

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday July 10, 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 Glen Cornwell, Paradise Valley
David Cano for 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	*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

B.S.B. Murthy, ADOT	Stephen Tate, MAG
Dean Giles, MAG	Paul Ward, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Herp at 1:33 p.m.

2. Approval of the June 12, 2001 Meeting Minutes

The June 12, 2001 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

No members of the public were present to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Report

Paul Ward briefly reported on the breakdown of federal funding in the draft FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program and indicated that a new report, the Transportation Improvement Program Guidance Report (TGR) had been developed to aid member agencies in

preparing TIP submissions. This report substantially replaces the Management Systems report. He indicated that in future editions, the TGR would include TIP application forms for MAG Federal funding. He also indicated that the TGR included a schedule for the development of the upcoming FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP. The due date for MAG Federally funded project submissions for the upcoming TIP was identified as September 12, 2001.

Mr. Ward also indicated that a workshop on how to apply for federal funds would be held at the MAG offices on July 31, 2001, at 10:30 in the MAG offices.

5. Draft Revised Methodology for Evaluating Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Projects

Dean Giles reported briefly on proposed changes to the methodology for evaluating Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement projects. He indicated that the methodology was being revised at the request of the Federal Highway Administration to use the total cost of the project and that the methodology was being expanded to include roundabouts and travel demand management activities. He noted that comments were requested by August 10, 2001.

The Chairman suggested that Committee members focus their review of the methodology on aspects of it that apply to paving and intersection improvement projects as these are the kind of projects normally considered by the Street Committee. Chris Plumb expressed support of the use of the total cost in the methodology.

Mr. Ward noted that there is no federal guidance on evaluating CMAQ projects. Mr. Giles added that the use of total cost in the methodology was likely to have little impact on project evaluations. Chuck Hydeman asked if the revised methodology affected the PM-10 non attainment boundaries. Mr Giles indicated that the methodology did not affect non attainment boundaries.

6. Federally Funded Program FY 2001 Through FY 2003

Stephen Tate briefly presented the status report on federally funded highway projects programmed for FY 2001 through 2003. He noted that the report had been revised to include FY 2003 projects and reflected deferrals and accelerations that are included in the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP. He added that, effectively, the last day to obligate federally funded projects for FY 2001 is August 31, 2001, and that any project that was not currently nearing completion of the process necessary to obligate projects, would likely not be obligated in FY 2001.

7. Draft TIP Guidance Report and TIP Project Applications (TGR)

Mr. Tate distributed copies of the TGR and indicated that the TGR had been developed to help MAG member agencies develop projects for the TIP and that it included a TIP development schedule and modal breakdowns of funding. He added that the application forms were not included in the TGR as the group from the Transportation Review Committee that was examining the process had requested changes to the forms that had been developed.

8. Re-engineering of the MAG Programming Process

Mr. Ward gave a brief report on efforts to re-engineer the MAG programming process. He noted that new improved forms were under development and that they would be available at the MAG website. He added that the new forms would require members to identify by mode their agency's priority for the project and that the forms would require additional cost and scheduling information.

He also noted that some TRC members were actively considering, limiting the number of project submissions by mode. He suggested that Street Committee members consider limiting the number of street projects submitted to a total of three.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.