

February 5, 2016

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Eric Anderson, Transportation Director

SUBJECT: FY 2017-2018 HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Member agencies are invited to submit project applications for qualifying road safety improvements in fiscal years (FY) 2017-2018, to be funded with federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. Project applications must be submitted via email to: hsip@azmag.gov by noon on Thursday March 24, 2016. Late applications will not be accepted.

In recent years, a total of \$1.9 million/year in HSIP funds have been suballocated by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to the MAG region for qualifying road safety projects. The HSIP suballocation practice will end in FY2018, as ADOT has defined a new process for programming HSIP in FY2019 and beyond. In 2015, MAG recommended projects to program all available suballocated HSIP funds through FY2018. However, due to some recommended projects being determined to be ineligible for HSIP funds, a total of \$508,000 is available to be reprogrammed for projects in FY2017 and FY2018.

On February 3rd, 2016, ADOT requested MAG and other COGs and MPOs to issue and coordinate a call for projects for programming new projects in FY2017 and 2018. MAG is coordinating this call for projects with ADOT, and will recommend a list of project for the available HSIP funds. Revised HSIP guidelines and a new HSIP project application form provided by ADOT is available at the MAG website (see below).

All applications must be submitted to MAG using the Excel-based project application form provided by ADOT. Guidance on information required on projects is provided on the project application form. For additional information refer to the ADOT HSIP Manual available at:

<https://www.azdot.gov/business/engineering-and-construction/traffic/traffic-safety/arizona-highway-safety-improvement-program>

The Excel-based project application form can be downloaded from the MAG website at:

[http://www.azmag.gov/Documents/TSC_2016-02-04_Highway-Safety-Improvement-Program-\(HSIP\)-Project-Application-FY2017-2018.xlsx](http://www.azmag.gov/Documents/TSC_2016-02-04_Highway-Safety-Improvement-Program-(HSIP)-Project-Application-FY2017-2018.xlsx)

This call for projects will result in a MAG recommendation to ADOT, by May 1, 2016, containing a list of road safety improvement projects in FY 2017-2018, and the associated project applications. Due to the required minimum cost of a project being \$250,000, it is anticipated that this project list will include one project in FY2017, one project in FY2018.

The final eligibility of projects recommended by MAG for HSIP funds, will be determined by ADOT, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration, and communicated to MAG by August 1, 2016.

Please contact MAG staff if you need assistance in connection with safety projects that you may be considering for this funding source. Additional information can also be found on the Transportation Safety Program webpage at <http://www.azmag.gov/safety>.

For additional information or if you have questions, please contact Sarath Joshua or Margaret Boone at (602) 254-6300.

Cc: Intergovernmental Representatives
Transportation Safety Committee