

DRAFT MINUTES OF
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 27, 2015
Maricopa Association of Governments
Ironwood Room, Suite 200
302 N. 1st Ave,
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

* Cristy Robinson, AAA Arizona
Tom Burch, AARP
Kohinoor Kar, ADOT
Shane Kiesow, City of Apache Junction
* Robert Gray, ASU
Dana Chamberlin, City of Avondale
Chris Lemka, City of Buckeye
* Martin Johnson, City of Chandler
Bob Senita, City of El Mirage
* Kelly LaRosa, FHWA
Erik Guderian, Town of Gilbert
Kiran Guntupalli, City of Glendale
* Alberto Gutier, GOHS
Hugh Bigalk, City of Goodyear

David Gue, Litchfield Park
Mazen Muradvich for Nicolaas Swart,
Maricopa County
Renate Ehm (Chair), City of Mesa
* Jeremy Knapp, Town of Paradise Valley
* Mannar Tamirisa for Jamal Rahimi,
City of Peoria
Rick Russ for Kerry Wilcoxon,
City of Phoenix
George Williams, City of Scottsdale
Martin Lucero for Dana Owsiany,
City of Surprise
Julian Dresang, City of Tempe
Adrian Ruiz, RPTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarath Joshua, MAG
Margaret Boone, MAG
Eric Nava, MAG
Maria Deeb, City of Mesa
Anita S Johari, ASJ
Don Wiltshire, YSMA
Allan Ferreira, Wilson & Co.

Mike Blankenship, AMEC
Yung Koprowski, Lee Engineering
Mike Manthey, Parsons
Skye Gentile, Parsons
Susan Chambers, Dibble
Natalie Carrick, Michael Baker
Jim Lee, Lee Engineering
Doug McCants, Harrocks

- * Not present or represented by proxy
- # Participated by teleconference
- + Participated by videoconference

1. Call to Order

Chair Renate Ehm called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Approval of December 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Chair Renate Ehm called for a motion to approve the December 9, 2014 meeting minutes. Erik Guderian made a motion to approve, Shane Kiesow 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

- Status of RSA and PA projects: Sarath Joshua noted that ten RSAs have been completed and final RSA reports have been delivered to the local agency requesting the RSA. Sarath noted that two PA projects are completed and final reports have been delivered to the local agency requesting the PA and one PA is currently under review and due to be completed by the end of January 2015. Sarath noted that a following agenda item will be to discuss the 2015 RSA/PA call for projects.
- Strategic Transportation Safety Plan update: Sarath Joshua reviewed the tasks completed in the development of the plan to date. Mr. Joshua noted that a Stakeholders meeting will be held immediately after the Transportation Safety Committee to discuss one of the most important tasks and technical memorandum; the Implementation Plan, as well as input required from the group in order to form a consensus on the performance target for implementation of the Plan. The final report will be in draft form in January 2015 and it is anticipated approval of the STSP by Regional Council in April 2015.
- Corridor Safety Plan: Sarath Joshua discussed the details of the development of the Corridor Safety Plan and stated that the consultant selection recommended in December 2014 by the committee is due to be approved by regional Council in January 2015.
- HSIP Available funding: Margaret Boone provided information on an amount of \$1,387,624 currently programmed in FY2015 and an amount of \$417,617 that has become available for FY2015 due to projects being removed by the local agencies or that had not received eligibility concurrence by the deadline. Ms. Boone requested that committee members review their FY2016 projects; those ready for procurement or construction and that have eligibility established through the ADOT/FHWA process that could be advanced to FY2015 to complete programming the amount available. Ms. Boone also noted the strategy in the future to program a backlog of projects to include the traditional systemic project types and new project types outlined in the STSP and could fill these programming gaps as they invariably do with HSIP funds. The next HSIP call for FY2018 - 2020 projects will be issued in August of 2015. Sarath noted that unless we program these funds they will be swept and the region will lose the remaining amount. Kohinoor Kar stated that ADOT is in the process of reviewing and updating the HSIP manual and anticipates having a final manual update at the end of February that will address the State's SHSP goals.
- Avondale Strategic Transportation Safety Plan: Sarath Joshua reported that the City

of Avondale had requested and was awarded HSIP funds for the development of their safety plan. Typically this would have been administered through the LPA on-call contract but that ADOT has requested that MAG administer the project through the Safety on-call consultant contracts. Therefore, MAG is in the process of an UPWP amendment in the amount of \$133,000 in order to develop an RFP that would go through the MAG procurement process for selection of a consultant to perform the development of the Avondale Plan. This will require MAG to develop a scope and committee members are requested to consider volunteering for a Working Group to help develop the scope as well as form the evaluation team that will review the proposals, evaluate, and assist with the selection of the consultant. An e-mail will be sent out soon after the meeting to request participation of committee members in the Working Group to be formed for this effort.

5. Transportation Alternatives (TA) – Non-Infrastructure Safe Routes to School

Sarath Joshua asked Margaret Boone to present this item for information and discussion. Margaret Boone reported on the 2013 MAG decision to sub-allocate an amount of \$400k annually in Federal TA Funds to support Safe Routes to School projects. In addition, the previously programmed FY2015 SRTS projects are currently going through ADOT administrative process for the City of Surprise and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health projects. A new call for projects is being developed for the FY2016 & FY2017 TA/SRTS funding cycle which will have an additional funding made available in the amount of \$63,707 due to cost savings in FY2015. This amount will be added to the FY2017 funding availability. Ms. Boone noted that a call for TA Infrastructure projects will be issued in August 2015. A Working Group was formed to discuss evaluation criteria for the TA/SRTS projects and the associated changes that were made to the project applications. Ms. Boone reviewed the updated project eligibility, evaluation criteria and applications for both the Priority 1 projects: SRTS studies and Priority 2 projects: Support Activities. It was recommended that the studies could be developed, based on the template scope developed by MAG, for the amount of \$20,000 per school and that the committee may consider allocating \$300,000 total to be set aside for the studies and the remaining \$100,000 to go towards the support activity projects. The studies applications could have a maximum cap of \$80,000 per year and the support activity applications could be capped at \$50,000. It was also suggested that MAG could administer the studies projects, in a similar manner to the RSA program and the Avondale STSP project. Ms. Boone noted that several discussions with ADOT have been initiated on the subject of administration of each type of TA/SRTS project and that more detail will be forthcoming after further discussions scheduled between MAG and the ADOT LPA section. Kiran Guntupalli expressed concern regarding the \$20,000 per school amount as a limit which may discourage agencies that may want to submit an application for several schools. Ms. Boone noted that the applications have been formatted to accommodate many schools so as to encourage a study as an important part of implementing existing SRTS projects that would include a maximum scope such as the one developed by MAG or could encumber a reduced scope that would fit under the application amount of \$80,000. Martin Lucero commented that the local agency contact information in Part A of the application should be verified and updated with current information. Maria Deeb asked if there would be an ADOT review fee. Ms. Boone stated that if MAG administers the studies projects that there would be no ADOT review fee but there would be the standard 5.7 percent local match. Maria Deeb asked if ADOT would allow CA agencies to act as their own

procurement agent. Sarath Joshua stated that in the past ADOT has acted as the procurement agent. Martin Lucero noted that the City of Surprise is being allowed to procure their support activity items as well as the consultant who will be conducting the SRTS studies. Sarath Joshua stated that this will need to be verified by ADOT before moving forward. Chris Lemka asked if there would need to be an IGA between local agencies and MAG for administration of the studies. Ms. Boone stated that additional discussion would need to be initiated with MAG fiscal services staff on this item but that there had been discussion regarding how the local match would be handled whether it was an in-kind match or cash contribution. Typically the exchange of funds between the two agencies would require an IGA.

6. FY2015 RSA Call for Projects

Renate Ehm provided an overview of this agenda item and requested that Sarath provide the details of the future RSA/PA call for projects. Mr. Joshua reviewed the program updates to include utilization of the 2011-13 List of High Crash Risk locations provided as Attachment One which was updated to include recently recommended revisions to the network screening methodology. The first priority for funding RSAs would be for intersections demonstrating high crash risk as a main focus providing a basis for projects recommended through the RSA that could compete for HSIP funding in the future. The second priority would be for locations that demonstrate risk involving bike and pedestrian access to light rail and transit. In addition, the program would continue to allow for PA development of previous RSA locations. MAG would like to issue the FY2015 RSA/PA projects in February 2015 which was included in the MAG planning program in an amount of approximately \$300,000. The RSAs/PAs would be conducted in the Fall of 2015. Kiran noted that the City of Glendale had deferred a 2014 RSA to 2015 and asked when the RSAs would be conducted. Sarath Joshua verified that the projects would be carried out in the Fall and that the Glendale project had previously been approved by Regional Council and would be added to the list of 2015 projects but would not be included in the list of projects to be evaluated as it has already been recommended by the committee.

7. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Chair Renate Ehm requested safety activity updates by members of the committee. George Williams noted that the City of Scottsdale one year anniversary of the completion of a roundabout at Northside and Hayden and reported that the volumes are increasing in this multilane facility and crashes are not, delays are non-existent and there is a lot of public support for the roundabout. Sarath Joshua asked how the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians was addressed. Mr. Williams noted that they do not have any statistics at this time but that local business owners have indicated that bicyclist and pedestrian activity is increasing in the area. Kohinoor Kar stated that the ADOT SHSP emphasis area groups will be meeting soon to discuss implementation of the different emphasis areas. Kiran Guntupalli noted that the City of Glendale is working on a project to install a HAWK and that they have also been working with ADOT on the 59th and Olive road safety improvement project. Mazen Muradvich stated that MCDOT initiated a safety assessment program to focus on fatal and incapacitating injury crashes that were evaluated and safety improvements have been recommended to address intersection and run off road crashes for implementation. Rick Russ noted that the City of Phoenix kicked off their bike share program and that the Crash Magic software which was procured through a multi-agency

HSIP project will be brought online in the next few months.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Renate Ehm requested suggestions for future agenda items from committee members. Chris Lemka suggested that at some time that MAG revisit the possibility of crash analysis software. Sarath Joshua noted that the RTSIMS application has the capability of being utilized by local agencies but that this will require an update to the RTSIMS user's manual. Once the update is complete MAG will make the application available to local agencies that have a data access agreement in place with ADOT. In the meantime, local agencies can request that MAG perform queries for their use in crash data analysis.

9. Next Meeting

Chair Renate Ehm stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ironwood Room.

10. Adjournment

Chair Renate Ehm adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.