

DRAFT MINUTES OF
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 28, 2015
Maricopa Association of Governments
Ironwood Room, Suite 200
302 N. 1st Ave,
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Cristy Robinson, AAA Arizona
* Tom Burch, AARP
* Kohinoor Kar, ADOT
* Shane Kiesow, City of Apache Junction
* Robert Gray, ASU
Dana Alvidrez, City of Avondale
* Vacant, City of Buckeye
* Martin Johnson, City of Chandler
Bob Senita, City of El Mirage
* Aaron Williams for Kelly LaRosa,
FHWA
Erik Guderian, Town of Gilbert
Kiran Guntupalli, City of Glendale
* Alberto Gutier, GOHS | # Luke Albert for Hugh Bigalk,
City of Goodyear
* David Gue, Litchfield Park
* 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
Dana Owsiany, City of Surprise
Julian Dresang, City of Tempe
Adrian Ruiz, RPTA |
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OTHERS PRESENT

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| Sarath Joshua, MAG
Margaret Boone, MAG
Eric Nava, MAG
Micah Henry, MAG
Natalie Carrick, Michael Baker | Mike Sabatini, Michael Baker
Doug McCants, Harrocks
Mike Blankenship, AMEC
Shanthi Krishnan, Jacobs |
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- * 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 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of March 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chair Renate Ehm called for a motion to approve the March 24, 2015 meeting minutes. Kerry Wilcoxon made a motion to approve, Bob Senita 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

- Strategic Transportation Safety Plan update: Sarath Joshua requested Margaret Boone to give an update. Margaret Boone gave a status on the development of the Plan including the completion of all tasks associated and noted that all Draft Technical Memoranda and the Draft Final Plan are available at stsp.azmag.gov. Ms. Boone noted that the Implementation Plan itself projects costs to implement the plan within the ten year timeframe which indicated a funding shortfall of 3 million dollars. Ms. Boone stated that due to the policy implications of funding the implementation plan shortfall MAG safety staff, along with Chair Renate Ehm presented the Plan and apparent shortfall to the MAG Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council on April 15th and 22nd, respectively. The goal was to obtain the necessary input and guidance from the TPC and RC. Ms. Boone further stated that action was taken by TPC to recommend that MAG enter into discussions with ADOT to increase the safety funding allocation to the MAG region by at least \$3 million dollars to implement strategies identified in the STSP and to work cooperatively with ADOT in demonstrating how the MAG allocation would assist ADOT in meeting road safety targets and performance measure requirements established in MAP-21 legislation. This action was approved by RC on April 22nd. Based on this direction, MAG staff will initiate discussions through a formal request to ADOT currently being drafted. Once these discussions are finalized, MAG staff will move forward with any modifications that need to be made to the Draft Plan for possible recommendation by this committee with recommendations and approvals through the rest of the MAG process to follow.
- Avondale Strategic Transportation Safety Plan: Sarath Joshua reported that this project is funded in the amount of \$125,851 through the MAG HSIP suballocation would be administered by MAG using one of on-call consultants under contract. MAG issued an RFP within the on-call contract and invited qualified consultants to submit proposals. Three firms submitted proposals which were reviewed by an evaluation team consisting of members of the Safety Committee and MAG staff. The recommendation of the evaluation team of the consultant to do this work will be included on the May agenda for discussion and possible action to approve the consultant selection. This will be followed by the MAG approval process at the MAG Management Committee and Regional Council in June. Work on the Avondale STSP is anticipated to begin in July and completed in June 2016.

- TIP Safety Evaluation: Margaret Boone stated that oversight for programming TA infrastructure projects is provided by the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and due to the practice identified in the STSP to include safety elements as an explicit evaluation criteria, the Safety Committee has been asked to provide input into what that criteria might be as well as what the role of the TSC should be in the evaluation process. This request comes as MAG prepares to issue a call for projects for several of the TIP programs in August 2015. Ms. Boone stated that two meetings will be held in May; the first to review eligible project types and the possible safety evaluation criteria that would be appropriate and the second to make some refinements and address revisions to the associated applications. The recommendations of the working group will be presented to the Safety Committee in May for review and approval, prior to the TIP call for projects in August. Volunteers for the working group were requested. Sarath Joshua noted that the goal would be to come up with the safety criteria for evaluation and possibly refine the process in the future with the help from the safety committee.
- 2015 Crossing Guard Workshops: Margaret Boone stated that the three annual workshop dates have been set for July 30th at the Phoenix training site, August 3rd at the Mesa Convention Center, and August 6th at the Rio Vista Community Center in Peoria. Margaret Boone stated that letters have been sent to School Districts inviting them to attend this year's workshops. In addition, work has begun to develop the Spanish language version of the new *Guardians of the Future* video recently completed.
- RTSIMS User's Manual Update: Sarath Joshua reported that a demonstration of RTSIMS will be provided to ADOT staff on May 1st on this crash data software that was designed such that it could be used for ALISS crash data analysis statewide or any local agency with a few minor modifications to code. Mr. Joshua stated that Lee Engineering is in the process of developing a User's Manual for RTSIMS to further assist any agency staff in utilizing RTSIMS. The web-based access to interested local agencies is planned for fall 2015 for agencies who have data access agreements established with ADOT.

5. FY2015 Transit Access RSA Call for Projects

Chair Renate Ehm noted that this item addresses a call for projects issued for transit specific road safety assessments in order to program the amount remaining from the previous call for projects. Sarath Joshua gave a brief summary of three RSA applications submitted by Valley Metro to possibly added to the list of RSA and PA projects previously recommended by the committee which included an RSA in Glendale to be performed in FY2015 having been deferred from the FY2014 program. Kerry Wilcoxon inquired as to if the focus of the Transit Access RSAs would be more on transit operation aspects. In response, Margaret Boone invited Adrian Ruiz to provide a brief overview of the three locations nominated by Valley Metro as well as the focus of the previous RSAs completed to review safety issues in terms of operations. Ms. Boone also gave an overview of the two RSAs completed during the previous cycle, including examples of the issues observed for each unique location which can serve as guidance for future transit access RSAs. Chair Renate Ehm requested a motion to **recommend the new Transit Access RSAs to be added, as an amendment, to the list of FY2015 RSAs and PAs previously recommended for approval.** Kerry Wilcoxon made the motion, seconded by Nicolaas Swart and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Corridor Safety Plan Pilot Project

Chair Renate Ehm asked Sarath Joshua to provide background for this agenda item. Mr. Joshua deferred to Margaret Boone, Project Manager for this Pilot Project. Ms. Boone gave a brief overview of the selection of the corridor of Indian School Road from 51st Avenue to 75th Avenue based on the recommendation of this committee and the City of Phoenix which was initiated as a MAG work program for FY2015. Ms. Boone then requested the consultant team from Michael Baker, led by Natalie Carrick, provide an update to the Committee. Natalie Carrick stated that the project was initiated by extensive review of crash history in the most recent five years for a total of 1,623 crashes in the corridor and gave a brief review of the crash statistics. Ms. Carrick stated that the first of seven scheduled field reviews has been completed with the focus on the crash data reviewed, the predominance of crashes involving speed to fast for conditions, where motorists were reported to have failed to yield and where driver inattention was indicated. Ms. Carrick stated that the consultant team also collected 24-hour turning movement counts at all intersections that along with a cross-reference to transit operation information gathered provided guidance to scheduling the various field reviews in segments throughout the corridor. Ms. Carrick outlined the remaining field review segments and schedule which includes two weekend field reviews. Ms. Carrick requested input from the committee on the process to solicit suggestions on enhancements keeping in mind the focus of the project to address all four E's of road safety, the desire for innovative safety improvements for consideration and encouraged local agency staff to participate in the field reviews as time permits. Adrian Ruiz asked if this project includes outreach to insurance agencies and local MVDs to address safety issues associated with users being unfamiliar with the area. Ms. Carrick noted that there could be an effort to include this with the public outreach firm scheduled to be involved with the project to recommend this type of outreach. Cristy Robinson asked if the project included gathering data on the effect of snowbirds. Margaret Boone noted that the data gathering and field reviews are typically done during times when the snowbird population is present in the valley. Sarath Joshua asked if the consultant has included an inventory of transit access locations and crossings of Indian School Road. Ms. Carrick noted that this is indeed an element included in the observations as well as an inventory to be included as an appendix to the report.

7. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Chair Renate Ehm requested safety activity updates by members of the committee. Erik Guderian noted that the Town of Gilbert is currently in the design process for signalized pedestrian crossings at two locations that include school crossings and hope to go to construction in the fall. Adrian Ruiz noted a field review of the improvements at the 19th and Montebello light rail platform location. Margaret Boone noted upcoming deadline for the TA-SRTS project applications of May 6th.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Renate Ehm requested suggestions for future agenda items from committee members. None were heard.

9. Next Meeting

Chair Renate Ehm stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ironwood Room.

10. Adjournment

Chair Renate Ehm adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.