

MINUTES OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 25, 2010  
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Stephanie Dembowski for	Chris Lemka, City of Glendale
Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona	Hugh Bigalk, City of Goodyear
* Tom Burch, AARP	*Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Kohinoor Kar, ADOT	Renate Ehm, City of Mesa
Shane Kiesow, City of Apache Junction	*William Mead, Paradise Valley
*Robert Gray, Arizona State University	+Mannar Tamirisa for Jamal Rahimi,
Margaret Boone-Pixley, City of	City of Peoria
Avondale	Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix
*Martin Johnson, City of Chandler	George Williams for Paul Porell,
*Lt. Jenna Mitchell, DPS	City of Scottsdale
Jorge Gastelum, City of El Mirage	Tracy Eberlein, City of Surprise
*Karen King, FHWA	Julian Dresang, City of Tempe (Chair)
Kurt Sharp, Town of Gilbert	Gardner Tabon, RPTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Madhuri Uddaraju, City of Phoenix	Shanti Krishnan, Jacobs
Paul Ward, City of Litchfield Park	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Jim Schumann, CK Group	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Heather Thomas, PBS&J	Leo Luo, MAG
Natalie Carrick, Michael Baker	

+Teleconference

\*Not present

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Julian Dresang called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Approval of April 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes  
Kerry Wilcoxon moved to approve the minutes, Renate Ehm seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 20, 2010.
3. Call to Audience  
Chairman Julian Dresang made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. No public comments were received.
4. Program Manager's Report  
Sarath Joshua provided brief reports on the following items:

- Request for Proposals for On-Call Consultants  
A Request for Qualifications to select On-Call Consultants for Transportation Safety was advertised in April, 2010. A total of 22 consultants have submitted their qualifications in transportation safety. A selection panel made up of committee members are scheduled to review proposals and recommend a list of consultants. Upon approval of the Regional Council and the execution of contracts, the consultant will be available to work on various safety projects listed in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- FY2010 Highway Safety Improvement Program- Status Update.  
Sarath Joshua reported that ADOT has hosted two teleconference calls to provide information and answer questions related to HSIP projects. These conference calls have been very helpful to local agencies in understanding the project clearance process. He also said that all the projects are well into the process of getting all the clearances. Sarath Joshua also said that MAG staff will prepare a document detailing the ADOT Local Government process. This document will be helpful to others when executing similar projects in the future. Julian Dresang reminded all FY2010 HSIP funding recipients that they should email the specifications of devices that they wish to procure to the ADOT project manager by June 1, 2010. Sarath Joshua asked for a clarification on rolling the project to FY2011 if it couldn't get obligated in FY2010. Kohinoor Kar responded by stating that the project could be programmed in FY2011 against MAG allocation for FY2011. Paul Ward, speaking on behalf of the City of Litchfield Park asked for clarification on carrying forward leftover FY2010 funds to future years. Kohinoor Kar responded by stating that it was the direction from his management at ADOT to spend FY2010 HSIP funds in the current year.

1. Programming Projects for FY 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015

Sarath Joshua reported that the ADOT process has sub-allocated \$1million per year in HSIP funds starting FY2010 to the MAG region. The committee has already programmed projects for FY2010. Mr. Joshua recognized the need to program projects in future years of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order to have sufficient time to develop the projects through the ADOT Local Government process. He suggested that the \$1million in HSIP available for FY2011 may have to be programmed for smaller projects in a similar manner to what was done for FY2010 due to the lack of sufficient time to develop larger projects, as the environmental clearance process usually takes 18 months. After an extensive discussion the committee assigned this task to the HSIP Working Group and asked them to generate a recommendation. The Chairman also invited other interested committee members to join this Working Group.

5. Renewal of Chair and Vice-Chair Terms

Sarath Joshua briefed the committee that the MAG's policy regarding the term of office for chair and vice chair of technical committees state that, following the initial one year term, the committee may choose to recommend reappointment of current officers for a second one year term, or have new officers appointed by the Regional Council Executive Committee. He also stated that the current terms of the chair and vice-chair will expire at the end of June 2010. **Kerry Wilcoxon from City of Phoenix moved to recommend the reappointment of current officers for a second one year term, Kurt Sharp from City of Gilbert seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend the reappointment of Julian Dresang and Margaret Boone-Pixley as the Chair and Vice**

**Chair, respectively, of MAG Transportation Committee for an additional one-year term.** Julian Dresang thanked the committee for extending his term as chair.

6. Reports by the Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Renate Ehm from City of Mesa reported that the city performed a study to decide if they should install a HAWK or a regular traffic light at canal crossings. Based on the study recommendations the City of Mesa has decided to install a regular push button activated traffic light for pedestrian crossings instead of a HAWK signal at their canal crossings.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

No agenda item requests were received from committee members.

8. Next Meeting

A Special Transportation Safety Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on June 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cholla Room at MAG. Members were advised that if they wish they could participate in this meeting via teleconference.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Julian Dresang adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.