

**MINUTES OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

November 21, 2006
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Robert Maki, Surprise	* Marc Scott, City of Tempe
Kohinoor Kar for Reed Henry, ADOT	Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale
*Martin Johnson, Chandler	*Town of Youngtown
Lorenzo Aguirre, El Mirage	*Mary Kihl, ASU
Ken-ichi Maruyama, Gilbert	Jennifer Brown, FHWA
Sandy Adams, Glendale	Stuart Boggs for Teri Collins, RPTA
*Doug Dobson, Apache Junction	Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS
Peggy Rubach for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	* Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona
Larry Talley, Mesa	Karla Petty for Linda Mendyka, GOHS
*William Mead, Paradise Valley	*Tom Burch, AARP
*Representative, City of Goodyear	+Brandon Forrey for Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria
Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix	
Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale	

OTHERS PRESENT

+Erica Macalvin, Ft. McDowell	Sarath Joshua, MAG
	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG

+Teleconference

*Not present or represented by proxy

1. **Call to Order**

Acting Chairman Kelly LaRosa called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM upon reaching the required attendance for quorum.

2. **Approval of September 19, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Peggy Rubach moved and Paul Porell seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2006 meeting.

3. **Call to Audience**

Acting Chairman Kelly LaRosa made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. No comments were received from the public.

4. Program Managers Report

Sarath Joshua reported on the following items:

- Activities at Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council and subcommittee activities
- Regional Transportation Safety Forum
 - MAG is planning on hosting a Regional Transportation Safety Workshop in April, 2007 as stated in the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. He also reported that the organizing committee had suggested that the theme of this workshop should be Work Zone Safety.

5. Mid-Block Roadway Crossing Treatment Protocol

This item was tabled for the next meeting on January 16th, 2007.

6. Chairman's Report on SAFETEA-LU Focus Group Meeting held in Washington, D.C.

This item was tabled for the next meeting on January 16th, 2007.

7. Arizona's Safe Routes to School(SRTS) Program and Call for Projects

Brian Fellows Statewide Safe Routes to School Coordinator made a presentation describing the program and projects that can be funded through the program.

8. Potential Safe Routes to School Grant Applications

Sarath Joshua suggested that MAG could apply for SRTS grants for two regionwide projects. One for funds for conducting the two Regional School Crossing Guard Training Workshops to accommodate east and west valley schools and the second to fund an update of the yellow and white crosswalk videos. Paul Porell suggested that MAG also apply for another project to buy collateral material for different school safety events to encourage children walk and bike to school. **Paul Porell moved that MAG staff prepare an application for these three projects. Peggy Rubach seconded and MAG Transportation Safety committee unanimously recommended that MAG prepare a grant applications for these three projects.**

9. Reports by Committee members on Transportation Safety Activities

Stuart Boggs from Valley Metro reported on Safety and Security study that is currently underway. Kohinoor Kar reported on activities of the Crash Data User Group and their recommendations to Traffic Records Coordinating Committee. He also reported on efforts to develop a Statewide Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. Peggy Rubach told the committee that Maricopa County has released 2005 crash statistics. Paul Porell told the committee about walk and bike to school event they organized at Grey Hawk Elementary School in which about 650 students walked or biked to school. He also told that they are getting more requests to organize similar events. Paul Porell also reported on the Freeway Photoradar enforcement study is underway and the report will be presented to council in mid January. Lt. Mike Lockhart reported that DPS is replacing three Freeway Service Patrol trucks and also hiring a new Roadside Motorist Assistant. Sandy Adams from City of Glendale told the committee that they finished SRTS mapping for 80-90% of K-8 schools. She said that this information is also very helpful for other agencies such as police and emergency services to plan the routes to attend emergencies. Kerry Wilcoxon reported on the Halloween Safety Event. He stated

that Phoenix's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan will be approved by City Council in 2007. He also mentioned that they are working on collector and local street traffic mitigation without affecting fire and police. Karla Petty from GOHS reported that ADOT had hired a Program Manager for the Road Safety Audits Program. She also reported to the committee about DUI task force for the holiday season. Jennifer Brown of Federal Highway Administration reported that the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council now has a website that reports on their activities at: www.gtsac.org. Ken-Ichi Maruyama reported that Gilbert will be applying for an SRTS grant. Brandon Forrey from Peoria mentioned that the Bike Ride event they organized had 50 participants. He also mentioned that Gilbert is working on an improved format for SRTS maps. They are also retrofitting wheel chair ramps along these routes.

10. Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled on January 16, 2007 at 10:00AM in Cholla Room at MAG. Acting Chairman Kelly LaRosa adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.