

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
STREET COMMITTEE

January 8, 2008  
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chairman	* Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Lupe Harriger, ADOT	Maria Deeb, Mesa
Charles Andrews for Carnell Thurman, Avondale	Andrew Cooper, Jr., Paradise Valley
David Johnson for Thomas Chelbanowski, Buckeye	Geoff Zinnecker for Chris Kmetty, Peoria
Paul Borkfield for Dan Cook, Chandler	Briiana Leon, Phoenix
Lance Calvert, El Mirage	Don Noble, Queen Creek
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	* Elaine Cabrera, Salt River Pima-Maricopa I.C.
* Tony Rodriguez, Gila River Indian Community	John Lynch for Dave Meinhart, Scottsdale
Rick Allred for Jeff Herb, Gilbert	Robert Maki, Surprise
* Wade Ansell, Glendale	Shelly Seyler, Tempe
Ron Sievwright for Luke Albert, Goodyear	Rudy L. Casallo for Jason Earp, Tolleson
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	* Jesse Mendez, Youngtown

\* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Stephanie Prybyl, Gilbert	Stephen Tate, MAG
Vladimir Livshits, MAG	Eileen, Yazzie, MAG
Roger Roy, MAG	Wang Zhang, MAG

1 Call to Order

Chairman Crossman called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. Approval of the July 10, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Robert Maki noted that the minutes for agenda item #8 needed to be corrected to identify the study identified at the end of the first sentence in the second paragraph. The correct name of the study should be changed to the “Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study.”

Mr. Maki moved and Mr. Andrew Cooper seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2007 Street Committee with corrections noted by Mr. Maki. The amended minutes of the September 11, 2007 Street Committee were approved unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

There were no members of the public at the meeting who expressed a desire to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

The Chairman noted that a rumor was circulating that the MAG Street Committee was to be disbanded. Ms. Yazzie indicated that the rumor was false, but that the loss of programming authority had brought into question the role and mission of the Committee.

A general discussion concerning the issue ensued. Mr. Lance Calvert suggested that a mission statement be developed for the Street Committee. Several other members indicated that they would be willing to work on developing a mission statement.

Mr. Charles Andrews noted that at least in his city, an orientation concerning MAG, its role, organization and decision make structure would be highly desirable.

Ms. Yazzie then briefed the Committee on recent activity at MAG. She noted that local project submissions for the draft FY 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program had been due to MAG in early January and that eight agencies had submitted projects. She noted that MAG staff would work with the remaining member agencies to obtain the needed data.

She went on to note that a consultant had been selected for the Congestion Management Study and that MAG would be conducting an External Travel Study. She concluded by noting that a meeting of the working group on the MAG programming process will meet at the end of January to consider revisions to the MAG closeout process.

5. MAG Federally Funded Locally Sponsored Projects Development Status

Mr. Tate distributed a status report on MAG federally funded projects programmed for FY 2008 and FY 2009 and requested that members review the report and provide comments and corrections to him after the meeting.

Mr. Tate then went on to note that the purpose of the report is to identify programming issues and bottlenecks in the ADOT administered clearance and design review process that might affect the timely obligation projects, and to encourage ADOT and member agencies to address project issues.

6. MAG Occupancy Study Presentation

Mr. Wang Zhang gave a powerpoint presentation on the recently completed MAG Vehicle Occupancy Study. He noted that the study had included 119 count sites scattered throughout the region on a number of different facilities. Key results from the study include:

- a significant decrease in vehicle occupancy of 1.34 in 1992 to 1.23 in 2007,
- an overall HOV efficiency of 54 percent in the morning rush hour,
- an overall HOV efficiency of 51 percent in the afternoon rush hour,
- low HOV utilization on the Red Mountain Freeway, and
- higher than average HOV violation rates on SR 51 and I-17.

Mr. Zhang noted that many of the issues with HOV violation rates may be due to lack of barrier separation on HOV facilities in the MAG region, enforcement issues and the allowance of single occupancy vehicles on HOV facilities outside of peak periods.

The Chairman noted that barrier separation of HOV facilities increases their vulnerability to breakdowns. He also noted that capacity and safety could be increased on freeways by restricting truck usage to the right lane.

7. Programming Draft 09-13 TIP & Guidebook to Transportation Programming

Ms. Yazzie began by briefing the Committee on projects submitted for MAG federal funding. She noted that requests by mode were as follows:

- Bicycle/Pedestrian requests of \$19.0 million for an available amount of \$8.7 million,
- ITS requests for \$11.3 million for an available amount of \$7.2 million,
- Dirt road paving requests of \$7.2 million for an available \$7.2 million, and
- Air Quality project requests of \$7.5 million for an available \$7.5 million

She then briefed members on the MAG Guidebook to Transportation Programming. She noted that MAG had developed a guidebook on the transportation programming. The guidebook includes a description of the programming process, including the closeout. Also included in the guidebook, is a schedule for the development of the TIP and the closeout, descriptions of funding sources available for member agencies to use, a description of the TIP data entry system and application forms for MAG federal funds.

8. Local Mileage Estimate

Mr. Tate briefed the Committee. He noted that each year MAG assists ADOT in the development of a certified mileage estimate of roadways in the region that is conveyed to the US Department of Transportation to be used in the distribution of federal highway funding. To collect data for this estimate, MAG distributes maps of roadways and requests that member agencies markup highlighted roadways to indicate whether they are owned by the agency. The data from the marked up maps are then compiled by MAG to produce a breakdown of roadway mileage by a variety of geographical units including: agency boundary, urbanized area, medium urban area, small urban area, rural area, inside/outside non attainment area and other areal units.

Mr. Tate went on to indicate that the maps could be downloaded from the MAG website and requested that member agencies review the maps and return marked up maps to MAG by Friday February 7, 2008.

9. Member Roster

A membership roster was distributed to the Committee for their information.

10. Tentative 2008 MAG Street Committee Meeting Schedule

A tentative schedule was distributed to the Committee. It was noted that the regular November meeting date of the Committee fell on Veteran's day and that a revision to the meeting date would be needed.

11. Member Agency Update

No members had updates to provide.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:05.