

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

May 9, 2006
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chairman	Patrick Pittenger, Mesa
John Pein, ADOT	* Andrew Cooper, Paradise Valley
* Carnell Thurman, Avondale	Chris Kmetty for Burton Charron, Peoria
* Scott Lowe, Buckeye	Christina Turner-Noteware, Phoenix
Sam Hanna for Dan Cook, Chandler	* Don Noble, Queen Creek
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	* Elaine Cabrera, Salt River Pima-Maricopa I.C.
* Michael Vinson, Gila River Indian Community	Dave Meinhart, Scottsdale
* Bruce Ward, Gilbert	* Bob Maki, Surprise
Dan Sherwood, Glendale	Shelly Seyler, Tempe
Don French, Goodyear	* Jason Earp, Tolleson
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	* Jesse Mendez, Youngtown
Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	

* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Maureen DeCindis, MAG

Paul Ward, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crossman at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the March 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Patrick Pittenger moved approval of the January 10, 2006 minutes. David Meinhart seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

There were no members of the public to address the committee..

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Paul Ward, MAG Transportation Programming Manager, briefed the Committee on recent developments. He stated that the 07-11 Draft TIP was currently being modeled and would shortly be undergoing an air quality conformity analysis. A draft copy of the written TIP would be available for

review next Tuesday as it was required for public review 30 days before the Public Hearing scheduled in mid-June.

Mr. Ward then reported that the TIP Guidance Report was also under development and would be made available to the Street Committee by their next meeting in July. Finally, he reported that the closeout process was well underway and that he would be covering this as a separate agenda item.

With the Chairman's agreement, he then called on Maureen DeCindis to report on a future program that was being included in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. DeCindis reported that the program was to help implement a series of Elderly Mobility strategies, such as extending the time for pedestrian crossings, or installing larger side-street signs on arterials and/or mid-block signs in advance of arterials.

Previous recommendations by the Safety and Human Services Committees had developed a method to allocate the funds among member agencies. This distribution, which was only a recommendation by technical advisory committees at this stage, would allocate the \$400,000 available based on the number of elderly citizens in each agency, but with a base minimum of \$3,000 for each agency. However, each agency would have to opt into the program or they would not receive any funds. For example, if all member agencies opted into the program, the largest agency, Phoenix, would receive approximately \$120,000.

A number of members expressed interest in the program and Ms. DeCindis displayed some examples of the new, more legible, "clearview" font that was being recommended by the Federal Highway Administration. She reported that further review and approvals would be expected to occur before any funds were allocated and that the earliest any activity could take place would be in July, 2006.

5. MAG Closeout Process

Mr. Ward briefly outlined the closeout process and explained that he was still uncertain precisely how many funds would be available for additional projects. He stated that, during the initial closeout phase, the region was expecting to receive just over \$96.1 million in MAG Federal funds but that, with about \$104 million in programmed projects, would see a temporary shortfall of almost 7.9 million.

He distributed a table and reported that the Regional Council had approved the deferral of nineteen projects, totaling just over \$11.2 million. Since that action, he stated that the Town of Gilbert had requested the deferral of two further projects totaling about \$920,000. He also stated that there had been a slight rescission (a lessening) of the federal funds available and that there would likely be between \$3 million and \$4 million available for closeout projects.

By the deadline of April 28, 2006, member agencies had submitted twenty projects, totaling \$13.4 million for the expected \$3-\$4 million. Mr. Ward stated that adjustments were still being made to the list which would be displayed in order of Closeout Priorities. He reported that the only Priorities likely to be funded were from 1A, 1 B and 2A as the funds would be exhausted by then. However, the TRC was expected to review this list at their meeting later in the month.

He further mentioned the possibility of redistributed OA being received. However, the projects that could utilize these funds were usually contingencies or reimbursements of already advance-authorized projects, as the time frame for obligation was extremely short.

6. MAG Federally Funded Locally Sponsored Projects Development Status

Mr. Ward referred members to the attachment that had accompanied the agenda. He requested members to closely review the list and to report on any problems that they may be having with FY 2006 projects that had not already been deferred.

He reminded members that it was already past the time when they should have started development of any of their FY 2007 construction projects, due to the more than eighteen months time frame for project development.

7. FY 2008-2011 MAG TIP Guidance Report

Mr. Ward reported that the TIP Guidance Report was under development and was expected to be ready for acceptance by the Regional Council by the end of July. He distributed a tentative schedule for the development of the new FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP and stated that he did not expect any major surprises. Requests for MAG Federally funded projects were expected to be submitted by September 2, 2006 which is a week earlier than last year. The additional time is necessary for MAG air quality staff to properly review and rank the emission reductions of the submitted CMAQ projects.

He briefly checked off important dates: September 2, 2006 for the submittal of federally funded projects; December for the TRC recommendation of those projects; January for the submittal of ALCP, freeway, transit and locally funded projects; and final approval in July. The schedule for the forthcoming TIP should mirror the same schedule being used for the current draft document.

8. State Access Management Study

The Chairman announced that the ADOT consultant was unable to make the presentation on the Statewide Access Management Study today, but would target the July meeting instead. Mr. Ward suggested that the presentation that would be given to the Management Committee would not just be limited to the study that they were conducting on the statewide freeway system, but would additionally focus on access management, in general, in urbanized areas. He suggested that it would be more directly of interest to member agencies. Mr. Pein requested that the agenda item be revised to reflect the change in emphasis and remove the stipulation that the consultant was making the presentation on behalf of ADOT.

Chris Kmetty offered his services to possibly provide a presentation on roundabouts. He reported that Peoria had recently been involved with reviewing developer requests to provide roundabouts in their developments and stated that there appeared to be a lack of experience among some of the agencies staff members.

Some other members agreed that they would be interested in receiving such a presentation and some agencies offered to share their own experiences, both good and bad.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.