

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

October 12, 2010 1:00 p.m.
MAG Offices, Segundo Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Dan Cook, Chandler, Chairman	*Tanya Glass for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Lupe Harriger, ADOT	Ken Hall, Mesa
Charles Andrews, Avondale	*Andrew Cooper, Jr., Paradise Valley
Jose Heredia, Buckeye	Ben Wilson, Peoria
Lance Calvert, El Mirage	Shane L. Silsby, Phoenix
* Tony Rodriguez,	Janet Martin, Queen Creek
Gila River Indian Community	* Elaine Cabrera, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Kurt Sharp, Gilbert	Phil Kercher, Scottsdale
Bob Darr, Glendale	Nicholas Mascia, Surprise
Hugh Bigalk, Goodyear	Robert Yabes for Shelly Seyler, Tempe
Gino Turrubiates, Guadalupe	* Jason Earp, Tolleson
Paul Ward for Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park	Grant Anderson, Youngtown

* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott W. Lowe, Buckeye	Chris Turner-Noteware, Phoenix
Luis Gamez, Chandler	Jeremy Dye, Scottsdale
Randy Harrel, Fountain Hills	Suneel Garg, Surprise
Frank Andrew Fletez, Guadalupe	Toby Crooks, Tempe
Tamika Simmons, Maricopa County	Stephen Tate, MAG
Janet Ramsay, Peoria	Eileen Yazzie, MAG

1 Call to Order

Chairman Dan Cook called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the September 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ken Hall moved approval of the minutes. Mr. Shane Silsby seconded the motion. 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 she would not give a manager's report at the meeting due to the long agenda.

5. Potential Changes to the Classification of Principal Arterial Roadways in the MAG Area

Mr. Stephen Tate gave brief presentation on the agenda item. He noted that in the federal functional classification system, principal arterial facilities include interstates, freeways, expressways and other major streets and are defined based on network characteristics such as three to five mile spacing outside of very large central business districts, long lengths and high through traffic volumes and termination at other principal arterial facilities.

Approximately, ninety percent of all principal arterial facilities in rural and urban areas are owned by state highway agencies. This is partly due to additional data collection required for principal arterial facilities by the Federal Highway Administration. This data is required to be provided by state highway agencies, and includes traffic counts every three-years and the collection of international roughness index (IRI) data every two years. Currently, only two MAG member agencies have the ability to collect IRI data on a routine basis.

Displaying a map of the current principal arterial network in the MAG area, he noted that many routes classified as principal arterial facilities are at half-mile to two mile spacing and that some facilities terminate at lower roadways. He noted that the this network was at the FHWA upper limit for VMT - 36 percent of urban VMT.

Switching to a map of a proposed principal arterial network, Mr. Tate noted that the proposed network had been developed by ADOT staff with input from MAG and FHWA staff. This proposal would reduce the principal arterial network to primarily state highways or routes in the vicinity of planned state highways. The primary exception to this is that the proposal includes a northern route made up of parts of the Carefree Highway, Cave Creek Road and Scottsdale Road.

Mr. Tate added that all principal arterial roadways not included in the proposed network would be classified as minor arterial facilities and that these carried the same eligibility criteria for federal funding as principal arterial facilities. He concluded by noting the proposed network would be considered for possible recommendation at the November Street Committee.

Mr. Bob Darr acknowledged the problem with data collection, but noted that the terminology used could be confusing to the development community as individual cities had their own classification systems using the same terminology. Mr. Tate concurred, but noted that the federal classification of facilities was often not known or used by local agency staff.

He went on to note that ADOT had limited resources for data collection and that the IRI data collected for many of the facilities appeared to not be used by either member agencies or ADOT. Ms. Yazzie added that local agencies that wished to retain the classification of

facilities as principal arterials not included on the proposed network, would need to address how they would provide the required data.

6. MAG Federal Funding Applications

Please see Attachment #1 for a summary of presentations and Committee comments.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.