

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review**

**DATE:**

August 7, 2013

**SUBJECT:**

FY 2013 FTA Section 5307 Job Access and Reverse Commute Eligible Priority Listing.

**SUMMARY:**

Under revisions from MAP-21 the Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program was rescinded. JARC is now an eligible project under Section 5307 programming. Under Section 5703 of the Federal Formula Transit Programming Guidelines the MAG Transit Committee recommended to approve the City of Phoenix to develop the FY 2013 application for both the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Senior and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program and the Section 5307 JARC eligible projects application. In February 2013, the MAG Regional Council approved the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department as the Designated Recipient (DR) for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 program. The MAG Transit Committee also recommended the City of Phoenix and MAG to coordinate on the FY 2013 application evaluation process.

On March 14, 2013, the MAG Transit Committee recommended the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation (EPDT) Ad Hoc Committee to review the FY 2013 JARC eligible applications projects. The application was released on May 1, 2013, a training workshop was offered for all potential applicants. In addition, MAG and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department staff offered applicants an opportunity for technical assistance. The MAG EPDT Ad Hoc Committee met on July 23, 2013 to hear presentations from the Section 5307 JARC eligible projects applicants and develop a priority listing of projects. This year, MAG received 12 Section 5307 JARC applications representing six agencies with requests totaling over \$4.7 million.

A preliminary review of the applications determined one project did not meet JARC eligible requirements and two projects were eligible for other FTA funding programs. The City of Scottsdale Route 514 project did not meet FTA JARC requirements of a new project having started services in July 2012, was not recommended for funding. The Valley Metro Route 563 Buckeye Express services area lies outside of the Phoenix/Mesa UZA area making it eligible for ADOT funding. The project was not recommended for funding. Nobody's Perfect, a nonprofit organization, project request met eligibility requirements for the Section 5310 New Freedom project. The project was recommended for funding through Section 5310. All agencies were notified of the preliminary eligibility review and related recommendations.

The EPDT Ad Hoc Committee evaluated the remaining ten JARC eligible projects, including the Miller Road project for the City of Scottsdale. Evaluation of projects were based on four criteria of addressing the needs of work related transportation for low-income individuals, the effective utilization of equipment, supporting local/regional coordination plans and, demonstrating management capabilities. The Committee developed a priority listing program of projects based on a weighted normalizing formula that included final ranking scores and the availability of funding.

Approximately \$1.8 million is available for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA for funding this year's projects.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Public comment was solicited through a public notices in June 2013. No public comment has been received. An opportunity for input was also offered at the MAG Human Services Technical Committee, MAG FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: The recommended priority listing program of projects has been open competitive process developed through regional collaborative effort between ADOT, the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department and MAG. The JARC program of project will be included in the administrative modification to the FY 2012-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update, as appropriate.

CONS: The JARC eligible program of projects would not be developed through an open competitive process.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: Under FTA SAFETEA-LU, the MAG region was allocated \$1.8 million in FY 2012 specifically for JARC eligible projects. With the passage of MAP-21, JARC dedicated funding was repealed, however, JARC projects are eligible under 5307 formula funds.

POLICY: The MAG Transit Committee approved to keep funding allocations for FY 2013 JARC eligible projects at \$1.8 million. The MAG Transit Committee recommended JARC to be a competitive application process coordinated through the MAG Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Recommend to approve 1) the priority listing, 2) inclusion of the listing of project in the FY 2013 program of projects, and 3) amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2012-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update, as appropriate.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

On July 23, 2013, the MAG Ad Hoc Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee developed the priority listing for the Section 5307 JARC eligible projects and recommended the program of projects to be forwarded through the MAG Committee process.

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