

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

May 11, 2005
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Debbie Burdette, City of Glendale	Bruce Dressel, City of Scottsdale
Alan Sanderson, City of Mesa	*Jim Decker, City of Tempe
Mike Mah, City of Chandler	Tim Wolfe, ADOT
Bruce Ward, Town of Gilbert	Ron Amaya, City of Peoria
Faisal Saleem for Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County	Scott Nodes, City of Goodyear
Bob Steele, City of Phoenix	Mary Kihl, ASU
Bob Ciotti, RPTA	*Alan Hansen, FHWA
*Iven Wooten, DPS	*Dennis Murphy, Phoenix Aviation
Nick Mascia, City of Surprise	Kevin Hinderleider for Michael Smith, City of Avondale
*Carrol Reynolds, Town of Buckeye	*BJ Cornwall, City of El Mirage
	Michael Shine, Town of Queen Creek

OTHERS PRESENT

Stephanie Wilhardt, ADOT	Michael Grandy, Kimley Horn Associates
Mike Sutton, Kikkham Michael	Mike Nevarez, RPTA
Tim Neil, City of Phoenix	Lynn Timmons, City of Phoenix
Ron Doubek, City of Phoenix	Anne MacCracken, Valley Metro/ RPTA
Janeen K Gaskins, City of Avondale	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Marta H. Gerber, Olsson Associates	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG

*Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order
Chairman Alan Sanderson called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM.
2. Approval of April 6, 2005 Meeting Minutes & Introductions
Mike Mah moved and Tim Wolfe seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 6th, 2005 ITS Committee meeting.
3. Call to Audience
Chairman Alan Sanderson made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the ITS Committee. No comments were received from the public.
4. Program Managers Report
The following is a summary of Program Manager's report:
 - o List of Projects for Closeout funds.
 - o Status of ITS Projects in FY 2005 TIP – a list of proposed projects was provided and

reviewed by members.

- Proposed projects for FY2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program
 - Traffic Signal Optimization Program (TSOP) for \$300,000 likely to be approved
 - Integrated Corridor Management System (\$ 250,000) likely to be approved
 - Emergency Transportation Operations project has been placed on-hold until it is established that member agencies desire this project to be undertaken by MAG
 - RCN Project – \$1.6 million for implementing C2C communications. Discussion on this project was put forward for future meeting to be included as an agenda item.
- Upcoming Activities
 - ITS Architecture Update
 - RFQ for ITS and Safety On-Call early June

5. MAG TIP Closeout – ITS Projects

A total of 20 ITS projects have been submitted to MAG seeking FY2005 TIP closeout funds. Each agency applying for closeout funds was given an opportunity to explain the project addressing the following questions:

1. What will the project accomplish?
2. How well does the project link to the region's ITS Strategic Plan and Regional ITS Architecture?
3. What is the project's readiness for obligation by the Sept 30th deadline?

Tim Wolfe of ADOT briefed the committee about project # DOT08-671R following above guidelines. Janeen Gaskins of Avondale distributed a brochure describing the proposed project from Avondale and briefed the committee on the project. Mike Mah distributed a handout describing the four projects that City of Chandler proposed for closeout funds and explained the projects. Nick Mascia explained project MMA07-301D on behalf of Maricopa County. Chairman Sanderson distributed a handout that described the Mesa projects to the committee. Bob Steele presented the Phoenix project # PHX05-CL1 for closeout funds on above mentioned guidelines.

Committee discussed different ways to rank projects. Members suggested two possible ranking schemes.

- 1) First rank projects by MAG closeout priority, followed by a second ranking within priority groups 2 and a combined group of 4 and 5.
- 2) Rank all the projects subjectively ignoring MAG closeout priority information.

Tim Wolfe moved that all proposed projects be ranked subjectively. Bruce Dressel seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Each committee member was provided with a form to enter his/her ranking for each project. All of the project ranks were combined on an Excel spreadsheet and the final combined ranking result was presented to the committee. There were two projects equally placed at rank 10. Committee members were asked to vote for number 10 and 11 ranking by vocal vote. Maricopa County project with ID MMA04-114R received 8 votes and Glendale project with ID GLN06-202D received 7 votes. Hence

Maricopa County project was ranked at number 10 and the Glendale project at 11. Mike Mah moved that the results of ranking process be forwarded as the committee's recommendation to the MAG Transportation Review Committee. Bruce Dressel seconded and it was approved unanimously.

6. Status Reports by Committee Members of ITS Activities

Scotts Nodes stated that Goodyear is an active participant in RCN Study and was looking forward to the implementation project. He also thanked members of committee for volunteering at the ITS America conference. Bob Steele of Phoenix reported that as a part of restructuring the construction of city fiber optic backbone network they have divided the work into 2 stages. 1st stage would be building 21-mile conduit and 2nd stage would involve installing fiber. The project is 6 months behind schedule. Ron Amaya of Peoria reported that his city was working on two projects in the TIP. The first is awaiting approval from ADOT and the second is the design project of the TMC, which is in future year TIP. Peoria is working on the design project with local funds. Faisal Saleem of Maricopa County reported that Bell Road project would be going for bid very soon. Smart Corridor Phase-III scope was revisited again. Faisal also thanked members of committee for their time to work and be a part of AZTech Booth at ITS America meeting. Bruce Ward of Gilbert reported that they are reaching the milestone of 100 signals this month. Gilbert is also working on connecting signals using fiber optic communications and they are also adding few CCTV cameras. Bob Ciotti of RPTA reported that they are working on replacing the fare boxes, which are nearly 20 years old. Tim Wolfe of ADOT reported that they are working on RFP for Statewide Wireless Communications Equipment put together by KHA. ADOT is interviewing to fill the position of a Project Manager that has been vacant. Mike Shine the new traffic engineer for Queen Creek said that he is working on establishing a Traffic and ITS program for the town.

Nick Mascia mentioned funding the REACT program in last year's closeout funds at MAG. Debbie Burdette reported that Glendale is working on the installation of fiber cable for five or six-mile stretch in the city. She also mentioned that signals around the sports arena are online and have been working for about three months and managed traffic for couple of events. Mike Mah from City of Chandler reported that there is a lot of construction going on in Chandler and they developed an access database of events and having those events and closures posted on City's website as well as AZ511.com website on maps.

7. The Phoenix Freeway Management System, Supported Functions, Performance, Operating Costs and Future Functionality

This discussion was tabled to be taken up at the June meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was announced as 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 1st, 2005.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Alan Sanderson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM