

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
STREET COMMITTEE

May 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m.  
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| * Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chairman | * Chris Plumb, Maricopa County               |
| Lupe Harriger, ADOT                          | Ken Hall, Mesa                               |
| Charles Andrews, Avondale                    | Andrew Cooper, Jr., Paradise Valley          |
| Jose Heredia, Buckeye                        | Chris Kmetty, Peoria                         |
| Bob Bortfield for Dan Cook, Chandler         | Briiana Leon, Phoenix                        |
| * Lance Calvert, El Mirage                   | Janet Martin, Queen Creek                    |
| * Vacant, Gila Bend                          | * Elaine Cabrera, Salt River Pima-Maricopa   |
| Devi Samudrala for Tony Rodriguez, Gila      | Indian Community                             |
| River Indian Community                       | David Meinhart, Scottsdale                   |
| Kurt Sharp for Jeff Herb, Gilbert            | Robert Maki, Surprise                        |
| Wade Ansell, Glendale                        | Shelly Seyler, Tempe                         |
| Hugh Bigalk, Goodyear                        | * Jason Earp, Tolleson                       |
| * Jim Ricker, Guadalupe                      | Grant Anderson for Mark Hannah,<br>Youngtown |

\* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Ward, Olson Associates	Petya Maneva, MAG
Evelyn Ng, Scottsdale	Roger Roy, MAG
Todd Taylor	Stephen Tate, MAG
Roger Herzog, MAG	Eileen, Yazzie, MAG
Christina Hopes, MAG	

1 Call to Order

Mr. Robert Maki acted as Chairman for Mr. Darryl Crossman. Acting Chairman Maki called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the November 12, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

There were no members of the public at the meeting who expressed a desire to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Ms. Eileen Yazzie indicated that MAG planned to conduct a major update of the functional classification of roadways next year to address gaps uncovered by the recent programming of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Ms. Yazzie added that at the present time MAG was limiting the number of reclassifications to that needed by agencies to program ARRA funds.

Ms. Yazzie then went on to indicate that MAG was looking into a variety of changes in its programming process. These could include moving away from a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that spans a five-year period towards a TIP that covers only a four-year period and a shift to away from an annual update cycle towards a two year update cycle.

Mr. Grant Anderson suggested that some smaller member agencies - Youngtown and Paradise Valley for example - may need to make additional functional classification requests to insure that they would have sufficient facilities to use ARRA funding in the event that additional ARRA funding becomes available.

Mr. David Meinhart asked how the programming changes would affect future TIPs. Ms. Yazzie noted that if the programming changes were adopted, that it would eliminate the need for an FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP as a FY 2010-2014 TIP is to be developed.

5. MAG Federal Fund Local Sponsored Projects Development Status

This item was not discussed at the meeting.

6. Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Portion, MAG Sub-Allocation, Transportation Enhancement Portion, and MAG Region Transit Funds

Ms. Yazzie briefed the Committee on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Ms. Yazzie noted that ARRA included funding for ADOT highway projects, Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority (VM/RPTA) transit projects, member agency transportation enhancement projects and sub-allocated ARRA projects for MAG member agencies. ADOT has already identified five major projects in the MAG area, including major projects on I-10, I-17, the Agua Fria Freeway and on Grand Avenue. VM/RPTA has identified 15 projects for a total of \$66.4 million. Another 11 enhancement projects for a total of \$7.1 million have been identified by MAG member agencies.

Sub-allocated ARRA funding for MAG member agency projects totals to approximately \$105 million. Each member agency has been allocated ARRA funding based on its population, with each member agency receiving at least \$500,000 in ARRA funding. To obligate this funding, member agencies will need to work closely with the Local Governments Section of ADOT.

7. Formation of Working Group for MAG Transportation Database GIS System Phase II Project

Mr. Stephen Tate briefed the Committee on the topic. Mr. Tate noted that MAG is developing a web based GIS application to consolidate data collection and distribution for the MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the life-cycle programs included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the RTP itself.

To facility this effort and to insure that the project meets MAG and MAG member agency needs, MAG is requesting the formation of a user group. It is anticipated that the group would meet informally on a monthly basis and provide input on the usability of the web based application's graphical user interface. Members were requested to contact Stephen Tate after the meeting about participating in the working group.

8. Arterial Life Cycle Program Project Changes Technical Review

Ms. Christina Hopes gave a brief presentation on the role of the Street Committee on reviewing project updates to the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP). Ms. Hopes noted that the Street Committee was charged with the responsibility for the initial review of substantial scope changes to ALCP projects. Per the policies adopted for the ALCP, the review is to include:

- the reason for and feasibility of the requested changes,
- the safety, mobility and congestion impacts of the requested changes, and
- the regional benefits to be derived from the requested changes

Staff from the City of Phoenix then briefed the Committee on proposed changes to the Sonoran Boulevard project. They indicated that the original scope resulted in a six-lane facility with a raised median, sidewalks, vertical curbs and intersection lighting from Central Avenue to 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. The requested changes modify the limits of the project to so that it would extend from 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Cave Creek Road and down grade the planned facility to a two lane interim facility.

A general discussion ensued. Mr. David Meinhart requested information concerning the traffic impacts of the project. It was indicated that Phoenix had developed a traffic study for the change, but was not prepared to present the traffic study results at the meeting.

Mr. Grant Anderson and Mr. Chris Kmetty questioned the traffic impacts of the project. They noted that it provide no way for traffic to access Interstate 17. It was also noted that

the presentation provided no information on why the project scope change was need or on

when the proposed interim facility would be upgraded.

It was suggested that a decision on the request be deferred to the next meeting. It was noted by Ms. Hopes that this was not feasible due to scheduling issues with reimbursements for the project. Acting Chairman Maki suggested that the Committee could approve the project to proceed to the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) with the stipulation that they address issues brought up by the Committee at their presentation to the TRC.

Chris Kmetty moved that the Committee recommend the inclusion of the change in project scope for the Sonoran Parkway contingent on an additional presentation to the Transportation Review Committee that addresses (1) why the original project was deemed not feasible as well as the feasibility of the proposed project; (2) the intent of interim and final project; (3) alignment connectivity, particularly in regards to with Dove Valley Rd and Interstate 17; and, (4) how the proposed project would reduce congestion, particularly in light of the decreased scope of the project. Grant Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A presentation was then given on a scope change to ALCP projects in the Scottsdale Airpark area. It was noted that the current project called for a tunnel under the airport to provide better through movement through the area, but that studies had indicate that the cost of this project was prohibitive.

The proposed changes were based on an extensive traffic and design study that included extensive input from businesses and neighborhoods in the airpark area. This study indicated that a package of improvements in the airpark area would better address congestion in the airpark area at lower cost than the planned tunnel.

A general discussion of the proposed changes ensued. It was noted that elements of the proposal impacted ADOT facilities, but that ADOT design staff had been consulted with and had raised no objections and that moreover, the changes did not encroach on to ADOT right-of-way. It was also noted that the propose changes were acceptable to emergency service providers in the area.

Chris Kmetty moved that the Street Committee recommend the deletion of the Scottsdale Airpark Tunnel from the ALCP and the substitution of the Scottsdale Airpark Capacity Improvement projects in the Draft FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP). Mr. Wade Ansell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Vice Chair for the Street Committee

This item was not discussed at the meeting.

10. Member Agency Update

No member provided updates.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:47.