

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

December 11, 2003

Maricopa Association of Governments Office
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Scottsdale: Jan Dolan, Chairperson
Phoenix: Tom Callow for Jack Tevlin,
Vice Chairperson
ADOT: Dan Lance
Avondale: Dave Fitzhugh
*Buckeye: Joe Blanton
Chandler: Dan Cook for Patrice Kraus
*El Mirage: Ramon Leon
Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel
*Gilbert: Tami Ryall
Glendale: Jim Book

*Goodyear: Grant Anderson
*Guadalupe, Antonio Figueroa
Litchfield Park: Mike Cartsonis
Maricopa County: Chris Plumb for Tom
Buick
Mesa: Jim Huling for Jeff Martin
*Paradise Valley: Robert M. Cicarelli
Peoria: David Moody
RPTA: Bryan Jungwirth
Surprise: Randy Overmyer for Scott Phillips
Tempe: Mary O'Connor
*Wickenburg: Shane Dille

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Regional Bicycle Task Force:
*Street Committee: Don Herp, Phoenix
ITS Committee: Jim Book
* Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

*Pedestrian Working Group:
*Telecommunications Advisory Group:

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Anderson, MAG
Ken Hall, MAG
Paul Ward, MAG
Steve Tate, MAG
Bill Hayden, ADOT
Terry Johnson, City of Glendale
Peggy Carpenter, City of Scottsdale
Bob Antila, RPTA
Chris Voigt, MAG

Michelle Korf, Scottsdale
Clemenc Ligocki, MCDOT
Kevin Wallace, Mesa
Jim Creedon, Landry, Creedon and Associates
Robert Yabes, Tempe
Janna Day, Fennemore Craig/BNSF
Dawn Coomer, MAG
Kwi-Sung Kang, ADOT

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jan Dolan called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. Approval of October 23, 2003 Minutes

Addressing the first order of business, Chairperson Dolan asked if there were any changes or amendments to the meeting minutes. Mr. Jim Huling moved to approve the minutes as

presented. Mr. Bryan Jungwirth seconded, and the minutes were subsequently approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairperson Dolan stated that she had not received any request to speak cards from the audience, and moved to the next item on the Agenda.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Chairperson Dolan introduced Mr. Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, to provide the Transportation Director's report. Mr. Anderson reported on the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF), and stated that collections for the half-cent sales tax for October were up by 7.2 percent from the previous year. He also stated that the sales tax collections for the first 4 months of the fiscal year were up by over five percent. Mr. Anderson said that this was very positive news given the recent status of the economy, and when considering the lower tax collections generated by the half-cent sales tax over the last several years.

Mr. Anderson provided the Committee with a brief overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and informed those in attendance that the plan was formally adopted by the MAG Regional Council on November 25, 2003. He stated that the RTP was sent to the Governor's office for certification, and that the draft bill language for the May 2004 election is being prepared. Mr. Anderson stated that the bill for the RTP and the election process for approval of the projects was moving toward consensus, which he anticipated would happen by December 17, 2003. Mr. Anderson then answered several questions from members in attendance, and informed the Committee that there would be a legislator's open house and luncheon on January 14, 2004, hosted by the Maricopa 2020 business coalition.

Mr. Anderson then informed the Committee that MAG Staff was in the process of developing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, and that transportation staff was beginning to identify a list of potential consultant and in-house projects for the upcoming year. Mr. Anderson said that staff would be very interested in obtaining input from the TRC regarding the types of consultant projects that they would like to see in the FY 2005 work plan. He informed the Committee that the final draft version of the FY 2005 Unified Work Program and Annual Budget would be going to the MAG Management Committee in May of 2004, and to the MAG Regional Council for final approval in June of 2004. Discussion followed, and Mr. Anderson answered several questions on the annual MAG work program, and also addressed a few questions and comments regarding the MAG RTP and its process in the State Legislature. There were no additional questions from the Committee, and this concluded Mr. Anderson's report.

5. Arterial Street Program Implementation Planning

Addressing the next order of business, Chairperson Dolan introduced Mr. Paul Ward, MAG Transportation Programming Manager, to provide an overview of the Arterial Street Program implementation planning process. Mr. Ward addressed the Committee, and informed those in attendance that there was a joint meeting of representatives from the TRC and the MAG

Street Committee on November 19, 2003, to discuss the arterial street process. Mr. Ward stated that the technical working group comprised of TRC and Street Committee members generated a list of 50 primary issues at the meeting which was included in the TRC agenda packet as Attachment One. Of these, a total of 45 had varying policy implications, whereas the remaining five specifically identified important technical issues. Mr. Ward also informed those in attendance that the list was reviewed during the previous day's MAG Street Committee meeting.

According to Mr. Ward, the MAG Street Committee overwhelmingly agreed that the best way to address the arterial process was to develop a Policy Committee. The MAG Street Committee agreed that a Policy Committee would specifically address policy-based issues, whereas all technical issues would be forwarded to an appropriate MAG technical working group for their guidance, advice and feedback. There were several comments suggesting that it was necessary to specifically form a specific technical working group as part of the process. Mr. Ward addressed questions pertaining to the formation of both a policy and a technical working group. Discussion followed, and there was a question regarding the future meeting dates of the technical working group. Mr. Ward stated that the suggested meeting dates for the technical working group coincided with the MAG Street Committee, which are normally held on the second Tuesday of every month.

Mr. Ward stated that one of the primary problems associated with the process involved the availability of funding. Mr. Ward stated that it wasn't certain whether the proposed committee would be addressing arterial projects as part of the current time frame, or whether they would have to wait an additional seven months - pending the outcome of the public vote within Maricopa County over the half-cent sales tax extension. Discussion followed, and Mr. Eric Anderson addressed the Committee and asked Mr. Ward whether the technical working group decided to formally vote, and move forward to establish a formal Policy Committee. Mr. Ward informed those in attendance that while a formal vote was not taken, the group did in fact exhibit overwhelming support for moving forward with the formation of a Policy Committee to discuss the arterial process throughout the region. Mr. Ward said that the next policy session meeting of the technical working group was not scheduled until January 22, 2004.

Mr. Eric Anderson stated that it was very important to move forward and form the Policy Committee, primarily due to the fact that MAG Staff would need further guidance in the development of an arterial program as part of developing the FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Further discussion followed, and Mr. David Moody agreed that the group should move forward quickly, and that it may not be appropriate to wait until January 22, 2004, to discuss the next steps in the process. Mr. Moody suggested that the group should hold one meeting before January 22, 2004. Further discussion followed, and Chairperson Dolan addressed the Committee and asked for clarification on the process. She stated that based upon the discussion, it was understood that the group would move forward and recommend the formation of a Policy working group, and then possibly work toward the formation of a Technical working group once all of the issues are addressed. Chairperson Dolan asked Mr. Ward whether staff could work toward finding several meeting dates for the technical and policy working groups, and then addressed who would possibly

serve on the committee. Discussion followed concerning the composition of the working committee. It was agreed that there would be a minimum of one representative from each MAG member agency.

Several members in attendance questioned the urgency of forming a Policy working group. Mr. Ward said that the development of such a working group was crucial, because sufficient detail was required on the various types of planned and proposed street projects in order to have them incorporated into the FY 2005-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Anderson also stated that for the FY 2005 TIP, there needed to be specific descriptions on arterial projects that would meet Federal requirements. Mr. Anderson stated that the project descriptions were also needed at a municipal level, so that cities and towns could have ample time to incorporate projects into their respective community Capital Improvement Programs (CIP).

Further discussion followed on issues pertaining to local match requirements, whether agendas are needed at technical working group meetings, and participation on the proposed Policy working group. Although a formal vote was not taken, Chairperson Dolan asked whether the Committee was in agreement over holding another technical working group meeting prior to January 22, 2003, and subsequently forming a Policy working group to discuss the Arterial Street Program implementation planning process. Committee members were in unanimous support of forming a Policy Committee. There were no further questions from the Committee, and this concluded Mr. Ward's presentation.

6. FY 2004-2007 Special MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Addressing the next order of business, Chairperson Dolan introduced Mr. Paul Ward, MAG Transportation Programming Manager, to address the FY 2004-2007 Special MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Ward stated that the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP was approved by the MAG Regional Council on November 25, 2003, and that the projects would be incorporated into the State TIP. There were no questions from the Committee, and this concluded Mr. Ward's presentation.

7. FY 2005-2009 MAG TIP Guidance Report

Addressing the next order of business, Chairperson Dolan introduced Mr. Paul Ward, MAG Transportation Programming Manager, to address the FY 2005-2009 MAG TIP Guidance Report. Mr. Ward stated that there were several minor changes to the report, and distributed copies of Sections X (Policy Guidelines and Process) and XI (Application Forms) of the report to the Committee for their review. Mr. Ward stated that Section X of the report contained a change to one of the dates on Table X-1, which reflected an updated application deadline of February 6, 2004, for new projects requests. In addition, Mr. Ward called the Committee's attention to the new application form in Section XI, and informed those in attendance that the chapter represented the updated forms for the Federal application process.

Discussion followed, and Mr. Ward answered a number of questions from Committee members regarding the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the project

application process. Mr. Ward stressed the fact that member agencies should be developing project requests now, and working toward the completion of all relevant applications for submittal. He informed those in attendance that the application forms would be available this afternoon on the MAG Website, which could easily be downloaded and completed at their earliest convenience. In summary, Mr. Ward reminded the Committee that the MAG Regional Council would be approving the FY 2005-2009 MAG TIP Guidance Report at their meeting on January 24, 2004. There were no additional comments or questions from the Committee, and this concluded Mr. Ward's presentation.

8. Draft FY 2009 ADOT Projects

Addressing the next order of business, Chairperson Dolan introduced Mr. Bill Hayden from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to address the Draft FY 2009 ADOT Projects. Mr. Hayden addressed the Committee, and informed those in attendance that his formal title was ADOT *Special Assistant to the Life Cycle Program*. Mr. Hayden called the Committee's attention to a PowerPoint presentation at the front of the room, and also called their attention to a table of cooperatively developed FY 2009 projects in Attachment Three of the agenda packet. Mr. Hayden stated that the projects were cooperatively developed and prioritized by ADOT, MAG and the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). He also noted that there was a very extensive public participation process with stakeholders and the general public in an effort to obtain maximum input into the process.

Mr. Hayden informed the Committee that there was a total of \$162.3 million dollars available to the MAG Region in 2009. Discussion followed, and Mr. Eric Anderson informed the Committee that the FY 2009 ADOT project list did not include half-cent sales tax money as identified within the RTP planning process. Mr. Hayden then displayed a map identifying all of the projects, and began to individually identify the locations and overall costs that were associated with each of the projects.

Mr. Hayden identified the I-10 Project in between 16th and 40th streets, along Baseline Avenue. He informed the Committee that the project would cost an estimated \$20 million dollars, and that the project involved the addition of a collector-distributor roadway to the Maricopa Freeway. He noted that this addition would have a large role in the alleviation of congestion within the area. Mr. Hayden addressed the I-10 at Loop 202 and Riggs Road project, which involved the construction of a 6-mile lane widening segment freeway estimated to cost \$42 million. Mr. Hayden then addressed additional road widening projects at I-17 at Loop 101 and the Carefree Highway (\$33 Million); the State Route 85 project from Milepost 149 to 151 (\$16.2 Million); and the State Route 87 project from the forest boundary to the Dos S Ranch (\$3 Million).

Mr. Hayden addressed a number of MAG region wide projects, which included regional freeway system acceleration in the amount of \$40 million; a DCR (Design Concept Report)/EIS (Environmental Impact Study) for future projects in the amount of a million dollars; funding for transportation interchange projects in the amount of \$3 million; and design funding for 2011 and 2012 construction projects in the amount of \$4.07 million, which is dependant on the passing of the half-cent sales tax for Maricopa County. Mr. Hayden then addressed a number of questions from the Committee regarding regional

acceleration, specification on project locations, public participation, and preferred alternatives along various roadway segments. There were no additional questions from the Committee, and this concluded Mr. Hayden's presentation.

9. TRC Meeting Schedule for 2004

Chairperson Dolan called the Committee's attention to Attachment Four of the agenda packet, and addressed the meeting schedule for 2004. There were no questions from the Committee.

10. Next Meeting Date

Chairperson Dolan informed members in attendance that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on January 29, 2004. There being no further business, Chairperson Dolan adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.