

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY GROUP

April 22, 2010
MAG Office
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Dale Shaw, Mesa, Chair | ** Stacey Haggart, Maricopa County |
| *Pat Timlin, El Mirage, Vice Chair | *Duncan Miller, Paradise Valley |
| **Greg Platacz, Dee Hathaway, Buckeye | * *John Imig, Peoria |
| **Jim Keen, Carefree | ** Greg Binder, Phoenix |
| *Patrick Hait, Chandler | **Lester Godsey, Queen Creek |
| *Mike Ciccarone, Fountain Hills | *Kevin Sonoda, Scottsdale |
| **Ajay Joshi for Shawn Woolley, Gilbert | **Tracy Mills for Randy Jackson, Surprise |
| Kenneth Arnold, Glendale | Dave Heck, Tempe |
| * Kathy Fernandez for Cindy Sheldon, Goodyear | Arkady Bernshiteyn, Valley Metro Light Rail |

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

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| John Wayne Gonzales, Phoenix | Mark Ashley, Fort McDowell |
| Elise Piatt, Triadvocates | Becky Kimbrough, MAG |
| Galen Updike, GITA | Craig Chenery, MAG |
| Ryan Gish, ADOT | Audrey Skidmore, MAG |
| Patrick Quain, ADOA | |
| **Participated via telephone conference call. | |
| +Participated via video conference call. | |

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Dale Shaw of Mesa. All members introduced themselves.

2. Call to the Audience

No comments were made by the audience.

3. Approval of the December 17, 2009 and January 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve both the December 17, 2009 and January 21, 2010 meeting minutes was moved by John Imig of Peoria, seconded by Ken Arnold of Glendale and unanimously approved by the committee.

4. MAGTAG Overview

Craig Chenery, Automation Support Technician II with Maricopa Association of Governments provided an overview of the Technology Advisory Group. Mr. Chenery highlighted key points in the committee's history including the formation of the group and high profile projects such as the Regional Videoconference System, Regional Connections and the Regional Community Network. Mr. Shaw clarified that the committee is able to take action to recommend projects and not just act as an advisory body. Mr. Shaw thanked Mr. Chenery for his presentation and opened the floor to questions. Galen Updike of Government Information Technology Agency stated that TAG is vital to the goals of GITA in the area of telecommunications.

Audrey Skidmore of MAG provided a brief overview on the MAG committee process. Ms. Skidmore stated that technical committees advise policy committees who in turn advise the Regional Council. If TAG takes action on a transportation related item, it would be forwarded to the Transportation Review Committee and depending on the type of transportation item it would possibly go before the Transportation Policy Committee. It would then go to the Management Committee and finally on to the Regional Council. If it is not a transportation related item, it bypasses the TRC and TPC. Ms. Skidmore stated that there is an exception in the case of RCN project. An RCN governance document was approved that delegated certain decision making authority to TAG and the Intelligent Transportation Systems committees specifically related to no cost service additions to the RCN. These additions can be approved with concurrence of ITS and TAG. Becky Kimbrough of MAG pointed out that the committee structure is in the annual work program.

5. MAG Funding Overview

Mr. Shaw introduced Becky Kimbrough. Ms. Kimbrough thanked Mr. Shaw and provided an overview of the MAG funding process. She stated that MAG receives 80% – 85% of its funding from federal sources. The amount MAG receives varies from year to year. 8% – 10% of funding comes from states sales tax revenue. The remaining percentage comes from various other sources including local partnerships. Ms. Kimbrough passed out attachments that highlight the major funding sources and the regional funding overview.

Dave Heck of Tempe asked if TAG has a budget. Ms. Skidmore stated that there is not a direct funding stream for TAG. If TAG requires funding for a project, the committee needs to apply for transportation funds if the project is transportation related or identify an alternate revenue source. Ms. Kimbrough added that the Regional Videoconference System was funded through Federal Highways.

Arkady Bernshteyn, Valley Metro Light Rail asked if MAG had a division associated with TAG. Ms. Skidmore stated that the MAG Information Technology division works directly with TAG.

Mr. Updike stated that GITA has received a federal grant for \$2.3 million to perform planning and mapping for broadband in Arizona. This is to identify anchor tenants including government and map the broadband capacity at a street address level of institutions including all cities in Maricopa County. Mr. Updike stated that he may contact the committee to direct him to regional leaders to obtain this information as the maps are under a tight timeframe for completion. The first is due June 15th, 2010.

6. Regional Community Network Update

Audrey Skidmore of MAG stated the members were sent an attachment that addressed no-cost service additions to the RCN. Ms. Skidmore asked members to review the document and contact her with any questions or concerns.

7. Site Visit Results

Mr. Shaw provided a summary of the results from the visits to the individual TAG members. Mr. Shaw addressed seven topics of interests that would help move the committee towards regional partnering efforts instead of just simply information sharing.

- Data center and facilities sharing
- Shared systems and resourcing
- Shared connectivity
- Consolidated grants
- Telecommunications policy
- Shared contracts and purchasing
- Regional 311

Mr. Shaw stated that there are many areas where member agencies are overlapping and that through pooling resources, projects could be completed faster and with more efficiency. He added that member agencies are investing heavily in data centers and facilities. Dave Heck stated that data center and facility sharing is a good opportunity and that Tempe currently uses the Arizona Department of Administration data center for disaster recovery. He added that collaborating on telecommunications policies to create standards would be beneficial. Tracy Mills of Surprise agreed.

8. Proposed Working One Year Agenda

Mr. Shaw presented a proposed working agenda for the remainder of the calendar year. Mr. Shaw acknowledged that there would need to be activity outside of the meetings to address the topics. This proposed agenda would be a focal point moving forward with the hopes of putting together working teams to deliver results in these areas. Mr. Shaw suggested forming five teams to address

these items.

Lester Godsey of Queen Creek stated that the direction of the agenda is beneficial to the region. Arkady Bernshteyn stated he liked the topics suggested but was concerned that the agenda was too much for the committee to achieve in a short time. Mr. Bernshteyn added that consultants may be needed to tackle large scale projects such as Regional 311. Mr. Shaw clarified that these projects may not be able to be completed in a year but it will be important to make measured progress in these areas. Mr. Godsey stated that some of these projects have been discussed and asked if it is possible that the working teams could determine that the projects are redundant. Mr. Shaw agreed and said that the working teams will determine if there is a regional need for these items. Mr. Godsey suggested identifying the feasibility of these projects.

Stacey Haggart from Maricopa County believes the projects are very beneficial to the region but feels the goals may be set too high and that prioritizing the projects could be needed. Ken Arnold of Glendale agreed that the areas are important and suggested focusing on one priority such as resource sharing. Mr. Arnold suggested creating a database of agency information such contacts, systems, platforms and resources to determine what each agency is using to narrow down overlaps and determine opportunities. Mr. Heck offered his support of Mr. Arnold. Mr. Godsey suggested that MAG possibly help with creating a data and information repository. Ms. Skidmore stated that there are ways that MAG can help collecting data.

Mr. Bernshteyn stated that some of the categories overlap. He suggested that data center and facilities sharing, shared systems and resourcing and shared connectivity topics are handled by one team. He added that consolidated grants and shared contracts and purchasing are handled jointly by another team. Mr. Shaw agreed to this suggestion. Mr. Heck suggested an online tool where agencies can submit their information without requiring MAG to send out surveys'. Mr. Shaw said this may require funding from the member agencies. Mr. Shaw summarized the discussion and stated the suggested direction is to move forward on the sharing component and gather resource information that could lead to opportunity generation. The first working team was created and will be lead by Ken Arnold. The remaining members include Tracy Mills, Dave Heck, Ajay Joshi, MAG and Dale Shaw.

9. Agency Project Update

No updates were reported

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were requested.

11. Committee Action Summary

Mr. Chenery summarized that MAG will research requirements for planning funds and the sharing team will be created.

12. Date of Future Meetings

The next meeting of the MAGTAG is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on May 20th, 2010 in the MAG Cholla Room.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.