

MINUTES OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 23, 2010  
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Madhuri Uddaraju, PBS&J	Marta Gerber, Michael Baker Jr.
Irene Higgs, ADOT	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Thomas Chlebanowski, W.C. Scoutten	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Lauren Neu, Strand Associates	Leo Luo, MAG

+Teleconference

\*Not present

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Julian Dresang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Approval of September 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes  
Paul Ward pointed out a spelling error and moved to approve the corrected minutes, Renate Ehm seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 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

The following items were highlighted by Sarath Joshua in his report:

- ***RSA Train-the-Trainer Workshop:***  
MAG will be hosting a Regional Road Safety Assessment Train-the-Trainer workshop on December 7-8, 2010. The workshop will be limited to staff from member agencies and MAG On-Call consultant staff.
- ***2011 Safe Routes to School Grants:***
  - ADOT process requires that MAG should be notified on intent to apply for a SRTS Grant.
  - Applications due to ADOT & MAG on December 30, 2010.
  - MAG requires one bound copy and one single sided unbound copy of each SRTS proposal.
- ***High Risk Rural Roads Program:***
  - MAG has forwarded to ADOT a list of roads in the region that met the ADOT criteria for possible safety improvements as part of the State's High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRRP).
- ***Meeting Schedule for 2011 meetings***  
Committee meetings in 2011 will be held on the fourth Tuesday of Odd Numbered Months in the Cholla Room. An exception is the January meeting that will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, the third Tuesday, in the Saguaro room.

#### 5. Programming of New Projects for the FY2011 MAG HSIP Allocation

Sarath Joshua reported that in response to the MAG call for FY 2011 HSIP projects, announced on October 14, 2010, a total of fifteen (15) project applications from ten member agencies were received with a total funding request of \$1,613,557 (See Attachment One). He also stated that from the \$1.0 million in FY 2011 federal HSIP allocated to MAG, \$800,000 is available for projects as \$200,000 has been set aside to perform Road Safety Assessments at high crash risk intersections. After discussing various options for funding projects the committee agreed to limit projects to \$100,000. Further, Renate Ehm of Mesa and Paul Porell of Scottsdale agreed to withdraw one of their two projects from further consideration by the committee. A list of 13 projects was generated that totaled to \$812,994. Irene Higgs of ADOT Local Government recommended that the committee move ahead with that as a formal recommendation although the total slightly exceeded the \$800,000. **Renate Ehm of Mesa moved to recommend approval of the list of 13 projects and Chris Plumb of Maricopa County seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of the motion.**

#### 6. Projects for Statewide HSIP Funds in FY 2011, 2012 and 2013

Sarath Joshua reported that the nine (9) projects recommended by the committee as the MAG recommendation for statewide HSIP funds in FY 2011, 2012 and 2013 was formally approved by the MAG Regional Council and the list and all project applications have been forwarded to ADOT by MAG. He reported that ADOT is currently in the process of reviewing these applications and setting up meetings with local agencies.

7. Identifying Potential Sites for Performing Road Safety Assessments

Initiating the discussion on potential sites for performing Road Safety Assessments, Sarath Joshua indicated that a total of \$398,000 in FY 2011 has been recommended by MAG for performing Road Safety Assessments (RSAs), Project Assessments (PAs) and developing Design Concept Reports (DCRs) at intersections with high crash risk in the region. A request was sent from MAG to all local agencies with intersections identified in the Top 100 list to nominate any intersections that the agency would like MAG to include in the RSA program. In response, MAG has received requests to include eleven (11) intersections in the RSA program. The list of intersections was distributed to the committee. Chairman Dresang called for discussion of the item indicating that the item requires action by the committee. Paul Ward, representing Buckeye, asked if any DCR's will be performed or will this funding be used in performing RSA's. Sarath Joshua responded that DCR's and PA's will be performed based on outcome of RSA's. He also stated that typical RSA final reports categorizes the RSA recommendations as low cost, medium cost and high cost safety improvements. **Paul Porell of Scottsdale moved to recommend the eleven intersections for RSA's followed by developing Project Assessments and/or DCR's. Paul Ward, Town of Buckeye seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of the motion.**

8. Reports by the Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Kohinoor Kar of ADOT reported that ADOT Research Center is working on a research project to detect wrong-way entry to freeways on off ramps. The pilot project will be tested at five ramp locations on I-10, I-17 and Loop 101. He stated that depending on the success of this project, the installation may go statewide. Sarath Joshua added that ADOT staff briefed the ITS Committee about this research project because of its link to ITS and communications.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

No agenda item requests were received from committee members.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Saguaro Room at MAG.

11. Adjournment

Chairman Julian Dresang adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.