

November 20, 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, November 27, 2012 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ironwood 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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In 1996, the Regional Council approved a simple majority quorum for all MAG advisory committees. If the Transportation Safety Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have arrived at the meeting will be instructed a legal meeting cannot occur and subsequently be dismissed. Your attendance at the meeting is strongly encouraged.

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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>
1. <u>Call To Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of September 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve minutes of the meeting held on September 25, 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:

- Update on On-Call Consultant Selection
- Update on Strategic Transportation Safety Plan
- 2013 Meeting Schedule Attachment One

5. Road Safety Assessment (RSA) Projects

MAG announced a call for RSA project applications on October 18, 2012 inviting member agencies to submit projects that would perform RSAs along arterial corridors or at particular intersections. The deadline for applications has been extended to November 30, 2012. A few agencies have expressed interest in developing Design Concept Reports (DCRs) or Project Assessments(PAs) for safety improvement projects. The committee will discuss the next steps for developing a process for performing DCRs and PAs for local agency road safety improvement projects that have resulted from the recommendations generated by previous MAG RSAs.

3. For information.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and discussion.

6. Call for New Safety Projects

The Arizona DOT sub-allocates \$1 million of Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds to the MAG region for qualifying road safety projects. Through previous action the committee has programmed HSIP for projects through FY 2014. Two projects in FY 2013 & FY 2014 were deemed ineligible by FHWA resulting in \$176,831 in unprogrammed funds for each of fiscal years FY 2013, FY 2014 . A call for projects is needed to initiate the process for programming all available HSIP funds in FY 2013 through FY 2017. The committee will discuss the project eligibility guidelines and a tentative application schedule.

7. US DOT Safety Pilot Project

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has awarded a \$14.9 million contract to the University of Michigan to conduct a Safety Pilot Project. The 30-month program will establish a real world, multimodal test site in Ann Arbor for enabling wireless communications among vehicles and roadside equipment for use in generating data to enable safety applications. Passenger cars, commercial trucks, and transit buses will be included that are equipped with a mix of integrated, retrofit, and aftermarket safety systems and technology that could prevent thousands of crashes. An overview of this project will be presented at the committee.

8. 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.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

6. For information and discussion.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m in the MAG Cholla Room.

Adjournment

10. For information and discussion.

DRAFT MINUTES  
OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 25, 2012  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
Cholla Room, Suite 200  
302 N 1<sup>st</sup> Ave,  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Maria Deeb, City of Mesa Sean Messner, URS Shanthi Krishnan, Jacobs Bill Cowdrey, HDR Andrew Kwasniak, Exponent Ted Smithwick, Kittelson	Mark Poppe, ADOT Lee Jimenez, MCDOT Marta Gerber, Baker Sarath Joshua, MAG Leo Luo, MAG Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
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+Teleconference  
# Videoconference  
\*Not present

1. Call to Order  
Chair Margaret Boone called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Approval of July 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes  
Renate Ehm from Mesa stated that in the discussion under HSIP Project Status and Eligibility Questions she was referring to FY 2013 & FY 2014 projects and minutes stated just FY 2014 projects and requested a correction. Noting that change Renate Ehm from City of Mesa moved the motion to recommend approval of the minutes Shane Kiesow from Apache Junction seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve minutes of the meeting held on July 24, 2012.

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**

- The RSA at the intersections Watson & Broadway and Baseline & Miller, have been canceled at the request of the Town of Buckeye
- The final RSA of the first cycle was performed in August
  - In Litchfield Park at Litchfield Rd & Litchfield Greens
- Next Cycle of RSAs
  - \$300,000 available in FY2013 - average cost of performing an RSA = \$25,000
  - RSA scope -- to be discussed under Agenda Item#5

- **Update on On-Call Consultant Selection**

- Current On-Call contracts have been extended through June 30, 2013
  - Exceptions: firms that have not expressed interest in providing services to MAG OR have not informed MAG of replacing key staff on their team
  - Current on-call consultants will be utilized to continue work on projects in the MAG Work Programs through FY 2013
- The new RFQ has been delayed and will be combined with another MAG RFQ and issued in Nov/Dec

- **2011 Crash Statistics for the MAG Region**

- Updated the MAG website with 2011 Crash Numbers

- **MAG Region's Accomplishments at FHWA Peer to Peer Exchange**

- Intersection Screening Methodology
- RSA Program
- Challenges Ahead

5. Identification of Corridors /Sites for RSAs

Sarath Joshua explained that it is more cost efficient to perform RSAs along a corridor that includes several high crash risk intersections than performing RSAs at single intersections. He stated that MAG work program has \$300,000 programmed to conduct RSA's this fiscal year and requested the direction from the committee to issue a call for projects. After some discussion members of the committee agreed that it should be left up to local agencies to nominate intersections or corridors to perform RSA's. **Paul Porell from Scottsdale made a motion to let agencies make a decision on selecting corridors or intersections to perform RSA's. Shane Kiesow from Apache Junction seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of the motion.**

6. New FHWA Requirements

Kelly LaRosa of FHWA briefed the committee based on a recent FHWA webinar on MAP 21. She emphasized that safety performance measurement must be based on serious injuries and fatalities. Sarath Joshua requested the direction from the committee

to eliminate PDO's from the analysis. The members of the committee stated that FHWA still needs to release guidance of HSIP program in MAP-21. **Paul Porell from Scottsdale made a motion to continue the analysis till we receive further guidance. Shane Kiesow seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of the motion.**

Kelly LaRosa from FHWA stated that interim guidance for HSIP program is released and stated the following highlights

- HSIP Structure is still maintained.
- The bill also states that SHSP should be updated frequently.
- Funding for HSIP Program went up.
- It is States responsibility to establish targets in performance measurement.
- HSIP eligible projects categories went up from 21 to 24 with some deletions and new additions.

7. FY 2014 - FY 2017 Safety Projects

Sarath Joshua briefed the committee that ADOT sub-allocates \$1million of FHWA Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for qualifying road safety projects. Through previous action the committee has recommended projects through FY 2014. Two projects in FY 2013 and FY 2014 were not qualified by FHWA resulting in unprogrammed funds. After an extensive discussion on the subject the committee agreed on forming a working group to come up with eligibility guidelines for FY 2013 and FY 2014 projects. Julian Dresang from Tempe, Renate Ehm from Mesa and Paul Porell from Scottsdale agreed to serve in this Working Group. The Working Group will develop project eligibility guidelines and submit it to the committee for review.

8. Call for Projects for Statewide HSIP Projects

Sarath Joshua informed the committee that additional information on HSIP funding availability is needed from ADOT to discuss this item. Hence, he requested this item be tabled for a future meeting. The members of the committee agreed.

9. Reports by the Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Tom Burch from AARP reported that they are hosting free driving classes for veterans and their families.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

No future agenda item was received.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Ironwood Room.

Adjournment

Chair Margaret Boone adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

**MAG Transportation Safety Committee**  
**2013 Tentative Meeting Schedule**

Meetings will be held on a bi-monthly basis, on the fourth Tuesday of odd months. Unless otherwise noted on the meeting agenda, all meetings will commence at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the Ironwood Room (second floor) MAG, 302 N First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85003. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted at the MAG website under Transportation Safety Committee.

**Tuesday, January 22, 2013 (Cholla Room)**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2013**

**Tuesday, May 28, 2013**

**Tuesday, July 23, 2013**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2013**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2013 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)**