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MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND DETAILS COMMITTEE

February 6, 2002
Maricopa Association of Governments Office, Cholla Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

VOTING MEMBERS

Barry Combs, Chandler
Mark Weiner, Gilbert
Pat Thurman, Glendale
David Ramirez, Goodyear
Ted Collins, MCDOT
Steven Borst, MCESD

Doug Davis, Mesa
Stacy Caudell, Peoria
Jeff Van Skike, Phoenix (St. Trans.)
* Troy Hayes, Phoenix (Water)
Rod Ramos, Scottsdale
James Bond, Tempe

ADVISORY MEMBERS

* James Pulice, Jr., AGC
* Jim Grose, AGC
Paul Nebeker, UTCA
Jeff Benedict

Tom Domizi, UTCA
Peter Kandaris, SRP Engineering
Sean Goris, ACEA

MAG ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Paul Ward

GUESTS/VISITORS

None

* Members not attending or represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The members reviewed the minutes from the meeting of January 3, 2002. Ted Collins introduced a motion for a vote on the minutes with no exception. Mark Weiner seconded the motion. A voice vote of all ayes and no nays was recorded.

3. 2001 Carry Over Cases:

- a. **Case 01-07 - Sections 750 & 630 - Various Water Changes:** Rod Ramos has not proceeded with this case since the industry representative requesting the case has not provided the support documentation.
- b. **Case 01-08 - Section 710 - Pavement Replacement:** Rod Ramos placed this case on hold until the final report for The Evaluation of Pavement Cut Impacts is complete. The final report was scheduled to be completed by last December however, last minute review of the report has slowed its release. Rod provided a table summarizing the pavement repairs that the various agencies use on their streets. Also, Rod provided two details of trench repairs that are commonly used by the agencies. The handouts were from the preliminary report. Once the final report is published, Rod will proceed on with this case.

Paul Ward noted that the final meeting of the National Committee for the Study of Pavement Patches will be in the MAG office on March 14 and 15, 2002. Paul will be providing further information on the action of the committee and the resulting reports.

4. New Cases:

- a. **Case 02-01 - Section 101.2 - Definition for Unbalanced Bid:** Ted Collins submitted this case in behalf of the Maricopa County Flood Control. The case will provide a definition for an unbalanced bid. Based on Ted's understanding, the flood Control intends to use the definition to reject unbalance bids. Doug Davis informed Ted that a ruling was provided by the Arizona Superior Court on this subject. The court ruled that the contractor's bid can not be rejected solely on an unbalanced bid. The agency must show that the unbalanced bid will be to the detriment of the agency before the bid can be rejected. Also, Doug has seen unbalance bids that placed money later in the contract and not up front as stated in the case. The City of Mesa could support the case provided a more generic definition is developed and complies with the Superior Court Ruling. Pat Thurman noted that in order to reject bids, further language will need to be added to the specifications than just a definition (e.g. Section 102.12). Ted will relay the information to the Flood Control and may have them attend the meeting to resolve the comments.
- b. **Case 02-02 - Section 738.1 - Definition of Low Pressure Storm Drain:** Ted Collins submitted this case in behalf of the Maricopa County Flood Control. The case will provide a better definition for low pressure storm drain. Doug Davis provided a comment regarding the wording of the case. Doug concurs that a better definition is needed however, he believes that the case as written will not provide the desired results. He suggested the following wording "For the purpose of this specification, low pressure is defined as twenty-five (25) feet of water column unless otherwise specified in the contract documents." Several members concurred with the change in wording.
- c. **Case 02-03 - Section 321.6 - Corrective Requirement for Deficient Asphalt:** Ted submitted the case in behalf of the MCDOT Materials Laboratory. Both Bob Erdman and Joe Philips will attend the next meeting to discuss the case. Also, Ted provided a memo summarizing the changes in this case and Case 02-04 and 02-05.
- d. **Case 02-04 - Section 710 - Asphalt Concrete:** This case is a continuation of Case 02-03 above. See notes in Case 02-03.

- e. **Case 02-05 - Section 711 - Paving Asphalt:** This case is a continuation of Case 02-03 above. See notes in Case 02-03.

5. General Discussion:

- a. Paul Ward informed the committee that the 2002 revisions are printed and for sale at the MAG office. The cost of the revisions are \$10.00 each. Paul provide one copy of the revision to each of the members that was present.
- b. Paul Ward researched the problem with the printing errors in the past revisions and specification books. The source of the problem has been identified. The electronic version of the Specifications and revisions are provided to the printer via internet, Acrobat PDF file. The printers company's computers can read the revisions correctly however, the printer used does not have all of the fonts/drivers to print Acrobat PDF. The current problem now is the records. The MAG office does not keep records of the persons who purchased the specification books or revisions. Therefore, it will be difficult to track them. The printing company is willing to provide corrected copies to any person who discovers the errors and requests copies. Doug Davis suggested that a notification memo be placed in each of the 2002 revision packets explaining the problem and who to call for corrected copies. As far as known, the errors are in the special characters: e.g., 1/2, 1/4, 2/3, %, ±, °, etc. It did not appear that the letters a through z and numbers 0 through 9 has been affected.
- c. In the last meeting Stacy Caudell informed the committee that he will be replaced by David Dial. After reconsideration, Peoria has changed Stacy's replacement to Keith Kesti. Keith attended the meeting.
- d. James Bond attended the meeting as the City of Tempe's representative to the committee. He will replace Andy Goth.
- e. Jeff Van Skike is reviewing the list of chemicals that are deleterious to HDPE and PVC. The list was included in this month's packet. If any critical chemicals are discovered, he will present it as a case for the committee's action. If not, than no further action will be taken. The list provided in the packet was for general information to the members.
- f. Peter Kandar is provide some laboratory and field test result on Controlled Low Strength Material collected by his staff.
- g. Doug Davis informed the committee that the typo in Detail 120-2, which was voted on last meeting, has been updated and included in the new 2002 revisions.
- h. Rod Ramos polled the Committee regarding modifications to the spacing of portland cement expansion joints. A number of members indicated that they have amended the 100 foot spacing in the Specification to something shorter. Rod may consider a case to modify this section of the Specifications.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p. m.