

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

September 25, 2013
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

* Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa, Chair	Mayor Rebecca Jimenez, Guadalupe
Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown, Vice Chair	Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park
Vice Mayor Robin Barker, Apache Junction	Mayor Christian Price, City of Maricopa
Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale	* Supervisor Steve Chucuri, Maricopa County
Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye	# Mayor Scott LeMarr, Paradise Valley
Mayor David Schwan, Carefree	Councilmember Cathy Carlat, Peoria
* Mayor Vincent Francia, Cave Creek	Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix
# Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	* Supervisor Todd House, Pinal County
Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage	# Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek
Mayor Tom Rankin, Florence	* President Diane Enos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* President Ruben Balderas, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale
Mayor Linda Kavanagh, Fountain Hills	Mayor Sharon Wolcott, Surprise
Mayor Steven Holt, Gila Bend	Mayor Mark Mitchell, Tempe
* Governor Gregory Mendoza, Gila River Indian Community	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Mayor John Lewis, Gilbert	* Mayor John Cook, Wickenburg
# Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale	* Victor Flores, State Transportation Board
* Mayor Georgia Lord, Goodyear	* Joseph La Rue, State Transportation Board Roc Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Attended by telephone conference call.

+ Attended by videoconference

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Regional Council was called to order by Acting Chair Michael LeVault at 11:33 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Mayor Gail Barney, and Mayor Jerry Weiers joined the meeting via teleconference.

Acting Chair LeVault called on Mayor Jimenez, who introduced Guadalupe Councilmember Angie Perez, who was in attendance at the meeting.

Acting Chair LeVault announced that on September 18, 2013, the Transportation Policy Committee recommended approval of agenda items #5D and #10 that were the September 25, 2013, MAG Regional Council agenda.

Acting Chair LeVault requested that members of the public who would like to comment fill out a blue public comment card for the Call to the Audience agenda item, or a yellow public comment card for Consent Agenda items or items on the agenda for action. Transit tickets for those who purchased a transit ticket to attend the meeting and parking validation were available from staff.

3. Call to the Audience

Acting Chair LeVault noted that the Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to members of the audience who wish to speak on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens are requested to not exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes is provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

Acting Chair LeVault recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who stated that she would be attending the meeting that evening at the Burton Barr Library regarding the redesign of Hance Park. Ms. Barker suggested an intermodal center be located at Hance Park. She said that she has posted a picture of high speed rail with solar on her Facebook page. Ms. Barker noted that Tucson had received a TIGER grant for an intermodal station for freight. She noted that there are two days left to comment to EPA regarding the PM-10 consent decree. Ms. Barker stated that additional information can be found on the EPA website. She stated that she had attended the public meeting at MAG, which was also attended by the disability community. Ms. Barker expressed her support for transit that serves the disability community. She said that it was discussed that present investments will not be sustainable. Ms. Barker stated that a high quality, dependable bus system is needed so people will want to use it. Acting Chair LeVault thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Acting Chair LeVault recognized public comment from Dr. Marvin Rochelle, who said he had been in the Valley since 1944. He said that the connection from Loop 202 to Interstate 10, currently being considered at 51st Avenue or 55th Avenue, needs to continue west of Loop 303 in order to rid the area of pollution, which is especially crucial near the 43rd Avenue monitor. Acting Chair LeVault thanked Dr. Rochelle for his comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest in the MAG region. He stated that the signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurial Agreement will be held September 26, 2013, at the Board of Regents meeting in Flagstaff. Mr. Smith stated that members of the Economic Development Committee and MAG Regional Council were invited to attend the signing ceremony. Mr. Smith stated that the MOU for Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Thunderbird School of Global Management and Maricopa Community Colleges was developed through the MAG Economic Development Committee and MAG Regional Council. He said the MOU was drafted in response to Arizona State University losing out on the award of a \$75 million grant because they were the only application with no local government support. Mr. Smith explained that interested cities can partner with a college, and this increases their chances of winning.

Mr. Smith stated that the *Don't Trash Arizona* campaign received the Public Affairs Award at the 2013 Public Relations Society of America Copper Anvil Awards.

Mr. Smith stated that the GreaterPhoenixRising.com website is a joint partnership between the MAG Economic Development Committee and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. He noted that two recent updates have been made to the site: a new link under the Special Reports to a section called "Opportunity: Mexico," and a new population video that features MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee Chair Charlie McClendon, Avondale City Manager, and MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee Vice Chair Patrick Banger, Gilbert Town Manager.

Mr. Smith reported on the new MAG Interactive Mapping Tool that was recently demonstrated to U.S. Health and Human Services representatives. He noted that the Pew Research Center found that the greatest return on educational investments is from investments in preschool education. Mr. Smith said that there is an initiative to invest in early childhood education in the Obama Administration. Mr. Smith stated that Health and Human Services representatives and the Secretary of Education were in town recently and the Health and Human Services representative requested that they visit MAG and see MAG's mapping tool. He said that MAG staff assembled information relative to early childhood education and added it to the tool. Mr. Smith stated that *First Things First* and *Phoenix Head Start* were some of the organizations who attended the meeting. Mr. Smith stated that the federal representatives expressed interest in installing the MAG mapping tool nationally. He said that the tool can be used for many different programs depending on the information entered. Mr. Smith added that MAG has enhanced the tool over the years, and uses it to demonstrate economic development options to member agencies.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Acting Chair LeVault noted that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, and #5G were on the Consent Agenda.

Acting Chair LeVault asked members if they had questions or requests to hear a Consent Agenda item individually. None were noted. No public comment cards were received.

Acting Chair LeVault called for a motion to approve Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, and #5G. Vice Mayor Robin Barker moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mayor David Schwan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the August 21, 2013, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the August 21, 2013, meeting minutes.

5B. FY 2014-2017 MAG Highway Safety Improvement Program Projects

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the listing of selected projects for FY 2014-2017 Highway Safety Improvement Program funds. Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2010, MAG has been receiving an annual suballocation of federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to be programmed for qualifying road safety improvements. A total of 21 projects that were approved by MAG for FY 2012 and 2014 are currently being implemented. Many of the projects originally planned for FY 2014 were advanced due to funds being available in earlier years due to lower bid costs and some projects being disqualified by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). At the recommendation of ADOT, four fiscal years are being programmed to help expedite project implementation. On July 1, 2013, MAG issued a call for road safety improvement projects to be programmed in fiscal years 2014-2017. Six project applications were received by MAG. The Transportation Safety Committee reviewed all applications at a meeting held on August 20, 2013. All proposed projects were determined to be qualified and the committee recommended projects for each fiscal year and funding amounts. The listing of selected projects was recommended for approval on August 29, 2013, by the Transportation Review Committee and on September 11, 2013, by the MAG Management Committee. This recommendation does not fully utilize available HSIP funds. The Transportation Safety Committee will be exploring the possibility of a second call for projects and utilizing a portion of remaining funds for future projects to address regional road safety priorities to be identified in the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan that is currently being developed by MAG.

5C. Revised Recommendations for the FY 2013 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Grant, and 5307 Suballocation for Job Access and Reverse Commute

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the revised priority rankings for the FY 2013 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, and Section 5307, Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) suballocation, and amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update, as appropriate. The FTA provides Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program grants, for capital assistance awards to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for older adults and people who have a disability, and Section 5307, JARC suballocation, for capital, planning and operating expense awards to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services to low-income persons seeking to obtain and maintain employment. MAG prepares the priority listings of applications for these

two programs, which are approved through the MAG committee process, and forwarded to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department for submission to the Federal Transit Administration. Approximately \$2.4 million is apportioned for the Phoenix/Mesa Urbanized Area (UZA) for funding this year's Section 5310 projects. Approximately \$1.8 million is sub-allocated for funding this year's Section 5307 JARC projects. On August 8, 2013, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee recommended the program of projects for Section 5310 funds. On August 8, 2013, the MAG Transit Committee recommended the program of projects for Section 5307 JARC suballocation of funds. Since the MAG committees took action, one of the projects withdrawn from the original listing by its project sponsor requested to be included in the priority ranking. The revised priority rankings were recommended for approval on September 11, 2013, by the MAG Management Committee and on September 12, 2013, by the MAG Human Services Technical Committee.

5D. Transportation Alternatives Program: Draft Goals, Objectives, and Competitive Process

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the draft goals, objectives, and process for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program and modification of the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures, October 26, 2011. Prior to 2013, there were three distinct types of federal formula funds apportioned to the state, which were programmed in collaboration with MPOs and COGs: Transportation Enhancements (TEA), Safe Routes to School (SRTS), and Recreational Trails Program. In July 2012, the federal government passed the new federal transportation authorization bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), which consolidated these three programs into one federal formula funding category: Transportation Alternatives Program (TA). The funding is now directly allocated to MAG, which is different from previous years. The MAG region receives about \$4.4 million per year for this program. Working with member agencies via a survey and a stakeholder meeting, MAG staff drafted goals and objectives and outlined a competitive process to program the TA funds for FY 2015, 2016, and 2017. If approved, the TA process would be incorporated into the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures approved October 26, 2011, by the MAG Regional Council. The draft goals, objectives, and process for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program and modification of the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures were recommended for approval on August 29, 2013 by the MAG Transportation Review Committee, on September 11, 2013, by the MAG Management Committee, and on September 18, 2013, by the Transportation Policy Committee.

5E. Consultation on Potentially Regionally Significant Projects from the Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies on which transportation projects will be considered "regionally significant" for the purposes of regional emissions analysis. Regionally significant projects are subject to conformity requirements. A list of potentially regionally significant projects from the proposed Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program has been prepared. Comments regarding the list to MAG were requested by September 20, 2013. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

5F. Social Services Block Grant Allocation Revision

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved re-purposing \$175,687 allocated for transitional housing programs to housing support services in the FY 2014 Social Services Block Grant allocation recommendations. Through a partnership with the Arizona Department of Economic Security, the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee prioritizes services to receive funding with locally planned Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) dollars. Services funded by SSBG support assistance to the most vulnerable people in the region, including four target groups of Older Adults; People with Disabilities; People with Developmental Disabilities; and Adults, Families, and Children. On February 27, 2013, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2014 SSBG allocation recommendations. In July 2013, the Arizona Department of Economic Security requested that the \$175,687 allocated for transitional housing be re-purposed for housing support services with the goal of funding rapid re-housing programs. The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness was notified of the request and the inclusion of this item on the August MAG Human Services Technical Committee meeting agenda. The re-purposing of transitional housing funds to housing support services was recommended for approval on August 8, 2013, by the MAG Human Services Technical Committee and on September 11, 2013, by the MAG Management Committee.

5G. Clarifications to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the clarifications to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures. On May 13, 2013, the MAG Executive Committee requested that the Executive Committee Governance Subcommittee meet to discuss changes to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures to provide for the new members. On June 7, 2013, the Governance Subcommittee met and discussed the composition of the MAG committees, including quorum issues. On August 21, 2013, the Regional Council approved changes to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures. Since that time, two clarifications are needed prior to distribution of the updated MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures. The first clarification is the need of a quorum to begin a meeting, and the second is the Continuum of Care Committee on Homelessness will have two co-chairs (one elected official and one representative from the non-profit sector) and no vice chair position. On September 16, 2013, the MAG Executive Committee recommended approval.

6. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Rena Tenney, MAG staff, addressed the MAG Regional Council on activities during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which is nationally recognized during October. She expressed appreciation to those who have coordinated activities in their communities and for their leadership in efforts to stop domestic violence. Ms. Tenney stated that it was not too late to plan domestic violence awareness month activities, and she stated that she would be glad to help promote events and coordinate free speakers, provide free resources, such as safety plan brochures, shoe cards, and coloring books. Ms. Tenney also noted that events can be added to the regional Domestic Violence Awareness Month events calendar they are in the process of finalizing.

Ms. Tenney requested assistance in spreading the word about resources available in the region to connect victims with the help they need. She advised that the interactive web map, which includes information

about victim advocate services, is now easier to access on computers or smartphones and can be found at www.finddvservices.com.

Ms. Tenney extended an invitation to Regional Council members for the 2013 MAG Domestic Violence Awareness Month press conference. She stated that Mayor Michael LeVault and Phoenix Councilmember Thelda Williams will be speaking at the press conference, which begins at 10:30 a.m., in the First Amendment Forum of the Arizona State University Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications building at the downtown campus. Ms. Tenney stated that another speaker will be a survivor of domestic violence and through a series of journals she wrote she will tell the story of the abuse she experienced.

Acting Chair LeVault thanked Ms. Tenney for her report and asked members if they had questions.

Mayor Lewis stated that after a presentation on this topic two or three years ago, the Town of Gilbert increased its efforts to make the links available to faith-based groups. He said that the faith group leaders are very appreciative of having this information and he encouraged other jurisdictions to ensure that the information is available to groups in their communities.

Ms. Tenney stated that it was important to have those connections with faith-based groups. She said that MAG will provide groups with information and materials, and she requested that Regional Council members provide additional contact information for groups that might not be on the list.

Mayor Stanton stated that Phoenix's catch phrase for the month is #PaintPhoenixPurple and each city can substitute its own name in Phoenix's place and there could be a coordinated campaign to cover the entire Valley in purple. Mayor Stanton stated that the City of Phoenix budget included an extra \$200,000 for domestic violence shelters. The funding was distributed through a competitive grant process. The funding was awarded to the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence for a collaborative proposal developed with several domestic violence shelters. Mayor Stanton stated that the City of Phoenix will be hiring a domestic violence program coordinator as a part of its Human Services Division and encouraged members to refer potential candidates.

Mayor Kavanagh stated that part of a domestic violence shelter's security is confidentiality of their locations. She asked, with all of the new technology, if safeguards were in place to keep the locations secret. Ms. Tenney replied that they have been very careful in putting together the interactive web map to ensure that all shelter locations remain anonymous. She said there are links to communicate with shelters, but the actual locations are not on the map.

Mayor Rogers stated that Avondale includes domestic violence information and resources on its restraining orders.

Mr. Smith stated that in addition to the effects on victims, domestic violence is very costly to jurisdictions.

Acting Chair LeVault expressed that domestic violence is also very dangerous to law enforcement personnel. He thanked Ms. Tenney for the efforts on domestic violence.

7. Regional Aging in Place Network Update

City of Goodyear Councilmember Joanne Osborne, Past Chair of the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness and incoming Chair of the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee, addressed the Regional Council on the Regional Aging in Place Network. Councilmember Osborne remarked that her purpose in attending the Regional Council meeting that day was to offer her support to MAG staff, who have put a lot of effort into the network.

Councilmember Osborne stated that number of adults aged 65 and older in this region is estimated to grow to 700,000 by 2020. She stated that this region needs to prepare for this group, who will have different needs than this age group in years past. Councilmember Osborne stated that people in this age group are educated and have extensive work histories. She noted that there is not a lot of money for preparations. Councilmember Osborne stated that the Regional Aging in Place Network was first begun by the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust.

Amy St. Peter, MAG staff, continued the presentation. She said that the significant number of people in the 60 years and older age group in this region was one of the deciding factors in developing this project. Ms. St. Peter stated that there are currently 462,000 people aged 65 and older in the region and this number is estimated to grow to 700,000 by 2020. Ms. St. Peter recognized the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, not only for its funding, but also its guidance.

Ms. St. Peter stated that MAG is involved in two pilot projects: City Leaders Institute on Aging in Place (funded by MetLife) and the Community AGEnda. She stated that Grantmakers in Aging is awarding MAG \$140,000 for a second year.

Ms. St. Peter stated that the older adult group is one of the region's greatest assets because it is a very educated and skilled workforce. She said that in some communities, the illiteracy rate for older adults is 30 percent, but not in this region. Ms. St. Peter advised that the needs of older adults, such as transportation and socialization, are universal.

Ms. St. Peter stated that having partners on projects creates results. She displayed a slide of the logos of the leadership team's partners. She said they meet monthly and coordinate activities, and she noted that they have to work smarter because there are not enough resources for all needs.

Ms. St. Peter stated that Mayor Greg Stanton has been with the effort since the beginning. She said that other partners include Tempe Community Council and Sun Health. Ms. St. Peter stated that Central Village is a unique partnership between the City of Phoenix and All Saints Episcopal Church and they are launching the state's first ever time bank and village. She said there are about 100 villages across the United States and are formed by older adults for older adults.

Ms. St. Peter stated that the Tempe Community Council has the Neighbors Helping Neighbors grassroots volunteer program that will be evolving into a village. She said that every person's time is valued the same as anyone else's time in this program.

Ms. St. Peter stated that Independent Transportation Network (ITN) America provides transportation for older adults. ITN America is active in 25 locations and Tucson has just launched the first Arizona location. She said that the launch of a location in the Northwest Valley is in process.

Ms. St. Peter stated that transportation is a significant need for older adults and most people over the age of 65 years express concern for transportation. They drive currently but realize they will not be able to drive forever. Ms. St. Peter displayed a map that showed the percentages of people 65 years and older who have no vehicle and no access to transit. She said that this is a concern for those who need to access medical care. Ms. St. Peter stated that the ITN program they are establishing in the Northwest Valley will assist these people. She stated that people with access to medical care will ease the strain on the medical facilities. Ms. St. Peter added that under the Affordable Health Care Act, hospitals will be penalized for high readmission rates.

Ms. St. Peter stated that a survey of more than one thousand people in Maricopa County asked their preference for communicating with local government, and approximately half indicated their preference was online. Due to this, they developed the connect60plus.com website that offers blogs, forums, an events calendar, etc. She stated that an outreach video featuring Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers and Mayor Greg Stanton has been sent to the municipal channels. She expressed appreciation to the Virginia G. Piper Trust for its support, and encouraged agencies to link to this website.

Acting Chair LeVault thanked Councilmember Osborne and Ms. St. Peter for their reports. He said that this is a topic that is very dear to him, and he recounted that the establishment of Youngtown as a retirement community predated Sun City, although it lost its age overlay in 1998. Acting Chair LeVault stated that the area has thousands of people impacted by the need for transportation. He asked if there were questions.

Vice Mayor Barker asked if there were plans to establish the ITN project in the East Valley, because it has a large population of older adults. Ms. St. Peter stated that they actually have three pilot sites and she had used the Northwest Valley as an example because it focused on transportation. Ms. St. Peter stated that the other two locations are Phoenix and Tempe and staff would come wherever invited. She explained that they are moving ahead with the pilot projects and hoped that all communities will eventually have a role in a village or an ITN, etc. Ms. St. Peter stated that all communities have older adults and MAG would greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with everyone.

Mayor Wolcott thanked Councilmember Osborne and Ms. St. Peter for their work. She stated that the communities of Sun City, Sun City West and City of Surprise represent the fourth largest population density of senior citizens in the United States, and she added that Scottsdale is third and the other two are in Florida. Mayor Wolcott stated that there is no transit in this part of the region and this is a high profile issue that needs to be addressed. She said that she looks forward to seeing the recommendations from the Grand Avenue Study and how connectivity can be provided in the Northwest Valley.

Mayor Stanton expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Osborne for attending the Regional Council meeting and for her leadership in human services in the Valley. He noted that he sees her in the community frequently on human services issues. Mayor Stanton remarked that aging is somewhat a ticking time bomb because we are unprepared. He said that the question about what is going to be done

for seniors is asked frequently and the answer given most is to build more senior centers, which is the least that can be done. Mayor Stanton remarked that the biggest challenge or opportunity is to get seniors fully invested in the community and use their talents. He remarked that they are waiting to be asked. He said that youth development and mentoring are good for everyone, including seniors, and connecting seniors is something that could be done on a regional scale by MAG. Mayor Stanton stated that whichever region gets that right will have a strategic advantage over other regions.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. St. Peter to expand on how ITN works with the private sector. Ms. St. Peter stated that ITN was developed about ten years ago as a result of a three year old boy being hit by a car driven by an older driver. She said that the program was developed so that older drivers would not have to give up their way of life when they have to turn over their car keys. Ms. St. Peter stated that ITN started as a nonprofit transportation provider for older adults that is private sector driven. She noted that ITNs can accept public funds for the first five years, but not afterward. Ms. St. Peter explained that each ITN is a 501c(3) and works with volunteers. She stated that the program has exciting features, such as the reciprocity agreement, where a person can volunteer in one state and someone in another state can receive the benefits. In addition, seasonal members can volunteer at each of their residences. Ms. St. Peter stated that membership fees range from \$45 to \$80 per year and is subsidized through fund raising and local foundations. She said that ITN is a turnkey solution. Ms. St. Peter stated that the pharmaceutical firm Regeneron just awarded a grant to MAG to cover half the affiliate fee for the Northwest Valley. Ms. St. Peter stated that people can donate their vehicles and earn credits.

Mr. Smith asked about the voucher program. Ms. St. Peter stated that a grocery store can contract with ITN and pay half the transportation costs of older customers in exchange for customer references, which reduces the transportation cost to the customer.

Mr. Smith referenced Vice Mayor Barker's question and asked the requirements if Apache Junction or another city was interested in starting an ITN. Ms. St. Peter stated that the first step is to sign a pre-affiliate agreement and pay a membership fee, or start working toward an affiliate status. Ms. St. Peter stated ITN will do the feasibility analysis and budget for applicants.

Mr. Smith stated that Ms. St. Peter presented on this topic at ICMA and at the Second International Conference on Age-Friendly Cities. He acknowledged Mayor Stanton for being a champion in this field. He stated that many efforts in the MAG region are on the cutting edge.

Acting Chair LeVault expressed appreciation for the innovation and said that this is an example of how government should be working collaboratively. He expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Osborne for her efforts.

8. Appointments of the New MAG Economic Development Committee Member Positions

Denise McClafferty, MAG staff, provided a report on the appointments of new members to the Economic Development Committee (EDC), which was formed in October 2010. She said that on August 21, 2013, the Regional Council approved changes to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures that included changes to the composition of the EDC, which would include additional West Valley, East Valley and Pinal County member agency elected official seats and a member position

under education. Ms. McClafferty reported that on August 26, 2013, a memorandum was sent to the MAG Regional Council soliciting letters of interest for the new EDC positions. She said that after the solicitation period closed, the MAG Executive Committee recommended the appointment of Mayor Jerry Weiers for the West Valley seat, Mayor Linda Kavanagh for the East Valley seat, Mayor Christian Price for the Pinal County seat, and Angela Creedon for the Arizona State University education seat.

Acting Chair LeVault thanked Ms. McClafferty for her report.

Mayor Mark Mitchell moved approval of the appointments of Mayor Jerry Weiers for the West Valley seat, Mayor Linda Kavanagh for the East Valley seat, Mayor Christian Price for the Pinal County seat, and Angela Creedon for the Arizona State University education seat on the Economic Development Committee. Mayor John Lewis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kavanagh expressed her appreciation for the appointment to the EDC. She said she appreciated the opportunity to become involved while in her first year of being a mayor.

Mayor Price expressed his appreciation for being appointed to the EDC.

Acting Chair LeVault welcomed Mayor Kavanagh and Mayor Price as new members of the EDC.

9. Request for Second Deferral of the Construction Phase of the City of Surprise Dove Valley Paving Project

Teri Kennedy, MAG staff, reported on the City of Surprise's request for a second deferral on the construction phase of the Surprise Dove Valley paving project. Ms. Kennedy noted that the MAG Policies and Procedures, approved by the MAG Regional Council in 2011, allow a first deferral of a project. For a second deferral, there are certain criteria that must be met: 1) The agency needs to show continual progress on the project; 2) The agency needs to demonstrate that the delays to the project schedule are outside the agency's controls; 3) The agency must provide a revised plan and schedule; 4) The agency needs to demonstrate that financial constraint is being maintained.

Ms. Kennedy noted that vast improvements to deferrals have been made due to the Policies and Procedures and this demonstrates they are working. She indicated that the review of projects helps to show what agencies are encountering when projects defer. If the situations are known and shared, we can work through them.

Ms. Kennedy noted that the item was on the agenda for action. She introduced Terry Lowe, Assistant Public Works Director from the City of Surprise. Mr. Lowe stated that the purpose of the Dove Valley Road project is to control dust by paving a two-mile segment between 187th Avenue and 203rd Avenue. He noted that the City of Surprise applied for and received Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement funding in 2008 for fiscal year 2014 funds. Mr. Lowe displayed a map of the project area.

Mr. Lowe provided an overview of the project's timeline. He said that project design commenced in 2012, environmental clearance received in February 2012, and right-of-way acquisition commenced in March 2012. Mr. Lowe explained that Surprise still needs two parcels, one from the Arizona State Land Department and one from a private entity. He stated that the intergovernmental agreement with ADOT

was executed in April 2012, and 100 percent of the plan specifications and engineering were complete by May 2012. Mr. Lowe advised that the first deferral was in May 2012.

Mr. Lowe stated that final material clearance was received in June 2012 and utility clearance was received in December 2012. He noted that the Arizona State Land Department ordered an appraisal of the right-of-way in May 2013 and a decision was made in June 2013 to begin condemnation of the private parcel. Mr. Lowe advised that the private parcel is in receivership and this has caused problems with the timeline.

Mr. Lowe reviewed the right-of-way acquisition for the Dove Valley project. He noted that the City will be acquiring approximately 3.64 acres from the Arizona State Land Department. He added that this process will take approximately 12-18 months, and no issues are anticipated. Mr. Lowe reported that the private parcel is approximately .60 acre and is in litigation due to ownership group's financial issues. As Mr. Lowe noted earlier in the presentation, a condemnation of this parcel is in progress.

Mr. Lowe explained that there was an option for avoiding condemnation of the private parcel by shifting the location of the road, but that option would have cost \$50,000 more and was not the right solution for the problem. Mr. Lowe explained that the City of Surprise could not meet the existing obligation schedule of FFY 2013, due to the previously mentioned land acquisition issues, but is confident it could meet the obligation schedule for FFY 2014, complete the land acquisition and finish the project.

Mr. Lowe said that the City anticipates completing the right-of-way clearance in January 2014, submitting the plan specifications and engineering to ADOT in February 2014, and receiving final approval and obligating the project in April 2014.

Acting Chair LeVault thanked Mr. Lowe and Ms. Kennedy for their reports.

Mayor Schoaf noted that the development of the Policies and Procedures was due somewhat from a Litchfield Park project that took ten years to complete. He said that he supported the deferral because he knew that sometimes a project that takes a long time can be completed and be a benefit to the community. Mayor Schoaf moved approval of a second deferral for the construction phase of the Dove Valley Paving Project. Mayor Wolcott seconded, and the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

10. Sustainable Transportation Land Use Integration Study – Recommendations, Findings and Tools

Eileen Yazzie, MAG staff, provided a report on the Sustainable Transportation Land Use Integration Study (ST-LUIS). She said the effort was undertaken in 2011 and took a different approach to investigating transit's potential by linking land use with real estate market and corridor analyses. Ms. Yazzie stated that the study also developed tools that could be used by communities in their transit planning.

Ms. Yazzie displayed a map of Scenario Three that came out of the Regional Transit Framework Study, which recommended approximately 250 miles of high capacity transit on 44 corridors. She noted that ST-LUIS is different because it looks at land use and whether it provides the best linkages to ridership. Ms. Yazzie noted that the study looked at general plans and amendments. Ms. Yazzie stated that currently, 80 percent of the land use does not support high capacity transit productivity.

Ms. Yazzie stated that three components of work conducted in the study are research and analysis, scenario modeling, and strategies and tools. She said that much of the heavy work was done in the research and analysis segment. MAG partnered with the Urban Land Institute and conducted two business forums, which brought high-level stakeholders to the table.

Ms. Yazzie reported on key findings of the study. She noted that transit commute trips are critical to transit ridership and productivity, and employment fuels transit ridership. She stated that demand for transit oriented development will be supported by demographic shifts and employment trends. Compact walkable and transit oriented development are achievable in different parts of the region. Ms. Yazzie stated that the mix of light rail transit, upgraded bus service, and corridor modifications increase transit use and productivity.

Ms. Yazzie stated that the key recommendation from the study is to provide a high quality, productive transit system supported by compact walkable and transit oriented places.

Ms. Yazzie stated that two tools were developed: a community assessment tool, and a high capacity corridor assessment tool. She emphasized that this study illustrates that no one size fits all.

Acting Chair LeVault thanked Ms. Yazzie for her report. No questions from the Council were noted. No public comment cards were received.

Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers moved acceptance of the Sustainable Transportation Land Use Integration Study recommendations, key findings, and tools to be considered in future planning efforts and be consistent with the Federal Transit Administration evaluation criteria and process, as appropriate. Mayor Sharon Wolcott seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Acting Chair LeVault complimented Mr. Smith on the great work done by MAG staff. Mr. Smith stated that Ms. Yazzie worked tirelessly on this study.

11. Update on the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and Exceptional Events

Ms. Lindy Bauer, MAG Environmental Programs Director, updated the Council on the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and exceptional events. She said that on August 23, 2013, EPA proposed approval of additional statutes for measures in the MAG PM-10 Plan. On August 28, 2013, EPA proposed a consent decree to address the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest lawsuit against EPA for not acting on the plan. Ms. Bauer advised that EPA was supposed to take action by February 14, 2013.

Ms. Bauer stated that under the consent decree, EPA would propose action by January 14, 2014, to either approve the plan, promulgate a federal implementation plan, or approve the plan in part with promulgation of a partial federal implementation plan. Ms. Bauer stated that approval of the plan is the preferred option because they believe the plan is working. She stated that EPA is anticipated to finalize action by June 2, 2014.

Ms. Bauer reviewed EPA actions to-date. She said that EPA has approved 17 of the 18 exceptional events packages and appears to be moving forward on approving the MAG PM-10 plan. Ms. Bauer

stated that the region has experienced five exceptional events in 2013. She said that MAG is working with ADEQ staff to document these exceptional events.

Ms. Bauer stated that on September 6, 2013, Senator Jeff Flake hosted a meeting with the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry to raise awareness that EPA will be revising its exceptional events rule. She noted that Senator Flake wants to hear the concerns of business and industry, who share many of the same concerns as MAG regarding streamlining and deference to states. Ms. Bauer stated that MAG staff has been invited to attend an Arizona-only Listening Session with EPA on October 1, 2013, which was arranged by Senator Flake. She said they will focus on efforts to streamline the exceptional events rule and to give more deference to states. Ms. Bauer stated they will likely discuss the form developed by MAG and review comments submitted by MAG to EPA.

Acting Chair LeVault thanked Ms. Bauer for her report and complimented her on her division's efforts. No questions from the Council were noted.

12. Legislative Update

An update was provided on legislative issues of interest.

Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, stated that on May 22, 2013, the MAG Regional Council took action to provide regional support for two projects for TIGER grants: the Tempe Street Car and South Phoenix Transit Facility Refurbishment. He noted that it was hoped that projects with regional support would be more competitive. Mr. Pryor stated that the MAG region did not receive a TIGER award despite providing regional support for projects. He advised that the Tucson area received \$5 million for the Port of Tucson rail facility. Mr. Pryor stated that if there is another round of TIGER grants, MAG will continue to work with member agencies to submit regional support projects that meet criteria and eligibility.

Mayor Mitchell asked Mr. Pryor if he had any estimated timeframe when the next TIGER grant awards would be issued. Mr. Pryor replied that he did not know, and he felt it would depend on the federal budget.

Mr. Pryor stated that there is still no FFY 2014 federal budget. He noted that the status of the budget changes frequently. Mr. Pryor stated that the House passed a three month Continuing Resolution last week but with the provisions to defund the Affordable Care Act, this legislation is unlikely to pass the Senate. He noted that there will be a government shutdown if a compromise between the House, Senate and White House cannot be reached by Monday, October 1, 2013.

Mr. Pryor stated that the federal transportation authorization is set to expire in October 2014, one year from now. He noted that discussions are starting on how the authorization may change. Mr. Pryor stated that MAG staff will work with national associations and participate in discussions in the coming months to provide input and feedback on potential changes to the authorization. He said that he would report back if he hears of any impacts.

Acting Chair LeVault thanked Mr. Pryor for his report. No questions from the Council were noted.

13. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

No requests were noted.

14. Comments from the Council

An opportunity was provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council 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.

Vice Mayor Barker encouraged all member agencies to consider passing a proclamation and show support for domestic violence efforts. She noted that the jurisdictions of Apache Junction, Prescott, and Prescott Valley have passed proclamations.

Mayor Rankin stated that he recently has heard a lot about cities competing to be the “West’s Most Western Town.” He suggested a challenge between Pinal County and Maricopa County.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Chair

Secretary