

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

December 4, 2008

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Phoenix: Tom Callow  
ADOT: Kwi-Sung Kang for Floyd  
Roehrich  
\*Avondale: David Fitzhugh  
\*Buckeye: Scott Lowe  
\*Chandler: Patrice Kraus  
El Mirage: Pat Dennis for Lance Calvert  
\*Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel  
\*Gila Bend: Vacant  
Gila River: Sreedevi Samudrala for David  
White  
Gilbert: Stephanie Prybyl for Tami Ryall  
Glendale: Terry Johnson  
\*Goodyear: Cato Esquivel  
\*Guadalupe: Jim Ricker  
\*Litchfield Park: Mike Cartsonis  
Maricopa County: John Hauskins  
Mesa: Brent Stoddard for Scott Butler  
\*Paradise Valley: Robert M. Cicarelli  
Peoria: David Moody  
\*Queen Creek: Mark Young  
RPTA: Bryan Jungwirth  
Scottsdale: Dave Meinhart for  
Mary O'Connor  
Surprise: Randy Overmyer  
Tempe: Carlos de Leon  
\*Valley Metro Rail: John Farry  
\*Wickenburg: Gary Edwards  
Youngtown: Lloyce Robinson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

Regional Bicycle Task Force: Jim Hash,  
City of Mesa  
\*Street Committee: Darryl Crossman, City  
of Litchfield Park  
\*ITS Committee: Mike Mah  
\* Members neither present nor represented by proxy. + - Attended by Videoconference  
# - Attended by Audioconference  
\*Pedestrian Working Group: Brandon Forrey,  
City of Peoria  
\*Transportation Safety Committee: Kerry  
Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Anderson, MAG  
Monique de los Rios-Urban, MAG  
Bob Hazlett, MAG  
Roger Herzog, MAG  
Steve Tate, MAG  
Eileen Yazzie, MAG  
Bob Antilla, Valley Metro/RPTA  
Steven Hall, ADOT  
Wylie Bearup, City of Phoenix  
Ray Dovalina, City of Phoenix  
Tom Remes, City of Phoenix  
Christopher Ames

1. Call to Order

Mr. Tom Callow from the City of Phoenix called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

2. Approval of October 23, 2008 Draft Minutes

Mr. Callow asked if there were any changes or amendments to the meeting minutes, and there were none. Mr. David Moody from City of Peoria moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Randall Overmyer from the City of Surprise seconded the motion, and the minutes were subsequently approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

3. Call to the Audience

Mr. Callow announced that a request to speak card had been submitted by Mr. Christopher Ames from the Town of Gilbert. Mr. Callow welcomed Mr. Ames and invited him to speak before the Committee.

Mr. Ames provided a compilation on non-emergency contact numbers for various law enforcement agencies throughout the County. He encouraged the Committee to disseminate the information to their communities in an effort to reduce the number of non-emergency calls directed to 911. Mr. Anderson thanked Mr. Ames and acknowledged the importance of his efforts. Mr. Anderson also commented that MAG would likely post the information provided to the MAG website.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Mr. Callow invited Mr. Eric Anderson from MAG to present the Transportation Director's Report. Mr. Anderson announced that the October revenues for the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) were down 10.1 percent from the previous fiscal year (FY). He added that year-to-date RARF revenues were 9.6 percent lower than FY 2007 and reported a negative growth for 12 of the last 12 months.

Mr. Anderson reported that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) released the revised RARF revenue forecast. According to the revised forecast, the cumulative revenue projections decreased \$1.1 billion over the life of the tax. Mr. Anderson announced that ADOT also revised the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) forecast. He reported that the revised HURF forecast was \$1.8 billion lower than the previously forecasted.

Mr. Anderson cautioned that the reduced revenue forecast would have a notable impact on the Freeway Life Cycle Program. The impact of the revised forecasts included a decrease of over \$600 million in RARF revenues and \$800 million in HURF revenues over the life of the freeway program. He added that the reduced revenue forecast would also impact ADOT's ability to bond.

Mr. Anderson reminded the Committee that the revised forecasts were based on a panel

discussion conducted by ADOT in August. He referenced the meltdown of the financial market and increased fears of a global recession, which occurred after the panel convened. Mr. Anderson informed the Committee that ADOT was cautioning that the forecast may need to be revised again in light of the economic changes that have occurred since August. He explained that future revisions to the ADOT revenue forecasts could be even lower.

Continuing on, Mr. Anderson reported that the price of oil was dropping. He stated that economic slowdown on a national and global scale were having a positive effect on construction pricing. He anticipated improved construction pricing on bids over the next few months.

Mr. Anderson informed the Committee that MAG began an electronic delivery service called GovDelivery, which enabled the Committee, Member Agency Staff, and the public to receive materials and updates from MAG electronically. He announced that Committee members had the option of receiving agenda packets electronically adding that Committee members could continue to receive all materials mailed to them if desired.

Mr. Callow asked if there were any questions or comments about this agenda item. There were none, and this concluded the Transportation Director's Report.

5. Project Changes – Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Callow announced that a replacement summary transmittal and table had been provided to the Committee. He announced that Phoenix project (PHX07-317) referenced in the summary transmittal and table provided in the agenda mail out was not voted on at the ITS Committee, and as a result, would not move forward at this time. Mr. Callow announced that the replacement materials did not include project PHX07-317. He also announced that the revised materials provided additional information about two ADOT projects voted on the previous evening by the MAG Regional Council.

Mr. Callow asked if there were any questions about the agenda item, and there were none. Mr. Moody motioned to approve the project changes as presented in the revised summary table and handout. Mr. David Meinhart from City of Scottsdale seconded, and the agenda item was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Committee members in attendance.

6. Transportation Review Committee 2009 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Callow announced the Transportation Review Committee meeting schedule for 2009. He asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none, and Mr. Callow moved on to the next item on the agenda.

7. Development of the FY 2009-2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP)

Mr. Callow invited Ms. Eileen Yazzie, MAG Transportation Programming Manager, to present on the development of the FY 2009 -2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program. Ms. Yazzie announced that the MAG TIP/ALCP Data Entry System was available on the MAG website.

Ms. Yazzie informed the Committee that the data entry system would allow member agencies to update project information and add new projects in the TIP from FY 2009 to FY 2014. In addition, the data entry system would allow users to update project information for ALCP projects programmed from FY 2009 to 2026. She announced that the TIP/ALCP Data Entry System was a Microsoft Access file and stated that each member agency could download a file specific to their jurisdiction to update project data.

Next, Ms. Yazzie announced that *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act* (SAFETEA-LU) established new federal requirements that impact the TIP. First, SAFETEA-LU requires that TIP reports project costs in year of expenditure (YOE) dollars. For that reason, the TIP/ALCP Data Entry System prompts users to indicate if project cost estimates include inflation. Ms. Yazzie informed the Committee that MAG Staff would keep all data records that specify the original and inflated costs for future updates.

Continuing on, Ms. Yazzie summarized the types of projects that should be included in the TIP. She stated that all projects funded with federal funds and all regionally significant projects that are funded with federal or non-federal funds should be listed in the TIP. She explained that MAG defines a regionally significant project as a project that is on a road that:

- Serves regional transportation needs
- Is greater than one-half mile in length, or is on a freeway, freeway ramp, or roadway that carries traffic over or under a freeway at an interchange; and,
- Alters the number of striped through-lanes available for motor vehicle use, affecting the MAG transportation model.

Fixed guideway transit facilities (i.e., trackage for light rail service, or dedicated busways) that serve regional transportation needs also meet the definition of a regionally significant project and also should be included in the TIP. She explained that information to be updated included project cost, schedule, status, and elements for all projects to be programmed in FY 2010 to 2014. In addition, project information should be provided for any new regionally significant projects during that time period.

Next, Ms. Yazzie addressed updating projects programmed in the Arterial Life Cycle Program. She reported that updating ALCP projects differed from the TIP Update in that the regional reimbursements are “locked.” As a result, project change requests for ALCP projects are handled separately. She explained that project data for ALCP projects programmed from FY 2010 to FY 2026 should be updated.

Ms. Yazzie informed that Committee that the two deadlines to submit project updates had been

established. A deadline of January 9, 2009 had been established for any project to be programmed in the FY 2010 - 2014 TIP, including ALCP projects programmed during that time period. A second deadline of February 6, 2009 had been established for any ALCP project programmed for FY 2015 to 2026.

Mr. Callow asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Bryan Jungwirth from Valley Metro/RPTA asked if all modes were to be included in the TIP and if the reimbursements would be locked for all projects. Ms. Yazzie explained that all modes would be included in the TIP; however, only the reimbursements for ALCP projects would be locked. She continued, explaining that MAG Staff coordinated with Bob Antilla from RPTA on updating transit projects in the TIP, including fixed guideway projects as well as projects programmed in the Transit Life Cycle Program. Mr. Jungwirth asked if Member Agencies should submit project updates for transit projects to MAG or to Mr. Antilla. Ms. Yazzie stated that project updates for all transit project should be directed to Mr. Antilla although the information would be incorporated into the Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Callow asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none, and Mr. Callow moved on to the next item on the agenda.

8. Status Report on the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update Study

Then, Mr. Callow invited Ms. Monique de los Rios-Urban from MAG to present a status report on the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update Study. Ms. de los Rios-Urban informed the Committee that the study was a 13-month project, which began in April 2008. She explained that the project team established consisted of MAG Staff and consultants from PBS&J Consultants, Cambridge Systematics, and the University of Washington. Ms. de los Rios-Urban also reported that the project team wanted the study to be a collaborative effort. Toward that end, a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) comprised of staff from various MAG Member Agencies was created.

Ms. de los Rios-Urban announced that the study would be conducted in three Phases. She stated that the main objective of the study was to develop a performance measurement framework to evaluate regional strategies at the system and corridor level. Other objectives for the study included compliance with legislative requirements both at the state and federal levels as well as updating congestion management strategies to facilitate system evaluation referenced to performance measures.

Ms. de los Rios-Urban reported that Phase I of the project included the initiation of the TAG and a best practices assessment. She informed the Committee that a draft version of the best practices report was available to download from the MAG website. She announced that Phase II included the development of a performance framework and implementation plans. In addition, Phase II consisted of an assessment of data sources and the development of reporting methodologies and visualization tools.

In conclusion, Ms. de los Rios-Urban announced that in Phase III the project team would update

the congestion management process for the region. The activities for Phase III would include the identification of strategies, evaluation tools and reporting methodologies.

Mr. Callow asked if there were any questions or comments about the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update Study. There were none, and Mr. Callow continued on to the member agency update.

9. Member Agency Update

Mr. Callow asked members of the Committee if they would like to provide updates; address any issues or concerns regarding transportation at the regional level; and asked if any members in attendance would like to address recent information that was relevant to transportation within their respective communities. There were none, and Mr. Callow moved to the next agenda item.

10. Next Meeting Date

Mr. Callow informed members in attendance that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on January 29, 2008. There being no further business, Mr. Callow adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.