

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Due to the risks to public health caused by the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus at public gatherings, the Maricopa Association of Governments has determined that public meetings will be indefinitely held through technological means. Meetings will be open to the public through technological means. In reliance on, and compliance with, the March 13, 2020, Opinion issued by Attorney General Mark Brnovich, the Maricopa Association of Governments provides this special advance notice of the technological means through which public meetings may be accessed. While this special notice is in effect, public comment at meetings will only be accepted through written submissions, which may or may not be read aloud during meetings.

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July 21, 2020

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee
FROM: Carl Langford, City of Phoenix, Chair
SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING

The MAG Transportation Safety Committee has been scheduled at the time noted above. The meeting will be **held as a virtual meeting only**, with no in-person attendance options available at this time. Instructions on how to participate will be provided via email to members of the committee. Members of the public will be able to view and listen to the meeting via a live video stream. You can watch the meeting online by [clicking here to go to MAG's YouTube channel](#). Public comments can be provided in written format through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment. If you have questions, please contact the MAG office at (602) 254-6300.

In 1996, the Regional Council approved a simple majority quorum for all MAG advisory committees. If the Transportation Safety Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have joined the meeting will be notified that a legal meeting cannot occur and the meeting will end. Your participation in the meeting is strongly encouraged.

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If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Margaret Herrera at (602) 254-6300.



MAG Transportation Safety Committee

TENTATIVE AGENDA

July 28, 2020

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the June 23, 2020, Meeting Minutes.

Action Requested:

Review and approval of the June 23, 2020, meeting minutes.

3. Program Manager's Report

- 2020 Crossing Guard Training - Zoom webinar
- Framework for predictive safety project update
New MAG staff

Action Requested:

Information.

4. Safety and the Next Regional Transportation Plan (Momentum)

MAG has initiated efforts to develop a new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that will serve as the basis for the extension of Proposition 400, which will expire at the end of calendar year 2025. MAG staff will provide an update on the planning work underway, including technical work associated with the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP) update. Establishing safety as a cornerstone in the next RTP is anticipated to be a crucial component of this closely coordinated work

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

5. **Roadway Safety Program (RSP) Annual Report**

In September 2019, the MAG Regional Council approved the new Roadway Safety Program (RSP), to be administered by MAG as a supplement to Highway Safety Improvement Program. In October 2019, MAG issued a call for FY 2020 and 2021 RSP project applications to request funding of safety improvement projects. Seven member agencies submitted applications for 14 projects that were approved for funding in January 2020.

A review of the first RSP Annual Report, including a status update on the FY 2020 and 2021 projects funded, will be provided to committee members. The FY 2022 call for RSP project applications is anticipated for August 2020.

Action Requested:

Information, discussion and recommendation to approve the 2020 Roadway Safety Program Annual Report.

6. **Reports by Committee Members**

Members will be provided an opportunity to share information related to ongoing safety related project activities in their jurisdictions.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

7. **Request for Future Agenda Items**

Topics or issues of interest that members would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion, consensus on recommended strategies, programs projects and initiatives.

8. **Next Meeting Date and Place**

The next meeting of the Transportation Safety Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, via Zoom.

Action Requested:
Information.

9. Adjournment

DRAFT MINUTES OF
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 23, 2020

Maricopa Association of Governments
Teleconference Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*ADOT: Kerry Wilcoxon
#Apache Junction: Shane Kiesow
#Avondale: Tom Peterson
#Buckeye: John Willett
*Chandler: Raymond Huang
#El Mirage: Nick Russo
#FHWA: Jeff King
#Gilbert: Aaron Pinkerton
#Glendale: Tony Abbo
*GOHS: Alberto Gutier
#Goodyear: Hugh Bigalk
*Litchfield Park: Woodrow C. Scoutten
*Maricopa County DOT: Mazen Muradvich
as proxy for Nicolaas Swart
*Maricopa (City): Josh Plumb
#Mesa: Ryan Hudson
*Paradise Valley: Jeremy Knapp
#Peoria: Brandon Forrey
*Phoenix: Mailen Pankiewicz as proxy
for Carl Langford (Chair)
#Pinal County: Kathy Borquez
#Scottsdale: Sam Taylor
#Surprise: Dana Owsiany
#Tempe: Cathy Hollow
*RPTA: Adrian Ruiz

OTHERS PRESENT

Margaret Herrera, MAG
Mohammad Shaheed, MAG
Vladimir Livshits, MAG
David Worley, MAG
Brian Rubin, MAG
Mike Blankenship, Greenlight TE

* Not present or represented by proxy
Participated by teleconference

1. Call to Order

A quorum of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee was present via teleconference. The meeting of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Shane Kiesow, Apache Junction, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of May 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Shane Kiesow requested any revisions or comments on the May 26, 2020 meeting minutes.

No comments or revisions heard.

Mr. Nick Russo moved to **recommend approval of the May 26, 2020 meeting minutes**. Mr. Abbo seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Kiesow, Mr. Willett, Mr. Russo, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Abbo, Mr. Bigalk, Mr. Muradvich, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Forrey, Ms. Pankiewicz, Ms. Borquez, Ms. Owsiany, and Ms. Hollow voted in favor of the motion via teleconference.

3. Program Manager's Report

Mr. Kiesow recognized MAG staff, Margaret Herrera, to provide the Program Manager's Report.

Ms. Herrera reported that the 2020 Crossing Guard Training Workshop would be held virtually via a Facebook, tentatively scheduled for July 30, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The planning team is working on developing videos of the presentations and materials to be used during the event in partnership with the Phoenix police and Peoria fire departments. MAG will distribute links to the webinar to all local agency staff to participate and answer potential questions from attendees specific to their school or crossing location.

Fiscal year 2020 projects; Completion of Roadway Safety Assessments, Local Agency Safety Studies and Safe Routes to School Studies have been postponed due to the COVID-19 event and will resume when it is appropriate to conduct meetings, field reviews and traffic counts associated with these studies.

Ms. Herrera reported that safety staff would be developing criteria for region wide available datasets to be analyzed for pedestrian and bicycle risk. The locations resulting from this analysis will be used to identify pedestrian and bike count locations appropriate for use in piloting the FHWA Pedestrian and Bicyclist Scalable Risk Assessment tool. This proposed methodology is aligned with the guidance provided during the March and May 2020 workshops hosted by FHWA.

4. Strategies for Safety in the Regional Transportation Plan

Vice Chair Shane Kiesow heard this item for information and discussion. Mr. Kiesow noted that The FY 2019 MAG Work Program included a project to develop a comprehensive update to the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. At the May 26 meeting, members of the Transportation Safety Committee reviewed and discussed strategies to be recommended based in the demonstrated safety issues for each Action Area.

Margaret Herrera provided a brief review of the materials and strategies resulting from input from committee and stakeholders group. As a next step, Ms. Herrera provided an overview of how the strategies can be promoted in the current and next regional transportation plan. Three main areas for including safety elements in the next RTP were reviewed. First, development of safety evaluation criteria for prioritizing the 1300-plus projects submitted in the RTP call for projects. Second, a safety score that could be applied to future Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) call for projects through the current RTP funding cycle. Third, development of a backlog of safety improvement projects using the countermeasure type strategies to demonstrate the importance of continuing the Roadway Safety Program funding.

Cathy Hollow noted that Ms. Herrera reported that over 1300 projects were submitted in response to the RTP call for projects and inquired as to how a safety score would be developed for such a large sample of projects.

Ms. Herrera clarified that the safety score, similar to the air quality score for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) projects, would be applied to projects submitted for prioritization during the life of the current and future RTP. Examples include bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects seeking CMAQ and Surface Transportation Block grant funds. Safety evaluation criteria and data could be provided for the RTP call for groupings of project submissions for prioritization under that future RTP development effort.

5. Roadway Safety Program

Vice Chair Shane Kiesow heard this information for information and discussion. In September 2019, MAG initiated a new safety improvement funding program. The MAG Roadway Safety Program (RSP) is intended to supplement the ADOT Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The RSP provides funds for construction of safety improvement projects with flexibility to address immediate safety needs region wide.

Margaret Herrera provided a review of recommendations made by a working group for enhancements to the program ahead of the August call for projects.

Mr. Kiesow provided committee members an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. None heard.

6. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Vice Chair Shane Kiesow invited each member attending via teleconference to share information related to ongoing safety related project activities in their jurisdictions.

Shane Kiesow reported that the City of Apache Junction is preparing for wildfire and monsoon season for implementation of travel warning systems and resources. Kathy Borquez reported that the Pinal County was happy to be able to advance their HSIP project to install LED stop signs with advanced warning signs at 13 two-way stop controlled intersections. Cathy Hollow reported that the City of Tempe transportation commission met and had a presentation on Open Cities. This was a presentation on COVID related changes in transportation. Examples included parklets so people could park and walk to activity centers, pre-timed pedestrian signals to eliminate the need to physically touch a button, etc. Ms. Hollow said that it was an informational item and that with funding constraints and other considerations; it is not clear how Tempe would move forward but offered to update the committee as more information is provided. Jeff King reported that he USLIMITS2 workshop will be developed in virtual platform, tentatively scheduled for July 23, 2020. Once the details are solidified, he will provide the information to MAG for distribution.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Shane Kiesow requested that members of the Transportation Safety Committee having topics or issues of interest to be considered for discussion at a future meeting please indicate in the chat pod to be recognized.

None heard.

8. Next Meeting Date and Place

Vice Chair Shane Kiesow stated that the next meeting of the Transportation Safety Committee would be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 via Zoom teleconference unless otherwise notified.

9. Adjournment

Vice Chair Shane Kiesow thanked members of the committee for their participation and patience, and MAG staff for the ability to facilitate the meeting via teleconference. Mr. Kiesow adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.