

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
STREET COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, July 13, 2004  
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Don Herp, Phoenix, Chairman	Christina Herrera for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Andrew Smith, ADOT	Kevin Wallace, Mesa
Jim Badowich for Carnell Thurman, Avondale	Andrew Cooper, Paradise Valley
*Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye	*Burton Charron, Peoria
Dan Cook, Chandler	Elaine Cabrera for Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
*Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	*Robert Brown, Scottsdale
Michael Vinson, Gila River Indian Community	Brian Pirooz, Surprise
*Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Larry Shobe, Tempe
*Dan Sherwood, Glendale	Jason Earp for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Ronald Sievwright for Don French, Goodyear	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	
*Horatio Skeet, Litchfield Park	

\*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Allenstein, ADOT	Paul Ward, MAG
Mark Schlappi, MAG	Qing Xia, MAG
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 June 8, 2004, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

There were no requests to speak to the Committee during this part of the agenda.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Paul Ward briefed concerning ongoing TIP amendments and administrative adjustments. He noted that TIP Amendments Two and Three had been approved by the Regional Council and had been incorporated into the State Transportation Improvement Program, that TIP Amendment Four - the interim closeout - had been approved by the Regional Council and that he was working on TIP Amendment Five - the final closeout.

He then discussed the schedule for the upcoming FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP. He indicated that applications for MAG federally funded projects in the upcoming TIP were due on September 10, 2004, and that a stakeholders meeting for the upcoming TIP would be held in early to mid August. He added that the Draft TIP Guidance Report could be used by member agencies as the only section not completed was the performance section.

The Chairman asked about the programming of street projects in the TIP. Mr. Ward anticipated that the programming of street projects in the TIP would be handled as part of the regional arterial street program.

5. MAG Federally Funded Locally Sponsored Projects Development Status

Stephen Tate began by distributing two reports: one confirming the status of deferred FY 2004 projects and another on the status of active FY 2004 and FY 2005 MAG federally funded projects. He requested that members review the two reports and provide him with updates or corrections after the meeting.

He then briefly discussed the time line for obligating FY 2004 projects. He noted that the last opportunity to reprogram projects would be at the Regional Council meeting on **July 28, 2004**. In order to assure that project are authorized, 95 percent plans and all final documents necessary to obtain environmental, right-of-way and utilities clearances should be submitted to ADOT **by August 2, 2004**.

Mr. Tate then discussed scheduling milestones for FY 2005 federally funded projects. He noted that, on average, 21-months statewide was needed by local governments to complete the clearances and plans needed to obligate projects and that, as of the date of the meeting, the following should have been completed for all FY 2005 projects:

- a kickoff meeting with staff from the ADOT Local Governments Section,
- a consultant selected for the project,
- the Design Concept Report approved or at least submitted to ADOT, and
- technical documents for the environmental clearance well underway.

Mr. Tate concluded by noting that member agencies would need to submit requests for deferral of FY 2005 projects by March 1, 2005.

6. Federal Fiscal Year 2004 Closeout and Reprogramming Requests

Mr. Ward distributed a table listing projects that had been approved for deferral in the interim closeout and projects that were to be considered for deferral in the final closeout. He then briefly discussed the tables noting priorities for uncommitted funding, for funds from deferred projects and from supplemental or redistributed funds that might be received.

7. 2003 MAG Traffic Count Map and Traffic Volume Survey

Qing Xia of MAG staff briefed the Committee on the 2003 MAG Traffic Count Map and Traffic Volume Survey. She noted that traffic counts had been collected over roughly an eighteen month period, that the counts had included local agency data, that the resulting map and data was available on the MAG internet site and that MAG had extensively reviewed the data for anomalies and inconsistencies.

Mitch Foy noted that as part of efforts to reclassify roadways in the region, that Mesa had submitted traffic data and he asked if this data was included on the map. The Chairman suggested that it would probably be better to address this question during the next agenda item. Mark Schlappi indicated that MAG staff would review the data and include it if appropriate. It was noted that the data might be for a period after that cited for the map.

8. Update of Federal Functional Classifications

Mr. Tate displayed a map showing requested changes to functionally classified roadways and then provided background information on the federal functional classification system and a history of recent efforts to revise functional classifications in the MAG region.

He noted that, individually, the proposed changes were reasonable, but that adjustments were needed to maintain network coherence. These adjustments included:

- obtaining input from several outlying jurisdictions that had or were experiencing rapid growth;
- closing gaps where two agencies requested a change and third agency did not; and
- closing gaps where a roadway crossed a County island.

Mr. Tate noted that MAG would not try to change the functional classification of roadways without the consent of the agency owning the roadway and that he would contact member agencies that had not requested changes.

He concluded by noting that, for the next meeting, he anticipated that two maps would be produced. The first would attempt to address network issues and reflect the appropriate functional classification of the roadways, regardless of federal limitations on mileages by classification. If it was necessary, a second map would modify the first map to comply with federal mileage percentage limits.

Mr. Foy posed his question regarding traffic counts provided by the City of Mesa during requests to change functional classification and whether this data was used on the traffic count map. Mr. Ward answered that, as the data used on the traffic count map had been gathered several months ago, the newer traffic counts were not included in the traffic count map. Mr. Schlappi re-iterated his point that, if the traffic counts gathered by member agencies met the criteria utilized for gathering the data, it would be used on future maps.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.