

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday October 9, 2001
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Don Herp, Phoenix, Chairman	Kevin Wallace, Mesa
Andrew Smith, ADOT	Andrew Cooper for Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
*Jim Badowich, Avondale	Burton Charron, Peoria
Lloyd Page, Chandler	*Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
*Shane Dille, Gila Bend	Aaron Iverson, Scottsdale
*Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Brian Pirooz, Surprise
Dan Sherwood, Glendale	Robert Yabes for Larry Shobe, Tempe
Charles Hydeman, Goodyear	Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown
Doug Pike, Litchfield Park	
Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	

* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Allenstein, ADOT	Judith Tadlock, MAG
Jim Lynch, Apache Junction	Stephen Tate, MAG
Randy Harrel, Fountain Hills	Paul Ward, MAG
Allan Grover, Glendale	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Herp at 1:35 p.m.

2. Approval of the July 10, 2001, Meeting Minutes

The July 10, 2001 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

Andrew Smith introduced Randy Allenstein. Mr. Allenstein has been selected to fill the position as manager of the ADOT Local Government Section recently vacated by B.S.B. Murthy.

6a. Review, Evaluation and Prioritization of Federal Funded Street Project Requests for Inclusion in

the FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP

This item was taken out of order to allow time for MAG staff to calculate street rankings for agenda item 6b.

Paul Ward distributed revised project request information. He noted that, since the initial mailing, that information on a Glendale Major Investment Study project and a Fountain Hills project had been sent to the Committee. He also that the revised project information included a shifting of a Goodyear paving project from the STP-MAG list to the CMAQ list and the addition of a project that set aside a lump sum for paving dirt roads with traffic volumes between 100 to 150 vehicles per day. He indicated that this lump sum project had been requested by Chairman of the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee at a recent meeting of the Transportation Review Committee.

Allan Grover asked that the Glendale request for funding to add landscaping to the Agua Fria Freeway be expanded to include adding landscaping to all regional freeways. Mr. Ward suggested that this request would be addressed through the MAG/ADOT cooperative programming process and would be reviewed by the Transportation Review Committee as a non Street Committee project. After some discussion, Mr. Grover concurred with Mr. Ward and requested that the Glendale request for landscaping on the Agua Fria Freeway be removed from consideration for funding by the Street Committee.

The Chairman suggested that members from agencies requesting funding briefly summarize their requests. Chris Plumb briefly discussed the Maricopa County request for federal funding of an improved river crossing in the vicinity of Gilbert and McDowell Roads. He noted that the project was the first phase of larger project that would eventually provide an all weather crossing of the Salt River. He indicated that the approaches to the current bridge were frequently inundated when the Salt River was flowing and that the number of through lanes on the current bridge were insufficient to serve current traffic demand. He noted that the project would provide additional through lane capacity by providing a dip crossing of the river alongside the current bridge.

Mr. Plumb also noted that the project had been developed in close cooperation with ADOT, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the City of Mesa. He stressed that the County would fund eighty-five percent of the cost of the project and that the project was the County's first priority for federal transportation funding. Kevin Wallace indicated that the City of Mesa strongly supported the project and that it was also Mesa's first priority for federal transportation funding.

Mr. Grover distributed additional information concerning a funding request for a Major Investment Study for Grand Avenue. He indicated that this project was Glendale's first priority for funding and that the project was needed in order to define the ultimate expressway concept for Grand Avenue. Mr. Plumb asked if either ADOT or MAG had been approached to conduct the Study. Mr. Grover indicated that both had been approached, but that neither had expressed an interest in conducting the Study at this time.

Charles Hydeman spoke briefly concerning the City of Goodyear request for funding the design and construction of box culverts at the intersection of Yuma Road and Bullard Wash. He noted that when Bullard Wash flowed, Yuma Road was not usable, thereby limiting emergency access to the

area. He added that this was Goodyear's first priority for funding.

Mr. Ward provided additional information on the MAG request to provide a lump sum to pave dirt roads with traffic volumes less than 150 vehicles per day. He understood that the State Implementation Plan for PM-10 committed the region to pave 10 miles of low volume dirt roads per year in the PM-10 non attainment area and that the MAG request assumed a \$450,000 per centerline mile cost to pave low volume dirt roads.

Mr. Plumb indicated that paving dirt roads in the County was currently costing approximately \$350,000 per centerline mile, but that site specific characteristics could substantially increase this cost, so that the MAG assumption appeared reasonable. He added that MAG should survey member agencies to see how many miles of low volume roads should be paved and perhaps try to more exactly tailor the proposed lump sum amount to meet a target paving mileage total.

Burton Charon indicated that the lump sum amount could be come a line item in subsequent TIPs. Mr. Ward indicated that this was likely and went on to indicate that the TRC could add a lump sum for paving low volume roads at their upcoming meeting.

The Chairman suggested and the Committee concurred that members rank only the top five MAG-STP requests and the top twelve CMAQ requests. The members then filled out ranking forms and provided them to MAG staff to tally.

4. Transportation Programming Report

Mr. Ward reminded members of the general dates for the development of the MAG federally funded program for FY 2007 as follows:

- TGR was available by the end of Jul (application forms later);
- MAG Federal funds workshop on Jul 31;
- Project submittals by Sep 11 (revised to Sep 14);
- CMS and CMAQ scores;
- Hard copies sent out to Street Committee members for review;
- Street Committee reviews and provides initial recommended list to TRC (TODAY);
- TRC will provide modal funding"guidance" in Nov 6;
- Street Committee reviews and provides final recommended list to TRC (Nov 13);
- TRC recommends MAG Federally funded program for FY 2007, Dec 11;
- Management Committee and Regional Council actions in Jan '02;
- Local agencies submit locally funded projects by Jan 18 '02;
- Draft 03-07 TIP (listing of projects) by Street Committee, Feb '02;
- Draft 03-07 TIP to Management Committee and Regional Council in Mar '02 for approval for a conformity analysis;
- Expected 03-07 TIP Approval in Jul '02.

Mr. Ward reminded also reminded members that Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) Closeout process requires that any FY 2002 projects that jurisdictions need to have carried forward to FY 2003, should be notified to MAG staff by March 1, 2002.

Mr. Ward introduce the new Local Governments Engineer, Randy Allenstein and distributed copies of some sample timelines giving an idea for the likely timelines for three slightly different types of projects. He informed members that the federal funds obligation process would continue to be discussed by the TRC Working Group (after a short three month break) and that the following subjects would likely be discussed:

- No second year carry forward projects;
- Requests to advance projects need to meet specific development criteria;
- Advanced design projects need to meet specific criteria also.

5. Apache Junction Reprogramming Request

Jim Lynch requested that a deferred FY 2002 CMAQ funded Apache Junction paving project programmed on Mountain View Road between Tepee Street and McKellips Road be relocated and expanded. The new location would be Smoke Tree Street from Meridian Drive to Saguaro Drive and Warner Drive from Foothill Street to Lost Dutchman Boulevard.

The Committee unanimously approved recommending the reprogramming of the City of Apache Junction road paving project as requested by the City of Apache Junction to the Transportation Review Committee.

7. Federally Funded Program FY 2002 Through FY 2003

Mr. Ward distributed a status report on federally funded project programmed for FY 2002 through FY 2003. He stressed that the obligation process was lengthy and that projects must be obligated by the end of the federal fiscal year in which they are programmed in the TIP, unless the sponsoring agency has requested and received approved for deferral. He reported that the third year of the TIP, FY 2004 would soon be added to the list of projects available on the monthly report. Mr. Ward reminded members that the State TIP (STIP) only included the first three years of the TIP, so only federally funded projects in the first three years of the TIP may proceed.

8. The Federal Obligation Process

This item was covered under agenda item 4.

6b. Aggregation of Member Project Priorities into a Prioritized List of Federally Funded Street Project Requests for Inclusion in the FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP

Mr. Tate indicated that the ranking of street projects had calculated and displayed two spreadsheets on screens in the room. It was noted only the first few columns in the spreadsheet should be used as the other columns included intermediate calculations that were no longer appropriate to the project row they were associate with.

Doug Pike suggested that rankings of two Glendale projects - GLNFED-11 and GLNFED-09 - be reversed to reflect the priority placed on then by the City of Glendale as the scores for two projects varied by only one point and they were ranked number seven and eight respectively. The Committee concurred with Mr. Pike. As a result, GLNFED-11 was ranked eighth and GLNFED-09 was ranked seventh.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the rankings, as listed, be submitted to the TRC for their consideration, pending staff review and correction of the data and calculations as appropriate.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.