

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

November 16, 1999  
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Room  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Hogan, Scottsdale, Chairman  
Brian Latte, Chandler  
Tami Ryall, Gilbert  
Bruce Ward, Maricopa County  
Alan Sanderson, Mesa  
Mike Frisbie, Phoenix  
Scott Miller, RPTA

Jim Book, City of Glendale  
\* Ellis Perl, Surprise  
Jim Decker, Tempe  
Tim Wolfe, ADOT  
Alan Hansen, FHWA  
Richard Traill  
\* Scott Nodes, City of Peoria

\* Not present or represented by proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Don Dey, TransCore  
Dale Thompson, Maricopa County  
Terry Johnson, MAG

Sarath Joshua, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Steve Hogan.

2. Approval of October 20, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the October 20, 1999 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Call to Audience

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

4. Program Managers Report

Sarath Joshua reported on the following:

# ITS Interoperability Survey: A team from Oak Ridge National Lab under contract to

USDOT visited Phoenix during the first week of November gathering information on interoperability issues.

- # FCC has allocated new spectrum dedicated for ITS. The new spectrum provides 75 Megahertz in the 5.9GHz band. For MAG member agencies with programmed ITS projects that require short range communications it may be useful to take a look at opportunities/new products made available by this FCC action.
- # Local ITS Projects with ATLAS Center at University of Arizona: Sarath Joshua indicated that ATLAS Center has agreed to provide some resources in terms of R&D support for projects in the MAG region, if the Center receives \$ 1 million in federal funds for the third year. Alan Hansen indicated that federal funds for the third year has been approved. Mr. Hansen also indicated that federal funds can only be used for certain types of qualifying projects. Chairman Hogan requested that Alan Hansen provide an update to the committee at a future date on the qualifying criteria.
- # Maricopa County has issued a request for new projects. County has approximately \$ 22 million in HURF funds available for capital improvement projects in this region. All MAG member agencies are eligible to apply for projects. Bruce Ward indicated that the County will accept applications for all types of infrastructure improvement projects. Provision has been made to consider ITS projects along with others.

5. ITS Project Selection for TIP

Chairman Hogan indicated the need to review the current ranked list of ITS projects. A lengthy discussion ensued on how this may be carried out. A comparison was between the ITS Rating System results and the ITS committee rank that accounted only for 15 of 100 points in the Rating System. The general consensus of the committee was that the Rating System cannot be entirely relied upon for ranking. The committee ranking was determined to be a better reflection of true priorities. Sarath Joshua indicated that it may be a prudent move to set aside some funds from the \$ 9 million available ITS for FY 2003-2005 to be programmed next year from results of the Strategic Plan project. A number of committee members objected to setting aside funds. The distinct possibility of losing unallocated contingency funds was pointed out by a member. Mike Frisbie made a motion that funds dedicated for ITS not be set aside as ITS contingency. The motion was seconded by Jim Book. There was no discussion of the item. The motion passed unanimously.

Alan Sanderson moved that projects 1 through 9 in the list of projects based purely on committee ranking be recommended for inclusion in TIP 2001-2005 with adjustments to some projects to keep within the total of \$ 9 million. Tammy Ryall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed how future ADOT FMS projects may be funded. The large dollar price of the FMS projects seemed capable of overwhelming resources typically available through programming of federal CMAQ funds at MAG. Tim Wolfe indicated that although

he would like FMS projects to be funded he could not justify absorbing the most of the ITS resources for FMS projects. A question was asked if the FMS projects could be broken down to smaller phases that would implement a few highly desirable features that would address local traffic management needs. Mr. Wolfe replied that it would be possible to do so. Steve Hogan suggested that ADOT develop smaller FMS projects, in consultation with the local cities, for future CMAQ funding.

6. Status Reports by Committee Members of ITS Activities

None.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. on December 15, 1999. New meeting schedule will be:

9:00 AM	ITS Committee meeting
10:00 AM	ITS Strategic Plan
11:00 AM	AZTech Executive Committee meeting(Every other month)

8. Adjournment

Chairman Hogan adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.