

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

May 26, 2005

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Scottsdale: Mary O' Connor for Jan Dolan, Chairperson	Litchfield Park: Mike Cartsonis
ADOT: Dan Lance	Maricopa County: Mike Ellegood
Avondale: David Fitzhugh	Mesa: Jim Huling for Jeff Martin
Chandler: Patrice Kraus	Paradise Valley: Robert M. Cicarelli
El Mirage: B.J. Cornwall	Peoria: David Moody
Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel	Phoenix: Norris Nordvold for Tom Callow
+Gila Bend: Lynn Farmer	Queen Creek: Mark Young
Gilbert: Tami Ryall	RPTA: Bryan Jungwirth
Glendale: Terry Johnson	Surprise: Randy Overmyer
Goodyear: Cato Esquivel	Tempe: Carlos De Leon
Guadalupe, Jim Ricker	*Wickenburg: Shane Dille

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Regional Bicycle Task Force: Randi Alcott, RPTA	Pedestrian Working Group: Eric Iwersen, City of Tempe
*Street Committee: Larry Shobe, City of Tempe	*Telecommunications Advisory Group:
ITS Committee: Alan Sanderson	
* Members neither present nor represented by proxy.	+ - Attended by Videoconference

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Anderson, MAG	Ali Makarachi, City of Phoenix
Ken Hall, MAG	Dan Cook, City of Chandler
Paul Ward, MAG	Clemenc Ligocki, MCDOT
Sarath Joshua, MAG	Bob Antila, Valley Metro/RPTA
Cathy Arthur, MAG	Dave Meinhart, City of Scottsdale
Eileen O'Connell, MAG	Chris Plumb, MCDOT
Steve Tate, MAG	Janeen Gaskins, City of Avondale
Lynn Timmons, City of Phoenix	Dana Tranberg, City of Glendale
Don Herp, City of Phoenix	Pete Wertheim, City of Peoria
Peggy Carpenter, City of Scottsdale	Kevin Hinderleider, City of Avondale
Dan Nissen, City of Phoenix	

1. Call to Order

In the absence of Chairperson Jan Dolan, Mr. Mike Ellegood called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of March 24, 2005 Draft Minutes

Addressing the first order of business, Mr. Ellegood asked if there were any changes or amendments to the meeting minutes. Mr. Randy Overmyer 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

Mr. Ellegood stated that he 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

Mr. Ellegood introduced Mr. Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, to provide the Transportation Director's report. Mr. Anderson informed the Committee that sales tax revenues for the month of April were up by 8.8 percent, and were very strong compared to last year. He also said that the year-to-date revenues were up by 8.9 percent, which was 2.3% higher than the original forecast. Mr. Anderson then addressed a material cost change to the Red Mountain Freeway, and said that the section between Power Road and University Drive needed to be increased by \$17.6 million. He informed those in attendance that the item would go before the MAG Management and the MAG Regional Council for approval in June of 2005.

Mr. Anderson then informed the Committee that the MAG Regional Council adopted the MAG FY 2006 Unified Work Program and Annual Budget at their monthly meeting yesterday. He said that MAG has worked in coordination with ADOT, Valley Metro and Valley Metro Rail to coordinate a list of work activities, in an effort to develop a "master calendar." Mr. Anderson said that the adopted budget allows for the hiring of a Senior Performance Engineer, which would be responsible for analyzing system performance associated with the Life Cycle Programs.

Mr. Anderson then addressed reauthorization of the federal TEA-21 legislation. Mr. Anderson said that the US Senate version calls for \$295 billion in spending, whereas the US House of Representatives version called for the passage of \$284 billion. He informed those in attendance that the Administration has threatened to veto anything above \$284 billion, and that there would be a 30-day extension through the end of June. Mr. Anderson said that there would be a conference committee during June, in order to negotiate a compromise between the US House and US Senate versions of reauthorization. Mr. Anderson said that

preliminary numbers based on the \$295 billion Senate version would result in an overall transportation funding increase of 40 percent for Arizona. He said that he would keep the Committee informed of any upcoming progress regarding reauthorization. There were no questions, and this concluded Mr. Anderson's report to the Committee.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Addressing the next order of business, Mr. Ellegood addressed Agenda item #6 (Request to Change the Federal Functional Classification of a City of Litchfield Park Roadway) and item #7 (Proposed Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program for Highway Projects), and asked members in attendance if they would like to entertain a motion to approve the item as presented, or to remove the item for discussion. Mr. Jim Huling moved to recommend approval of Consent Agenda. Ms. Patrice Kraus seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by subsequent voice vote of the Committee.

8. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Interim Year Closeout

Mr. Eric Anderson called the Committee's attention to a memo that was distributed to members prior to the meeting. He informed those in attendance that the memo was from Mr. Stephen Cleveland, the City Manager of Goodyear and the present Chairperson of the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Anderson stated that the purpose of the memo was to convey the recommendations on proposed Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) projects for the FFY 2005 Interim Year End Closeout. He noted that in 2004, the MAG Regional Council wanted to fund the street sweepers with closeout money, and informed the Committee that the requested amount for sweepers was over \$2 million. Mr. Anderson also informed the Committee that a project from the City of Surprise was inadvertently left off the project list for consideration of closeout funding, which involved an access control study on Grand Avenue between the Loop 303 and State Route 74. He then asked the Committee to reconsider the Surprise project for funding during their deliberation process. There were no questions for Mr. Anderson.

Addressing the next order of business, Mr. Ellegood introduced Mr. Paul Ward, MAG Transportation Programming Manager, to provide an update of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Interim Year End Closeout. Mr. Ward addressed the Committee, and informed those in attendance that the reauthorization of federal funding has not yet occurred, so it was not possible to precisely determine how much money is going to be available. Mr. Ward stated that the Federal Government has not had a Transportation authorization bill for about twenty months, and that MAG is currently working from staff estimates based on the 2005 Appropriations Bill. Mr. Ward stressed that the final dollar amounts will depend upon what happens with federal legislation, in addition to the Committee actions which are taken with regard to the approved projects and total project amounts. Mr. Ward informed those in attendance that approximately \$16 million in CMAQ funds are available, and approximately \$4 million are available through Surface Transportation Program (STP-MAG) funds, for a total of approximately \$20 million. However, he also noted that \$1.5 million in distributed Obligation Authority had been included in that figure, which left an active balance of

approximately \$18.5 million immediately available for closeout.

Mr. Ward called the Committee's attention to the memo in Attachment Three at the back of the Agenda packet, which represented a list of projects that were submitted and recommended for the utilization of federal funds. Mr. Ward said the ADOT project at I-17 and Cactus Road that was identified under Priority 3, should in fact be identified as a Priority 2 project. Mr. Ward stated that a total of seven of 55 projects received a Congestion Management System score. He also noted that two projects relating to studies were transferred over to STP-MAG funds. Mr. Ward then provided a brief overview of the priorities, and stated that Priority 1A in the table represented the advancement of projects (or phases of projects) from the following year (or in this case, 2006); Priority 1B projects represented advancing projects from future years of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); Priority 2A projects are those projects that requested additional funds, but stayed within the limits allowed under the guidelines; Priority 2B projects are those projects that request additional funds but exceed the limits; and Priority 3 projects represented those projects that are either new, or don't meet the requirements of priorities 1 and 2. Mr. Ward then asked the Committee if they had any questions, and stressed that all potential closeout projects must be able to obligate this year.

Mr. Jim Huling then addressed the Committee, and stated that for purposes of discussion, he wanted to propose a motion for the recommended approval of a number of projects. Going down the current list of closeout projects, Mr. Huling requested that all Priority 1A projects be approved; that the Priority 1B project for the City of Avondale's ITS Traffic Control project be approved for \$400,000 (reduced from \$675,997); that the Chandler TS1 and TS2 signal project (\$471,500), the Glendale multi-use overpass project (\$240,000), and the ADOT US-60 Superstition Freeway project for \$4.186 million should not be recommended; and that the remaining Priority 1B projects be approved as indicated. Mr. Huling then stated that he recommended approval of Priority 2A projects, with a reduction to the City of Chandler's Alma School at Warner Road project from a total of \$720,948 to \$320,948. Mr. Huling recommended partial approval of only one of the Priority 2B projects identified on the list, which included a reduction of the Maricopa County Loop 101 Real-Time Traffic Coordination and Messaging System increase from \$500,000 to \$151,000. Mr. Huling then addressed Priority 3 projects, and recommended approval of the Litchfield Road Bypass for \$200,000 (reduced from \$295,000); the MAG Street Sweepers for the full amount of \$2.049 million; the ADOT I-17 at Cactus Road project for \$1.5 million (reduced from \$1.792 million); the Mesa ITS radio installation project for \$278,185; the Chandler Loop 202 (Santan Freeway) park and ride project for \$920,300 (reduced from \$2.72 million); the Glendale Loop 101 (at Maryland Avenue) park and ride project for \$2.0 million (reduced from \$4.120 million); the Queen Creek Riggs Road design project for \$660,100; the Scottsdale design project for \$550,000; the Valley Metro light rail system study for \$1.220 million; the Valley Metro light rail design standards for \$412,000; the Valley Metro CPEV LRT construction program for \$4,725,470; and the Valley Metro bus purchase for \$1,357,925 (reduced from \$2.037 million). Mr. Huling noted that the proposed recommendation, as stated, amounted to a total of approximately \$20 million. Mr. Huling also stated he would formally recommend that up to the first \$5.4 million in remaining funds be applied to the Valley Metro rail for the starter segment; and that the remaining amounts be applied toward the bus replacement item (project cost of \$678,963) for Valley

Metro. Mr. Huling formally moved to recommend the amended priority list of projects, as stated, to utilize the funds available during interim closeout of FFY 2005 and to recommend authorizing a TIP amendment and/or administrative adjustment for the projects concerned. Mr. Terry Johnson seconded. Before a formal vote was entertained, Mr. Ellegood asked the Committee if there were any questions or concerns regarding this item.

Discussion followed, and Mr. Dave Fitzhugh said that it was a good starting point, but felt that more discussion was needed. Mr. Fitzhugh spoke about the City of Avondale's ITS Traffic Control project, and informed the Committee that a total of \$400,000 (reduced from \$675,997) would not work. Mr. Fitzhugh said that the city was ready to implement the project as soon as possible, and that they were already working with ADOT to obligate the funds. Mr. Fitzhugh said he would work very hard to make sure that Avondale's project is funded. Ms. Mary O' Connor then addressed the Committee, and stated that although some of the projects on the list show up as being new, many have in fact been around for a while. She expressed her concern over the City of Scottsdale project, and suggested that the Scottsdale project receive consideration for funding. Discussion followed, and Mr. Randy Overmyer addressed the City of Surprise Access Control Study on Grand Avenue between the Loop 303 and State Route 74. Mr. Overmyer stated that this was a regional project that was left off the list, but has been developed in coordination with MAG and the ADOT District Engineer. Mr. Overmyer expressed his concern, and wanted to know how it would appear on the list. Mr. Eric Anderson informed Mr. Overmyer that the project would be identified under Priority 3, because it is a new project. Mr. Jim Ricker addressed a CMAQ project for the Town of Guadalupe, which would contribute to completing the trail system (Guadalupe Road over to I-10) in Maricopa County. He informed the Committee that the Town was trying to obtain design funds, and asked those in attendance to consider the project. Mr. Ward stated that the project was listed under Maricopa County for \$377,200, and submitted by Maricopa County Parks and Recreation on behalf of Guadalupe.

Mr. Ellegood then addressed the Committee, and proposed that the Committee officially go into recess for approximately 20 to 25 minutes in order to see if several of the project issues could be resolved. He also said that another option is to table this item and conduct a special meeting sometime next week. The overall consensus of the Committee was to recess. Mr. Ellegood acknowledged Mr. Jim Huling, and said that he did a great job working on this issue so that the Committee could come to a formal agreement. Mr. Ellegood then recessed the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee reconvened at 11:01 a.m. Mr. Ellegood was informed by a number of members that they have reached a consensus. Mr. Jim Huling then informed the Committee that Mr. Ward was prepared to formally comment on the project changes that were agreed upon over the break. Mr. Ward stated that there were a few changes from Mr. Huling's earlier motion, which were agreed to by members of the Committee over the break. Mr. Ward stated that the funding for Priority 1A would remain the same. Under priority 1B, the Avondale ITS Traffic Control study would be funded at the full amount of \$675,997, opposed to being lowered to \$400,000, as suggested. Mr. Ward said that under Priority 2A, the City of Chandler's Alma School at Warner Road project was funded at \$425,000, opposed to the \$320,948 that was requested in Mr. Huling's original motion. As part of Priority 3, Mr. Ward stated that the Chandler Loop 202 (Santan Freeway)

park and ride project would be funded at \$1,920,300, opposed to the \$920,300 requested in the original motion; and that the Valley Metro CPEV LRT construction program would be funded at \$4.25 million, opposed to the suggested \$4.73 million. Mr. Ward said that the contingency projects for remaining closeout funds would be in the following order: the Surprise Grand Avenue Access Control Study for \$500,000; one Valley Metro bus (\$340,000); the Valley Metro Light Rail (\$4,118,825); another Valley Metro Bus (\$340,000), and the Scottsdale Trolley for \$300,000. Mr. Ward noted that the total contingency projects amount to approximately \$5.6 million. There were several questions pertaining to Valley Metro Rail, and Mr. Ward stated that light rail is currently scheduled to receive \$5.8 million in non-contingency closeout money, which includes the CPEV LRT program and two studies. Mr. Ward indicated that light rail could potentially receive up to \$10.0 million in closeout, if additional monies become available.

Based upon these latest revisions, Mr. Jim Huling moved to recommend the amended priority list of projects, as agreed upon by the Committee and clarified by Mr. Ward, to utilize the funds available during interim closeout of FFY 2005 and to recommend authorizing a TIP amendment and/or administrative adjustment for the projects concerned. Mr. Terry Johnson seconded. After further discussion pertaining to the Guadalupe trail project, MAG Street Sweepers, and light rail, the Committee voted to unanimously approve the motion as provided by Mr. Huling. There was no further discussion, and this concluded Mr. Ward's presentation to the Committee.

9. Draft of the Arterial Street Life Cycle Program

Addressing the next order of business, Mr. Ellegood introduced Mr. Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, to address the Arterial Street Life Cycle Program. Mr. Anderson called the Committee's attention to Attachment Number Four, located at the back of the TRC Agenda Packet. He informed the Committee that the attachment within the packet is a Draft version of the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP), which represented a 20-year outlook for capacity and intersection improvements. Mr. Anderson stated that years 2006 through 2010 of the ALCP are already locked into place in the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and that Ms. Eileen O'Connell of MAG Staff is in the process of assembling the database in an effort to identify gaps in the process.

Mr. Anderson noted that the projects are fiscally balanced by year, and that bonding, interest and expenses are also accounted for in the process. Mr. Anderson stated that special attention was provided in estimating cash flows, and that the item was presented today for possible action. Mr. Anderson also acknowledged that this may in fact be the first time that members of the Committee are actually having an opportunity to collectively review the updated projects. He said that the ALCP Policies and Procedures were scheduled to be approved by the MAG Transportation Policy Committee and formally adopted by the MAG Regional Council in June. Mr. Anderson said that if approval for recommendation on this item were reached at today's meeting, MAG could move it through the Regional Council process in July.

Discussion followed, and Mr. Ellegood asked the Committee whether they needed more time to study this item, or if they wanted to recommend approval. Mr. Dave Meinhart, in addition to a number of other Committee members, requested that the communities have sufficient time to review this item in further detail, and to bring it back for consideration at the June meeting. Mr. Eric Anderson said that if anyone had any questions, comments, or proposed changes to the ALCP list, to please let him know before the next meeting, which is scheduled for June 30, 2005. Mr. Dave Meinhart moved to delay action on the Draft ALCP until the June 30, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Cartsonis, and subsequently approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee. There was no further discussion on this item, and this concluded Mr. Anderson's presentation to the Committee.

10. ADOT Freeway/Highway Life Cycle Program

Addressing the next order of business, Mr. Mike Ellegood introduced Mr. Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, to provide an update of the ADOT Highway/Freeway Life Cycle Program. Mr. Anderson informed the Committee that MAG had been working with ADOT on this program for the last several weeks. Mr. Anderson called the Committee's attention to Attachment Number Five, located at the back of the TRC Agenda Packet. He noted that the attachment provided information on each segment over a 20-year period. Mr. Anderson said that the item was not for action, and was on the Agenda in an effort to obtain input and comments.

Mr. Anderson then introduced Mr. Dan Lance of ADOT, who provided a brief overview of the attachment, and answered several questions pertaining to Grand Avenue and other sections of the system. Mr. Lance encouraged members to review and study the proposed Freeway/Highway Life Cycle Program, and to provide comments. There was no further discussion on this item, and this concluded Mr. Anderson's presentation to the Committee.

11. Next Meeting Date

Mr. Ellegood informed members in attendance that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on June 30, 2005. There being no further business, Mr. Ellegood adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.