

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

October 28, 2008
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona	Hugh Bigalk, City of Goodyear
Tom Burch, AARP	*Linda Mendyka, GOHS
Reed Henry, ADOT	Bob Woodring for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
*Doug Dobson, Apache Junction	Renate Ehm, City of Mesa
*Simon Washington, Arizona State University	*William Mead, Paradise Valley
Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale	Mannar Tamirisa for Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria
Martin Johnson, City of Chandler	Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix (Chair)
Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS	George Williams for Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale
Jorge Gastelum, City of El Mirage	John Abraham, City of Surprise
Karen King for Jennifer Brown, FHWA	Julian Dresang, City of Tempe
+Ken Maruyama, Town of Gilbert	Carol Ketcherside, Valley Metro
Lazaro Veitia for Chris Lemka, City of Glendale	

OTHERS PRESENT

+Sanja Grujakovic, City of Mesa	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Kohinoor Kar, ADOT	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Gardner Tabon, RPTA	Leo Luo, MAG
Shanti Krishnan, Jacobs	

+Teleconference

*Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kerry Wilcoxon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

2. Approval of July 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes

John Abraham moved and Reed Henry seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 22, 2008.

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:

- Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council (GTSAC) Activities
 - Last meeting was held on August 6, 2008
 - Action Team Updates/Action Plans
 - Communications – Outreach materials \$15k (FHWA \$ for Opportunity States), Communications Plan for SHSP \$150k
 - Tribal Safety Subcommittee highlighted data needs
 - Restraint Usage – Study by ATRC \$25k
 - Speeding – identified the need to research countermeasures
 - Young Drivers – Support & promote Teen Driver Safety Act
 - Impaired Driving – Best practices study \$12k, statewide DUI squads \$556k
 - Traffic Records Coordinating Committee continues to work on data improvement
 - The 2009 Safety Event at the legislature will be held 10am – 2pm on Jan 14, 2009
 - Arizona's First Road Safety Summit will be held on Feb 10, 2009 at the Desert Willow Conference Center
 - HSIP funding plan proposed by ADOT
 - (A) 10 % flexible funding to support SHSP Emphasis Areas
 - (B) 70 % for road safety improvements on across the state for all public roads
 - (C) 20 % allocated to be regionally managed through MPOs and COGs distributed as follows: 17% of (C) to MAG; 13% of (C) to PAG; 10% of (C) to other COGs
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant program Cycle 3 Call for Projects
 - (A) Infrastructure Projects:

Funds Available	\$1.6 million	Max. Project Cost	\$250,000
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 - (B) Non-Infrastructure Projects:

Funds Available	\$609,000	Max. Project Cost	\$45,000
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 - (C) Material and Regional Support

Funds Available	\$50,000	Max. Project Cost	\$30,000
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 - Optional Pre-Application Screening Deadline – Nov 14, 2008
 - (D) SRTS Planning Assistance Program: A consultant hired by ADOT will provide assistance to agencies receiving grant support. (No \$ value mentioned)
- APPLICATION (D) DUE DATE – November 14, 2008
- (A) (B) (C) Category Applications are due to ADOT & MAG – by 5 p.m. on December 31, 2008
- Number of Copies Required
 - ADOT – 15 +1 Original (16) Copies
 - MAG – Two copies of each project application must be submitted to MAG, one of them must be an unbound single sided copy
 - Send to: Safe Routes to School Program, MAG, 302 N 1st Ave Ste 300, Phoenix AZ 85003

Elderly Mobility Sign Project

- Number of participating jurisdictions: 16
- Number of signs installed: 2628
- Expected completion date: Spring 2009
- Evaluation – ASU will be hired under the on-call contract

○ MAG On-Call Consultants

The following consultants have been qualified for work related to Safety Planning:

- Arizona State University
- Kimley-Horn & Associates
- Kittelson & Associates
- Lee Engineering LLC
- Works Consulting LLC

Contracts are being developed with each consultant

5. High Crash Location Identification Process

Sarath Joshua presented a summary of statistics on intersection related crashes in the MAG region. He explained that about 50 percent of fatal and injury crashes in the MAG region occur at intersections. A draft methodology was presented as the starting point for the committee discussion on developing an approach for identifying high crash locations. The final adopted methodology will be used for the allocation of anticipated HSIP funds for road safety projects in the region.

The method proposed was based on a Severity Index (SI) and a Severity Rate (SR) that would be combined to help identify the top 100 worst intersections in the region. It was proposed that the Property Damage Only crashes (crashes that do not involve any injuries) not be considered in this methodology. After much discussion the committee recommended that Property Damage Only crashes need to be included in identifying high crash locations. The committee decided to form a Working Group to help draft a methodology and to present it to the committee at a future meeting. Sarath Joshua said that a Working Group will be formed volunteers from agencies represented on the committee. Further discussion and action on this item was tabled until the draft is developed.

6. Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Template

The committee has requested MAG staff to develop a template that MAG member agencies could utilize in developing their own Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. Sarath Joshua presented the draft template that MAG had developed based on the FHWA document –“How to Guide in Developing Pedestrian Safety Action Plan” and the ADOT-“How to Guide”. He asked the members on the committee to review the document developed and forward any comments or changes to him.

7. White Paper on School Site Selection

A task that was assigned by the committee to MAG staff called for documenting the current state of the practice for school site selection. Sarath Joshua briefly presented a draft white paper that was based on information that MAG staff had compiled from the MAG member agencies. He requested committee members to review the draft white paper and forward any comments or changes to him.

8. Potential Regional Project for ADOT SRTS funding
Sarath Joshua sought the committee's approval for a MAG project that would seek ADOT SRTS funds. If successful the grant funds will be used to provide Safety Kits to all participants of the annual MAG sponsored Regional School Crossing Guard Workshops held in a future year. The Safety Kits to be provided will consist of a Safety Vest, a Cap and a Stop Paddle. These Safety Kits will provide an immediate benefit to the crossing guards and will also help standardize the equipment used by crossing guards in the region. This application will be filed under material and regional support grant. George Williams moved, Kelly LaRosa seconded and the motion was carried unanimously to recommend that MAG submit a SRT grant application to ADOT.
9. Campaign on Recommend Motorist Actions at Crash Sites
Sarath Joshua mentioned that one of the goals identified in MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan calls for an effort to educate travelling public on safe motorist actions at crash sites. He mentioned that this item was carried over from last meeting agenda and was made an Action Item. **This item calls for a recommendation from MAG Transportation Safety Committee to GTSAC Communications Group to develop a Public Safety Announcement (PSA) on Safe Actions at Crash Sites.** John Abraham from City of Surprise moved motion to recommend, Julian Dresang from Tempe seconded. The motion was unanimously carried for approval.
10. Meeting Schedule for 2009.
The committee meeting schedule for the calendar year 2009 was mailed with the agenda as Attachment four. The committee members did not raise any conflicts. Hence, the schedule is finalized for next calendar year
11. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities
Kelly LaRosa reported that the City of Avondale hosted a Safe Routes to School workshop that provided training to 35 people. She had partnered with the City of Mesa and ADOT in organizing this workshop. John Abraham reported that the City of Surprise has recruited a new Associate Traffic Engineer for neighborhood traffic management. Renate Ehm reported that City of Mesa experience in implementing a reduced speed zone near a school where a fatality had occurred. They have observed that the most effective way to reduce speed was a midblock speed enforcement camera.
12. Next Meeting
The next Transportation Safety Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on January 27, 2009 at 10:00AM in the Cholla Room at MAG.
13. Adjournment
Chairman Kerry Wilcoxon adjourned the meeting at 11:55 PM.