

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday January 16, 2001  
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Don Herp, Phoenix, Acting Chairman	Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Connie Brown for Jess Jarvis, ADOT	Kevin Wallace for Ron Krosting, Mesa
Jim Badowich for William Bates, Avondale	*Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
Lloyd Page for Ty Hofflander, Chandler	Burton Charron, Peoria
Shane Dilley, Gila Bend	*Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Aaron Iverson, Scottsdale
Dan Sherwood for Grant Anderson, Glendale	* Larry Shobe, Tempe
Charles Hydeman, Goodyear	Manual Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
*Tomas Morales, Guadalupe	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown
Dana Williams for Horatio Skeet, Litchfield Park	

\* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Dean Giles, MAG	Paul Ward, MAG
Steve Tate, MAG	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Don Herp at 1:32 p.m.

2. Approval of the December 12, 2000 Meeting Minutes

The December 12, 2000, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

4a. Prioritization of Federally Funded Street Project Requests for Inclusion in the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP

Paul Ward gave a brief report on the project requests that had been received. He noted that some changes had been made to some Goodyear project requests and that Goodyear staff had approved these changes. Dean Giles then gave a brief report on the air quality cost effectiveness measures that had been developed for projects.

Mr. Ward then passed out a handout which summarized the projects that had been received and a handout to be used in prioritizing projects. He then asked members to briefly review the two handouts. Charles Hydeman noted that several Goodyear projects were not listed on the two handouts. The Acting Chairman recessed the Committee for ten minutes to allow Mr. Ward the opportunity to check supplementary information on projects.

The Acting Chairman recalled the Committee back to order. Mr. Ward then listed six projects that had been omitted from the handout and asked that members add these projects to the prioritization handout.

A general discussion ensued on how best to prioritize projects. It was suggested that the prioritization of projects should reflect the amount of funding that would be reasonably available to program for street projects. It was also suggested that the acceleration of projects should be prioritized separately as the acceleration of projects does not affect the total amount of funds available to program.

Christopher Plumb asked Mr. Ward to describe programming rules used for the March closeout. Mr. Ward indicated that during the closeout phase, first priority was given to the acceleration of projects, but that closeout rules did not necessarily apply to programming these additional funds. Mr. Plumb added that the second priority was given to increasing the federal share of projects to the maximum level permitted. He went on to note that Maricopa County had several dirt road paving requests that were well below the maximum level and that the County wished to increase the level of federal funding on these projects.

Mr. Ward noted that increasing the federal funding shares would affect the amount of funds available to program projects. He also indicated that he had requested prioritization guidelines concerning the acceleration of projects and the increasing of federal funding shares, but these had not been provided.

Mr. Hydeman expressed concern about the lack of a clear funding level and rules for addressing the issue of accelerating projects and increasing federal shares. Mr. Ward and the Acting Chairman suggested that it would be simplest to rank projects from one to ten and that if members felt that priority should be given to accelerating projects that they should assign them a high priority. Manuel Dominguez moved that the Committee prioritize projects by assigning them a rank from one to

ten. Mr. Lloyd Page seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Committee then took a few minutes to rank projects. The projects were in two groups – Surface Transportation Program projects and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality projects. Each member ranked on the handout provided ten projects from each group assigning it a unique integer value from one to ten and the handouts were then given to Stephen Tate for processing.

5. Transportation Programming Report

Mr. Ward indicated that the timeline for providing projects contained in the TIP Data Entry system had not changed and was still January 19. He reported that a draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Listing of Projects, would be created in early February and would be provided to committee members for review. This draft TIP would probably be approved by the Regional Council in March for an air quality conformity analysis.

6. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 2001 through 2003 and the Federal Fund Balances

Mr. Ward noted that recent staff changes at ADOT had delayed the production of the obligation status reports, but that little new activity had occurred on federally funded projects. He indicated that the second phase of the Gilbert ITS project had converted to federal funds.

7. Distribution of Congestion Management System Forms

Mr. Ward distributed blank copies of the Congestion Management System declaration forms. He noted that MAG member agencies that were adding through-lane capacity to arterial streets needed to complete and return them to MAG. These forms certify that member agencies that are adding through lane capacity have considered alternative strategies for improving capacity as specified in appropriate federal regulations and laws.

8. Street Meeting Schedule for 2001

Mr. Ward distributed the Street Committee meeting schedule for the year. There were no questions regarding the schedule.

4b. Prioritization of Federally Funded Street Project Requests for Inclusion Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP

Mr. Tate displayed on the screen in the room preliminary rankings for the projects. Technical difficulties intervened and it was not possible to complete the display of the voting results. Manuel Dominguez moved to recommend a list of Street projects to the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) ranked in order of the delphi system currently being tabulated by MAG staff. Lloyd Page seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Tate committed to provide members a FAX copy of the

recommended list, as soon as the scores could be confirmed.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.