

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

November 6, 2002  
Conference Room, Fire Station No.1  
14000 West Yuma Road  
Goodyear, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Jim Book, Glendale Alan Sanderson, Mesa	Bruce Dressel, Scottsdale Jim Decker, Tempe
*Mike Mah, Chandler Mike Sutton for Bruce Ward, Gilbert Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County Bob Steele, Phoenix Bob Ciotti, RPTA	Tim Wolfe, ADOT Scott Nodes, Peoria Chuck Hydeman, Goodyear Mary Kihl, ASU James Collier for Alan Hansen, FHWA Punya Khanal for Michael Smith, Avondale
*Terry Conner, DPS Bob Maki, Surprise	*Dennis Murphy, Phoenix Aviation

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Nevarez, Phoenix Transit Deborah Fehr, Kimley-Horn & Assoc Xiao Qin, MAG Sarath Joshua, MAG	Chris Jordan, Kimley-Horn & Assoc. Julie White, MCDOT Bob Spencer, MCDOT
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\* Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Alan Sanderson called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

2. Approval of October 2, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Bob Steele moved and Chuck Hydeman seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve minutes of the October 2, 2002 ITS Committee meeting.

3. Call to Audience

Acting Chairman Sanderson made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the ITS Committee. There was no comment from the audience.

4. Program Managers Report

- Briefing of Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers Group – The committee was informed that a brief presentation on the Concept of Operations project and its goals were provided to this group at their monthly meeting held in Mesa on October 17, 2002. The group indicated interest in the project. The primary mechanism for seeking their input to the project will be via email review comments on key technical documents pertaining to relevant roles of emergency management in transportation operations.
- MAG Unified Planning Work Program – The MAG Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2004 will be developed over the next few months. Members were asked for any ideas for new projects that may be launched through the program. One project idea has been received from City of Phoenix for a project that would result in better coordination of freeway and arterial operations.
- ITS On-Call RFQ – In response to a question on the status of ITS On-Call project, the committee was informed that the Request for Qualifications will be released soon.
- MAG has recently commenced a travel time study that is gathering AM, Mid-day and PM travel times on all major arterials in the region. This information could be valuable to local agencies in their traffic management operations.
- Members were informed that Dennis Murphy has been appointed to represent Sky Harbor Airport

4. Program Managers Report

5. AZTech Telecommunications Study

Chris Jordan of Kimley-Horn & Associates provided an overview of this study. He described the results of the study that showed various levels of progress in the implementation of publicly owned fiber optic communication infrastructure in the region.

He went on to explain that the leases for communication links that were initiated for the AZTech project will expire at the end of April 2003. Member agencies have been asked to present their plans for maintaining continuity in communications. The MAG Regional Community Network Study is addressing the longer term telecommunications needs and strategies.

6. ITS World Congress

Scott Nodes of Peoria provided a brief presentation overview of the ITS World Congress held recently in Detroit. Applications of ITS for improving road safety seems to have been popular at the Congress. These included application in cooperative vehicle-highway systems, and pedestrian safety. Faisal Saleem of MCDOT also attended the Congress and remarked that international projects seem to favor longer term contracts with private sector partners. In Telematics applications there seems to be a shift from navigational aids towards in-vehicle safety features.

7. Status Reports by Committee Members

Mike Nevarez announced that An Automated Trip Planning application was being developed as part of the Vehicle Management Systems Project. Final acceptance testing for this will be in December or January. New AVL and APC devices will be installed in 100 buses.

7. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was announced as 9:00 AM on Wednesday December 4, 2002. The Concept of Operations project meeting was announced as 10:30 AM on the same day.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Acting Chairman Alan Sanderson at 10:25 AM.