

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE**

August 3, 2005
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Debbie Burdette, City of Glendale	Paul Porell for Bruce Dressel, City of Scottsdale
*Alan Sanderson, City of Mesa	Jim Decker, City of Tempe
Mike Mah, City of Chandler	Debra Barker for Tim Wolfe, ADOT
Bruce Ward, Town of Gilbert	Ron Amaya, City of Peoria
Faisal Saleem for Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County	Scott Nodes, City of Goodyear
Ron Doubek, City of Phoenix	Mary Kihl, ASU
Anne MacCracken for Bob Ciotti, RPTA	*Alan Hansen, FHWA
Mike Lockhart, DPS	*Dennis Murphy, Phoenix Aviation
Nick Mascia, City of Surprise	*Michael Smith, City of Avondale
*Carrol Reynolds, Town of Buckeye	*BJ Cornwall, City of El Mirage
	Michael Shine, Town of Queen Creek

OTHERS PRESENT

Mani Kumar, ADOT	Doug McCants, PBS&J
Nolan Hegg, TransCore	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Michael Maurite, Transcore	Paul Ward, MAG
Micah Henry, ITS Engineers	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Randy Pearson, ITS Engineers	

*Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order
Acting Chairman Scott Nodes called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. Approval of July 6, 2005 Meeting Minutes & Introductions
Mike Mah moved and Bruce Ward seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 6th, 2005 ITS Committee meeting.
3. Call to Audience
Acting Chairman Scott Nodes made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the ITS Committee. No comments were received from the public.
4. Program Managers Report

- a. ITS On-Call RFQ:
 - Draft RFQ under review by MAG management
 - Areas to be included: ITS, Traffic Engineering, Transportation Safety
 - All current on-call contracts are due to end in August and September. A few contracts will be extended to accommodate current Task Orders.
- b. Current On-Call Task Orders
 - Data Collection Project with work done by Northrop Grumman. The project is due to be completed in September
 - Cambridge Systematic will be holding the IDAS Workshop at MAG on August 24th & 25th. Seats are available to interested agencies.
 - KHA Task Order to develop ITS Brochures – this project was launched on July 29th to complete this undertaking that was started in 2004
 - Lee Engineering Task Order – to estimate the cost for traffic signal preemption at five intersections along Grand Avenue. This project was launched in response to a request from Youngtown seeking assistance with signal preemption.
- c. FMS Working Group
 - The first meeting of the Working Group was held on July 20th
 - Current FMS functions were reviewed
 - i. Traffic Mgmt
 - ii. Incident Mgmt
 - iii. Homeland Security
 - iv. Amber Alerts/Safety
 - v. Traveler Information
 - Next meeting has been scheduled for August 25th 1:00PM
- d. MAG TIP Process
 - TIP application posted at the MAG website
<http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/project.cms?item=413>
 - Completed project applications are due Friday, September 2, 2005,
 - The applications are only for projects to be programmed for FY 2011
 - Prioritize ITS Projects will be discussed in Agenda Item#5
- e. October meeting date has been changed to October 12th, 2005.

5. Programming FY 2011 Funds for Arterial ITS Program

Sarath Joshua stated that RTP will provide \$50million over next 20 years for Arterial ITS and TRC is in the process of accelerating these funds to the first 10 years of the Plan. MAG ITS committee has agreed to hire a consultant to help identify focus areas for Arterial ITS. However, a committee recommendation is needed for FY 2011 projects. Sarath Joshua suggested that the project rating guidelines developed and used in the past be used to help rank the projects. He asked the committee members if any one had any comments or modifications to be added to the current project rating system. Mike Mah pointed out that intersection projects are not adequately addresses in the Congestion/ Utilization section of the current rating system. Paul Porell suggested that intersection projects should have separate parallel section with 30 points max. After extensive discussion, Paul Porell representing Scottsdale moved to amend the MAG ITS Project Rating System to include a definition for Intersection Project in Congestion/Utilization section with calculations based on total entering volumes per lane. It was seconded by Mike Mah moved and amendment that would create TMC and Traveler information Systems in a 3rd category. Mary Kihl

seconded the amendment. After some discussion on the pros and cons of this change, Mike Mah withdrew the amendment. The motion passes with 14 votes for and 1 vote against the change by Bruce Ward.

6. Status Reports by Committee Members of ITS Activities

Mary Kihl updated the committee that ASU will be offering an internet course for the Fall semester on Transportation Systems Planning which includes ITS, Safety and various aspects of Transportation. The course will be taught by Sarath Joshua. Paul Porell informed the committee that City of Scottsdale has received proposals for Comprehensive City Transportation Plan Update. As a part of this update the city will also update the ITS Strategic Plan. Debra Barker for ADOT reported that FMS Phase 8 and FMS Phase 13 projects are scheduled for bid opening on September 1st ADOT is also working DPS and City of Phoenix on the ITS interconnection project. Debbie Burdette reported that Glendale opened bids on Thursday for a 5.5 mile fiber project and it had only 2 contractors submitted bids. Ron Amaya reported that Peoria is in discussions with ADOT to amend the statewide signal system contract to include a field communication components and City of Peoria is close to receiving the new Traffic Signal System. They have started the TMC design. Faisal Saleem reported that MCDOT had received only 2 bids for the Bell Road project and only one qualified to open and it came higher than the engineer's estimate. They would have to re-bid. Sarath Joshua updated the committee that Avondale is planning to install a wireless system for Traffic Management. Faisal Saleem updated committee on the ITS Arizona's Quaterly Luncheon on August 18th in Flagstaff, and ITS Arizona Annual Conference on October 18th. Paul Ward from MAG made a brief comment on SAFETEA-LU reauthorization.

7. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was announced as 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 7th, 2005.

8. Adjournment

Acting Chairman Scott Nodes adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM