

DRAFT MINUTES
OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 22, 2012
Maricopa Association of Governments
Cholla Room, Suite 200
302 N 1st Ave,
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Maria Deeb, City of Mesa	Shanthi Krishnan, Jacobs Engineering
Mark Poppe, ADOT	Allen Barakovic, Jacobs Engineering
Doug McCants, ATKINS	Leo Luo, MAG
Natalie Carrick, Baker	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Richard Wallace, Jacobs Engineering	

+Teleconference
Videoconference
*Not present

1. Call to Order
Vice Chair Renate Ehm called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Approval of March 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Kerry Wilcoxon of Phoenix moved to approve the minutes. Gardner Tabon from RPTA seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 27, 2012.

3. Call to Audience

Vice Chair Renate Ehm 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 Kiran Guntupalli in his report:

• **Road Safety Assessments Update**

- Ten RSAs have been completed so far
 - Phoenix - Union Hills Dr & 7th St – Oct 11-13: LEE Eng
 - Scottsdale - Hayden Rd & Chaparral Rd – Oct 25-27: STANTEC
 - Tempe – Rural & Univ/Broadway/Southern – Nov 1-4: Jacobs
 - Peoria/Glendale – Union Hills Dr & 83rd Ave – Nov 15-17: KHA
 - Tempe – Hardy & Baseline Rd – Nov 29 – Dec 1: EPS
 - Maricopa Co - Estrella & 51st Ave – Feb 14-16: Michael Baker
 - Phoenix – Van Buren & 33rd Ave – Feb 21-23: CDM Smith
 - Scottsdale – Shea Blvd & 90th, 92nd St – Feb 28th – Mar 1st : KHA
 - Phoenix – Sweetwater & Cave Creek – Mar 20-22nd : Lee Eng
 - Gilbert – Guadalupe & Gilbert Rd – Mar 27-29th: Jacobs
- Final Reports have been delivered to all agencies on these ten RSAs
- Field work on six more RSAs have been completed
 - Scottsdale – Thomas Rd & Scottsdale Rd– Apr.3- 5: EPS Inc.
 - Avondale – McDowell Rd & Dysart Rd– Apr. 10-12: CDM Smith
 - Peoria – Deer Valley Rd & 83rd Ave – Apr. 17-19: Michael Baker
 - Buckeye- Apr 24-26: Lee Eng.
 - Scottsdale – Shea Blvd & Scottsdale Rd – May 1-3: Stantec
 - Scottsdale – Chaparral Rd & Scottsdale Rd – May 15-17: Jacobs
- Final Reports are being developed

• **Regional School Crossing Guard Training Workshops planned dates and venues**

- July 31, 2012 - Phoenix
- August 2, 2012 - Mesa
- August 7, 2012 - Peoria

5. Update on HSIP Projects in FY2010 and FY2011

Vice Chair Renate Ehm invited Mark Poppe to present the status of FY2010 and FY2011 HSIP Projects. Mark Poppe stated the following regarding FY 2010 Projects

- Avondale – PO Submitted and Approved
- Chandler - PO Submitted and Approved
- Fountain Hills – Awaiting the submission of PO for review and approval
- Gilbert- Submitted a modified list. Currently at ADOT Environmental review.
- Glendale- Completed the Installation. ADOT is reviewing the installations
- Mesa – Nearing the completion of Installation
- Peoria- PO Approved
- Phoenix – Awaiting PO for review and approval
- Scottsdale- PO Approved
- Tempe – The project had to go for a rebid.

FY2011 Projects:

Specifications were prepared and sent to procurement and are waiting for authorization. Mark Poppe also stated that ADOT procurement is adding staff to address the delay in procurement.

Renate Ehm stated that a while ago the City of Mesa was encouraged by ADOT to go ahead with self procurement. She asked if there is any change regarding the self-procurement. Mark Poppe stated this has not changed, but he advised an agency that is possible only if the project is procurement only, and the process needs to be approved by ADOT Procurement before any action. Renate Ehm indicated that Mesa Engineering Dept. is pursuing a procurement only option and is currently working with ADOT to get this option executed.

6. Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

Vice Chair Renate Ehm stated that the draft scope of work for the project was mailed as an attachment along with the agenda to the committee members. She requested the members of the committee review each task listed in the scope of work and provide comments.

Task 1(a): Review Current Status of Road Safety in the MAG Region

Chris Plumb from Maricopa County stated that the number one concern for Maricopa County is single vehicle crashes in the un-incorporated area. He requested that single vehicle crashes should get the similar focus as pedestrian, bicyclist, older driver, younger driver crashes.

Task 1(b): Current programs and resources available for road safety planning and implementation - No comments.

Task 2: Establish regional vision and goals for transportation safety

Kohinoor Kar from ADOT asked how the goal to reduce all fatal and serious injury crashes by 10 percent in 10 years was derived. He also stated that ADOT had a goal of reducing the fatalities by 12 percent in 5 years. Kelly LaRosa stated that FHWA would like to see the MPO goals align with ADOT goals. Kiran Guntupalli responded by stating that the study in consultation with the Transportation Safety Committee will develop the goals and identify projects/programs to achieve these goals. Chris Plumb stated that the trend of fatalities is going down locally and nationally. So, the study should also consider this trend while establishing the goal.

Task 3: Identify potential emphasis areas for future regional road safety initiatives and safety performance measures to be tracked at the regional level

Renate Ehm read out an email from Chair Margaret Boone stating her concerns about agency to agency inconsistency in the use of arterial speed limits, traffic signal equipment and appropriate use of applications such as lagging left-turn signals and some newer technology like the flashing yellow arrows for left turn, consistency of road signage and approaches being followed to educate road users on HAWK signals. Kelly LaRosa suggested the safety emphasis areas listed in ADOT's SHSP should be considered when developing the regional plan. Renate Ehm stated that recent increase in pedestrian fatalities prompted Mesa PD to develop a plan focusing on 3 E's.

Task 4: Establish methodologies for prioritization of road safety needs in the MAG Region Network Screening Methodology - No comments.

Task 5: Incorporating Safety in the Regional Transportation Plan - No comments.

Task 6: Promote the incorporation of safety enhancements in transportation infrastructure projects - No comments.

Task 7: Improving Safety via Systems Operations and ITS Solutions -No comments.

Task 8: Develop a plan for monitoring and reporting on system performance and program effectiveness - No comments.

Task 9: Implementation Plan 2015 – 2025 - No comments.

7. Reports by the Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Kelly LaRosa reported that FHWA recently sent out a memo with updates to the 2009 MUTCD. She mentioned that an important change in the MUTCD was the definition of Engineering Judgment that was reverting back to the 2003 statement. She also circulated the memo listing the new compliance dates from Table I-2 in the MUTCD. Tom Burch reported that AARP received a grant of six million dollars to improve their driver safety program. This money will be used to fund a couple of programs. First in July and August, driver safety education classes will be offered to all the teachers, school staff and their dependents for \$5. The second program offers veterans and their family members a free driver safety education class in November. Kohinoor Kar reported that ADOT has submitted a grant application for federal funds available to accelerate safety activities at DOTs. Each project will be funded at \$10,000 with 20 percent local match. He thanked Kelly LaRosa for helping ADOT submit the application. The grant will be used to train ADOT and local agency staff in using IHSDM software that uses Part 3 of the Highway Safety Manual Predictive Method to forecast crashes. Kerry Wilcoxon reported that the City of Phoenix is developing crash rates from 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 data. Lazaro Veitia reported that the City of Glendale is working on installing their first HAWK traffic signal. Chris Plumb reported that Maricopa County is also developing crash rates.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

No future agenda item was received.

9. Next Meeting

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

10. Adjournment

Vice Chair Renate Ehm adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.