

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

March 20, 2007
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Theo Petrtsch, Sprinkle Consulting	Jim Lee, Lee Engineering
Peyton McLeod, Sprinkle Consulting	Manju Kumar, Lee Engineering
Mike Blankenship, ADOT	Maureen DeCindis, MAG
Doug McCants, PBS&J	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Jim Coffman, Coffman Studio	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Maureen DeCindis, MAG	

*Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order
Chairman Bob Maki called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM
2. Approval of November 21, 2006, January 16,2007 and January 30,2007 Meeting Minutes
Peggy Rubach moved and Kerry Wilcoxon seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2006, January 16, 2007 and January 30,2007 Meeting Minutes.
3. Call to Audience

Chairman Robert Maki 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:

- Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council (GTSAC) and subcommittee activities – Sarath apologized for not being prepared to update the committee on this item. A member reminded him that a recent email sent by him had provided an update.
- Review of SRTS grant applications- The State committee reviewed 33 grant applications from all over state. The State SRTS Coordinator was waiting for a couple of committee members to send their ranking before releasing the final rank. The final ranking is expected to be sent out by end of this week.
- Elderly Mobility Street Name Sign Project - Maureen DeCindis reported to the committee that Notice of Intent was sent to member agencies to apply for funding to improve signage for better visibility to elderly road users and last date for agencies to send their response is March 22, 2007

5. Road Safety Audits(RSA)

Sarath Joshua introduced Michael Blankenship ADOT RSA Program Manager to the committee. Michael Blankenship made a presentation on ADOT RSA Program, RSA projects completed by ADOT and future intent of this program. Michael also passed around RSA applications to the committee members and explained the process of applying for RSA's in their jurisdiction.

6. MAG Mid-Block Roadway Crossing Treatment Guidelines

Chairman Maki opened the floor for discussion on Mid-block Crossing Guidelines. Maureen DeCindis briefed the committee on the changes that were made in the document after several reviews from MAG jurisdictions. Theo Petritsch (via phone) expressed concern over the treatments as stated in the Guidelines and referred to various studies done nationwide. Theo told that he is not comfortable in suggesting just an advanced pedestrian crosswalk sign for a 6-lane arterial. Kerry Wilcoxon stated that he along with Brandon Forrey and Maureen DeCindis tried to come up language that all agencies are comfortable with, to enable the project finalization to proceed ahead. Mike Mah stated that the current version of the document underwent so many changes that all it suggests is crosswalk signs everywhere, and it is watered down too much. Brandon Forrey suggested that we remove all the matrices from the document as they pretty much suggest the same thing all across. Maureen DeCindis told that the contract with Sprinkle Consulting will end in April 2007 and this is the last opportunity for the Safety Committee to provide comments and help finalize it. Sarath Joshua indicated that the committee need not take action on it unless the committee is comfortable with the document. **Chairman Maki suggested that it is important to agree and finalize the document before voting on it. Hence, he suggested a motion to hold a working session to discuss and resolve all the issues. Ken Maruyama moved that a working session be held at MAG to discuss what should be included in the MAG Mid-Block Crossing Treatment Guidelines. Brandon Forrey seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the motion.**

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

Chairman Maki attended a Focus Group meeting in Washington D.C, in November 2006, to help generate ideas for local agency guidelines similar to NCHRP 500 series. He reported that a number of participants at the meeting had agreed with his comments on the need for dedicated funding to support for Safety Planning at MPO's. He had also mentioned that Safety Projects should get categorical exclusion but most participants had not agreed to it. He stated that the group is waiting for meeting minutes and direction from the consultant who had organized this focus group meeting.

8. Regional Transportation Safety Information Management System – Phase 1 Project
Sarath Joshua introduced Jim Lee from Lee Engineering to provide an update on the status of project. Jim Lee presented the committee with project progress, and findings reported in Draft Technical Memorandum No. 1 and an overview of Technical Memoranda 2 & 3. He also requested review comments on the draft tech memo to be submitted by the deadline on March 30, 2007.
9. Strategic Highway Safety Plan and MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan
This item was tabled and will be addressed at the next meeting.
10. Reports by Committee members on Transportation Safety Activities
Reed Henry reported that the committee that the state is working on Arizona's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). It is expected to be approved by GTSAC (Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council) in September 2007. Linda Mendyka told the committee that the FY2008 Proposal Process for highway safety projects with GOHS will start on April 2, 2007, with a closing date of May 14th, 2007. The entire grant application process is web-based. Michelle Donati from AAA told the committee that they are following the Teenage Safety Bill at Legislature.
11. Next meeting
Next Transportation Safety Committee meeting is scheduled on May 15, 2007 at 10:00AM in Cholla Room at MAG.
12. Adjournment
Chairman Maki adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.