

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE**

January 9, 2008  
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Scott Nodes, ADOT	Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County
Soyong Ahn, ASU	*Jeff Jenq, City of Mesa
Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale	Ron Amaya, City of Peoria
David Johnson, Town of Buckeye	*Ron Doubek, City of Phoenix
Mike Mah, City of Chandler	Bob Ciotti, Phoenix Public Transit
Mike Lockhart, DPS	Michael Pacelli, Town of Queen Creek
*Jorge Gastelum, City of El Mirage	Bruce Dressel, City of Scottsdale
Alan Hansen, FHWA	*Nicholas Mascia, City of Surprise
Ken-Ichi Maruyama, Town of Gilbert	Jim Decker, City of Tempe
Debbie Albert, City of Glendale	*Arkady Bernshteyn, Valley Metro Rail
Luke Albert, City of Goodyear	

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Bieber Barker, ADOT	Faisal Saleem, MCDOT
Bo Gao, TransCore	Armand Ciccarelli, PBS&J Inc
Gary Rylander, Rylander Consulting	Bob Steele, Olsson Associate
Lisa Burgess, KHA Inc	Tricia Boyer, KHA Inc
Sarath Joshua, MAG	David Haines, KHA Inc
Leo Luo, MAG	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG

\*Not present

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Mike Mah called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.
2. Approval of November 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes  
Luke Albert moved, Debbie Albert seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve minutes of the November 7, 2007 ITS Committee meeting.
3. Call to Audience  
Chairman Mike Mah made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to any members of the public to address the ITS Committee. No comments were received.
4. Program Managers Report  
Sarath Joshua distributed the planned schedule of the 2008 ITS committee meetings and the updated list of committee members. He also mentioned that a tribute to former ITS committee member, Professor Mary Kihl will be held at ASU on January 25, 2008.

Sarath addressed the following items in his report:

- RCN Phase 1A Project: This project, funded by MAG, is ready to get underway by ADOT. Debra Bieber Barker mentioned that the project will go to bid in February, 2008.
- ITS Communications Plan: KCS has completed the draft final report on the project. The report will remain in draft status until the RCN oversight group makes final decision on the communications alternatives. ADOT is preparing the communications plan on FMS. Another RCN project utilizing close-out funding will soon have a kick-off meeting.
- TSOP Project status: Five projects have been completed with another five in the final stages. A Task Order for VISSIM training and software purchase for Tempe has been signed.
- Status of Corridor Projects: A draft timing plan of Peoria Thunderbird road project will be delivered in the next two weeks. The kick-off meeting for Glendale congestion map project was held in December.
- FY2009&FY 2013 Projects: MAG Transportation Review Committee approved the projects.
- A new project for FY 2009 MAG Work Program: The identification of the impact of non-recurring congestion and potential countermeasures

5. Regional Incident Management Coalition

Provided a brief background on this topic, Sarath Joshua explained that establishing a Regional Incident Management Coalition is listed as one of the regional initiatives in the 2001 MAG ITS Strategy Plan. Chairman Mike Mah commented that his agency, City of Chandler, spends little effort on real-time incident management. Nicolaas Swart suggested that if the Regional Incident Management Coalition focuses mainly on daily operations, AZTech group might be better suited to address this issue. Alan Hansen mentioned that ADOT's Arizona Transportation Research Center did a study that led to the development of a statewide incident management plan. Bruce Dressel suggested including the AZTech Executive Committee in a discussion of this subject. There was general consensus in the committee that the Regional Incident Management Coalition is needed. The details to be discussed later with a possible workshop to be arranged through AZTech.

6. Next Steps for I-10 Integrated Corridor Management System

The committee was informed by Sarath Joshua that the I-10 Corridor Stakeholders Group had met prior to the committee meeting. The purpose of that meeting was to identify current needs for coordination between the I-10 widening project and traffic operations by the local agencies in the corridor. The Group also reviewed a list of planned ITS projects in the I-10 corridor. The committee was informed that the stakeholder agencies were concerned about the current lack of communication/information, in view of the level of coordination necessary during the I-10 widening project and other arterial projects along the corridor. Stakeholders were informed by MCDOT that HCRS might be a good tool to share the construction information. Faisal Saleem has suggested a training session by ADOT for the stakeholder agencies. MCDOT will be responsible for providing data on construction activities into the HCRS system. Lisa Burgess from KHA is retained by MCDOT to assist with ICMS activities, and she provided briefing on the key points from previous meeting.

7. Status Reports by Committee Members on ITS Activities

Scott Nodes mentioned that Debra Bieber is leaving ADOT for the City of Chandler. The travel time display pilot project on ADOT DMS will be rolled out on January 22, 2008. A press release will come out on January 18, 2008. Debbie Albert mentioned the progress of several ITS projects that will be completed or partially completed before Super Bowl including Bell Road, Loop 101, and Glendale Avenue. The first permanent DMS will be put on Camelback for eastbound traffic approaching 95th Avenue. Kelly LaRosa briefed the committee on the progress of the Avondale TMC design project. Ron Amaya mentioned that City of Peoria transportation staff have moved to a new building. He also reported that the Peoria TMC project and the wireless communications project are underway. Nicolaas Swart mentioned that the TSOP project on Olive Avenue has been completed. A similar project was conducted on MC85 from 67th Avenue to Dysart. A project meeting will be held on January 16 for the Bell road ITS project. Mike Mah reported that the City of Chandler reported that they are implementing 18 miles of fiber and will connect 60 signals to the TMC. It was reported that Channel 15 is planning to launch a new traffic channel before the Super Bowl event.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was announced at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Mike Mah adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.