

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 14, 2002
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Don Herp, Phoenix, Chairman	*Kevin Wallace, Mesa
Andrew Smith, ADOT	Andrew Cooper, Paradise Valley
David Cano for Jim Badowich, Avondale	Burton Charron, Peoria
Dan Cook, Chandler	*Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
*Shane Dille, Gila Bend	Aaron Iverson, Scottsdale
*Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Brian Pirooz, Surprise
Alan Grover for Dan Sherwood, Glendale	Larry Shobe, Tempe
Michael Valentine for Charles Hydeman, Goodyear	*Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown
*Doug Pike, Litchfield Park	
Daryl Racz for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	

* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Charlene FitzGerald, ADOT	Paul Ward, MAG
Stephen Tate, MAG	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Herp at 1:34 p.m.

2. Approval of the March 14, 2002 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

No members of the public expressed a desire to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Mr. Paul Ward indicated that he had little new to report to the Committee. He added that most of his remarks concerned the development of the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and that these would be covered with agenda item numbers 7 and 8.

5. Closeout of the FY 2002 MAG Federally Funded Program

Mr. Ward briefly discussed the closeout of Federal Fiscal Year 2002. Referring to Attachment One, he noted that accounting for project abandonments, carryover funds and the anticipated approval of project deferral requests, that approximately \$11 million would be available for project accelerations. He also indicated that he could not reasonably project the ultimate status of requests for project accelerations as most MAG federal funding to be released by project deferrals and abandonments had been requested by the City of Phoenix for light rail development.

Don Herp noted that the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will meet in June to decide on acceleration requests.

Mr. Ward added that redistributed obligation authority (OA) levels would not be known until July or August and that contingency projects need to be developed to use this OA should it become available. He concluded his remarks by urging members to contact MAG staff as soon as possible should problems develop in obligating their FY 2002 projects as MAG staff would make every attempt possible to preserve the project funds for the use of MAG members.

6. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 2002 through 2003

Mr. Stephen Tate briefly discussed the project status report and asked members present to review the report and provide corrections as appropriate. Mr. Dan Cook and Mr. Larry Shobe provided several corrections.

Mr. Ward noted that the information in the status report was based largely on ADOT local government reports and stressed that these reflected the achievement of key milestones that are necessary to obligate a federally funded project.

7. Report on the Status of the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Reporting on the draft TIP, Mr. Ward indicated that the Regional Council had approved it for Air Quality Conformity Analysis. He noted that changes could still be made to the draft TIP, provided that they did not significantly affect the location and work descriptions of regionally significant projects or add new regionally significant projects to the draft TIP.

Mr. Ward then discussed recent developments concerning the process for programming MAG federal funds. He indicated that the TRC had formed a working group to review and recommend changes to the process and that the working group had already had its first meeting. It appeared to be the consensus of the working group that process could and should be improved. Several members of this working group advocated a funding commitment to light rail development similar to the one that had been made for the completion of the Regional Freeway System.

Mr. Ward ended his presentation by noting that he would keep the Committee apprised of developments concerning the working group.

8. FY 2004-2008 MAG TIP Guidance Report Development

Mr. Tate briefly discussed the history of the TIP Guidance Report. He noted that the Report had originated as a report on the management systems and their outputs, but that it was gradually being modified to make it more relevant for programming projects. These modifications included the addition of sections concerning the scheduling of the TIP development process, MAG federal funds and federal programming requirements.

Mr. Ward reported on several issues that may affect development of the next TIP. These included the review of the programming process already mentioned in item , and the re-authorization of TEA-21. He noted that due to these two issues, it may be decided not program MAG federal funds for FY 2008 in the upcoming programming cycle.

Mr. Tate concluded that he expected to provide the members with a draft of the Report by the next meeting for their review.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.