

DRAFT MINUTES OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 22, 2011  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
Ironwood Room, Suite 200  
302 N 1<sup>st</sup> Ave,  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Irene Higgs, ADOT	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Scott Kelly, Stanley Consultants	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Natalie Carrick, Michael Baker	Leo Luo, MAG
Lauren Neu, Stand Associates	
Maria Angelica Deeb, City of Mesa	

- +Teleconference
- # Videoconference
- \*Not present

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Julian Dresang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Approval of October 4, 2011 Meeting Minutes  
Renate Ehm from City of Mesa moved to approve the minutes, Shane Kiesow from Apache Junction seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 4, 2011.
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:

- ***Road Safety Assessments Update***
  - Four RSAs have been completed to date
    - Phoenix - Union Hills Dr & 7<sup>th</sup> St
    - Scottsdale - Hayden Rd & Chapparal Rd
    - Tempe – Rural & University Dr/Broadway Road/Southern Avenue
    - Peoria/Glendale – Union Hills Dr & 83rd Ave
  - Next RSAs
    - Tempe – Hardy & Baseline Rd – Nov 29 – Dec 1
    - Phoenix – Van Buren & 33rd Ave –Rescheduled
  - These six RSAs will address #1 thru #8 high crash risk intersections in the region – 11 more RSAs will be performed in 2012
- ***FY2012-2014 Road Safety Improvements Projects-Update***
  - The list of 23 HSIP projects have been recommended for approval by the MAG Management Committee
    - Regional Council approval is expected on December 7th
  - All local agencies should have accomplished the following by now:
    - Revise the original project applications/scope to match the Committee recommended cost
    - Submit the all revised HSIP project applications to ADOT Local Government Section (To Irene Higgs)
- ***Meeting Schedule for 2012***
  - A sheet with the meeting schedule for 2012 was distributed to committee members and attendees.

5. Study on the Effectiveness of Non-Engineering Road Safety Countermeasures

Sarath Joshua stated that the MAG study was initiated to research and document the effectiveness of non-engineering road safety countermeasures. He also stated that the goal of this study is to gain a better understanding of the significant role and effectiveness of non-engineering road safety countermeasures. Sarath Joshua presented the findings and conclusions of the study and stated that the Draft final report was sent to all the members of the Committee via email. He stated that the comments on the study are due by close of business December 2, 2011.

6. A Study on Designing Transit Accessible Communities

The Chair of the Committee Julian Dresang invited Alice Chen from MAG to make a presentation on the agenda item. Alice Chen stated that the purpose of this MAG study is to develop strategies to make transit stops and other facilities more accessible and safer for transit users who are also pedestrians and bicyclists. The American Public Transit Association (APTA) defines transit access as "the segment of an individual trip that occurs between an origin or destination point and the transit system." The goals of the study are: 1) to identify the challenges that are faced by transit users in the region when accessing transit; 2) recommend improvements, policies, and guidelines that are applicable in the

MAG region; and 3) provide a cost analysis and a framework for funding options and prioritization.

There was a discussion on ADA requirements and the changes proposed by the Access Board etc. Everyone agreed that it would be useful for local agencies to get a full briefing on this topic. Kelly LaRosa (FHWA) informed the committee that she and Reed Henry at ADOT might be the only two persons in the region officially trained in ADA requirements by the US Access Board. She agreed to provide a briefing at MAG, possibly with Reed's participation. Kelly also pointed out that all local agencies are subject to ADA requirements as ADA is considered a civil rights issue.

7. Reports by the Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Joe Perez from Phoenix reported that as part of the city's Bicyclist Education Program they are putting posters at High and Middle schools to educate students on the possible consequences of not following the rules. He stated that these posters will be changed every two months to maintain its effectiveness. He also stated that these posters are available to other agencies if they are interested. Mannar Tamirisa from Peoria stated that he believes RSA improvements should be based only on crash occurrence information. Irene Higgs from ADOT stated that ADOT will be sending out the Eligibility Letter to agencies requesting funding for systematic road safety improvements. In the past HSIP applications had been reviewed by FHWA for eligibility. Renate Ehm from Mesa reported that they recently completed a before and after study on Speed Cushions and noted that average speed reduction was 6.5 mph. She also stated that Mesa has adopted the City of Glendale design for Speed Cushions.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Transportation Safety Committee members requested MAG to provide information on the agencies in the region with ADA Plans.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Ironwood Room.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Julian Dresang adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.