

Policy Guidance Programming Federal Transit Funds

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Why Now?

- **July 28, 2010, Regional Council:**

Approved of the Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP contingent on a finding of conformity. . . and that the programming of preventive maintenance be reviewed for potential amendments/administrative modifications no later than December 2010

- The region has programmed almost **\$30 million** of federal funds in the 2011-2015 TIP for regional preventive maintenance.
- Identified policy gaps in RTP and programming

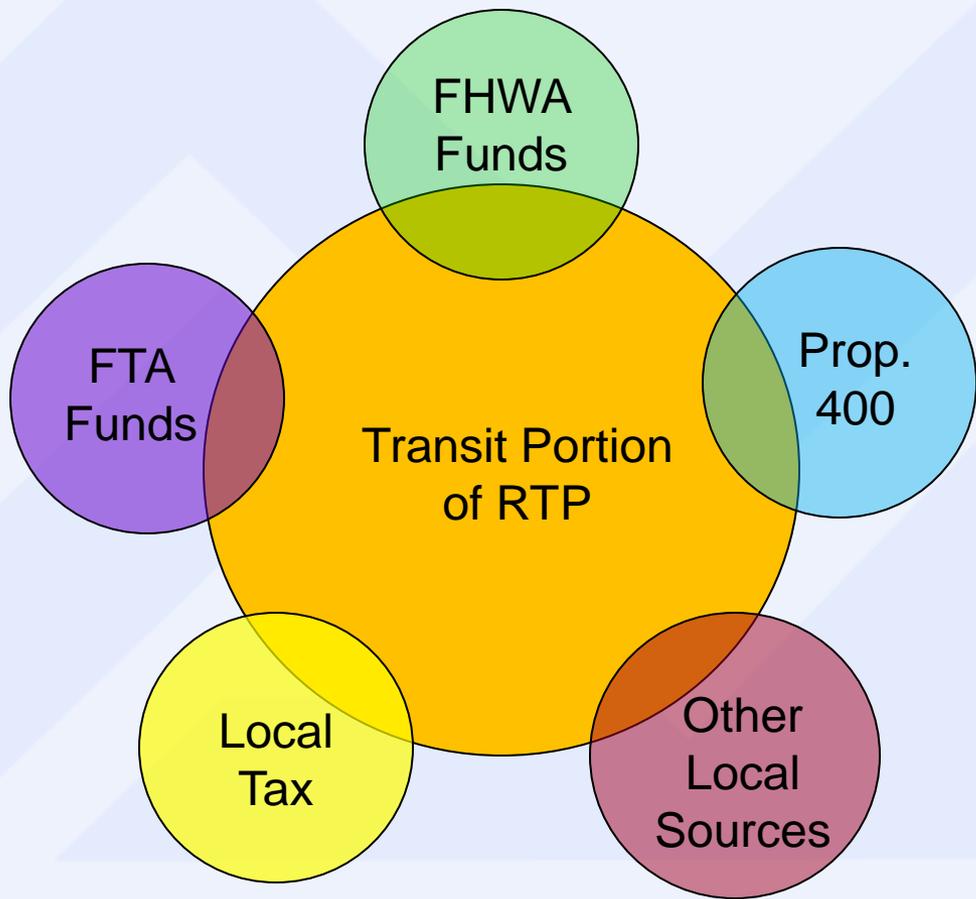


Background

- **2003: MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**
- **2004: Prop. 400 – 33% of the ½ cent sales tax for transit – Public Transportation Fund (PTF)**
 - Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) manages the Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP)
- **2010: MAG assumes responsibilities to program federal transit funds**
 - MAG Transit Committee formed
- **April 2010: Senate Bill 1063 enacted and new MOU signed**
 - Defines the responsibilities of RPTA and MAG for implementing the public transportation element of the RTP
 - Sets forth the basic structure for cooperative planning and decision making regarding transit planning and programming between MAG, RPTA, METRO, the City of Phoenix, and all participating local government agencies



Financing Transit in RTP





Policy Question – 1) Transit Components

1. Should federal transit funds, be used for local fixed route, local circulator, light rail, and non-ADA paratransit capital and preventive maintenance needs?



Transit Components and Current Program

Type of Transit Service	TLCP/Sales Tax		RTP - All Federal Transit	TIP - 5307 Federal Transit
	Capital	Operations	Capital	Prev. Maintenance (operations)
Supergrid	X	X	X	X
Freeway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Express Bus	X	X	X	X
Arterial BRT	X	X	X	X
Local Fixed Route Service	X - (not all)		X - (not all)	X
Paratransit: ADA	X	X	X	X
Paratransit: Non-ADA (ex.: senior transportation)	X		X	X
Light Rail/Street Car Transit	X		X	
Rural/Non-Fixed Route Transit	X	X	X	n/a
Vanpool	X		X	



Policy Question

2) Preventive Maintenance

2. How should Preventive Maintenance using 5307 funds be integrated into the RTP policy directives?





2) Preventive Maintenance

Current Prev. Maint. Programming					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total 5307	\$ 41,539,986	\$ 46,102,262	\$ 48,567,702	\$ 49,535,284	\$ 53,000,000
Prev. Maint. In TIP (About 13%)	\$ 5,899,280	\$ 7,754,659	\$ 6,292,665	\$ 6,428,516	\$ 6,545,883
Leftover after TLCP was programmed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,106,768	\$ 11,766,118



2) Preventive Maintenance

Examples of Percent Allocation for Prev. Maint.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
15% for Prev. Maint.					
	\$ 6,230,998	\$ 6,915,339	\$ 7,285,155	\$ 7,430,293	\$ 7,950,000
Funds to TLCP	\$ 35,308,988	\$ 39,186,923	\$ 41,282,547	\$ 42,104,991	\$ 45,050,000
20% for Prev. Maint.					
	\$ 8,307,997	\$ 9,220,452	\$ 9,713,540	\$ 9,907,057	\$ 10,600,000
Funds to TLCP	\$ 33,231,989	\$ 36,881,810	\$ 38,854,162	\$ 39,628,227	\$ 42,400,000



Policy Question –

3) Programming Remaining Funds

3. Once the needs of the Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP), *and Preventive Maintenance** are satisfied, what is the policy for programming remaining transit federal funds?

**If policy is changed*



3) Programming Remaining Funds

- Establish a programming process directed by policy
 - Annual, bi-annual, 5-year associated with the TIP
- Policy leaders could decide the focus first:
 - Operations/prev. maintenance
 - Transit customer improvements
 - Safety
 - New Technology
 - Call for local projects
 - Etc.





Information & Discussion

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QUESTIONS?



3 Policy Questions

1. Should federal transit funds, be used for local fixed route, local circulator, light rail, and non-ADA paratransit capital and preventative maintenance needs?
2. How should Preventive Maintenance using 5307 funds be integrated into the RTP policy directives?
3. Once the needs of the Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP) are satisfied, what is the policy for programming remaining transit federal funds?