

MINUTES OF
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 20, 2013
Maricopa Association of Governments
Ironwood Room, Suite 200
302 N. 1st Ave,
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona
*Tom Burch, AARP
Larry Talley for Kohinoor Kar, ADOT
+Shane Kiesow, City of Apache Junction
+Dana Chamberlin, City of Avondale
+Thomas Chlebanowski, Town of Buckeye
Tom Roberts for Martin Johnson, City of Chandler
*Jorge Gastelum, City of El Mirage
+Kelly LaRosa, FHWA
+Mike Gillespie, Town of Gilbert
Chris Lemka, City of Glendale

*Alberto Gutier, GOHS
+Luke Albert for Hugh Bigalk,
City of Goodyear
Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County
Renate Ehm (Chair), City of Mesa
*Jeremy Knapp, Town of Paradise Valley
+Mannar Tamirisa for Jamal Rahimi, City
of Peoria
*Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix
+George Williams, City of Scottsdale
*Jason Mahkovtz, City of Surprise
+Julian Dresang, City of Tempe
*Gardner Tabon, RPTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Margaret Boone, MAG
Leo Luo, MAG
Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Maria Deeb, City of Mesa

Sean Messner, URS
Mike Manthey, Parsons Brinkerhoff
Ashish Sabnekar, Kittelson Assoc.

+Teleconference
Videoconference
*Not present

1. Call to Order
Chair Renate Ehm called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
2. Approval of June 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes
Chair Renate Ehm called for a motion to approve the July 23, 2013 minutes. Chris Lemka moved, Thomas Chlebanowski seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Call to Audience
Chair Renate Ehm made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. None requested.

4. Program Manager's Report

None

5. FY2014-17 HSIP Call for Projects

Chair Renate Ehm stated that a total of six (6) project applications have been received by MAG from four (4) member agencies, and referred to the project list provided in Attachment One. Renate reminded the committee of the total of \$1.1M available in FY2014 and \$1.3M/yr each for FY2015-17 and that all of the proposed projects can be accommodated with the available funding. Ms. Ehm then opened the item up for discussion and possible recommendation. No questions were heard. **Ms. Ehm asked for a motion to approve the list of projects. Shane Kiesow moved to approve the recommended projects as noted on attachment one revised 8/14/2013, Chris Lemka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.** Margaret Boone opened the discussion for two options for the committee to consider as a means of programming the remaining funds; 1) consider a place holder for funding safety improvement projects that may result from the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan and 2) consider a second call for projects. George Williams asked about the possibility of applying for approximately \$1M in additional construction funds for an existing Scottsdale project funded with statewide HSIP, based on the completion of a Design Concept Review. Kiran Guntupalli stated that any new funding for projects would have to be determined through an open process such as a second call for projects. Dana Chamberlin mentioned that the City of Avondale would be interested in a second call for projects. Larry Talley from ADOT stated that it is recommended that agencies submit "off the shelf" projects that may already include safety improvements eligible that could be funded for those portions. Chris Lemka stated he is in favor of funding PAs or DCRs for RSA sites in order to get the clearances done even if the construction is not yet funded, thereby building on the RSAs that have been completed in the region. Dana Chamberlin agreed with Mr. Lemka. Mannar Tamirisa asked how the RSAs could lead to systemic safety improvement projects. He further stated that most of the RSAs generated costly spot improvements and asked if local agencies should plan to use the ADOT Statewide HSIP or the MAG HSIP. Kiran Guntupalli stated that the MAG call for HSIP projects was for both systemic projects and spot improvements, and that a second call would be open for both types of projects. Ms. Boone also reminded the committee that ADOT will not be programming Statewide HSIP until 2020. Julian Dresang mentioned that the requirement to construct within 10 years of the start of the design process. Renate Ehm stated that four of the projects recommended for approval are the sign management programs and that there may be some left to be programmed and also reminded the committee that with the ADOT fee of \$30,000 that it is recommended to bring larger systemic projects to the table. Kelly LaRosa suggested that the committee consider projects based on a data driven process that address where the greatest need and which trends are most impacting the agency and the implementation of countermeasures will most address those issues. Julian Dresang asked how much is available to be funded. Margaret Boone stated that there is about \$2M but that there may be an increase in each of the fiscal years 2015-2017 up to \$1.9M for each of those fiscal years and that the committee can be updated on the availability of these additional funds.

6. Reports by Committee Members

Kiran Guntupalli thanked FHWA for bringing the CMF workshop to the MAG region.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Renate Ehm called to members for future agenda items. None were heard.

8. Next Meeting

Chair Renate Ehm noted stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th noting the early starting time at 8:30 am to be followed by the STSP visioning event at 9:30 am.

9. Adjournment

Chair Renate Ehm adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM