

October 2, 2013

TO: Members of the MAG Street Committee

FROM: Charles Andrews, P.E., Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 - 1:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Chaparral Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Street Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please note the earlier starting time of 1:00 pm.** Committee members or their proxies may attend in person, via video-conference or by telephone conference call. Those attending video conference must notify the MAG site three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference please contact MAG offices for conference call instructions.

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The next meeting of the MAG Street Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Teri Kennedy or Steve Tate at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

For the October 2013 meeting, the quorum requirement is 12 committee members.

2. Approval of the August 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

2. Review and approve the minutes from the August 13, 2013 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Street Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Street Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

3. For information.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

The MAG Transportation Programming Manager will review recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for MAG Committees and other related regional transportation activities.

4. For information and discussion.

5. Update on Committee Quorum Requirements

Quorum requirements for MAG technical committees have changed. At the meeting the changes will be discussed.

5. For information and discussion.

6. Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman Positions

In December the term of the Street Committee Chairman will expire. Also, the Vice Chairman will be leaving as he has accepted a job opportunity out of state.

6. For information and discussion.

At the meeting policies and procedures for soliciting letters of interest and appointing chairman and vice chairman positions will be discussed.

7. Multimodal Level of Service Project

Some of the greatest transportation needs of the region are those of the non-motorized user and the transit user. The quality of experience of such users, either perceived or actual is not currently being measured in a qualitative way. A Multimodal Level of Service (MMLOS) tool will help member agencies, MAG and Regional Public Transit Authority make informed decisions when investing in capital improvements or service changes. This tool will provide perceived quality of service for transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists. MAG staff is soliciting input on pilot locations, participation, and study outcome.

8. Call for Street Sweeper Applications and Dirt Road Paving for PM-2.5 Areas

MAG in the process of soliciting requests to federally fund:

(a) the acquisition of street sweepers in non attainment areas for PM-10 and PM-2.5, and

(b) the paving of roadways, alleys and shoulders in PM-2.5 non attainment areas

Currently, the only PM-2.5 non attainment areas in the MAG region are located in the City of Maricopa and in unincorporated areas of Pinal County.

At the meeting the requests will be discussed.

9. Request to Remove Member Agency Owned Roadways from the National Highway System

On February 27, 2013, the Regional Council, at the urging of the local office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation, acted to

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion.

request the removal of most locally owned roadways that are federally classified as principal arterial from the National Highway System (NHS). On May 25, 2013, the FHWA issued guidance indicating that it would consider the removal of principal arterial facilities from the NHS only on a case by case basis. In August, 2013, the MAG request was set aside by the FHWA.

At the meeting, the issue of local agency ownership of NHS facilities will be re-visited and potential approaches to address the issue will be discussed.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday August 13, 2013 1:00 p.m.
MAG Offices, Suite 300,
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Charles Andrews, Avondale, Chairman	* Jack M. Lorbeer, Maricopa County
Steve Beasley ADOT	* Maria Deeb, Mesa
* Jose Heredia, Buckeye	* James Shano, Paradise Valley
Paul Young for Dan Cook, Chandler	Ben Wilson, Peoria
* Bob Senita, El Mirage	Shane Silsby, Phoenix
* Wayne Costa, Florence	* Tracy Coreman, Queen Creek
* Tony Rodriguez,	* Elaine Cabrera, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Gila River Indian Community	Indian Community
Michael Gillespie, Gilbert	Phil Kercher, Scottsdale
Bob Darr, Glendale	Terry Lowe for Jason Mahkovtz, Surprise
Hugh Bigalk, Goodyear	Robert Yabes for Shelly Seyler, Tempe
* Gino Turrubiates, Guadalupe	* Jason Earp, Tolleson
David Gue for Darryl Crossman,	* Grant Anderson, Youngtown
Litchfield Park	

* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Patrick Stone, ADOT	Robert Yabes, Tempe
David R. Maestas, Maricopa	John Bullen, MAG
Dana Owsiany	Stephen Tate, MAG
Suneel Garg, Surprise	Teri Kennedy, MAG

1. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Andrews called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the July 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ben Wilson moved approval of the July 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Shane Silsby seconded the motion. The motion was 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. Teri Kennedy briefed the Committee. She note that MAG had received estimates for federal funding balances for FY 2013. Unused funding would be used to advance the Gilbert Road Light Rail project. Closeout will not be started in October due to over programming in FY 2014.

MAG has started the process to distribute Transportation Alternative funds for 2015, 2016 and 2017. Street sweeper applications will be delayed to align the call for projects with applications for other funding sources. In November, MAG will be collecting project workbooks.

Ms. Kennedy then introduced new members of the Committee. These included Mr. Wayne Costa and Mr. Jack Lorbeer. She also introduced staff members from Pinal County and the City of Maricopa. These two agencies are in the process of finalizing their membership in MAG.

Chairman Andrews asked for a time line for the closeout. Ms. Kennedy noted that estimates would be developed after November when the workbooks were reviewed and would incorporate information from ADOT on federal fund balances.

5. Request for 2nd Deferral of the Construction Phase of Surprise Dove Valley Paving Project

Mr. Terry Lowe presented for the City of Surprise. He noted that the project was to pave roughly two miles of roadway in north Surprise. In May, 2012 the project was deferred in order to complete the environmental clearance and acquire right-of-needed for the project. The environmental, materials and utilities clearances have all been approved. The final plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E) package has been completed but not submitted due to the delay in acquiring the right-of-way needed for the project.

Approximately 3.6 acres owned by State Lands and 0.5 acres owned by private parties need to be acquired. State Land was approached in March and the City was informed that it would take eight to twelve months to acquire the land. The private parcel is in foreclosure with multiple litigants. The City is working through its legal department to condemn the property.

The City anticipates that the property will have been acquired by the end of January and will submit the PS&E package in February. It is anticipated that the project will obligate in April.

Mr. Shane Silsby noted that the City had options to accelerate the right-of-way process. These include a right of access prior to condemnation and a right of entry from the State Land.

Mr. Lowe noted that the City had not taken advantage of these measures with the State Land, but that it was working with its legal department to use these measures with regard to the private property.

In discussion it was noted that the project was funded from the CMAQ allocation for dirt road paving. These types of projects are reviewed by the Street Committee.

The Chairman asked if the project had been initiated on a timely basis. Mr. Suneel Garg noted that the project had begun on time. Mr. Lowe noted that the right-of-way process could not begin until the completion of the environmental clearance.

Mr. Steve Beasley moved approval of the Surprise request. Mr. Bob Darr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Overview and Review of Planning Area Expansion

Ms. Kennedy briefed the Committee. She noted that on May 9th that the Governor had approved the expansion of the MAG planning boundaries westward into the Pinal County area. As a result, the MAG membership has expanded to include the Town of Florence, the City of Maricopa and Pinal County. This expanded area includes both PM-10 and PM-2.5 non attainment areas.

Reviewing several maps she noted that the change in area is due to the expansion of the Census defined Phoenix-Mesa urbanized area into Pinal County. Federal law requires that the MAG planning area include at the full urbanized area as identified by the Census.

The changes also include the establishment of a new Metropolitan Planning Organization - the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO) - which includes Coolidge, Eloy and Casa Grande.

Ms. Kennedy concluded by noting that the expansion of the MAG area had pushed back the schedule for the approval of the draft TIP to January/February as MAG must complete an air quality conformity analysis for the expanded area.

Mr. Silsby asked how the expansion of the planning area would affect funding. Ms. Kennedy noted that it would not affect the distribution or collection of the Maricopa area half-cent sales tax and the allocation of federal urban sub allocated Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds as these allocations are defined in the Regional Transportation Plan adopted in 2004.

There are, however, several funding sources that would be available in the expanded area. These include federal CMAQ, HSIP and Transportation Alternative program funds. Also, rural STP funds are available for use in the area. Previously these funds had been programmed for the area by the Central Arizona Association of Governments.

7. Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Listing of Non Arterial Life-Cycle Projects

Mr. Stephen Tate briefed the Committee. He indicated that two years ago the FHWA had reviewed TIPs statewide and had found that changes were required. The draft TIP will reflected the required changes. These include showing the total cost of projects regardless of whether the costs occur within the planning horizon of the TIP.

The new TIP will be organized by project, not work phase, and will include local state, and federal identification numbers , the federal functional classification of programmed facilities and projected opening dates of facilities.

He noted that he will send out a draft listing for members to review and comment on.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.