

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

March 1, 2006
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
Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County	Scott Nodes, City of Goodyear
Ron Doubek, City of Phoenix	*Mary Kihl, ASU
*Bob Ciotti, RPTA	Alan Hansen, FHWA (via phone)
*Mike Lockhart, DPS	*Dennis Murphy, Phoenix Aviation
*Nick Mascia, City of Surprise	Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale
*Carrol Reynolds, Town of Buckeye	*BJ Cornwall, City of El Mirage
	*Mark Young, Town of Queen Creek

OTHERS PRESENT

Faisal Saleem, MCDOT	Micah Henry, ITS Engineers
Doug McCants, PBS&J	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Nolan Hess, Transcore	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Dave Chambers, Transcore	Leo Luo, MAG

*Not present or represented by proxy

1. **Call to Order**

Acting Chairman Mike Mah called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

2. **Approval of February 1, 2006 Meeting Minutes and Introductions**

A few corrections were identified for name spellings. Tim Wolfe moved to approve minutes with the suggested changes, Debbie Burdette seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2006 ITS Committee meeting.

3. **Call to Audience**

Acting Chairman Mah 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 items were addressed by Sarath Joshua in his report:

a. Status of ITS On-Call RFQ

- Regional Council Executive Committee approved the list of consultants on February 13, 2006
- Request for information on consultant hourly rates will go out this month
- Finalize On-Call contracts: Estimated June 2006

- Finalize project scopes: May – December 2006
- Launch projects: TSOP projects by October 2006, others to follow

b. Upcoming Projects in the MAG Work Program

- Traffic Signal Optimization Program - \$300k/10 projects
- Integrated Corridor Mgmt System – \$200k/ 1 project
- ITS Strategic Plan and Regional ITS Architecture Update - \$100k
- Regional Smart Corridors - \$200k
- ITS Evaluation – \$68k - RCTO travel times
- PDA/Cell Phone Access to FMS Speed Map - \$40k TTI
- Data Collection System – \$28k Tempe site
- ITS Training - \$17k
- RCN Systems Engineering Analysis Project- \$10k, estimated start in September, 2006

c. Other activities

- Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Focus Group Sponsored by ITS America will be held during the week of April 3, 2006 in Washington, DC. Sarath Joshua will be attending.
- Tim Wolfe and Sarath Joshua will be providing Peer-to-Peer Assistance to Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, VA on May 12, 2006. Subjects to be covered include: RCTO and Freeway Incident Management

5. Briefing on Chairman's Report to Transportation Review Committee

Sarath Joshua provided a brief report on the ITS Committee Report that Chairman Alan Sanderson delivered at the Transportation Review Committee meeting held on February 23, 2006. He mentioned that the report included the committee composition, meeting schedules and the roles and responsibilities of the ITS Committee. The report also emphasized the contributions made to ITS in the region by committee since its formation in 1997. These included the Regional ITS Architecture, Regional ITS Strategy Plan, Freeway Service Patrol, Regional Concept of Transportation Operations (cited by USDOT as a national model), ITS components in RTP. The report also mentioned key projects and regional initiatives. Mr. Sanderson had also reported that the recently developed ITS brochures and the webpages were drawing a lot of attention, and that MAG staff is developing a Spanish version that will be available soon.

6. Freeway Management System (FMS) Funding Adjustment

Tim Wolfe reported that the FMS funding proposal presented to the Transportation Review Committee on February 23, 2006, included the funding adjustments for FMS rehabilitation and preservation, discussed at the last committee meeting. Although TRC did not suggest any changes, they requested to review the entire white paper prior to a committee recommendation. The complete white paper will be sent to TRC shortly. It is likely that the recommendations in the White Paper including the FMS Funding Adjustment will be approved. The item was tabled by TRC for action at the March meeting.

7. Status Reports by Committee Members of ITS Activities

Kelly LaRosa reported that red light running cameras were installed at two new locations in Avondale and they are in the middle of a 30-day test period. She also mentioned that Avondale is working on a Long Range Plan for the city and an ITS is a part of this Plan.

Bruce Dressel stated that installation of 30 PTZ cameras designed by Transcore is complete. He also mentioned that data collection for Photo Radar enforcement on Loop 101 freeway is underway. Tim Wolfe updated the committee on the FMS on Superstition Freeway and significant cost savings by going to 3"-2"-3" PVC pipes instead of 3"-3"-3" PVC pipes for fiber, electric and spare pipes in FMS conduit. He also mentioned the retirement of Manny Agah that created a vacant position at ADOT TOC. He also stated that Manny's replacement would focus mainly on traffic operations instead of dealing with contracting. Nicholaas Swart reported on the progress of the Bell Road project and MC 85 corridor study. Ron Doubek mentioned that the communications with cameras in Phoenix Downtown were lost due to construction on the light rail project and an alternative wireless communications was established to get connectivity to the cameras. Ron Amaya reported that communications for the traffic signal system would be on fiber backbone and also mentioned that they would also use wireless communication equipment, through statewide wireless contract, on an as needed basis. Mike Mah reported that speed on green at three red light camera locations was tested by Chandler police department and mentioned that the violations appear to be around 1000 veh/day at a location as the speed at this location was reduced to 35mph from 45mph. He requested Sarath Joshua to include an agenda item in next meeting to discuss a federally funded CMAQ joint project by Tempe, Mesa, Gilbert and Chandler in FY 2007 to utilize AVL in signal preemption.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was announced as 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

9. Adjournment

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM