



Executive Director's Report

We had an abbreviated Regional Council meeting in September with only a few items heard. Among the action items taken was approval of the MAG Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model on the consent agenda. Although this item was not heard, it could have a far-reaching impact on our region.

The MAG Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project is an undertaking of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council. The Council worked with community partners in law enforcement, prosecution, and victim advocacy to standardize the region's response to misdemeanor domestic violence crimes through the development of a protocol model. The model will have a positive impact on holding abusers accountable by increasing consistency in the region's response to domestic violence crimes. It will reduce municipal costs for addressing domestic violence by streamlining and standardizing existing processes used by law enforcement and prosecutors. The misdemeanor domestic violence protocol model highlights national promising practices while allowing flexibility for determining how to implement improvements to best serve each community. A more consistent response to domestic violence will increase public safety, decrease costs, and result in the arrest and prosecution of more offenders.

In developing the model, the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council developed a regional protocol inventory, researching local and national promising practices. Relying on promising practices and input from field experts, the council was able to develop a menu of options for enhancing existing systems across the region. Training to help with the implementation of the enhancements will be provided at an event in October, as well as through a training video and webinar.

Among the greatest benefits of this endeavor is that during this process, the Council strengthened working relationships across the law enforcement, prosecution, and victim advocacy communities. These relationships have improved communication and cooperation, and the community will benefit as more victims feel safe and more abusers are held accountable. Local governments will benefit from the cost savings generated by streamlining the criminal justice system, and these savings can be used to meet other community needs.

For more information, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, (602) 254-6300.

Regional Council Meeting Report for Wednesday, September 21, 2011



Action Items

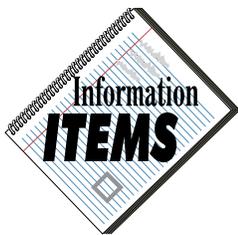
Fiscal Year 2012 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The Regional Council approved the Fiscal Year 2012 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP). The Regional Transportation Plan identified 94 arterial street projects to receive funding from the regional sales tax extension and from MAG federal funds. The ALCP provides information on each project, including project location, regional funding, year for work, type of work, status of project, and the lead agency. Due to the downturn in the economy, \$196.5 million in programmed reimbursements were deferred to an unfunded year to restore the fiscal balance of the program. Under the proposed ALCP, 29 project segments will be advanced, 70 project segments deferred, and 36 project segments will have regional funds reduced due to the deficit. In addition, four project scope changes requested by the town of Gilbert, the city of Scottsdale, and Maricopa County were included in the proposed ALCP. **For more information, please contact Christina Hopes, MAG Transportation Planner, (602) 254-6300.**

Approval of the MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program

The FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes \$300,000 for design assistance for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. There was also approximately \$165,000 carry over funding. The Regional Council approved the following projects: Grand Canal Multiuse Pathway at 23rd Avenue (\$80,000); Gilbert Multiuse Pathway Development (\$66,549); Glendale New River Path Connection (\$77,200); Mesa Gateway Shared Use Path (\$120,000) Cave Creek Bicycle Lanes Project (\$41,250); and the Phoenix Bridge Children's Museum to Arizona Science Center (\$80,000).

For more information, please contact Maureen DeCindis, MAG Transportation Planner, (602) 254-6300.



Information Items

Office Remodel Update

The Regional Council received an update on MAG's recent conversion of the second floor into a Regional Meeting Center and the fourth floor to office space to accommodate divisions that were relocated. Staff reported that the renovation was supported by the city of Phoenix, which donated LED lighting for the project, and the Regional Public Transportation Authority, which donated modular furniture left from its recent move. Staff reported that, after 15 years of operating in our current space and technology, the project provides an up-to-date, functional meeting center that will serve as an important resource to member agencies and regional partners.

A total of 26,000 square feet was remodeled; on the second floor seven meeting rooms were created with total capacity for 280 people.

The project was delivered as a design-bid-build and construction took place over three months. The project came in under budget. Energy efficient technologies and green products were used for the construction, and approved green recycling methods utilized for all demolition. The meeting center will be available for use by all MAG member agencies.

For more information, contact Monique de los Rios Urban, MAG Performance Program Manager, (602) 254-6300.

Next Regional Council Meeting

The next meeting of the MAG Regional Council is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at the MAG offices, 302 N. 1st Avenue, Phoenix, second floor, Saguaro Room. Agenda items will include an update on the status of the implementation of Proposition 400; approval of the FY 2013 Public Safety Answering Point budget and five-year equipment program; consultant selection for the *Don't Trash Arizona* Litter Prevention and Education program; update on the Economic Development Committee activities; and an update on dust control efforts. Additional agenda items are pending.