

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY GROUP

January 24, 2002  
MAG Office  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jim Hull, Mesa, Chair

\*Tim Greene, Avondale

\*Betsy Wise<sup>1</sup>, Carefree

\*Scott Rice, Chandler

\*\*Peter Putterman<sup>1</sup>, Fountain Hills

\*Shawn Woolley<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert

Jerry Wightman, Glendale

T John Imig<sup>1</sup>, Goodyear

\*Lynn Dunn<sup>1</sup>, Litchfield Park

Cary Parker<sup>2</sup>, Maricopa County

\*Duncan Miller<sup>1</sup>, Paradise Valley

\*Sandy Teetsel, Peoria

Greg Binder, Acting Chair, Phoenix

\*Kevin Sonoda, Scottsdale

Randy Jackson, Surprise

\*\*John Laue<sup>1</sup>, Tempe

Bruce Johnson<sup>1</sup> for Ralph Velez, Tolleson

Terry Linkous for Derek Rushing, ADOT

Randi Alcott<sup>1</sup>, RPTA

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

\*\*Mark Goldstein, IRC

Audrey Skidmore, MAG

Heidi Pahl, MAG

Don Wiltshire, MAG ITS Associate

Nancy Read

Robb Baillargeon, Norstan

Kent Bowers, Norstan

Steve Brodsky, RW Beck

Brad Tritle, GITA

\*\*Participated via telephone conference call.

T Participated via video conference call.

1 Site Coordinator

2 Site Backup Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair, Jim Hull. Voting members: Peter Putterman and John Laue attended via telephone conference call and John Imig attended via videoconference.

2. Approval of November 29, 2001 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Cary Parker seconded by Jerry Wightman and unanimously recommended to approve the November 29, 2001 meeting minutes. Jim Hull welcomed new TAG member Randy Jackson.

3. Transportation Improvement Program Prioritization of Projects for FY 2007

Paul Ward explained the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process. Mr. Ward explained in detail the policy guidelines and process to update the TIP. He reviewed what occurred this year with the TIP process. He said that unfortunately both MAGTAG projects were deleted from the FY 2007 TIP. He noted that TAG interests were not broadly supported at the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) meetings.

Jim Hull asked if MAGTAG was penalized for only submitting two projects. Paul Ward replied no.

Jim Hull asked if there is a dedicated amount of money allocated to each modal committee. Paul Ward replied that there is no modal allocation unless it is a Regional Transportation Project such as RideShare.

Jim Hull suggested that MAGTAG members talk about TAG projects to the decision-makers of TRC.

Heidi Pahl stated that for the benefit of new TAG members, the two TAG projects that did not receive funding for FY 2007 were Electronic Village and Hub Site Support for videoconferencing. Jim Hull said that it is difficult to obtain Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for telecommunication projects because it is not obvious how these projects reduce travel and improve air quality.

Cary Parker asked if the FY 2007 submitted TAG projects that were deleted from the TIP still had an opportunity to be funded. Paul Ward responded that it is possible that the TAG projects could receive funding from elsewhere, such as through the reauthorization of funds, but that the best way to get projects funded is to get them programmed in the TIP.

Randi Alcott asked if there would be leftover funds from FY 2002. Paul Ward stated that he did not know at this time.

Jim Hull asked if there were other funding sources. Paul Ward suggested the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot (TCSP) grant and Terry Linkous suggested the new Homeland Security funds. Mark Goldstein added that the Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council has formed a cyber security subcommittee and that we could seek out their advice on usage of Homeland Security funds for TAG projects.

4. Brainstorming Session

Jim Hull asked the TAG members if they would like the next meeting to be a facilitated strategic planning session to lay out tasks and projects that the TAG wishes to complete in this fiscal year and next fiscal year. TAG members thought a strategic planning meeting was a good idea and agreed that the meeting needed to be 3 hours. Terry Linkous offered the services of an ADOT facilitator.

5. MAGTAG Projects Update

Audrey Skidmore gave an update on the progress of the Regional Community Network (RCN) Study and the three surveys. Ms. Skidmore noted that the first survey has been completed and that there are nine member agencies who have not responded to the second survey. She stated that the community needs assessment survey had gone out and the RCN Review Group will meet to discuss the community survey and first working paper. She mentioned that a meeting of the Review Group will be held the week of February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Kent Bowers gave an update on the Regional Videoconferencing System (RVS). He stated that MAG has signed off on system acceptance with the exception of Wickenburg. Peter Putterman reminded Mr. Bowers that Fountain Hills still had a problem connecting in a multipoint call and Mr. Bowers stated that Fountain Hills was on the list of exceptions in the system acceptance letter.

Heidi Pahl listed the outstanding items that Norstan agreed to complete in the system acceptance letter. Ms. Pahl noted that Qwest is currently attempting to install a T-1 line to Wickenburg. She said that a site coordinator meeting has been scheduled to discuss marketing the RVS and service and support. She asked the TAG if they would like a brief presentation from Norstan on the service and support for the RVS. TAG members thought a service and support informational session would be beneficial.

Peter Putterman complimented Norstan in completing system acceptance and MAG staff for their diligent efforts.

6. Informational Session

Brad Tritle, Telecommunications Development Manager for the Government Information Technology Agency (GITA), gave a status report on Telecommunications Open Partnership for Arizona (TOPAZ). Mr. Tritle explained the School Facilities Board (SFB) project to get an Application Service Provider (ASP) to provide Internet access for all Arizona students. He explained First Mile Arizona and stated that GITA is working with the Department of Commerce, APS and others to reach out to communities. He mentioned that there is funding for Community Telecommunications Assessments for rural communities and possibly communities with 50,000 people or less. Mr. Tritle said that a telecommunications solution is often dependent on the community and that GITA believes that deploying infrastructure to all areas of Arizona should be private sector led.

Mark Goldstein asked if the ADOT Shared Right-of-Way project is on hold. Brad Tritle said yes and Terry Linkous agreed. Mr. Tritle explained that ADOT received four responses to the ADOT shared right of way Request for Proposals, two of those responses were qualified and those two telecommunications companies fell into financial difficulty, therefore the project was put on hold.

Greg Binder asked for an explanation of the School Facilities Board and the ASP. Mark Goldstein said that Cox won the bid to be the ASP and they are working with several other companies to make the project a success.

Mark Goldstein noted that the SFB project is getting national and international recognition because it is the largest contract of its kind including approximately 800,000 students and 100,000 administrators.

Greg Binder noted that SimCity is a similar application to this ASP and that TAG members may want to be aware of these different offerings.

Jim Hull noted that TAG should be aware of contracts with financial difficulties such as excite@home. Brad Tritle stated that there are currently companies on state contract that are bankrupt and still providing a service. Mr. Tritle noted that the present state of wireless microwave infrastructure is such that the “middle-mile” microwave providers are stable it is the last mile microwave providers that are not stable and operated in unlicensed frequencies. Randy Jackson mentioned that Cox was forced into providing service too early and that Cox has said they will fix the problem.

7. Announcements and Public Input

Jim Hull announced that there is a Government Technology seminar on, “Advancing Digital Government through Digital Readiness.” He stated that more information can be obtained at [www.govtech.net](http://www.govtech.net).

Mark Goldstein announced two upcoming events. He mentioned that the Arizona State University College of Law is hosting Professor Lawrence Lessig of Stanford Law School who will present the inaugural Hogan & Hartson Jurimetrics Lecture in honor of Lee Loevinger on February 14, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Goldstein noted that the title of Professor Lessig's presentation is "Architecting the Innovation Commons." He added that the presentation is free and open to the public.

Mark Goldstein also announced that the Chandler Chamber of Commerce Future Forum will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 a.m. and the cost is \$45 per person. He said the title of the Forum is, “Future of Technology: How it Impacts Our Economy.”

8. Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting is February 28, 2002 from 9 AM to noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.