

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday March 12, 2002
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Don Herp, Phoenix, Chairman	Kevin Wallace, Mesa
Andrew Smith, ADOT	Andrew Cooper, Paradise Valley
David Cano for Jim Badowich, Avondale	Burton Charron, Peoria
Dan Cook, Chandler	*Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
*Shane Dille, Gila Bend	Aaron Iverson, Scottsdale
*Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Brian Pirooz, Surprise
Alan Grover for Dan Sherwood, Glendale	Larry Shobe, Tempe
Charles Hydeman, Goodyear	Richard Rawsley for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown
*Doug Pike, Litchfield Park	
Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	

* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Stephen Tate, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Herp at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the February 12, 2002 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for both of these meetings were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

No members of the public expressed a desire to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

The Chairman indicated that Mr. Stephen Tate would be acting for Mr. Paul Ward.

Mr. Tate indicated that the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) had met earlier in the day and had been presented with a draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. He added that it was anticipated that the

TRC would hold a special meeting in two weeks to recommend to the Management Committee that the draft TIP and LRTP Update be accepted for an air quality conformity analysis.

He went on to indicate that the FY 2002 estimate of MAG Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding had been restored to earlier levels due to a decision by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to use population shares from the 1990 Census in the funding formulas. He added that ADOT and the local office of the FHWA had been very helpful in resolving the problem.

Mr. Tate then noted that HPMS data had been due on March 8, 2002 and thanked the members for their efforts in providing this information. He concluded his report by noting that he anticipated that the cycle for the FY 2004-2008 TIP would begin in April or May with the release of a draft TIP Guidance Report (TIGER) for their review.

5. Closeout of the FY 2002 MAG Federally Funded Program

Mr. Tate distributed a list of FY 2002 CMAQ funded projects that were not anticipated to obligate in FY 2002.

Mr. Tate went on to indicate that between \$7.2 million and \$7.5 million in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding would be available for reprogramming in FY 2002. Mr. Tate noted that the variance was due to uncertainty concerning a bicycle project in Goodyear and an ITS project in Glendale.

Mr. Charles Hydeman noted that he was working with the Regional Bicycle Task Force (RBTF) to change the limits of the Goodyear Litchfield Road bicycle project. He added that if the RBTF did not accept a change in the limits of the project, Goodyear would abandon the project.

Mr. Alan Grover asked if the Street Committee would be making decisions concerning the Glendale ITS project. Mr. Tate responded that the Street Committee did not make decisions concerning ITS projects, that the only reason the project would be mentioned at the Street Committee was because MAG staff used the Street Committee as a central point of contact for all projects.

Mr. Grover noted that at the next meeting of the ITS Committee, the ITS Committee would address issues concerning the ADOT process for reviewing and obligating local government sponsored, federally funded projects.

Mr. Tate went on to inform the Street Committee that applications for accelerating project to make use of the unallocated CMAQ were due to MAG by Friday March 22, 2002.

6. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 2002 through 2003

Mr. Tate distributed a project status report and asked members to review the report. He noted that the deadline for obligating FY 2002 federally funded projects was effectively August 1, 2002 as both ADOT and the FHWA needed time to close out the federal fiscal year.

Mr. Tate stressed that the process for obligating federally funded projects was designed as an 18 month process and that recent analysis by the ADOT Local Government Section indicated that it probably should be a 21 month process. He stressed that members should already be working on their 2003 projects.

7. Report on the Status of the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Tate distributed a draft FY 2003-2007 TIP and asked that members take special care in reviewing the project data in the draft TIP. He noted that this year that a number of problems had occurred in updating TIP information.

8. Collection of Congestion Management System Forms

Mr. Tate thanked the members for submitting Congestion Management System (CMS) forms. He went on to add that it had been discovered by Mr. David Cano that the regulation referenced by the form had been changed so that the eleven specific congestion mitigation strategies listed on the form were no longer required by federal regulation. He thanked Mr. Cano for his excellent work.

He went on to add that because the forms were part of adopted CMS and federal regulations still do require the consideration of alternatives to adding lanes for single occupant vehicle, the forms would need to be revised for the next TIP cycle.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.