

March 21, 2012

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee  
FROM: Margaret Boone, City of Avondale, Chair  
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Cholla Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. Committee members or their proxies may attend **in person, via videoconference 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 call please contact MAG offices for conference call instructions.

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If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Sarath Joshua at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

|  | <u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>                                      |
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| 1. <u>Call To Order</u>                                |  |
| 2. <u>Approval of January 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes</u> | 2. Review and approve minutes of the meeting held on January 24, 2012. |

3. Call to Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety 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 members request 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.

4. Program Managers Report

The following items will be addressed:

- Road Safety Assessments
- ADA Workshop held on February 29, 2012
- Regional School Crossing Guard Training Workshops
  - July 31, 2012 - Phoenix
  - August 2, 2012 - Mesa
  - August 7, 2012 - Peoria

5. Review of the Crash Data Trends & RTSIMS

Crash data for the period 1999-2010 are now available at MAG for performing safety analyses. Basic crash trend analyses have been performed and a preview will be provided of the results that are ready to be posted at the MAG website. A brief demonstration will also be provided on how MAG member agencies may use the Regional Transportation Safety Information Management System (RTSIMS) software for performing safety analyses.

3. For information.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and discussion.

6. Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

A draft outline of the 2012 Strategic Transportation Safety Plan was presented at the last meeting for committee review and comment. A further refined draft outline will be presented for review and comment (See Attachment One).

7. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Members will be requested to report agency activities or current issues that are related to transportation safety.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members will be provided the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m in the MAG Ironwood Room.

Adjournment

6. For information and discussion.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion.

DRAFT MINUTES  
OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

January 24, 2011  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
Ironwood Room, Suite 200  
302 N 1<sup>st</sup> Ave,  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

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,                   | Mannar Tamirisa for Jamal Rahimi,  |
| City of Avondale (Chair)          | City of Peoria                     |
| +Thomas Chlebanowski,             | Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix    |
| Town of Buckeye                   | Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale    |
| *Martin Johnson, City of Chandler | + Tracy Eberlein, City of Surprise |
| Jorge Gastelum, City of El Mirage | Julian Dresang, City of Tempe      |
| *Kelly LaRosa, FHWA               | Gardner Tabon, RPTA                |
| Kurt Sharp, Town of Gilbert       |                                    |

OTHERS PRESENT

|                                      |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mark Poppe, ADOT                     | Scott Kelley, Stanley Consultants |
| + Maria Deeb, City of Mesa           | Anita Shanker, Stantec            |
| Tracy Crocker, MCDOT                 | Shanthi Krishnan, Jacobs          |
| Doug McCants, ATKINS                 | Sarath Joshua, MAG                |
| Natalie Carrick, Michael Baker       | Kiran Guntupalli, MAG             |
| Lauren Neu, Stand Associates         | Leo Luo, MAG                      |
| +Andrea Sarano, Laveen Elem. School. |                                   |
| +Teleconference                      |                                   |
| # Videoconference                    |                                   |
| *Not present                         |                                   |

1. Call to Order  
Chair Margaret Boone called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Approval of November 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes  
Renate Ehm from City of Mesa pointed out a spelling correction of Joe Perez' name in the minutes. Kerry Wilcoxon from Phoenix moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Renate Ehm from Mesa seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 22, 2011.

3. Call to Audience

Chair Margaret Boone 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***
  - **Five RSAs have been completed**
    - Phoenix - Union Hills Dr & 7<sup>th</sup> St – Oct 11-13: Lee Eng ✓
    - Scottsdale - Hayden Rd & Chapparal Rd – Oct 25-27: STANTEC ✓
    - Tempe – Rural & Univ/Broadway/Southern – Nov 1-4: Jacobs ✓
    - Peoria/Glendale – Union Hills Dr & 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave – Nov 15-17: KHA ✓
    - Tempe – Hardy & Baseline Rd – Nov 29 – Dec 1: EPS ✓
  - **Next RSAs Planned**
    - Maricopa Co – Estrella Dr. & 51<sup>st</sup> Ave – Feb 14-16: Michael Baker
    - Phoenix – Van Buren & 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave – Feb 21-23: Wilbur-Smith/CDM
    - Scottsdale – Shea Blvd & 90<sup>th</sup>, 92<sup>nd</sup> St – Wk of Feb 27<sup>th</sup>
    - Phoenix – Sweetwater & Cave Creek – Wk of Mar 19
    - Gilbert – Guadalupe & Gilbert Rd – Wk of Mar 26
- ***FY2012-2014 Road Safety Improvements Projects-Update***

**The list of 23 HSIP projects approved by Regional Council was sent to ADOT**

  - All project applications are complete at ADOT
  - Jan 25<sup>th</sup> RC Action will add all projects to FY2011-15 TIP

**Next Steps**

  - Local agencies need to coordinate with ADOT Local Govt
  - Obtain clearances for Environmentak, ROW and Utility reviews
  - IGA
- ***Status of Study on Non-Engineering Road Safety Countermeasures***
  - No new comments received from committee members
  - Many comments received from Bike-Ped Committee have been forwarded to Cambridge Systematics
  - Final Report – expected 1<sup>st</sup> week of February
- ***Plans for a briefing on ADA requirements***
  - 2-Hour Meeting/Workshop at MAG
  - Briefing provided by FHWA & ADOT
  - Will address ADA Requirements and Transition Plans

5. Safe Routes to School Projects Review

In response to a statewide call for projects announced by the Arizona DOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, public and non-profit agencies in the MAG region have submitted a total of sixteen (16) project proposals. Ten of these proposals are for infrastructure projects and six for non-infrastructure projects. A complete set of proposals was sent to each committee member for their review and ranking. Individual ranking generated from this review were combined to generate composite committee ranking for the two project categories. The committee reviewed the two ranked lists of projects. **Kerry Wilcoxon from City of Phoenix moved to recommend approval of two ranked**

**lists of projects, Julian Dresang from City of Tempe seconded. It was unanimously carried to approve the motion.**

6. Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

Sarath Joshua informed the committee that the region's first Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP) was adopted by MAG in October 2005. The STSP identified a number of key priorities for the region. Some have been addressed, such as: developing a road safety information management system; promoting Road Safety Audits/Assessments; improving roads for older road users; better awareness of road safety issues; and Safe Routes to Schools. The availability of HSIP funds since 2010 has significantly improved the region's ability to address road safety needs. A new consultant project has been included in the FY 2013 MAG Work Program for a comprehensive update of the STSP that would guide the implementation of effective measures to improve road safety. He also stated that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for this project will be advertized in the next fiscal year. Sarath Joshua also distributed an initial draft scope of work to the members of the committee and requested comments. Sarath Joshua stated that after all the comments are received a working group will be formed to review the scope of work before advertizing.

7. Reports by the Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Renate Ehm from City of Mesa reported that they completed installation of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Pedestrian Countdown signal heads received. She also reported that a shipment of 12" signal heads funded with FY2010 HSIP funds was also received from ADOT and Seth Chalmers of ADOT has inspected the signal heads in the yard. She also stated that Seth Chalmers plans to conduct a random inspection of after the installation is complete. Renate Ehm also reported to the Committee that they received an eligibility letter for a couple of intersection safety improvement projects (\$3.8million & \$6.3million) funded through Statewide HSIP funds. Kurt Sharp from Gilbert reported that they are seeking approval for installing additional pedestrian countdown signal heads using FY2010 HSIP funds. Mark Poppe of ADOT stated that it is near impossible to get the approval for changes of this sort after the project received all the clearance and was advertized. He also stated that Scottsdale was not successful in modifying the Scope of Work after advertizing the project. Paul Porell of Scottsdale stated that as the bids came in low, Scottsdale requested more installation sites as more HSIP funds allocated to Scottsdale were available. ADOT/FHWA had denied the Scottsdale request. Paul Porell reported that in a October 2011 Scottsdale City Council meeting, a decision was made to delete roundabout design and construction against staff recommendation at Northsight & Hayden Rd. The Council later requested that this item be brought back on the agenda in a subsequent meeting. Paul Porell stated that this roundabout was a major safety improvement project. He also reported that the city staff were able to convince the business community and neighborhoods that a roundabout is a safe and appropriate traffic control for this area. Margaret Boone from Avondale requested if Scottsdale would share the presentation with committee members who may be in a similar situation. Paul Porell replied that he could share the PowerPoint slides. Kohinoor Kar of ADOT reported that they hosted Highway Safety Manual training for ADOT staff. He also reported that they are in the process of developing an implementation plan. He stated that this may need policy level changes. Mark Poppe reported that ADOT (Irene Higgs) is reviewing all

FY12, FY13, FY14 HSIP projects funded through MAG HSIP funds. He reported that she will be sending out eligibility letters to these projects soon. He also reported that currently ADOT has over programmed for Statewide HSIP funds for FY 2012 & FY 2013. Therefore, some projects may have to slide to future years based on the B/C ratios. ADOT is also working on releasing a draft five-year program. Julian Dresang from City of Tempe reported that they are working on safety improvement project and Broadway Rd & Priest Dr. in FY 2012 for \$200,000. Chris Lemka from City of Glendale reported that they received 174 ped. countdown signal heads. He also stated that Seth Chalmers from ADOT will be in Glendale to inspect the shipment and Glendale staff will be installing these ped countdown signal heads soon. Chris Lemka reported to the committee that Glendale had a similar experience as Scottsdale. He stated that if he had to redo the project again he would have included all locations and got clearance before instead of trying to add them later. Kerry Wilcoxon from Phoenix reported that they have got a designer on board to complete the design at Dunlap and 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave project funded through Statewide HSIP funds. He also reported that they are facing the same issue with FY2010 HSIP funds. Sarath Joshua reported that MAG is working on posting crash trends through 2010 on the MAG website. Sarath also reported MAG will be tracking the progress of HSIP funded projects once every quarter. He stated that this will help track the safety improvements and link to crash trends in the region.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items received.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Cholla Room (Please note change of conference room).

10. Adjournment

Chair Margaret Boone adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.