

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE**

February 6, 2008  
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Lydia Warnick for Scott Nodes, ADOT  
Soyong Ahn, ASU  
Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale  
\*David Johnson, Town of Buckeye  
Mike Mah, City of Chandler  
Mike Lockhart, DPS  
\*Jorge Gastelum, City of El Mirage  
Alan Hansen, FHWA  
Ken-Ichi Maruyama, Town of Gilbert  
Debbie Albert, City of Glendale  
Luke Albert, City of Goodyear

Faisal Saleem for Nicolaas Swart,  
Maricopa County  
Jeff Jenq, City of Mesa  
Steve Blair for Ron Amaya, City of Peoria  
\*Ron Doubek, City of Phoenix  
Bob Ciotti, Phoenix Public Transit  
Michael Pacelli, Town of Queen Creek  
\*Bruce Dressel, City of Scottsdale  
\*Brian Moberly for Nicholas Mascia, City  
of Surprise  
\*Jim Decker, City of Tempe  
Arkady Bernshteyn, Valley Metro Rail

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brock Barnhart, ADOT  
Carol Ketcherside, ValleyMetro/RPTA  
Gary Rylander, Rylander Consulting  
Lisa Burgess, KHA Inc  
Sarath Joshua, MAG  
Leo Luo, MAG

Rick Genteman, ADOT  
Armand Ciccarelli, PBS&J Inc  
Bob Steele, Olsson Associate  
Paul Ward, Olsson Associate  
Kiran Guntupalli, MAG

\*Not present

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Mike Mah called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.
2. Approval of January 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes  
Mike Lockhart moved, Jeff Jenq seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve minutes of the January 9, 2008 ITS Committee meeting.
3. Call to Audience  
Chairman Mike Mah made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to any members of the public to address the ITS Committee. No comments were received.
4. Program Managers Report  
Sarath Joshua addressed the following items in his report:
  - Report from TRB Annual MeetingSarath made a presentation on the I-10 ICMS concept of operations project at the TRB annual meeting. He also mentioned that there will be at least 20% budget deficit on the

federal funding. Alan Hansen added that a \$16B shortfall in Highway Trust Fund is expected in 2009. If no correction is made, the deficit of transportation funding from the federal side could be as much as 50%. Discussion is underway on borrowing funding from the transit side. A new energy bill is also affecting the CMAQ funds by requiring 80% federal share in the new projects. On the VII development, a shift to focus more on vehicle based system instead of infrastructure is observed at the meeting.

- Freeway Service Patrol Program Interagency Oversight Team (IOT)

Due to a schedule conflict, the IOT meeting was not held. Sarath Joshua will reschedule the meeting and report to the committee later.

- Travel Time displays on DMS

Lydia Warnick from ADOT and Lisa Burgess from KHA brief the committee on the initial results of the project evaluation. Overall, the Travel Time displays receive many positive comments. Survey will continue to be posted on line in the next few months to gather more information on the view of the public.

- Call for corridor ITS projects

Sarath Joshua mentioned that about \$180K is available for the corridor ITS projects. Although Glendale Congestion Map project phase II will require funding from the available funds, it is expected that there will be funding available for other projects.

- ITS/Safety On-call RFQ

Sarath Joshua briefed the committee on the development of the new ITS/Safety On-call RFQ. MAG planned to advertise the RFQ on February 17, 2008. He also presented a list of projects that will be carried out under this 2-year contract. Sarath also asked volunteers to form a review panel to rank and select the on-call consultants on March 24, 2008. Debbie Albert suggested that there may be a schedule conflict with the AZ Roads and Streets Conference in Tucson. Sarath will reconsider the meeting time for the review panel. The committee also agreed on Sarath's request to move the April committee meeting to April 1, 2008 to accommodate the On-call process in MAG.

#### 5. I-10 ICMS Follow-up Steps

Brock Barnhart from ADOT introduced the communications approach for the I-10 widening project. Traffic control plan will be provided and updated by contractors. A workshop for the I-10 widening project is scheduled on February 19 at 9:00am. Sarath Joshua pointed out that MCDOT shall also be included in the discussion with ADOT since County will contribute many coordination efforts. Faisal Saleem asked if corridor project funding can be utilized for traffic signal timings along the I-10 corridor. Chairman Mike Mah suggested making use of the I-10 ICMS funding to improve the signal timings. Sarath agree that the I-10 ICMS funding could be used to develop an operation plan for the corridor after ADOT's plan is ready.

#### 6. A Review of Progress on the Implementation of the 2003 Regional Concept of Transportation Operations (RCTO) and Next Steps

Sarath Joshua presented a list of initiatives champions identified in the 2003 RCTO project. Due to the change of staff in the past, new champions will be needed. Several Committee members and experts volunteered to fill in the vacancies. A RCTO self-assessment evaluation form is provided for the committee to decide if we want to follow the procedure. Jeff Jenq suggested allowing opportunities for the committee members to first review the evaluation form before filling out the survey. Sarath agreed to email the evaluation form to the committee members after the meeting.

7. Status Reports by Committee Members on ITS Activities

Jeff Jenq reported that 24 miles of fiber will be made available through private developer. The project will benefit about 40 intersections in Mesa. A BRT project is also under construction connecting LRT to East Mesa Superstition Spring Mall area. Mesa is working on transit signal priority to support the project. Alan Hansen briefed the committee on DynaSmart, System Engineering Analysis and several other training and workshop opportunities. Arkady Bernshteyn updated the committee on the construction of the Light Rail. The LRT is implementing fare system, CCTV system and etc. Lydia Warnick from ADOT provided a letter related to ADOT Local Government design review cost to the committee dated in 2005. Faisal Saleem mentioned that the Bell road ITS project phase II just completed the public hearing.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was announced at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Mike Mah adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.