

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 17, 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
 - Larry Talley for Kohinoor Kar, ADOT
 - Shane Kiesow, City of Apache Junction
- * Robert Gray, ASU
- # Paul Lopez, City of Avondale
- * Jason Mahkovtz, City of Buckeye
- # Dana Alvidrez, City of Chandler
- * Vacant, City of El Mirage
 - Kelly LaRosa, FHWA
 - Leslie Bubke for Erik Guderian,
Town of Gilbert
- # Kiran Guntupalli, City of Glendale
- * Alberto Gutier, GOHS
- # Hugh Bigalk, City of Goodyear
- * Woodrow Scoutten, 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
 - Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix
- # George Williams, City of Scottsdale
- # Dana Owsiany, City of Surprise
- # Julian Dresang, City of Tempe
 - Sam Diggins for Adrian Ruiz, RPTA

OTHERS PRESENT

- Sarath Joshua, MAG
- Margaret Boone, MAG
- Eric Nava, MAG
- Mike Sabatini, Michael Baker
- Doug McCants, Harrocks
- Maria Angelica Deeb, City of Mesa
- Ivan Carvajal, Creighton School
- Dr. Joel Laurin, Biltmore Preparatory
- Shanthi Krishnan, Jacobs Engineering
- Sandra Thoms, Jacobs Engineering
- Martin Lucero, City of Surprise
- Andrew Kwasniack, Tatum Group
- Eric Boyles, ADOT LPA
- Mike Blankenship, AMEC
- Mike Kuzel, 4M-Safety
- Omar Hankton, Maricopa County Health
- Don Cross, City of Phoenix
- Christy Pashley, Principal Creighton
- Jacqueline Alvarado, Parent Creighton
- David Dube, Maricopa County Health

- * 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 September 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chair Renate Ehm called for a motion to approve the September 22, 2015 meeting minutes. Shane Kiesow made a motion to approve, Sam Diggins 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

Chair Renate Ehm requested Sarath Joshua to report on the items included in the Program Manager's Report.

- Road Safety Assessment Program: Sarath Joshua reported that the field review work associated with five road safety assessment projects has been completed and on is currently under way, and that the two project assessments are also currently under way. It is anticipated that all RSA and PAs will be complete prior to the end of January 2016.
- City of Avondale's Strategic Transportation Safety Plan: This project was requested by the City of Avondale and is being administered by MAG through the on-call contracts at the request of ADOT. Mr. Joshua asked Margaret Boone to provide the Committee a status on this project. Margaret Boone reported that a Visioning Workshop was held on October 6th, followed by a public outreach event at the City of Avondale Resident Appreciation Night event on October 16th. Both of these events as well as road safety priority poll sent out to residents via a project web page has provided the City with some good information to be used, along with the extensive crash data analysis provided by the Consultant team, to develop Action Areas and Strategies. This process began at a follow up stakeholders group meeting held on November 10th. The next steps in the development of the Avondale STSP will be for the Consultant team to develop a memo outlining the strategies chosen by the TSSG followed by a task to identify a methodology for prioritizing road safety needs in the City of Avondale. Ms. Boone introduced Paul Lopez from the City of Avondale to comment on the process to date. Mr. Lopez reported that they received responses from about 90 residents at the October event and about 75 responses to the online mapping poll which he felt was a great success in outlining and pinpointing Avondale safety issues. Larry Talley commented the framework that was included in the eligibility letter was for the implementation phase to address specific projects based on a data driven process for those projects to be implemented in the City of Avondale. Ms. Boone summarized the extensive crash analysis that was done at the very beginning of the process which was provided to all members of the stakeholders group. Mr. Lopez confirmed that the City is aware of the requirements and are fully on line with the intent of the eligibility.
- New Chair and Vice Chair: Sarath Joshua started by commending Chair Ehm for her service to the Committee and stated that with the vacancy at the Vice Chair position left by Dana Alvidrez going to the City of Chandler, and Chair Renate Ehm's term as

Chair ending in December 2015, nominations have been received for both the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Appointment of nominees will be on the November 23rd agenda of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee for approval.

- Reminder from ADOT on FY2016-18 HSIP Projects: Sarath Joshua made note of a reminder from ADOT to local agencies with current MAG-HSIP funded projects in FY2016, 2017 or 2018. If these projects are not obligated by the FY2018 deadline they would not automatically receive HSIP funds in FY2019 or beyond. Any such project, if deferred to FY2019 or beyond would have to compete for HSIP fund under the new ADOT HSIP process.
- FY2017 UPWP Project Ideas: Sarath Joshua provided an overview of the projects currently under development for the next MAG work program for July 2016 through June 2017; Application of Safety Performance Functions (SPFs) in Network Screening, Road Safety Assessments with improved criteria for RSA site selection to be discussed at a future Committee meeting, and a Systemic Strategy to Mitigate Intersection Left-turn crashes as an on-call consultant project. Mr. Joshua requested that Committee members wanting to submit project ideas can do so via e-mail to him or Margaret.
- RTSIMS Update: Development of the RTSIMS manual has been completed by Lee Engineering and on-call contract work is currently underway to fix some software errors and add some enhancements. This work is being done by Kimley Horn and Associates. The consultant will also provide one year of software maintenance. It is anticipated that the new enhancements will be in place prior to the next meeting for the Committee to review, and that the capability of local agencies that have Data Agreements active with ADOT wanting to access RTSIMS may be activated in early Spring 2016.
- 2016 Meeting Dates: Sarath Joshua provided a graphic of the 2016 Committee meeting dates noting that until otherwise noted, all meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each odd number months in the MAG Ironwood room.

5. FY2017 TAP SRTS Projects

Chair Renate Ehm invited Sarath Joshua to report on this agenda item for discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a list of six TAP Safe Routes to School projects. Mr. Joshua asked Margaret Boone to report on this item. Ms. Boone referred to an attachment provided to the Committee in the agenda packet; six projects for a total request in the amount of \$260,407 and amount available of \$508,057 in Transportation Alternatives Program Safe Routes to School projects. Ms. Boone noted that based on previous Committee discussion that the remaining funds in the amount of \$247,650 will be programmed for TAP infrastructure projects currently under evaluation by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Ms. Boone invited the local agency applicants and their partners present their projects to the Committee for discussion noting that members participating in the evaluation have already provided their scores and that the projects listed on the attachment are in the order of the evaluation scores provide; presentations are not scored and will be provided to the Committee for information to facilitate discussion. Chair Renate Ehm requested a motion by the committee to **recommend the list six projects in the FY2017 Transportation Alternatives Non-infrastructure Safe Routes to School program**. Kiran Guntupalli made a motion, Shane Kiesow seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

6. STSP Implementation Plan Prioritization

Chair Renate Ehm requested that Sarath Joshua provide a review of this item for information and discussion. Sarath Joshua stated this project started in 2013 and the Final Plan was approved by the MAG Regional Council on October 28, 2015. Mr. Joshua stated that implementation of the Plan will be done with oversight by the Safety Committee and invited Margaret Boone, project manager for the development of the Plan, to provide a review of the Implementation Plan provided to the Committee as Attachment Three in the agenda packet. The goal of the of this discussion is to define implementation time frames and prioritize programs and projects to be implemented by the Committee and MAG staff in the immediate future. Ms. Boone provided detailed descriptions with a brief discussion on the intent of each of the short term strategies in the implementation matrix. Ms. Boone noted that some of the medium and long term strategies that were not detailed today may be brought back to the Committee in the next year to discuss what data may be lacking to implement these longer term strategies. Items discussed to be done in the next calendar year included enhancements to the Road Safety Assessment program to include design phase RSAs and a refinements to the methodology of nominating RSA locations, Mr. Dresang made reference to the strategy to develop a white paper on wrong-way crashes involving bicycles and model local agency ordinances may be one item he would be in favor of the Committee and MAG taking this on in the short term. George Williams noted that there needs to be a discussion on whether bikes should be allowed on sidewalks and the recommendations by some to make counter flow riding illegal with the goal of identifying what are the alternatives and how does that impact access and safety. It was also suggested that the committee address the strategy to develop a best practices for getting to and from school; including developing recommended walk or bike to school routes for all schools in the region and administration of SRTS programs. Ms. Boone noted that there is currently local agency staff with vast knowledge and experience in this area and suggested that the Committee consider facilitating this effort. Kelly LaRosa suggested that the development of such a best practices document would be a good opportunity for a regional peer exchange. Kerry Wilcoxon suggested that short term be designated for those strategies that can be implemented from years one to three, four to six for medium and seven to ten years for long term. Shane Kiesow indicated his agreement to this suggestion. Sarath Joshua summarized saying that the goal of this discussion was for the Committee go back to their local agencies and discuss any other suggestions to bring back for future discussion.

7. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Chair Renate Ehm requested reports from committee members on transportation safety related activities at local agencies. Leslie Bubke provided an update on a project to provide positive offset at the intersection of McQueen and Elliot in the Town of Gilbert. Kelly LaRosa reported an update to the Focus Approach to Safety program; the City of Mesa has been removed from the list of Focus Cities for pedestrians and bicyclists. George Williams reported that crash analysis completed for their first arterial roundabout installed at Northsight and Hayden in the City of Scottsdale indicates an eighty percent reduction in crashes. Shane Kiesow from the City of Apache Junction extended appreciation to Chair Ehm for her service and thanked MAG for the work done on the STSP and for all they do for local agencies.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Renate Ehm requested future agenda items of interest to Committee members.
None heard.

9. Next Meeting

Chair Renate Ehm stated that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ironwood Room.

10. Adjournment

Chair Renate Ehm adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.