

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 9, 2013
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage, Chair | Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park |
| Christopher Brady, Mesa, Vice Chair | Trisha Sorensen, City of Maricopa |
| # Anna McCray for George Hoffman,
Apache Junction | * Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley |
| Charlie McClendon, Avondale | Carl Swenson, Peoria |
| Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye | David Cavazos, Phoenix |
| Gary Neiss, Carefree | # Greg Stanley, Pinal County |
| Rodney Glassman, Cave Creek | John Kross, Queen Creek |
| Rich Dlugas, Chandler | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community |
| * Charles Montoya, Florence | Brad Lundahl for Fritz Behring, Scottsdale |
| * Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai
Nation | Chris Hillman, Surprise |
| Ken Buchanan, Fountain Hills | Andrew Ching, Tempe |
| Rick Buss, Gila Bend | # Chris Hagen for Reyes Medrano, Tolleson |
| * David White, Gila River Indian Community | Joshua Wright, Wickenburg |
| Patrick Banger, Gilbert | Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown |
| Brent Stoddard for Brenda S. Fischer,
Glendale | John Nelson for John Halikowski, ADOT |
| Brian Dalke, Goodyear | John Hauskins for Tom Manos,
Maricopa County |
| Rosemary Arellano, Guadalupe | John Farry for Steve Banta,
Valley Metro/RPTA |

- * Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Management Committee was called to order by Chair Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage, at 12:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Greg Stanley, Chris Hagen, and Anna McCray joined the meeting via teleconference.

Ms. Arellano introduced Guadalupe Councilmember Angie Perez, who was in attendance at the meeting.

Chair Isom proceeded to agenda announcements. He noted that material for agenda item #7 was at each place.

Chair Isom announced that public comment cards were available to members of the public who wish to comment. Parking validation for those who parked in the MAG parking garage was available from staff and transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those who purchased transit tickets to come to the meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Isom stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Committee requests an exception to this limit.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Pat Vint, who said he had been in Phoenix for 62 years, in business for 57 years and harassed for the past 30 years. He said he hoped Chair Isom would let him speak and that people would use their microphones when speaking. Mr. Vint stated that he had brought a recorder and a letter from Ms. Dianne Barker stating that citizens have a right to speak. Mr. Vint asked Chair Isom if he would apologize. Chair Isom stated that Call to the Audience was the time for Mr. Vint to speak, and it was not the time for interaction. Mr. Vint stated that he sees four new cameras. He stated that Mr. Cavazos said he did as directed by the Mayor and the Council. Mr. Vint commented that employees are not to blame for taking their retirement benefits; if someone threw money on the street, most people would pick it up. Mr. Vint stated that Phoenix is a disaster. He stated that there is now an opportunity for a new city manager and there is a movement that the new manager would not get the benefits received by the past two managers. Mr. Vint remarked that Councilman Gates and Mayor Stanton are attorneys. Chair Isom thanked Mr. Vint for his comments.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from John Rusinek who complained that names he mentioned in previous public comments were not reported in the minutes. He wondered if this was normal for parts of citizen comments to be left out. Mr. Rusinek stated that his dust problem has been occurring for eight years and he does not want other people to be mistreated as he has been at the City of Phoenix. Chair Isom thanked Mr. Rusinek for his comments.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Dianne Barker of Phoenix. She expressed her support for citizens coming to speak at public meetings, something she has been doing for years. Ms. Barker commented about MAG not having citizens at the top of the organization chart and the State does not provide sufficient time for citizen dialogue and clarification. She stated that the

City of Phoenix takes public requests to put items on the agenda. Ms. Barker then addressed Mr. Rusinek's comments by saying that she had advised him to submit a written statement if there was something specific he wanted in the minutes. Ms. Barker stated that MAG staff does the best minutes in the Valley and she has been pleased with their responsiveness when she has a clarification or request. She remarked on the upcoming passenger rail conference being held on November 14, 2013. Ms. Barker stated that it is "Grand" to bring back Grand Avenue. She commented that the plan for Grand Avenue should be multimodal and the quickest way between two points is a diagonal. Chair Isom thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Isom expressed his agreement with Ms. Barker about MAG's minutes and he added that people should contact MAG staff if they had questions about the minutes.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest in the MAG region. He first reported good news on the real estate market in the Valley. Mr. Smith noted that as of September 2013, there were 3,906 foreclosed residential properties, 5,958 pending foreclosure residential properties, for a total of 9,864 distressed residential properties. Mr. Smith stated that this is in contrast to more than 63,000 pending and foreclosed residential properties in March 2010. He remarked that the region is back in the growth mode and the MAG Economic Development Committee is looking at ways to diversify the economy beyond homebuilding.

Mr. Smith stated that the signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurial Agreement between MAG and the state's universities took place on September 26, 2013, at the Board of Regents meeting in Flagstaff. Mr. Smith stated that Mayor Lopez Rogers, Mayor Tom Schoaf, Mayor Michael LeVault, and Mayor Jackie Meck attended the signing. Mr. Smith stated that the MOU enables universities to establish partnerships with local governments on projects, which will increase their chances of winning grants.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Isom stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, and #5I were on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Dr. Marvin Rochelle, who spoke on agenda item #5E. He expressed support for all transportation in the Southwest Valley, which has been limited for many years. Dr. Rochelle noted that light rail transit is only going to 79th Avenue but it should go farther west to the hospital on 99th Avenue and Thomas Road. Dr. Rochelle explained that the hospital is growing and booming. He suggested continuing light rail north to WestGate. Chair Isom thanked Dr. Rochelle for his comments.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Ms. Barker, who commented on agenda items #5E. Ms. Barker noted that the key study objectives are mid- and long-range strategies. However, Ms. Barker noted, that she has never seen a consultant gather together and compile all existing studies. Ms. Barker noted an example of a good idea was in the Chandler study to run a high capacity

Rapid bus on I-10 during the daytime. Ms. Barker announced that she attended the Hance Park redesign meeting but the staff she spoke to were unfamiliar with studies from years past, like the RPTA study that included a future express bus outlet at the I-10 underpass. Ms. Barker noted that they found this would never work because the buses would not fit in the passageway. For efficiency and cost-effectiveness, Ms. Barker added, it would be good that staff gather all previous studies. For agenda item 5F, Ms. Barker noted that the Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study addresses various transit items. She remarked that neighborhood circulators could put some of the unused lines out of business. Chair Isom thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Isom asked members if they had questions or requests to hear a presentation on any of the Consent Agenda items. None were noted. He asked if there were any requests to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. None were noted. Chair Isom called for a motion.

Mr. Wright moved to recommend approval of Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, and #5I. Mr. Crossman seconded. Chair Isom asked if there was any discussion of the motion. Being none, the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the September 11, 2013, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved the September 11, 2013, meeting minutes.

5B. Transit Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the amendments and administrative modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010, and have been modified twenty-nine times. There was a need to modify transit projects in the programs. The proposed project changes include project modifications and new projects.

5C. Job Access and Reverse Commute Coordination - Lead Agency Change

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval to update Section 703 of the Regional Programming Guidelines for Federal Transit Formula Funds to change the lead agency for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) evaluation process from the City of Phoenix to MAG. On March 27, 2013, the MAG Regional Council approved the Regional Programming Guidelines for Federal Transit Formula Funds. Under Section 300 of the Guidelines, the programming priorities included allocation for funding for JARC related activities. Under Section 703 of the Guidelines, it was recommended that the City of Phoenix, the regional designated grant recipient, continue as the lead in the JARC application process, coordinating with MAG Human Services staff and the MAG Ad Hoc Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program (EPDT) Committee. The Fiscal Year 2013 application process was

completed in July 2013. The MAG EPDT Committee held a debriefing meeting on August 22, 2013. Given the MAG Transit Committee members' backgrounds regarding JARC criteria, it was recommended at the debriefing meeting that MAG staff, working with the MAG Transit Committee, assume the lead for future JARC applications. On September 26, 2013, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval.

5D. Consultant Selection for the Public Opinion Quantitative and Qualitative Services

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of WestGroup Research to conduct public opinion quantitative and qualitative services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, as amended by the MAG Executive Committee on August 12, 2013, includes \$50,000 for Public Opinion Quantitative and Qualitative Services to better understand public attitudes regarding the current state of the MAG region's transportation system, key transportation priorities, and the willingness of people to support various funding options in both Maricopa County and portions of Pinal County. On August 21, 2013, MAG issued a Request for Qualifications. Statements of qualifications were due on September 23, 2013. The MAG evaluation team met on September 27, 2013 and recommended to MAG the selection of WestGroup Research to contract for these services.

5E. Consultant Selection for the Southeast Valley Transit System Study

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of URS Corporation to conduct the Southeast Valley Transit System Study for an amount not to exceed \$375,000. The fiscal year (FY) 2014 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, as approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 22, 2013, includes \$450,000 from federal and local sources for the Southeast Valley Transit System Study. The study will analyze transit efficiencies, services and ridership demand in transit-established and transit-aspiring communities within the Southeast Valley. This is a joint study between MAG and Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). MAG will contribute \$350,000 and RPTA will provide \$25,000 as a cash match and \$75,000 an in-kind match. The consultant contract for the Study will be for an amount not to exceed \$375,000. On August 5, 2013, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to conduct the study. MAG received proposals from five consultant firms. A multi-agency evaluation team evaluated the proposals on September 23, 2013, conducted consultant interviews on September 30, 2013, and recommended to MAG that URS Corporation be selected to develop the Southeast Valley Transit System Study.

5F. Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study - Draft Report Final Acceptance

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended acceptance of the Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study. The Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study draft has been completed by MAG. The purpose of the study was to identify opportunities and strategies to improve the existing transit service in the Northwest Valley, develop a short, mid, and long range local transit plan that effectively provides circulation within the Northwest Valley, and to connect to the regional transit system. The study area includes the communities of El Mirage,

Surprise, and Youngtown, and portions of Glendale, Peoria, and unincorporated Maricopa County, as well as the unincorporated communities of Sun City, Sun City West and Sun City Festival in the northeastern area of the town of Buckeye. On September 26, 2013, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended acceptance of the Study.

5G. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

A status report was provided on the remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement. To assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, MAG is requesting that street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement be requested by the agency within one year plus ten calendar days from the date of the MAG authorization letter.

5H. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including such projects as Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation, Section 5307 sub-allocation of Job Access and Reverse Commute eligible activities, Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Programs, and Section 5307 Avondale-Goodyear Urbanized Area Funds. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination.

5I. Amendment to the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval to amend the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and increase the MAG Consultant Support for the AZ-SMART Enhancement On-Call Project from \$350,000 to \$425,000. The fiscal year (FY) 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2013, includes \$350,000 for the enhancement of the AZ-SMART Model system. The purpose of this consultant support on-call project is to enhance AZ-SMART with regional econometric modeling, business location choice, and data development and visualization routines. SANDAG has approached MAG to collaborate on the joint development of a regional econometric model system. The cost of the design and development for this custom software is estimated to be \$150,000 to be shared equally by MAG and SANDAG. The additional \$75,000 from SANDAG, along with its staff expertise, will help both organizations better utilize their resources in the development of a system needed by the two organizations. An amendment to the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being requested to add an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from SANDAG. The joint project will be conducted as part of the MAG Consultant Support for AZ-SMART Enhancement

On-Call Project which is currently in the FY 2014 Work Program for \$350,000. With the approval of the amendment, MAG will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with SANDAG to accept the \$75,000 and the Request for Qualifications would be issued for \$425,000 with \$150,000 dedicated for the development of a regional econometric model system.

6. Resolution of Appreciation

Chair Isom stated that a Resolution of Appreciation had been prepared in recognition of the service of David Cavazos to the MAG region. Mr. Cavazos, former Vice Chair and Chair of the MAG Management Committee, was retiring from the City of Phoenix. Chair Isom read the Resolution.

Vice Chair Brady moved approval to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. David Cavazos for his service to the MAG region. He noted that in making the motion, he wanted to say that the statements in the Resolution were accurate. Vice Chair Brady added that even though Mr. Cavazos represented the largest city in the state, he always made the effort to have discussion on any topic. Vice Chair Brady remarked that one of Mr. Cavazos's best traits is making people feel comfortable. He stated that Mr. Cavazos was always supportive of other cities and he was concerned with what was going on in those cities, not just in Phoenix. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cavazos.

Mr. Swenson seconded the motion, and echoed the sentiments expressed by Vice Chair Brady. He said that working with Mr. Cavazos had been a pleasure and he was certainly a good colleague. Mr. Swenson stated that Mr. Cavazos will be greatly missed and he wished him all the best.

Mr. Dalke stated that he had the opportunity to work with Mr. Cavazos in economic development efforts. He said that Mr. Cavazos was always professional and Mr. Dalke appreciated the interaction.

Mr. Hauskins expressed his congratulations to Mr. Cavazos.

Mr. Cleveland expressed appreciation for all of the assistance provided by Mr. Cavazos over the years.

Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Cavazos was the type of manager a regional agency wants to be its chair because he always considered the good that Phoenix could do and he reached out to other communities. Mr. Smith expressed appreciation for Mr. Cavazos's support when MAG was moving into uncharted waters with the relationship with Mexico.

Chair Isom expressed his appreciation for Mr. Cavazos's openness. He said that he always made himself available for discussion, and they were able to discuss difficult issues on an equal footing.

With no further comments, the vote on the motion passed unanimously. Chair Isom invited Mr. Cavazos to say a few words.

Mr. Cavazos stated that he would miss most the friendships established over the past 27 years. He noted that Mr. Nelson was on the Phoenix City Council the year Mr. Cavazos began working for the city in 1987. Mr. Cavazos stated that he came to Phoenix not knowing anyone and the greatest thing about Phoenix is you can come here and rise as far as you can go. He said that if he was to give one piece of advice it would be to not let anyone tell you that you cannot do it – you can accomplish as much as you want and no one can hold you back but yourself. Mr. Cavazos remarked that he was in his position because people believed in him and supported him. He said he was very excited about the future, but would miss everyone here. Mr. Cavazos received a standing ovation.

7. Briefing on EPA Rulemaking for the Navajo Generating Station

Chair Isom noted that he had heard a presentation at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference that he thought might be of interest to the Management Committee. He noted that the presentation, by Central Arizona Project (CAP) General Manager David Modeer, was in regard to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed regional haze rule for the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) located in Page, Arizona. The EPA's proposed rule would require installation of costly controls on each of NGS's three generating units as early as 2018 and it is anticipated that the costs would be passed on to municipal water users that take Central Arizona Project (CAP) water.

Mr. Modeer addressed the Management Committee and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to solicit the support of the Management Committee for CAP efforts. He explained that many articles have appeared over the past 4.5 years regarding the EPA's efforts to impose very strict regulations on the Navajo Generating Station (NGS), which represents 90 percent of the power used to move water down the Colorado to Phoenix and to Tucson. Mr. Modeer stated that this will result in severe impacts to both water rates and economic development.

Mr. Modeer stated that it was clear in the February 2013 that as a result of the proposed rule by the EPA the NGS was on the path to closure. Mr. Modeer stated that a Technical Working Group, consisting of the Navajo Nation, the Gila River Indian Community, SRP, CAP, and environmental groups, met for 3.5 months and developed a proposal that could ensure that the NGS would stay open.

Mr. Modeer stated that the Technical Working Group proposal was filed with the EPA and in August, the EPA notified them it would accept nearly 99 percent of the Technical Working Group proposal as a reasonable alternative to the EPA proposal issued in February 2013. He said that the Technical Working Group proposal provides a way for EPA to regulate NGS within terms that are acceptable to the stakeholders and keeps the NGS open. Mr. Modeer introduced a video and said that after it played, he would provide a status update and answer questions.

After the video played, Mr. Modeer emphasized that if the Technical Working Group Proposal is not accepted in large part by the EPA, it is assured that the NGS will not be operational after 2019. He noted that information on NGS is available on the NGS website. Mr. Modeer pointed out the sample letters at each place, one of which was sent by a member agency. He said that the

letters can be personalized, which he thought would be more effective. Mr. Modeer stated that the changes to NGS could have a tremendous impact on the economy of Arizona.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Modeer for his presentation and asked members if they had questions.

Mr. Hauskins recalled when the NGS went online and people were excited to have a reliable source of power in the state. He expressed that he was glad that efforts were being made to continue that source and he felt it was vital to the economy of the state.

Mr. Banger stated that CAP is a vital partner of the Town of Gilbert. He said that a letter would be before the Town Council on October 24, and he asked if there were additional opportunities for participation.

Mr. Modeer stated that currently, the EPA has accepted the supplemental proposal and it will be published in the Federal Register. He noted that it has not yet been published in the Federal Register due to the federal government shutdown, but public hearings have been scheduled: three in the Page area, one in Phoenix, and one in Tucson. Mr. Modeer stated that these hearings will provide opportunities to direct questions and concerns to the EPA Region IX representatives. He stated that the public hearing dates are set for the week of November 12, 2013, but if the shutdown continues past October 12, 2013, the hearings will need to be rescheduled due to the 30-day statutory notice required after publishment in the Federal Register.

Mr. Dalke expressed that he would like to recognize the importance of what the Technical Working Group accomplished. He stated that a letter by Goodyear's Mayor urging agreement for the Technical Working Group Proposal was at each place. Mr. Dalke noted that the letter was sent to Dr. Anita Lee of the EPA Region IX and copied to Congressional leadership. He remarked that the NGS is important not only to CAP, but also to the reservation. Mr. Dalke said that NGS is very important to the economy of Arizona and to NGS employees.

Chair Isom expressed appreciation to Mr. Modeer for coming to the meeting. He advised that the City of El Mirage prepared a letter of support and presented it to Mr. Modeer. Chair Isom encouraged Management Committee members to brief their mayors and make their support known as well.

8. FY 2014 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity

Jason Stephens, MAG staff, reported on the public involvement process MAG conducted on transportation plans and programs for the Mid-Phase public input opportunity on the Draft MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Stephens noted that MAG has a four-phase public involvement process, and the Mid-Phase input opportunity allows for input on draft programs and plans prior to committees taking action.

Mr. Stephens stated that during the mid-phase, MAG received public comment at its policy committees, at small and large group presentations, at a public meeting and via web and telephone

correspondence. He said that MAG sent approximately 3,000 postcards to solicit input on the updated TIP and RTP. Mr. Stephens stated that advertisements for the public meeting were published in local newspapers.

Mr. Stephens displayed a summary of questions and comments received, most of which centered on transit and economic development. He noted that all of the public input was included in the report contained in the agenda packet.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Stephens for his report. No questions from the committee were noted.

9. Approval of the Draft MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Roger Herzog, MAG staff, reported on the Draft MAG 2035 RTP, which was on the agenda for possible action to recommend approval for an air quality conformity analysis. He explained that an air quality conformity analysis of the Draft MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan needs to be conducted prior to consideration of the RTP for final approval.

Mr. Herzog proceeded to report on key elements of the RTP, which identifies policies, projects and priorities for long-range transportation investments in the MAG region through fiscal year 2035. He noted that the Draft 2035 RTP is basically a continuation of the currently approved Plan.

Mr. Herzog stated that on May 9, 2013, the Governor approved an expanded metropolitan planning area for the MAG region, which now extends significantly into Pinal County to include the existing urbanized area as defined by the census, and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized with a 20-year forecast.

Mr. Herzog reported that growth in the region will continue to be a major factor in planning for the future. He said that population is forecasted to increase by 54 percent between 2010 and 2035.

Mr. Herzog stated that the total funding estimated to be available for the Draft 2035 RTP is \$59 billion during the planning period. It is estimated that about one-half of the funding will come from local sources and one-half from regional sources. Mr. Herzog indicated that of the total funding, approximately one-half is applied to the arterial network, one-quarter to transit services, and one-quarter to the freeway system. These amounts include approximately half to capital projects, and half to operations and maintenance costs.

Mr. Herzog stated that the 2035 RTP identifies a future freeway/highway system that has approximately 20 percent more lane miles than today's system. By 2035, it is estimated that it will carry about 40 percent of the total daily traffic in the region.

Mr. Herzog stated that the arterial street network is another key element of the regional transportation system. The RTP identifies a future arterial network that has approximately 50 percent more lane miles than today's system.

Mr. Herzog stated that the bus network represents another vital transportation service in the region. The 2035 RTP identifies a future bus service network that has approximately 20 percent more bus miles than today's system.

Mr. Herzog stated that the light rail transit/high capacity transit system is a second major element of transit service in the region. The RTP identifies a future light rail transit/high capacity transit system that has three times the total route miles compared today's system. It is estimated that by 2035, the light rail transit/high capacity transit system will account for 38 percent of the total daily transit boardings in the region.

Mr. Herzog stated that the 2035 RTP includes regionally funded projects: arterials, freeway/highway, regional bus, and light rail/high capacity transit. He reported that the 2035 RTP also includes other transportation activities, such as bicycle and pedestrian planning, demand management, transportation system operations, transportation safety, freight planning, and special needs planning.

Mr. Herzog concluded his presentation by saying that on September 26, 2013, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for an air quality conformity analysis. He noted that this item was on the agenda for action.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Herzog for his report and asked if there were questions. None were noted. No requests for public comment were received.

Mr. Crossman moved to recommend approval of the Draft MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for an air quality conformity analysis. Mr. Dalke seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Listing of Projects for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Teri Kennedy, MAG staff, reported on the Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for an air quality conformity analysis. She noted that the TIP represents the first five years of projects contained in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Ms. Kennedy stated that the TIP is developed in coordination with Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Arizona Department of Transportation, and member agencies, adheres to MAP-21 federal transportation funding, and integrates a competitive application process using a congestion management process.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the draft TIP incorporates existing regional plans, programs, and policies. She said that all of the lifecycle programs are included – arterial, transit, and freeway. Ms. Kennedy addressed the FTA Section 5307 program of projects, which funds preventive maintenance and Job Access and Reverse Commute projects. She displayed the timeline to develop the TIP, and said that the process began in 2012 and is projected to be finalized and projects ready to proceed by March 1, 2014.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the draft TIP includes 782 projects, with a total project cost estimated at more than \$4.43 billion. She noted that project funding included in the draft TIP is approximately \$1.5 billion for transit and \$2.8 billion for highways.

Ms. Kennedy reviewed next steps, including approval for a conformity analysis by the Regional Council on October 23, hold the final phase public meeting on November 25, conduct the approval process through the MAG committees and Regional Council, and submit to FHWA, FTA, EPA and ADOT for approval. Ms. Kennedy requested that member agencies please contact MAG staff if any additional project changes are required. She said three changes were received prior to the Management Committee meeting and will be provided in an Errata Sheet to the Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council.

Chair Isom thanked Ms. Kennedy for her report. No questions from the committee were noted. No requests for public comment were received.

Mr. Cleveland moved to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Listing of Projects for an air quality conformity analysis. Mr. Swenson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Legislative Update

Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, provided a report on legislative items of interest to the region. He reported on the shutdown of the federal government and potential impacts to the MAG region. Mr. Pryor stated that FHWA is largely funded by the federal fuel tax and its doors remain open, whereas, FTA and EPA are largely closed and HUD has limited functions. Mr. Pryor stated that one of more publicly visible impacts is the closure of national parks. He said he would keep members informed of the status of the federal budget, which he felt would likely be based on last year's funding levels.

Mr. Pryor stated that MAP-21 expires on October 14, 2014, and continuing resolutions hamper planning somewhat. He said that national associations are now beginning discussions of changes to MAP-21.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Pryor for his report. No questions from the committee were noted.

12. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting were requested.

Mr. Buss stated that he saw the presentation by Tallwave, a venture capital firm, to the Economic Development Committee. He said that Tall Wave specializes in startups and their growth and is reaching out to cities and towns to match up core competencies with cities and towns. Mr. Buss thought that a presentation by Tallwave could be beneficial to the Management Committee.

Mr. Smith added that Management Committee members might want to bring their economic development staff to the meeting. He added that the elected officials were quite excited to see that the cities and towns were being recognized.

13. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Mr. Glassman stated that Cave Creek has posted the job opening for Town Manager and he encouraged interested persons to apply.

Ms. Sorenson stated that the recruitment for Maricopa City Manager will be out soon and she encouraged interested persons to apply.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary