

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE**

April 1, 2009
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Scott Nodes, ADOT	Faisal Saleem for Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County
*Soyoung Ahn, ASU	
Gus Woodman, City of Avondale	*Jeff Jenq, City of Mesa
**Thomas Chlebanowski, Town of Buckeye	Ron Amaya, City of Peoria
Mike Mah, City of Chandler	Marshall Riegel, City of Phoenix
*Mike Lockhart, DPS	*Bob Ciotti, Phoenix Public Transit
Jerry Horacek City of El Mirage	*Michael Pacelli, Town of Queen Creek
Jennifer Brown for Alan Hansen, FHWA	**Bruce Dressel, City of Scottsdale
Kurt Sharp, Town of Gilbert	John Abraham, City of Surprise
Debbie Albert, City of Glendale	*Jim Decker, City of Tempe
Luke Albert, City of Goodyear	*Arkady Bernshteyn, Valley Metro Rail

OTHERS PRESENT

Fanzana Yasmin, ADOT	Darrell Bingham, ADOT
T Mowery-Racz, ADOT	Gary Rylander, Rylander Consulting
Deanna Townsend, KHA Inc	Paul Ward, Olsson Associates
Jay Yenerich, Telvent	Yung Cossar, Morrison Maierle
Arnab Gupta, Telvent	Don Wiltshire, Y.S. Mantri
Rajesh Dwivedi, Telvent	Dan Hartig, Ayres Associates
Bill Meador, Power&Tel.	Armand Ciccarelli, PBS&J
Sarath Joshua, MAG	Joe Marcuson, Jacobs
Leo Luo, MAG	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG

*Not present
** Via teleconference

1. Call to Order
Chairman Mike Mah called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.
2. Approval of March 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Marshall Riegel moved, Gus Woodman seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve minutes of the meeting held on March 11, 2009.

3. Call to Audience

Chairman Mike Mah made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to any members of the public to address the ITS Committee. No comments were received.

4. Program Manager's Report

Sarath Joshua addressed the following items in his report:

- Regional Synchro Training

The MAG Regional Synchro Training is announced to be held at Maricopa County Training Facility from April 22, 2009 to April 24, 2009. A total of 26 attendees from member agencies have signed up for this training.

- TSOP Project Progress

A total of thirteen TSOP projects were funded this year. Ten (10) of them have been launched with another three projects about to get underway. The next TSOP call for projects will be announced in June 2009.

- RCN Activities

A task order is being developed to hire TransCore to help finalize the RCN Roles and Responsibilities document. The RCN governance document has been recommended by TRC, will go to Management Committee and Regional Council for final approval.

- ITS Architecture at MAG Website

The MAG Regional ITS Architecture project has been completed. Member agencies can use the project website to plan for their ITS developments.

- Maidstone, UK Traffic data integration

A demonstration on Maidstone, UK traffic data integration was announced at MAG Saguaro Room on April 14, 2009 from 10:00 to 12:00.

5. FY2009 Federal Funds Closeout

Sarath Joshua briefed the committee on the upcoming April 20, 2009 deadline for the FY2009 TIP closeout funds. He also explained that FY2009 closeout funds will be distributed based on priority guidelines. John Abraham asked whether TIP closeout funds could be obtained for the remaining TSOP projects, as there were more TSOP project applications than available funds. Sarath responded that he will explore if that was feasible since MAG would have to apply for the funding. Debbie Albert asked if it is necessary to fill out the ITS excel sheet as well as the other application form if new projects are submitted. Sarath replied that there is a difference between closeout process and normal TIP application, but MAG will prefer to receive the ITS excel sheet for all ITS projects. He also mentioned that additional details called for on the excel sheet for the TIP closeout projects may be submitted to MAG after the April 20, 2009 deadline.

6. 2009 MAG Regional ITS Strategic Plan

The draft scope of work of the 2009 MAG Regional ITS Strategic Plan was presented by Sarath Joshua, and he asked for comments from committee members. John Abraham commented that exceptions should be made when referring to "fully operational requirement within three years". He mentioned that the conduit installed when the roads were constructed may not be operational before fiber optic cable is installed. It was identified that there may be a need to reprioritize the focus of the FMS. More resources including funding may be needed to support FMS operations. Scott Nodes mentioned that the travel time display on DMS is very successful and there is an urgent need to find funding for operations beyond the

first two years. Sarath Joshua also suggested utilizing ITS to improve transportation safety. Chairman Mike Mah commented that the region might not look as poorly as it appears in terms of transportation safety, given the relatively new infrastructure and higher design standards although the portion of the safety funding appears to be small. It was suggested that a workshop included as part of the ITS Strategic Plan project could also discuss methods in combining ITS and safety.

7. Status Reports by Committee Members on ITS Activities

Ron Amaya reported that the City of Peoria has advertised an RFP for the TMC. A kick-off meeting will be held to launch the fiber-wireless hybrid network for ITS communications on April 2, 2009. Scott Nodes introduced T Mowery-Racz from ADOT. ADOT is also finalizing FMS design guidelines. Presentations will be made on ITS Committee May or June meeting. John Abraham mentioned that nine signals on Bell Road were connected to Surprise TMC, but the staffing level is a concern. Jerry Horacek mentioned that several intersections in El Mirage will be signalized. Faisal Saleem mentioned that the Bell Road ITS Phase 2 project from Loop 303 to Grand Avenue is now moving to the construction phase. The ATIS enhancement project to improve ADOT 511 system is also underway.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was announced at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Mike Mah adjourned the meeting at 11:15 PM.