

Planning Partners Meeting

Thursday, December 19, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Maricopa Association of Governments
Saguaro Conference Room

Meeting Purpose – To update the Planning Partners on the continuing effort by the study team to deliver the Central Phoenix Transportation Framework Study project and receive review, comments, and direction. This meeting is the third in a series to conclude the project and a follow up to the July 25, 2013 meeting.

1. Introductions

2. Feedback on Previous Work Products

To date the Planning Partners were provided an opportunity to review several project technical memoranda, including: Interstate 10/Interstate 17 "Spine Corridor" Workshop Summary, Assessment of Alternative Improvement Strategies, Phase I Summary Report, Freeway System Plan, the SR-30 Corridor Extension Alternatives Study, DHOV Locations and System Compatibility, and Park and Ride Connectivity. All comments were assembled in a matrix for each document, with corresponding responses. Revised documents will then be posted to the bqAZ website after incorporating necessary revisions. Comment/response matrices will be made available at the meeting.

3. Roadway Maintenance

This technical memorandum provides a summary of current roadway maintenance practices in the MAG region and discusses the impacts of deferred maintenance. The technical memorandum documenting the effort will soon be available for Planning Partner review. An opportunity to discuss and comment on these efforts will be provided.

4. Transit Improvement Strategies

A multitude of transit improvement strategies were identified by the Planning Partners in the March 2012 charrette. A technical memorandum has been prepared to summarize the identified strategies and aid in the conversation regarding transit improvement strategies to achieve more efficient, effective transit service in the study area. An overview of various strategies addressed in the technical memorandum will be provided. The technical memorandum documenting the effort will soon be available for Planning Partner review. An opportunity to discuss and comment on these efforts will be provided.

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5. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Strategies

The Planning Partners identified several pedestrian and bicycle improvements within the CPHX study area at the March 2012 charrette. One key theme heard throughout the workshops was the concept of complete streets. A technical memorandum has been prepared to summarize the identified strategies and further explore strategies to fully integrate bicycles and pedestrians into the regional transportation system as safe, secure, and efficient travel modes supporting day-to-day mobility. An overview of various strategies addressed in the technical memorandum will be provided. The technical memorandum documenting the effort will soon be available for Planning Partner review. An opportunity to discuss and comment on these efforts will be provided.

6. Current Work Efforts

The study team is also preparing documentation for Planning Partner review related to the following additional topics identified during the 2012 charrette:

- Arterial Improvement Strategies: Ideas identified at the March 2012 charrette included the concept of converting strategic regional arterials to Arizona-Parkways. The Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has conducted a study that addresses the ability to modify the traditional Arizona Parkway concept for urban applications with narrower right-of-way. The study team is conducting a planning level assessment of the Strategic Regional Arterial network to identify the feasibility of parkway conversions. The effort also identifies high intersections within the study area and alternative grade-separation treatments that could be considered at high-volume arterial crossings. The technical memorandum documenting the effort will soon be available for Planning Partner review. An opportunity to discuss and comment on these efforts will be provided.
- Diverging Diamond Interchange Conversion: The study team is currently analyzing the feasibility of converting several existing diamond interchanges to diverging diamond interchanges. A list of eighteen potential locations has been evaluated based on the compatibility with system plans, traffic volumes, roadway geometries, and available right-of-way.

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Conceptual layouts are being prepared for the top performing locations.

- Active Transportation Management Strategies (ATMS) Deployment Strategies: This document explores options for integrating ATMS on the MAG freeway and strategic arterial network in coordination with recommendations from the MAG Managed Lanes Network Development Strategy and the Interstate 10 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) System. The study team is conducting a planning-level study that builds on the high-level recommendations presented in the ICM Action Plan by identifying additional freeway operational enhancements that might be included in the overall plan, and presenting a potential methodology (Next Steps) for implementing the ICM system and related operational concepts and strategies.

7. Phoenix Comprehensive Downtown Transportation Study
 Various pedestrian, bicycle, and transit strategies were identified during the March 2012 charette. These strategies are particularly applicable to the Downtown core area of the larger CPHX study area. The study team is looking at various potential improvement concepts in a focused area bounded by McDowell Road in the north, Buckeye Road in the south, 7th Avenue to the west, and 7th Street to the east. An overview of this effort will be provided.

8. Next Steps
 Action items from this meeting will be summarized and assignments made for delivering this project's products. Other project activities include:

- Future Work Efforts
- Schedule updates for additional Planning Partners meetings

9. Adjournment

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information, discussion, and possible recommendation for manner of product distribution and discussion. The recommendation may include suggestions from the Planning Partners for additional coordination and consensus meetings to effectively deliver these work products.

9. For information and discussion.