

MINUTES OF  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 23, 2013  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
Ironwood Room, Suite 200  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave,  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

\*Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona  
Tom Burch, AARP  
Larry Talley for Kohinoor Kar, ADOT  
Shane Kiesow, City of Apache Junction  
Dana Chamberlin for Chris Hamilton, City of Avondale  
\*Thomas Chlebanowski, Town of Buckeye  
\*Martin Johnson, City of Chandler  
Jorge Gastelum, City of El Mirage  
Kelly LaRosa, FHWA  
\*Mike Gillespie, Town of Gilbert  
\*Chris Lemka, City of Glendale

Alberto Gutier, GOHS  
Luke Albert for Hugh Bigalk,  
City of Goodyear  
Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County  
Renate Ehm (Chair), City of Mesa  
\*Jeremy Knapp, Town of Paradise Valley  
+Mannar Tamirisa for Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria  
Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix  
George Williams, City of Scottsdale  
\*Jason Mahkovtz, City of Surprise  
Julian Dresang, City of Tempe  
Gardner Tabon, RPTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Maria Deeb, City of Mesa  
Margaret Boone, MAG  
Sarath Joshua, MAG  
Leo Luo, MAG  
Kiran Guntupalli, MAG  
Sean Messner, URS  
Sasha Saliego, GRIC  
Mike Manthey, Parsons

Kristin Myers, ADOT  
Patrick Stone, ADOT  
Susan Anderson, ADOT  
Yung Koprowski, Lee Engineering  
Mike Cynecki, Lee Engineering  
Tom Larwin, Lee Engineering  
+Robert Wunderlich, TTI  
+Karen Dixon, TTI

+Teleconference  
# Videoconference  
\*Not present

1. Call to Order

Chair Renate Ehm called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Approval of June 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chair Renate Ehm called for any a motion to approve the June 27, 2013 minutes. Nicolaas Swart and Renate noted three amendments. Shane Kiesow moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Nicolaas Swart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to Audience

Chair Renate Ehm made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. None requested.

4. Program Manager's Report

The following items were addressed:

- **2013 Crossing Guard Training**

- Phoenix, July 30<sup>th</sup>
- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Mesa
- August 6<sup>th</sup> - Peoria
- 416 registered as of 7/22/2013

Sarath Joshua noted that events such as this as well as programming opportunities such as the current HSIP call for projects are open to agencies within the expanded planning area.

- **Strategic Transportation Safety Plan**

- TSC will provide oversight along with TSSG – currently seeking TSSG representatives.
- Kick-off meeting will be held immediately after this meeting – Lee Engineering.
- State SHSP – Important to for regional safety planning, 10 task forces, Safety Summit 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 11/6/2013 at the Desert Willow Conference Center
- MAG STSP website: <http://stsp.azmag.gov>.

- **FHWA/NHI CMF Training Course**

- Currently 17 registrants for the workshop on August 15<sup>th</sup> in Ironwood from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- MAG encourages agencies to participate in the training since HSIP applications will rely heavily on CMF assessment.
- ADOT workshop is full; FHWA encourages MAG agencies to take advantage of this one time training offer.

- **Presentations at Western ITE**

- MAG staff gave a presentation on the Road Safety Assessment program history in the MAG region.
- MAG member agency participation is essential to the success of the RSA program.

5. HSIP Update - ADOT

Larry Talley from ADOT gave an update on discussion from the June 27, 2013 meeting regarding the use of MAG HSIP funding for PAs and DCRs. Mr. Talley stated that the applications for construction of countermeasures that the agency has already identified to address a safety issues need to include a thorough cost estimate and be based on the worst case scenario design of the proposed countermeasures and C/B ratio calculation. Sarath Joshua asked for clarification on whether the MAG HSIP funding can be used to request

projects identified through the RSA process that would move forward with a PA or DCR and lead to the construction of improvements identified. Mr. Tally stated that this funding can be used for PAs and DCRs and should be submitted as one project which would include design and construction to be submitted as one eligibility request in order to streamline the HSIP program. Julian Dresang asked how to include the PA as part of the project if it is not clear what the costs will be until after the PA. Mr. Talley reiterated that the construction and design costs need to be thoroughly assessed in the initial application. Kelly LaRosa suggested that agencies look at the project estimate in a conservative manner to get it programmed in the TIP and then adjust the funding based on the PA or DCR. Sarath Joshua noted that some projects may not fit within the available MAG HSIP funding and asked how agencies could program with the Statewide HSIP. Ms. LaRosa recommended that agency consider using MAG funds for the PA and include how you plan on funding the design and construction which could include a combination of MAG HSIP, local funds, and statewide HSIP. Maria Deeb asked a question regarding the 10 year requirement for construction. ADOT and FHWA stated that the trigger is obligation of the project and that the agency will have 10 years to construct the improvement but that if local funds are used for design the 10 year requirement does not apply. It was agreed that, in the interest of time, the remaining ADOT update on programming sign management systems would be distributed via e-mail to the committee. Mr. Talley pointed out that a checklist for programming systemic projects has been provided for member agency use.

6. FY2014-17 HSIP Call for Projects - MAG

Sarath Joshua discussed the programming details and the schedule for recommendation of the HSIP projects, including a special meeting on August 20, 2013 at 10 a.m. to review and recommend the list of proposed projects. Mr. Joshua noted that all projects will be prioritized and submitted so that should one project not meet FHWA eligibility projects can be moved up for incorporation into the TIP. Mannar Tamirisa asked how the systemic HSIP projects are going to be ranked. Sarath Joshua stated the committee will use the crash reduction justification, C/B ratio information, etc. to rank the projects. Nicolaas Swart noted that there seems to be a shortfall of funding to implement regional safety improvements and asked what is being done in order to meet the regional safety goals. Sarath Joshua answered that the STSP will be working closely with the State SHSP and will address the needs to be incorporated in the next RTP to get other funds to meet these goals.

7. Reports by Committee Members

Chair Renate Ehm called to members reports on safety activities. Kerry Wilcoxon stated that Phoenix has released their 2011 pedestrian crash reports on their website and has hired a consultant to formulate the City's bike plan. Alberto Gutier mentioned the sobriety education effort recently initiated by the City of Scottsdale.

8. Next Meeting

Chair Renate Ehm noted the special meeting scheduled on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to prioritize the HSIP project applications.

9. Adjournment

Chair Renate Ehm adjourned the meeting at 10:31 AM