

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

March 7, 2001
MAG Saguaro Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jim Book, Chairman	* Ellis Perl, Surprise
Alan Sanderson, Mesa	Jim Decker, Tempe
Brian Latte, Chandler	Tim Wolfe, ADOT
Bill Birdwell, Gilbert	* Jim Matteson, Phoenix Aviation
Dale Thompson, Maricopa County	Scott Nodes, Peoria
Bob Steele, Phoenix	Charles Hydeman, Goodyear
Bob Ciotti, RPTA	* Mary Kihl, ASU
Terry Conner, DPS	* Alan Hansen, FHWA
Amy Corrathers for Bruce Dressel, Scottsdale	

* Not present or represented by proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarath Joshua, MAG	Eric Anderson, MAG
Paul Ward, MAG	Mike Nevarez, RPTA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jim Book called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of February 7, 2001, Meeting Minutes

Alan Sanderson moved and Jim Decker seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve minutes of the February 7, 2001 ITS Committee meeting.

3. Call to Audience

Chairman Jim Book made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the ITS Committee. There was no comment from the audience.

4. Program Manager's Report

ITS Strategic Plan Update: Sarath Joshua indicated that the Plan Update was presented to the Management Committee on Feb 14, 2001 and to the Regional Council on Feb 28, 2001 for approval. The Plan was approved as presented. The final report will be made available by mid-March.

AZTech Workshop: A workshop was held on February 22, 2001 to discuss how AZTech should look at reconstituting itself as recommended in the MAG ITS Strategic Plan Update. All of the original AZTech participants were invited to this event to share stories on the teamwork that brought about winning the MDI award for this region. At the conclusion of the workshop nominations were called for the new AZTech Executive Committee.

Freeway Service Patrol Project: This project is proceeding very well with five Roadside Motorist Assistants providing services. Terry Conner was asked and provided a brief update on the project.

Additional MAG Federal Funds for ITS: Referring to projects listed in Attachment One Sarath Joshua discussed which ITS projects have been included in the recommended list of projects selected by TRC for additional federal funds. A question was raised by Chairman Jim Book on the process followed for including four ITS projects among the MAG staff recommendation. Sarath Joshua stated that these four projects came directly from the Short-Term Implementation Plan of the recently approved ITS Strategic Plan. Mr. Book also indicated that this recommendation was prepared by MAG staff at Transportation Review Committee's request.

5. ITS Operations in the Region

Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Manager, spoke to the Committee on the need for improved ITS operations in the region. He went on to describe the Regional Transportation Plan the MAG is currently developing and the role of performance measures. He explained that although ITS and technology solutions cannot solve all of the congestion problems they are essential tools for effective management of the system in the future. The discussion touched several topics including the recommendations for this region by the Vision 21 Task Force. It was mentioned that Vision 21 Task Force is expected to produce a recommendation by March 21, 2001. A number of members mentioned the fact that not many folks know what is ITS or the benefits of ITS. There is a need for an increased outreach program. This is an activity mentioned in the Short-Term Implementation Plan of the Strategic Plan. A question was raised on, "How do we handle ITS Operations?" It was suggested that this topic be discussed at length at a future meeting.

6. Status Reports on ITS Projects Programmed for FY 2001

Paul Ward discussed the status of ITS projects currently programmed for FY 2001. He informed that while some projects may get obligated in time others are likely to be carried forward to FY

2002. Mr. Ward also informed the Committee on the existing guidelines established by MAG Regional Council regarding the obligation of federal funds for projects.

7. Status Reports by Committee Members on ITS Activities

Tim Wolfe announced an ADOT sponsored NHI training course on Freeway Operations. He also provided a handout on this announcement.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was announced as 10:00 AM on April 4, 2001.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jim Book at 11:38 AM