience

Chair Renate Ehm made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. None requested.

4. Program Manager's Report

- MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan
 - Technical Memorandum #3 – Comments by 1/21/2014
 - Results from Action Area Workshop
 - \$104 – Vulnerable Users (Bicyclists)/Infrastructure – ensure safety and multimodal connectivity in planning and design
 - \$63 – Vulnerable Users (All)/Infrastructure – Install medians and pedestrian crossing islands
 - \$58 – Distracted Driving/Education – Generate awareness campaign about texting and driving
 - Predictive Road Safety Analysis Workshop 1/28/2014 8 a.m. in the Ironwood Room
- New Safety Projects FY2015 MAG Work Program
 - On-Call RSAs/PAs - \$300,000
 - Documentation of HSIP Process - \$25,000
 - Corridor Safety Management Plan Pilot Project - \$200,000
 - Funding available July 1, 2014
 - Utilize new ITS/Safety On-Call consultant list
- MAG Staff Addition – Eric Nava
- Transportation Alternatives Non-Infrastructure Safe Routes to School Workshop
 - Thursday, January 9, 2014 10 a.m. Saguro Room
 - Applications available on January 9th at 3 p.m.

5. Road Safety Assessment Projects

Chair Renate Ehm noted the updated list of projects received from seven local agencies. Margaret Boone noted updates from the agenda regarding applications received from Valley Metro, that they had expressed interest in submitting a couple of locations along the Light Rail route in Tempe and due to unavoidable circumstances were not able to submit their application in December, but they worked with ADOT and the City of Tempe to get that application in prior to the meeting. Copies of the application were provided for the committee and updated on the project list. Ms. Boone also pointed out the revised ranking of the Avondale location of Dysart Road and Rancho Santa Fe Boulevard noting that previously this had ranked much lower due to crashes not calculated using the data from the Goodyear leg of the intersection. The final list includes 14 projects including 3 PAs and 11 RSAs. Ms. Boone also noted the revised ranking for the Guadalupe location to 563 reflecting the lowest ranking intersection along the corridor they had requested for an RSA. Julian Dresang noted a type-o on the listing for the Guadalupe project which should read Priest Road and not Price Road. Ms. Boone also noted the project listed as #1 on the list to reflect the Avondale project deferred to this cycle of projects from 2013 which is not up for consideration since it has already been recommended and approved through the MAG process. Local Agencies submitting applications gave a brief presentation on the locations they had recommended for RSAs and PAs. Kerry Wilcoxon asked of the Valley Metro location if there was information on what kind of crashes were included such as pedestrian or vehicle. Sam Diggins stated that he did not know if they were pedestrian

involved, but that of the crashes noted they were left turn vehicle crashes with Light Rail cars. Mazen Muradvich asked why there are projects on the list ranking higher than 100 on the MAG ranking. Ms. Boone stated that based on previous committee discussions the core requirement is to focus on the list of Top 100 crash risk locations, but that local agencies wanting to benefit from the process of a PA or RSA for prioritizing safety improvements could do so, with the understanding that they may not be eligible for HSIP funding which is based on addressing fatalities and incapacitating injury crashes. Ms. Boone stated that an amount of \$446,322 is available for RSAs and PAs and that the projects submitted total \$470,000 and the need to develop a list of prioritized locations for this cycle of projects. Kerry Wilcoxon requested that the location submitted for consideration at Indian School and 19th Avenue be removed from the list in order to fund the rest of the projects citing that there have been roadway improvements recently completed at this intersection and it could benefit from waiting to have another year of data to assess and could defer that project to the next cycle. Kohinoor Kar noted that at the last Executive meeting for SHSP that rail safety had been added as an Emphasis Area and that including the Valley Metro projects would meet the goals of the SHSP. Chair Renate Ehm called for a motion to recommend the list for approval. **Kerry Wilcoxon motioned to recommend the amended list with the removal of project number 10 at Indian School and 19th Avenue, seconded by Julian Dresang and the motion passed unanimously.**

6. TIP Amendment for HSIP

Margaret Boone stated that there were two calls for projects for FY2014-17 for HISP funding in 2013. A list of projects to be considered for recommendation on the Management Committee agenda on January 8th was provided to the committee. Ms. Boone noted that some projects have received eligibility notices from ADOT and FHWA and those that have not received eligibility notices are noted as “Contingent on ADOT/FHWA eligibility” in the TIP amendment. Ms. Boone also noted that there was a FY2014 Chandler project which was determined ineligible through the ADOT and FHWA process which resulted in an amount of \$76,808 of available HSIP funds. Concurrently, through the ADOT bid process there was a \$4,725 shortfall realized on a FY2011 Buckeye project and with the availability of funding from the Chandler project there is a potential to fund the FY2011 Buckeye project shortfall. Kelly LaRosa noted that the agenda states that the project for the Town of Buckeye is a “striping maintenance project” from FY2011 and that HSIP funds are not available for maintenance, that she remembered the Buckeye project was for a pavement marking upgrade, not maintenance and cautioned in using the word “maintenance” for federal aid funding. Ms. Boone stated that MAG would verify with the Town of Buckeye and revise the TIP amendment if necessary. Chair Renate Ehm requested a motion to include the amount of \$4,725 in the TIP amendment to fund the Buckeye shortfall. **Kerry Wilcoxon made a motion to include the amount to fund the FY2011 Buckeye project shortfall in the TIP amendment, seconded by Kohinoor Kar and the motion passed unanimously.**

7. Reports by Committee Members

Chair Renate Ehm invited members of the committee to share information on upcoming safety projects in their agencies. Sam Diggins reported Valley Metro’s continued efforts toward roadway safety along the Light Rail route. Erik Guderian stated that the Town’s

HSIP FY12, 13 and 14 are currently being implemented with installation of pedestrian countdown signals and 30 intersections of signal upgrades to 12 inch signal heads. Kelly LaRosa reminded the committee that FHWA continues to bring technical assistance and training to local agencies when needed and pointed out new resources for free courses; the NHI website for web based training and a list of safety related classes and the FHWA new federal aid essentials webpage where there is a lot of free video training to help explain the federal aid process. Kelly distributed handouts for the information she provided. Kohinoor Kar updated the committee on the SHSP process noting the SHSP Safety Summit in November 2013, the December Executive Team meeting finalized some emphasis areas based on input from stakeholders, approved management structure for implementation of the SHSP, including format and styling of the document. Kohinoor reported that the next Task Force meetings to be held in February with the anticipated completion of the plan at the end of March 2014. Mazen Muradvich noted the safety programs currently in the process at Maricopa County.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Renate Ehm asked for requests for future agenda items. None requested.

9. Next Meeting

Chair Renate Ehm stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th at 9:30 a.m. noting the Predictive Roadway Safety Workshop on January 28th in the Ironwood Room from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

10. Adjournment

Chair Renate Ehm adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.