

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

February 5, 2003
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue

Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jim Book, Glendale	Bruce Dressel, Scottsdale
Alan Sanderson, Mesa	Jim Decker, Tempe
Mike Mah, Chandler	Tim Wolfe, ADOT
Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Scott Nodes, Peoria
Yogesh Mantri for Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County	Chuck Hydeman, Goodyear
Bob Steele, Phoenix	Mary Kihl, ASU
Bob Ciotti, RPTA	Alan Hansen, FHWA
*Terry Conner, DPS	*Dennis Murphy, Phoenix Aviation
Bob Maki, Surprise	*Punya Khanal, City of Avondale

OTHERS PRESENT

Brent Crowther, Kimley-Horn & Assoc	Meifu Wang, FHWA
Chris Jordan, Kimley-Horn & Assoc	Amy Corathers, Scottsdale
David Haines, Kimley-Horn & Assoc	Debbie Kuhn, MAG
Anne MacCracken, RPTA/Valley Metro	Audrey Skidmore, MAG
Xiao Qin, MAG	
Sarath Joshua, MAG	

* Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jim Book called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

2. Call to Audience

Chairman Book made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the ITS Committee. There was no comment from the audience.

3. Approval of January 8, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Tim Wolfe moved and Bruce Ward seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2003 ITS Committee meeting.

4. Program Managers Report

- Update on ITS On-Call RFQ – The selection panel consisted of, Bruce Dressel, Jim Decker, Yogesh Matri, Scott Nodes and Sarath Joshua. Everyone who participated in the panel were thanked. Further discussion of this item was deferred for discussion under agenda item 4A
- Clarification of Requirements state in the ITS Architecture Final Rule, April 8, 2001 – Sarath Joshua clarified that the Final Rule did not require project level architecture but did require a systems engineering analysis for all ITS projects. Alan Hansen stated that this may not be required until 4 years after the 2001 Final Rule. Sarath stated that he will verify the details.
- Status of programmed ITS projects – A number of projects that were programmed for the current fiscal year was read out. Member agencies that were responsible for these projects provided an update on where these projects were in the obligation process.
- MAG participation in workshop on Concept of Operations – MAG has been invited to participate in a workshop on the Concept of Operations to be held on Feb 24th in Washington D.C. A copy of a white paper distributed in preparation for the workshop was distributed to everyone in attendance with request for comments.

4A. Projects from ITS/TE On-Call RFQ

The committee was briefed on the outcome of the consultant selection process that has resulted in the recommendation of 11 consultants shown on Attachment One. The consultants that qualified in each of the six areas of expertise were read out in the order of ranking. Scott Nodes moved and Bruce Ward seconded to recommend approval of the list of consultants. Chuck Hydeman asked if this list of on-call consultants can be utilized by MAG member agencies to launch member agency projects. Sarath Joshua explained that this issue was discussed in detail some months earlier. It what determined that FHWA does not permit local agencies to use the MAG on-call contracts for local projects. Alan Hansen clarified the issue stating that FHWA allows as many as two tiers such as ADOT and one city to contract off an ADOT contract. Sarath Joshua further explained that detailed project scopes have not been developed and the committee members will be consulted in identifying projects. Chairman Book took a vote on the proposed list of consultant and it was carried unanimously to approve the list.

5. Proposed Changes to a Programmed Project

Alan Sanderson explained why the City of Mesa is requesting that the original fiber project proposed for McKellips Road be changed to another locations. He provided a figure showing existing and planned fiber on nearby arterials. Mr. Sanderson explained the work of the EStreet Group within the City of Mesa that is working to develop a fiber network for the city. After a brief discussion the committee was unanimous that the proposed change was an enhancement to the system. Chuck Hydeman moved that the proposed change be recommended, Jim Decker seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of the proposed change.

6. Update on Regional Community Wide Area Network Study

David Haines from Kimley-Horn and Associates provided an update on the project and requested review comments from ITS Committee members. He explained that the project has completed a number of tasks. A few recent documents are being reviewed by the MAGTAG and MAG ITS Committees. The final report is being developed at this time, it would include an implementation plan. The following alternatives were evaluated: (1) All leased lines; (2) All agency-owned fiber; (3) All wireless approach. It was concluded that all three components will play a role in a hybrid network best suited for the MAG region.

7. Status Reports by Committee Members

Mike Nevarez extended invitation to visit the Vehicle Management System that is being implemented. He stated that such a visit can be scheduled as early as next month. Chairman Book explained the benefit of visiting the TMCs in Scottsdale, Tempe and the PIR Center. The Coyotes arena will be main focus point in Glendale perhaps a future visit to that facility. Bob Steele explained the benefit if seeing enforcement personnel working traffic signals from the TMC. Bruce Dressel explained that the Phoenix Open event attracted 500,000 persons.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was announced as 9:30 AM on Wednesday March 5, 2003. The Concept of Operations project meeting was announced as 10:30 AM on the same day.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Book at 10:30 AM.