

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

January 22, 2008  
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona  
Tom Burch, AARP  
Kohinoor Kar for Reed Henry, ADOT  
\*Doug Dobson, Apache Junction  
Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale  
Martin Johnson, City of Chandler  
Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS  
Jorge Gastelum, El Mirage  
Jennifer Brown, FHWA  
Stephanie Prybyl for Ken Maruyama,  
Town of Gilbert  
\*Chris Lemka, City of Glendale  
Amy Lattimer for Linda Mendyka, GOHS

Hugh Bigalk for Luke Albert, City of  
Goodyear  
Ernest Rubi for Chris Plumb, Maricopa  
County  
Renate Ehm, City of Mesa  
\*William Mead, Paradise Valley  
\* Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria  
Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix (Chair)  
Carol Ketcherside, Valley Metro  
Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale  
Robert Maki, City of Surprise  
Julian Dresang, City of Tempe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Madhuri Uddaraju, City of Phoenix  
Jean DeStories, City of Mesa  
Janet Strauss, Valley Metro

Sarath Joshua, MAG  
Kiran Guntupalli, MAG

+Teleconference

\*Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kerry Wilcoxon called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

2. Approval of November 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Kelly LaRosa moved and Renate Ehm seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2007 meeting.

3. Call to Audience

Chairman Kerry Wilcoxon made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. No public comments were received.

4. Program Manager's Report

Sarath Joshua reported on the following items:

- o Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council (GTSAC) Activities

- No GTSAC meeting was held after the last MAG Safety Committee meeting to report on its activities
- Safety Event at Legislature
  - This event was hosted by GTSAC for a 4<sup>th</sup> year in succession
  - MAG had a booth setup at the event, displayed the new street name signs used by city of Phoenix. These new signs are funded as part of MAG Elderly Mobility and Safety Improvement project.
  - Phoenix Fire demonstrated an extrication event with Jaws of Life.
- RTSIMS Phase II Project 1
  - Kick-off meeting with Kittleson and Associates Inc., was held on January 8, 2008
  - The project draft final report will be available for review by early March
- TRB Update
  - The information brochures that Sarath Joshua and Bob Maki got from TRB were sent around the table
  - Bob Maki mentioned that the TRB conference had about 10,000 + in attendance. He also mentioned that new concept of private vendor booths at TRB brought down the cost of registration

5. Safe Routes to School Project Review

Sarath Joshua reported that in response to a statewide call for projects announced by ADOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program eighteen project proposals were received from MAG region. These projects proposals include ten (10) for non-infrastructure projects and eight (8) for infrastructure projects. As an input to statewide review process, MAG has to provide a ranked list of projects to ADOT. The MAG Safe Routes to School Working Group helped established project ranking criteria that the members of Safety Committee agreed to. Copies of all 18 project proposals were sent to the members on the MAG Transportation Safety Committee for review and ranking. The scores from the members were received via email and summarized. The combined scores and draft final ranking were sent to the members of committee along with the agenda. Chairman Kerry Wilcoxon asked the committee if the members want any further discussion on the projects or the process involved. Bob Maki from City of Surprise moved to recommend the two ranked lists to the ADOT. Stephanie Prybyl from the Town of Gilbert seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the motion.

6. Inconsistent Signage at Roundabouts

In response to a request from a member agency, MAG staff coordinated the first meeting of the MAG Roundabout Working Group at 9:00 a.m., immediately prior to this committee meeting. Sarath Joshua reported that the Working Group discussed the signage used by City of Scottsdale, City of Phoenix and MUTCD suggested signage. After the discussion the Working Group recommended that MAG seek approval from FHWA for experimental status to use the roundabout signs used by the City of Scottsdale and the City of Phoenix. Kelly LaRosa agreed to lead this effort and gather the information required. Chairman Kerry Wilcoxon and members of the committee expressed appreciation of the work by members of Working Group and Kelly LaRosa for their efforts and suggested that they move ahead with the application for FHWA approval under experimental status. Jennifer Brown from FHWA stated that ADOT has released an educational video on driving on roundabouts.

7. Transportation Safety Forum

Sarath Joshua reported that the 2005 MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan identifies the holding of Regional Transportation Safety Forum as a strategy to improve the regional dialogue on transportation safety issues. The committee's last planned event on hold a forum to discuss Work Zone Safety was not held as it conflicted with various other events ADOT planned. Sarath Joshua asked for ideas and suggestions from members regarding a forum this year in the Fall. Kerry Wilcoxon suggested holding a forum on how to address crashes involving Light Rail Transit . Another suggestion was to hold a Safety Forum to discuss the Best Practices in Transportation Safety at the Local Level. Sarath Joshua requested the members to forward their ideas to him.

8. Reports by Committee members on Transportation Safety Activities

Jennifer Brown from FHWA told the committee about the Safety Event at the Legislature. She also mentioned about Road Safety Assessment (RSA) performed for the City of Mesa and encouraged local agencies to do more RSA's and contact Mike Blankenship if they wish to have RSAs carried out in their jurisdictions, at no cost. Paul Porell from the City of Scottsdale told the committee that draft final report on Photo Enforcement on Loop 101 Freeway is under review and the final report will be publish in February. He also mentioned that Insurance Institute of Highway Safety did an independent study and reported that Photo enforcement reduces 50% reduction in crashes, 9% reduction in speed and \$11- \$12 million in annual benefit per year. Renate Ehm and Jean DeStories from Mesa told that they were hosting a Cub Scout education campaign on automotive safety. They are also working on seat belt usage campaign named "Battle of Belt". Linda Gorman from AAA told that they are sponsoring events to educate teens and parents about new laws of Graduated Driver and they are also a major sponsor for Battle the Belt campaign in Mesa. Tom Burch from AARP told that they hosted classes on Driver Safety and they had about 16,500 in attendance last year counting both online and in class sessions. Bob Maki from Surprise told that committee that they are working with City of Surprise police in generating the top 30 crash locations in the city. Madhuri Udaraju from City of Phoenix told that they are working on crash reports for younger and older drivers involved in crashes. She also mentioned that they are also working on an educational campaign to educate the public about roundabouts, as they are constructing a roundabout at 99<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Buckeye Rd. Phoenix is also working on an education campaign on light rail safety. Kerry Wilcoxon told that they are studying the crashes on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 7<sup>th</sup> St. reversible lanes and will produce a report to the City Council.

9. Next meeting

The next Transportation Safety Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on April 22, 2008 at 10:00AM in the Cholla Room at MAG.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Kerry Wilcoxon adjourned the meeting at 11:30 PM.