

Federal Discretionary Grants Process

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

June 19, 2012



For Information and Discussion



Background

- Discretionary transit grants available from Federal Transit Administration annually since 2008
- Increased coordination between member agencies and MAG/City of Phoenix/RPTA
- Projects were evaluated last year for submission
- Formalize Process for future grant opportunities
- ONLY for discretionary grant funds– not formula funds

Goals

- Recommend a formal Process to MAG Regional Council
- Rank and select projects to be submitted to FTA as part of a regional application.
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 - Qualifying Criteria
 - Program Evaluation Criteria
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- Transit and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for feedback and comment
- Set up Transit Operators Working Group (TOWG), including a representative from Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

GOALS:

1. *Feedback from Transit and Bike and Pedestrian Committee*
2. *TOWG to review and establish evaluation criteria*

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July 2012

- Transit/Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee- Present draft Evaluation Criteria from Transit Operators Working Group
- TOWG Meet again if necessary

GOAL:

1. TOWG to finalize evaluation criteria based on Committee feedback

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August 2012

- Transit Committee to finalize project selection process and evaluation criteria

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GOAL:

1. Committees to recommend to Transportation Review Committee in Aug for approval of evaluation criteria

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- Final Recommendations for:
 - Goals and Objectives
 - goes through MAG committee process

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Goal

1. Approval process from MAG Regional Council

Goals

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- Including:
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Month #1 –November/ December (Tentative):

- Introduce project selection process to Transit and Bike/Pedestrian committees
- Set up Operators Working Group Meeting (TOWG) to compile list of “qualifying” regional projects

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1. Operators and member agencies produce list of qualifying projects

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Month #2 – January (Tentative):

- Transit Committee (date tentative) categorize projects into grant programs and approve final list of projects to move forward with *Project Selection* process
- Transit Operators Working Group rank projects utilizing feedback and *Evaluation Criteria*

Goal

1. *Projects are categorized and ranked*

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Month #3 – February (Tentative):

- Transit and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviews ranked list of projects and accepts recommendations

Goal

- Project rankings are reviewed and accepted by Technical Committees

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Month of NOFA Release:

- List of recommended projects approved by MAG Regional Council
- MAG/RPTA/COP Staff collaborate to compile final draft for submission

Goal

1. *Projects are approved by Regional Council for submission.*
2. *Staff completes final applications for submittal*

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Proposed Goals and Objectives

- Achieve maximum funding for the region;
- Provide funding for projects that have the most benefit to the most number of people – either directly or indirectly.

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Proposed *Qualifying Criteria*

- Demonstrates requirements of the program
- Local Match as demonstrated by either the:
 - CIP Budget or
 - Letter of Commitment
- Project Scope
- NEPA Started (non-CE projects) or
Demonstration of CE

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Evaluation Criteria

State of Good Repair

- Section I: Demonstration of Need
- Section II: Planning and Local & Regional Prioritization/Project Readiness

Evaluation Criteria

Bus Livability

- Section I: Linkage to Livability Principles
- Section II: Planning and Local & Regional Prioritization/Project Readiness
- Section III: Leveraging of Public and Private Investments

Evaluation Criteria

Clean Fuels

- Section I: Demonstration of Need/Technological Advancement
- Section II: Planning and Local & Regional Prioritization/Project Readiness

Questions?

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