

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

Wednesday December 11, 2012 1:00 p.m.
MAG Offices, Suite 300,
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Charles Andrews, Avondale, Chairman | Chris Plumb, Maricopa County |
| Lupe Harriger, ADOT | Maria Deeb, Mesa |
| * Jose Heredia, Buckeye | * James Shano, Paradise Valley |
| Dan Cook, Chandler | * Ben Wilson, Peoria |
| * Bob Senita, El Mirage | Dana Owsiany for Shane L. Silsby, Phoenix |
| * Tony Rodriguez, | Janet Martin, Queen Creek |
| Gila River Indian Community | * Elaine Cabrera, Salt River Pima-Maricopa |
| * Michael Gillespie, Gilbert | Indian Community |
| Bob Darr, Glendale | Todd Taylor for Phil Kercher, Scottsdale |
| Hugh Bigalk, Goodyear | Nicholas Mascia, Surprise |
| * Gino Turrubiates, Guadalupe | Shelly Seyler, Tempe |
| Thomas Chlebanowski for Darryl Crossman, | * Jason Earp, Tolleson |
| Litchfield Park | Grant Anderson for Jim Fox, Youngtown |

* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Shirin Marvastian, ADOT | Ed Stillings, FHWA |
| Rebecca Metzger, ADOT | John Bullen, MAG |
| Patrick Stone, ADOT | Jami Garrison, MAG |
| Janice Simpson, Avondale | Teri Kennedy, MAG |
| Lee Jimenez, Maricopa County | Stephen Tate, MAG |

1. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Andrews acted called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the October 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Maria Deeb moved approval of the October 17, 2012 Minutes. Mr. Grant Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried 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 noted that MAP-21 reduced available federal funding by 11 percent partly due to changes in funding sources. The MAG Management Committee will form a task force to examine federal funding in January. Names for the task force are currently being sought.

She went on to indicate that the MAG closeout process for FY 2013 would begin next month and that she would be seeking input from the Committee on closeout scenarios.

She concluding by informing members that next week that ADOT would be providing training on the local government process for developing federal projects. She noted that the ADOT local governments manual would be posted on the ADOT website.

5. The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Status Report, December 2012

Mr. John Bullen briefed the Committee on the status of the ALCP. He noted that in FY 2012 approximately \$34 million was collected for the ALCP and that this amount was a year-over-year increase of approximately 5 percent. Comparing FY 2012 collections with the FY 2012 forecast, there was little difference and collections show no discernable trend.

To date, approximately, \$246 million in RARF has been collected for the program and approximately \$234 million has been expended, leaving a balance of \$12 million. Compared to previous years this balance is quite low and is trending to zero. If this trend continues, some reimbursement payments may be somewhat delayed, but should be paid within the fiscal year.

He noted that federal funding for the ALCP is expected to decline by ten percent, but estimates are not finalized. Better numbers should be available in February.

He concluded by noting that 21 segments are programmed in FY 2013 for a total cost of \$39 million. Approximately, \$15 million has been reimbursed.

Ms. Kennedy noted that member agencies have done an excellent job in sending in reimbursement requests.

6. Year End Closeout Report of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 Funds, & FFY 2013 Funding Levels for Tier 3 Programming

Ms. Kennedy briefed the Committee. She noted that all numbers provided were preliminary, that MAG had carried over approximately \$40 million in Obligation Authority (OA) from FY 2011, and that an additional \$4 million had been returned to the region from the closeout of old projects. In FY 2012, approximately \$31 million in highway projects and \$43 million in transit transfers were authorized. The transit transfers had been primarily for preventive maintenance.

For FY 2013 approximately \$63 million in CMAQ and \$46 million in STP is available to cover projects programed in the TIP. Subtracting amounts for programmed projects, this

leaves approximately \$22 million in CMAQ for the FY 2013 closeout. These amounts assume a 94.3 percent federal match ratio.

In FY 2014, the TIP is over programmed by approximately \$9 million in CMAQ and \$11 million in STP. It is anticipated that this can be addressed by a combination of project deferrals and funding transfers through ADOT.

For the FY 2013 closeout two options have been developed. The first option would be to fund all programmed FY 2013 at the maximum federal match, leaving \$11 million to be carried over by ADOT or addressed in some other manner.

The second option would be to fund all FY 2013 projects at the maximum federal match and to use federal funds to fund locally funded design phases for projects programmed in FY 2014. It is estimated that this would reduce the unused funds to approximately \$8 million.

Mr. Dan Cook suggested that we could perhaps over fund Mesa light rail projects with CMAQ and in later years takeout STP. Ms. Kennedy indicated that she did not think that it would be feasible this year.

Mr. Grant Anderson suggested that it might be feasible to apply CMAQ for some elements of programmed STP intersection improvements. Ms. Kennedy noted that it would take additional data collection to determine what would be eligible.

Ms. Maria Deeb noted that the option would not be available for ongoing Mesa projects. She also noted that some of the excess funding could be used to supplement Safe Routes to School funded projects. Ms. Kennedy noted that MAG was developing policies concerning Transportation Alternatives Program funding.

Mr. Cook noted that a number of project deferrals were to be addressed at the upcoming MAG policy committee meetings and he wondered whether the management of the member agencies involved were aware that they could only defer a project once. Ms. Kennedy noted that MAG had repeatedly informed member agency management of the one deferral time rule.

7. MAG Federally Funded Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report, December 5, 2012

Mr. Stephen Tate briefed the Committee on the process. He noted that MAG monitors the development process through the status workbooks. He noted that the sixty percent plan milestone was proving difficult to measure as many projects skipped this step in the design.

A general discussion ensued. It was noted that it may be necessary to categorize projects to apply the milestone. It was suggested that there are too many design reviews and the number of reviews required seemed to vary with the reviewers. Mr. Grant Anderson suggested that greater consistency is needed. Mr. Patrick Stone concurred that greater consistency is highly desirable.

Ms. Deeb suggested that milestones for projects be defined when the project assessment or design concept report are approved. Mr. Stone indicated that ADOT recognizes that greater flexibility is needed.

8. 2010 Census Boundary Smoothing Methodology

Ms. Jami Garrison briefed the Committee. She noted that maps of the proposed smoothed urbanized area boundary are available for review.

Chairman Andrews asked what methodology was used to develop the maps. Mr. Anderson asked how the smoothed boundary would affect funding.

Ms. Garrison noted that smoothing does not effect population estimates for the region, but does slightly increase the area where MAG federal funding may be used. The smoothed boundary must incorporate the Census defined urbanized area boundary and the smoothing usually expands the boundary by one or two miles to fully taken in roads or adjacent commercial development.

Mr. Anderson requested to include the 2010 Census defined urbanized area boundary on the smoothing map so that members could see the extent of the smoothing. Ms. Garrison indicated that she would include an 2010 Census coverage on the maps.

9. Revisions to the National Highway System and Principal Arterial Network in the MAG Region

Mr. Tate briefed the Committee. He started by reviewing the previous meeting, noting that including a facility on the NHS carried numerous federally mandated obligations with little chance of obtaining additional federal funding and that members were asked to review the NHS using the pre-MAP-21 network as a base to request additions and deletions of NHS facilities. It was noted that since the meeting, it had been requested by the City of Glendale to add the Northern Parkway to the NHS and to remove 51st Avenue from I-10 to US 60 from the NHS. Staff was also recommending that a section of the Superstition Freeway that is currently not part of the NHS be added to the NHS and contingent upon approval of the Northern Parkway as part of the NHS that sections of Litchfield Road currently on the NHS be removed.

A general discussion concerning NHS routes that serve as intermodal connectors and whether or not action can be taken to remove them ensued. Mr. Ed Stillings suggested that the Committee focus on facilities other than NHS intermodal connectors and NHS STRANET routes as it was questionable whether these could be removed.

Mr. Christopher Plumb indicated that the County was opposed to including the Northern Parkway on the NHS. Ms. Owsiany suggested that SR 153 be removed from the NHS as it no longer serves as a major connector to Sky Harbor Airport . It was suggested by Ms. Deeb that SR 87 between the 202L Red Mountain and 202L Santan be removed from the NHS as the Price Freeway better served the function of these sections of SR 87. Mr. Cook suggested that the planned Williams Gateway Freeway be included on the NHS.

Mr. Plumb moved and Mr. Anderson seconded the following motion:

- all principal arterial routes added to the NHS by MAP-21 based on their federal functional classification are to be removed from the NHS,
- the sections of SR 87 in Mesa and Chandler between Loop 202 Red Mountain and Loop 202 Santan are to be removed from the NHS,
- SR 153 Sky Harbor is to be removed from the NHS,
- the section of US 60 Superstition Freeway not on the NHS is to be added to the NHS, and
- the planned Williams Gateway Freeway is to be added to the NHS when it is completed.

The motion was carried unanimously.

10. Results of the 2012 Call For Projects recommended programming of CMAQ Paving Dirt Roads Projects

Ms. Kennedy briefed the Committee on the programming of paving dirt road projects that had been selected for federal funding. She noted that there were three scenarios as follows:

- Scenario 1 - the recommended staff programming of projects was based on air quality score cost effectiveness and keeping project scope and budget whole. This scenario moves two projects from their requested year to FY2017 to balance the overall program.
- Scenario 2 - a recommended proposal by MCDOT to ensure that their locally highest priority project is funded in FY2015. It moves one other agency's project from their preferred year to FY2016.
- Scenario 3 - is based on the cost effectiveness score and agency preference year for construction into consideration to fit available funds. The result splits one Maricopa County project between two years for funding and defers four projects from their preferred year of construction.

Mr. Cook moved that the Committee recommend Scenario 3 and Mr. Plumb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Calendar Year 2013 Street Committee Meeting Schedule

This item was not heard due to a loss of quorum.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.