

Videoconferencing Used for Ozone Workshops

More than 180 people attended the April 1-2, 2003 Valley Metro Ozone Workshops via multi-point videoconference. **Chandler, Goodyear, MAG, Peoria, Scottsdale** and MFS Investments provided a site coordinator and their videoconference room for workshop participants. PowerPoint presentations were shown via videoconference to all sites and the participants collaborated and shared ideas on implementing trip reduction measures in their workplaces.

Valley Metro sponsored the workshops to kick off the "Summer Ozone Campaign" and to introduce a new High Pollution Advisory (HPA) Program for 2003-04 that provides "Trip Reduction Program (TRP) credit" for signing up. As an added incentive for joining the HPA program, up to 1,200 employers involved in TRP



Betsy Turner facilitates the workshop.

can also forego adding additional measures to their annual TRP plans.

Conducting the workshops "virtually" allowed staff to present the information only twice instead of 10 times. The evaluations of attendees indicated that they enjoyed the videoconferencing aspect of the workshop. Thanks to **Valley Metro** for using the MAG Regional Videoconferencing System (RVS)!

Third Quarter RVS Usage Shows Increase

Third quarter (January 1, 2003 to March 31, 2003) usage reports show that there were 126 audio and videoconference calls with a total of 975 participants. This is an increase of 49% in the number of conference calls and an increase of 35% in number of participants since the second quarter. There was a 46% increase in RVS miles saved and a 27% increase in both

time and dollars saved from second to third quarter FY 03. The cities of **Goodyear** and **Scottsdale** led the way in RVS usage with participation in 10 conferences each (one audio conference and nine videoconferences for Goodyear and seven audio conferences and three videoconferences for Scottsdale).

Being Connected

This is the first quarter that all MAG Divisions have used audio and/or videoconferencing.

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May Site Coordinator Meetings a Success

Fifteen member agencies participated in the May 6th and 7th Site Coordinator meetings via multi-point videoconference. MAG staff updated the Site Coordinators on RVS usage, the MAGTAG Additional Sites and Outreach Working Group draft recommendation, training initiatives, and troubleshooting tips. They also reviewed and discussed the draft marketing plan for the RVS. Rusty Bliss from **Surprise** commented that it may be beneficial to invite other staff members from the member agencies to attend the Site Coordinator meetings to see what videoconferencing is like and get a feel for the RVS. Maria Morales from **Peoria** concurred. Tracy Corman from **Queen Creek** suggested that MAG staff investigate using the RVS for unique opportunities such as to attend training offered by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, for a workshop on the Arizona Retirement System and possibly for attending ASU Master of Public Administration classes remotely.

Elected Officials and Managers Use RVS at MAG Meetings

City managers from **Apache Junction**, **Fountain Hills** and **Queen Creek** attended MAG Management Committee meetings via audio and/or videoconference this quarter in order to reduce regional vehicle trips. **Wickenburg** Mayor Lon McDermott audio conferenced and **Apache Junction** Council Member Brian Milkey videoconferenced to Regional Council meetings this quarter.

TIPS 'N' TRICKS



Storing & Recalling Camera Presets

To Store a Preset



1. Press **Next Camera** on the keyboard. This will open the **Presets** screen.



Presets Screen

2. Click on the pushpin on the top right side of the Presets screen to hold the menu in place. To hide the menu, press the pushpin again.

Click this button.



Pushpin Option

3. Move the camera to the desired location for the first preset.

4. To store a preset, click and hold the left trackball button on a preset letter. Before you set the preset, the letter is gray. The letter turns green after the preset is complete. It will take between 2-5 seconds for the letter to change from gray to green.

To Recall a Preset



1. Press **Next Camera** on the keyboard. This will open the **Presets** screen.



Presets Screen

2. Click on a green preset letter with the left trackball button. This will recall the stored preset and move the camera to the desired location.



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