

**MINUTES OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

May 15, 2007
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Robert Maki, Surprise	Julian Dresang for Marc Scott, City of Tempe
Reed Henry, ADOT	Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale
*Martin Johnson, Chandler	*Representative, Town of Youngtown
*Lorenzo Aguirre, El Mirage	+Mary Kihl, ASU
Ken Maruyama, Gilbert	+Jennifer Brown, FHWA
Sandy Adams, Glendale	Stuart Boggs for Teri Collins, RPTA
*Doug Dobson, Apache Junction	*Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS
Gregory Davies for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona
Larry Talley, Mesa	*Linda Mendyka, GOHS
*William Mead, Paradise Valley	Tom Burch, AARP
*Luke Albert, City of Goodyear	Brandon Forrey for Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria
Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix	
Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale	

OTHERS PRESENT

Jason Harris, ADOT ATRC	Manju Kumar, Lee Engineering
Ronnie Stricklin, MCDOT	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Jim Lee, Lee Engineering	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
	Leo Luo, MAG

+Teleconference

*Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order
Chairman Bob Maki called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM
2. Approval of March 20,2007 Meeting Minutes
Larry Talley moved and Brandon Forrey seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 20,2007, meeting.
3. Call to Audience
Chairman Robert Maki made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. No comments were received from the public.
4. Program Managers Report

Sarath Joshua reported on the following items:

- Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council (GTSAC) and subcommittee activities –
 - Upcoming SHSP Workshop for Safety Stakeholders on May 30, 2007
 - Updates from following GTSAC Subcommittees were also provided
 - RSA Committee
 - TRCC
 - School Issues - Sarath Joshua requested GTSAC that state SRTS program be brought under GTSAC as the goal of both programs are similar
 - Photo Enforcement
 - Legislative Subcommittee

Linda Gorman briefed the committee on Senate Bill SB 1347 and House Bill 2033 that led to the Teenage Driver Safety Act which was signed by Governor and will be effective from July 1, 2008. The Safety Committee applauded several years of AAA's efforts in supporting and working on this bill.

- Funded Safe Routes to School Projects - The State committee reviewed 33 grant applications from all over state. Just four out of a total of 12 projects from the Phoenix metropolitan region (representing more than 60 percent of total state's population) were approved to receive funding. Sarath Joshua also mentioned that about \$1.2 million will be available for next funding cycle and Infrastructure projects will also be eligible in the next cycle.
- School Crossing Guard Training Workshops – Planning is underway to hold two School Crossing Guard Training workshops, one in Glendale on August 3, 2007 and the other in Mesa on August 10, 2007. MAG is also preparing a new version of the training video Guardians of Future so that it meets recommended standards.
- ADOT Road Safety Audit (RSA) on I-10 - Kiran Guntupalli from MAG was part of team conducted RSA on I-10 Eastbound from 37th Ave to Sky Harbor Blvd. He briefed the committee on the finding and recommendations from RSA.

5. Regional Transportation Safety Information Management System – Phase 1 Project

Sarath Joshua introduced Jim Lee from Lee Engineering to provide an update on findings and conclusions from the RTSIMS Consensus Workshop hosted on April 12, 2005. Jim Lee presented the committee with findings reported in Draft Technical Memorandum No. 4. He also requested review comments on the draft tech memo to be submitted by the deadline on April 18, 2007. The action on this item was tabled until the next meeting to provide enough time for committee members to review the document.

6. Elderly Mobility Sign Project – Status Report

Sarath Joshua informed the committee that Mary Kihl is abstaining from this discussion as ASU intends to compete in the RFP for evaluation of this project. Sarath Joshua told the committee that MAG received the Notice of Intent to Apply from 16 member agencies and the remaining funding is reallocated to member agencies in similar proportions. Committee members were requested to review the attachment that was sent out with agenda and send comments by May 18, 2007 to Kiran Guntupalli.

7. Photo Enforcement of Red Light Running and Speed Survey

Sarath Joshua requested the Committee to offer their comments on the Photo Enforcement for Red light running and speed survey that MAG intends on sending to member agencies with photo enforcement to help other smaller jurisdictions with information. Paul Porell from Scottsdale suggested contacting Photo Enforcement Sub Committee under GTSAC as they have most information on the survey. Sarath Joshua agreed that most surveys don't get responded back as they are too tedious and agreed on talking to GTSAC subcommittee sponsor to get details.

8. Proposed ADOT Project to develop Safety Model for MAG Region

Sarath Joshua told the committee that ASU has recently submitted a research project to ADOT ATRC seeking funding to develop a safety model for the MAG region. He mentioned that this was done without consulting MAG. Larry Talley from Mesa added that they had a Safety Model demo presented in Mesa and this tool will be helpful to local agencies. He also added that he just saw a demo but didn't have any hands on experience on user friendliness of the package. Sarath Joshua told that he had never seen the model and MAG cannot endorse any product without a recommendation from this committee.

9. Strategic Highway Safety Plan and MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

Kiran Guntupalli circulated a tabular chart comparing MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan with SHSP requirements. Sarath Joshua walked through the tabular chart and explained that the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan is inline with SHSP requirements. He also mentioned that he planned to use the chart at the SHSP workshop to depict the safety priorities for this region.

10. Reports by Committee members on Transportation Safety Activities

Sandy Adams from Glendale told the committee that though Glendale did not receive any State SRTS funding they are still working with scaled down version of P.A.C.E (Parent and Child Education) program with three schools in Glendale. She also mentioned that Glendale is hosting School Crossing Guard Workshop for the second year in succession and hopes it will be a successful event. Linda Gorman from AAA told the committee that she plans to conduct four workshops every quarter for a web-based parental instruction from National Institute of Health. She also mentioned that web-based instruction is coming up on May 17, 2007. Stuart Boggs from Valley Metro said that there is an opening for Transit Safety Manager Position with Valley Metro. Larry Talley told the committee that Mesa Transportation Department has worked with Police Department and can now download Crash data from their server to Transportation Department. Greg Davis from Maricopa County said that they are working on two grant applications for Transportation Enhancement funds for \$8 million to setup SRTS support center along with Department of Health and Bike Safety Education along with Valley Metro. Kelly LaRosa from Avondale said that they finished four SRTS studies. Paul Porell told the committee that in Scottsdale Transportation Department has direct access to Police Department database. Kerry Wilcoxon said that they finished an RSA on an arterial street and they are currently working on two two-stage crosswalk projects in the city. He also mentioned that city will be doing pedestrian safety audits in July. Ken Maruyama said that Town of Gilbert is one of the successful candidates for SRTS Grant

applications and they will start working on it from July. He also mentioned that they have a new Traffic Engineer Jeffery Herb. Jennifer Brown from FHWA reminded everyone of a workshop hosted by GTSAC and ADOT on May 30, 2007 to update SHSP and said that it is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

11. Next meeting

The next Transportation Safety Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on July 17, 2007 at 10:00AM in Cholla Room at MAG.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Maki adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM.