

September 17, 2008

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

The next MAG Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

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c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
September 24, 2008**

	<b><u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council 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 will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

*5A. <u>Approval of the July 23, 2008, Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approval of the July 23, 2008, meeting minutes.
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**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

\*5B. Consultant Selection for the Litter Prevention and Education Program for the Regional Freeway System in the MAG Region

The voter approved Regional Transportation Plan includes \$279 million for the freeway maintenance program. One of the objectives of this program is to improve visual aesthetics along the regional freeway system, including litter control. In 2006, MAG implemented a litter prevention and education program, *Don't Trash Arizona*, to increase awareness of the health, safety, environmental and economic consequences of freeway litter and ultimately change the behavior of offenders. The FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes \$380,000 to augment litter prevention and education efforts. On July 11, 2008, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to continue implementation of *Don't Trash Arizona*. Proposals were received from two consulting firms. A multi-agency review panel evaluated the proposals and recommended to MAG that RIESTER be selected as the consultant to design and implement the FY 2009 Litter Prevention and Education Program at a cost not to exceed \$380,000. The base contract period shall be a one-year term. MAG may, at its option, offer to extend the period of this agreement up to a maximum of two (2), one (1) year options, based on consultant performance and funding availability. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the selection. The material on this item was transmitted to the Transportation Policy Committee for information. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Approval that RIESTER be selected to design and implement the FY 2009 Litter Prevention and Education Program for the Regional Freeway System in the MAG Region for an amount not to exceed \$380,000.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

\*5C. MAG FY 2010 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2010-2014 Equipment Program

Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five-year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1

5C. Approval of the MAG FY 2010 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2010-2014 Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund, which is funded by the monthly 9-1-1 excise tax on wireline and wireless telephones. The MAG PSAP Managers, the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team, and the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the MAG FY 2010 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2010-2014 Equipment Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Application Process for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Funds for Homeless Assistance Programs

On December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG region. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent and transitional housing as well as supportive services. More than 50 homeless assistance applications were submitted to MAG on August 29, 2008. The Ranking and Review Committee made its recommendation for the new projects on September 15, 2008. The recommendations were presented to the MAG Executive Committee for information and discussion on September 15, 2008. Approval of the final application is anticipated at the September 22, 2008, MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness meeting. The final project list will be presented to the MAG Regional Council for information. The final application will be submitted electronically to HUD in October 2008. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Information.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD****TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**6. MAG Regional Transit Framework Study

Since February 2008, MAG has been working on a Regional Transit Framework Study. The study will provide decision-makers with a comprehensive perspective on the costs, schedules, trade-offs, impacts, and policy implications of future transit investment options. MAG staff will outline the progress to date and the next steps in the study process. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Transportation Planning Update

In 2002, the Regional Council formed the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) with specific responsibilities to make recommendations to the Regional Council regarding the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The role of the TPC was subsequently placed into state law. The RTP was developed by the TPC and recommended to the Regional Council on September 17, 2003. The Regional Council approved the RTP and Certification of the Plan to the Legislature and Governor on November 25, 2003. In November 2004 the voters of Maricopa County approved Proposition 400 to implement the Plan. Five years have passed since the recommendation of the TPC to approve the Plan. MAG has several statutory responsibilities regarding the RTP, including making amendments to the RTP, providing fiscal oversight and setting priorities for the Regional Freeway Program. State law also requires that costs and revenues be in balance over the life of the tax. To ensure that the assumptions regarding costs and revenues are up to date, the Arizona Department of Transportation annually conducts expert panel discussions. These have recently been completed and a report will be provided by staff regarding the decline in revenues and increasing costs that are impacting the program. To address these issues and discuss future options, a retreat of the TPC is being planned.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information and discussion.

**GENERAL ITEMS**8. Census 2010 Update

April 1, 2010, is Census Day. It is important for member agencies to begin preparations to ensure an accurate count. The MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) has responsibility for coordinating preparations for each census. At the last POPTAC meeting, Census Bureau staff encouraged each member agency to create a Community Complete Count Committee to increase the questionnaire mail-back response rate. The Census Bureau also encouraged each member agency to create a proclamation that sends the community the message that community leaders and officials support and understand the importance of the 2010 Census. For Census 2000, the City of Phoenix coordinated the census advertising for print and broadcast media organizations, while MAG member agencies assisted with funding. The City of Phoenix has agreed to take the lead for the Census 2010 media and outreach campaign and anticipates asking member agencies for financial support. Member agencies are encouraged to begin discussions about budgeting for Census 2010 and the resources needed for a Complete Count Committee within each jurisdiction. Early planning for the decennial Census is necessary to be effective. An update on census efforts, including media outreach, funding/resources, the technical geography programs, and recruitment, will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be 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.

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information.

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

July 23, 2008  
MAG Office, Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Chair  
Vice Mayor Peggy Neely, Phoenix, Vice Chair  
\* Councilmember Robin Barker, Apache Junction  
# Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale  
Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye  
# Mayor Wayne Fulcher, Carefree  
Councilmember Dick Esser, Cave Creek  
# Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler  
Mayor Fred Waterman, El Mirage  
Treasurer Pamela Mott for President Clinton  
Pattea, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation  
Mayor Jay Schlum, Fountain Hills  
Mayor Fred Hull, Gila Bend  
\* Governor William Rhodes, Gila River Indian  
Community  
Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert  
\* Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale  
Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear  
Mayor Rebecca Jimenez, Guadalupe

Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park  
Supervisor Max W. Wilson, Maricopa  
County  
Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa  
\* Mayor Vernon Parker, Paradise Valley  
Councilmember Joan Evans for  
Mayor Bob Barrett, Peoria  
\* Mayor Art Sanders, Queen Creek  
\* President Diane Enos, Salt River  
Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
\* Mayor Lyn Truitt, Surprise  
# Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe  
\* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson  
# Mayor Ron Badowski, Wickenburg  
Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown  
Felipe Zubia, State Transportation Board  
\* Victor Flores, State Transportation Board  
\* David Martin, Citizens Transportation  
Oversight Committee

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Regional Council was called to order by Chair Mary Manross at 5:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Manross noted that Councilmember Robin Barker, Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Mayor Wayne Fulcher, Mayor Boyd Dunn, Mayor Hugh Hallman, and Mayor Ron Badowski, were participating by teleconference.

Chair Manross introduced two new members to the Regional Council: Mayor Jackie Meck of Buckeye, and Mayor Jay Schlum of Fountain Hills. She presented them with their Regional Council membership certificates.

Chair Manross introduced proxies for the meeting: Treasurer Pamela Mott for President Clinton Pattea of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, and Councilmember Joan Evans for Mayor Bob Barrett of Peoria.

Chair Manross noted materials at each place: for agenda items #5C, #5D, #6, #7, and #9, the material that was emailed previously reporting past committee actions; for agenda item #5H, the revised summary transmittal, which was updated to reflect a comment received from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to revise Figure 3 of the 208 Amendment document to include the proposed Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit discharge point to the Cave Creek Wash.

### 3. Call to the Audience

Chair Manross noted that public comment cards were available 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. Chair Manross noted that no public comment cards had been received.

### 4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, provided a report to the Regional Council. He announced that MAG will sponsor two Regional School Crossing Guard Training Workshops: at the Glendale Civic Center on August 1, 2008, and at the Mesa Convention Center on August 8, 2008. Mr. Smith stated that the MAG training workshops were based on the workshops given by the City of Phoenix, a national model. He noted that approximately 450 persons attended the training last year. Mr. Smith thanked MAG staff, Sarath Joshua, Kiran Guntupalli, and Lili Luo, who have been working on the event. He added that the Regional School Crossing Guard Training project also includes the production and distribution of 1,500 training videos.

Mr. Smith stated that the completion of the Proposition 300 Freeway System that remained after the removal of certain elements, was celebrated on July 15, 2008. Mr. Smith stated that in 1984, the Outer Loop Financing Task Force, consisting of Scottsdale Councilmember Billie Gentry, Maricopa County Supervisors Tom Freestone and Fred Koory, Goodyear Mayor Chauncey Coor, and Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard, proposed a property tax to pay for transportation improvements. He said that the

Chamber got behind the effort and proposed a sales tax, which became Proposition 300 that eventually was passed overwhelmingly by the voters.

Mr. Smith stated that in 1992, when Mesa Mayor Peggy Rubach was MAG Chair, the Regional Council took 50 percent of MAG's federal funds that should have gone to local needs and put them into the state highway system. Mr. Smith reported that in June 1992, the Legislature gave MAG the authority over priorities and material cost changes. In 1996, when Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs was MAG Chair, the Regional Council reprioritized and accelerated projects, returned elements such as the Red Mountain to the freeway system, and the took the completion date to 2014. Mr. Smith stated that in 1998, when Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano was Chair, MAG received its fair share of federal funds from ADOT and the completion date was moved up to 2007 from 2014. He said that the *Business Journal* anniversary edition said that the most significant business story of the past 25 years was not the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant, and not the Groundwater Act, but the Regional Freeway System.

Mr. Smith stated that mobility has been a mainstay of the region's economy. He complimented ADOT for an outstanding job of building the freeway system. Mr. Smith displayed a map of upcoming bid advertisements. Mr. Smith stated that it takes the elected officials working with ADOT, the Governor and the Legislature for these types of achievements. Mr. Smith expressed appreciation to former and current MAG staff who worked on the Proposition 300 plan over the years: Jack DeBolske, Roger Herzog, Eric Anderson, Terry Johnson, Lindy Bauer, and Rita Walton. Chair Manross expressed her appreciation to the staff.

Mr. Smith stated that the U. S. House passed House Resolution 6532 to repair the Highway Trust Fund balance. He stated that the Congressional leadership needs to hear from municipalities that continuing support for the Fund is needed.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Manross noted that agenda items #5A through #5I were on the consent agenda. She noted that no public comment cards had been received. Chair Manross asked members if they had questions or requests to hear an item individually. None were noted.

Chair Manross called for a motion to approve consent agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, and #5I. Vice Chair Neely moved, Councilmember Esser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the June 25, 2008, Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the June 25, 2008, meeting minutes.

5B. Enhancement Peer Review Group Round 16 Recommendations

The Regional Council, by consent, approved forwarding the ranked applications from the MAG Enhancement Peer Review Group to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee. The Enhancement Peer Review Group, formerly the Enhancement Funds Working Group that was formed by the MAG Regional Council in April 1993, reviews and recommends a ranked list of Enhancement Fund applications from this region to the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). This year, seven applications for local funds were received totaling \$3,500,000 with approximately \$8 million available statewide. Three applications for state funds were received totaling \$2,999,957 with approximately \$5 million available statewide. The MAG Enhancement Peer Review Group and the MAG Management Committee recommended that the ranked applications be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the TERC.

5C. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, and Material Cost, Scope, and Schedule Changes to the ADOT Program as shown in the attached tables. The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2007 Update were approved by the Regional Council on July 25, 2007, and have been amended and modified in October 2007, and January, February, and April 2008. Rather than producing a new TIP for FY 2009, the FY 2008-2012 TIP is being amended and modified. The proposed amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 TIP are divided into the Highway Section - Table A, and Transit Section - Table B. A new Finding of Conformity for the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP and RTP 2007 Update, as amended, is included as a separate agenda item. In addition, Table A includes a column annotating the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) projects that are Material Cost, Scope, or Schedule Changes to the ADOT Program. The MAG Transportation Review Committee, the MAG Management Committee, and the Transportation Policy Committee recommended approval.

5D. Federal Fiscal Year 2008 MAG Final Closeout and Amendment/Modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the FFY 2008 MAG Final Closeout, and amended/modified the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to allow the projects to proceed. Since the Regional Council approved the FFY 2008 MAG Interim Closeout, there have been two additional projects requesting to be deferred, LPK08-801: Litchfield Park paving unpaved alleys, and GDL04-201: Guadalupe Intelligent Transportation System project, which are found in Table A. With this new deferral, the funding amount available for Closeout increases from \$14.7 million to \$15.2 million. The identification of these additional funds for Closeout indicates that the first project in the rank ordered Contingency List, VMR08-809T: Valley Metro Rail reimbursement for construction activities for the Central Phoenix/East Valley (METRO) light rail transit project in the amount of \$326,150, can be

funded. For administrative purposes, the funds from VMR08-809T will be programmed into the VMR08-808T, which is the Valley Metro Rail \$5,291,850 reimbursement project for construction activities for the Central Phoenix/East Valley (METRO). This is annotated in Table B. In addition, Maricopa County has requested that an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project located in western Maricopa County be added to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP. This is reflected in Table C. The MAG Transportation Review Committee, the MAG Management Committee, and the Transportation Policy Committee recommended approval of this item.

5E. New Finding of Conformity for the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, as Amended

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the new Finding of Conformity for the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, as amended. On July 25, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved the Finding of Conformity for the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update. Since that time, an amendment has been proposed that includes changes to Arizona Department of Transportation projects, changes to Arterial Life Cycle Program projects in Gilbert, Maricopa County, Mesa, Peoria, and Scottsdale, and changes to Queen Creek projects. The conformity assessment on the proposed amendment, which includes a regional emissions analysis, concludes that the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. On June 20, 2008, a 30-day public review period began on the conformity assessment and proposed amendment to the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update. Any comments on the conformity assessment and amendment were requested by July 22, 2008. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval.

5F. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments conducted consultation on a conformity assessment for an administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed administrative modification includes the deferral of a Litchfield Park alley paving project from FY 2008 to FY 2009, as part of the Final Closeout of the Federal FY 2008 MAG Federally Funded Program. The administrative modification includes a minor project revision that does not require a conformity determination. In addition, MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program that includes a Maricopa County Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project located in western Maricopa County. The project may be categorized as exempt from a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessments were requested by July 18, 2008. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

5G. Building Bridges Report on Housing and Transportation Conference

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the Building Bridges report. On April 8, 2008, nearly 300 people attended the MAG 2008 Conference on Housing and Transportation Human Services Coordination. This event featured best practices and strategies to improve coordination in order to create more sustainable communities. This report highlights the strategies chosen by conference participants,

local leaders and national experts as having the most potential for success in this region. The MAG Building Codes Committee received the report and offered feedback that was incorporated into the report. The MAG Human Services Technical Committee and the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the report.

5H. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Cave Creek Water Reclamation Facility

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Cave Creek Water Reclamation Facility. The Town of Cave Creek has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Cave Creek Water Reclamation Facility with an ultimate capacity of 2.25 million gallons per day. The facility would be located in the southwest quarter of Section 6 of Township 5 North, Range 4 East. Reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed of through reuse and Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit discharge points to the Galloway Wash and Cave Creek Wash. The existing Cave Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant would be decommissioned once the new facility is operational. The project is located within three miles of the Town of Carefree, City of Phoenix, City of Scottsdale, and unincorporated Maricopa County, and all have indicated no objections.

On June 23, 2008, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing on the Draft 208 Plan Amendment for the Town of Cave Creek Water Reclamation Facility. Following the hearing, the Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment. On July 9, 2008, the MAG Management Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Cave Creek Water Reclamation Facility. Following the MAG Management Committee meeting, a comment was received by the Cave Creek consultant from a representative of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. The comment was a request that Figure 3 of the 208 Amendment document be revised to include the proposed Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit discharge point to the Cave Creek Wash. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment.

5I. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application Process for the MAG Region

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness is the responsible entity for year round homeless planning. This includes the submittal of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG region. The 2008 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on July 10, 2008. However, the electronic application has not been released. HUD has set an estimated due date of September 15, 2008, for the Consolidated Application. Since 1999, over \$147 million has been awarded to the MAG region. In 2007, the region received more than \$21 million to provide housing and supportive services, and it is anticipated that our region will be awarded comparably in 2008. This information was presented to inform MAG member agencies of the application process and the opportunity to apply for this funding. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

## 6. Proposition 400 Noise Mitigation Funding

Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, stated that in 2003, the Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council set aside \$75 million of Proposition 400 funds for additional noise mitigation in residential areas adjacent to freeways. He noted that approximately \$55 million of the \$75 million was spent for rubberized asphalt, and the remaining \$20 million was targeted for other noise mitigation. Mr. Anderson stated that in 2007, the Transportation Policy Committee instructed that MAG issue a solicitation of projects that might utilize the remaining \$20 million of noise mitigation funds. He noted that because ADOT is required to provide noise mitigation in areas that receive roadway improvements, the focus of the Proposition 400 funds was for areas with no planned improvements or improvements a number of years in the future.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Proposition 400 noise mitigation funds would provide additional noise mitigation for areas that exhibit high noise levels and where feasible options exist that could reduce noise levels. Mr. Anderson noted that the Proposition 400 noise mitigation funds would also provide added funding for projects that exceed the ADOT cost effectiveness threshold, which was established at \$43,000 per affected property in 2005.

Mr. Anderson stated that MAG received 11 projects in response to the solicitation for projects that could utilize the Proposition 400 noise mitigation funds. Mr. Anderson stated that the ADOT consultant conducted noise measurements that were provided to the TPC, who then directed that ADOT conduct further analyses. He noted that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) noise model was used and takes into account the pavement types, traffic volumes, etc.

Mr. Anderson stated that the model results were lowered by four dBA to account for rubberized asphalt. He advised that because rubberized asphalt is not approved by the FHWA for noise mitigation, it is not reflected in the noise model. Mr. Anderson explained that the consultant reduced the computer model by four dBA. Since rubberized asphalt is not a federally approved noise mitigation measure, noise levels for projects using federal funds would be four dBA higher than reported. Mr. Anderson stated that if the four dBAs were added in, the project would exceed the 64 dBA threshold.

Mr. Anderson noted the eleven locations that were analyzed: in Phoenix, at I-17 and Camelback, on I-10 from 7th Avenue to 15th Avenue, at Loop 101 and 51st Avenue, at Loop 101 and 7th Street, and at SR-51 and Greenway Road; in Scottsdale at Loop 101 and 90th Street and at Loop 101 and Cactus; in Peoria, on Loop 101 from Peoria to Grand Avenue, on Loop 101 from Olive to Peoria, and on Loop 101 from Northern to Olive; in unincorporated Maricopa County on Loop 303 from Deer Valley to north of Robertson Drive. Mr. Anderson displayed photographs of the areas that would receive noise mitigation. He noted that some have no barriers at all or barriers of insufficient height to be effective against noise. Mr. Anderson noted that the traffic noise on Loop 303 is projected to increase when the connection to I-17 opens.

Mr. Anderson stated that the cost to construct all 11 noise barriers is estimated to be \$15.6 million, which is within the available funding. He stated that there might be other areas that could use noise

mitigation over time and these would be monitored on a case-by-case basis. Chair Manross thanked Mr. Anderson for his report.

Councilmember Esser asked the cost per mile of sound walls. Fred Garcia of ADOT, stated that the designs of sound walls vary due to existing conditions and a measure based on length alone is difficult. Councilmember Esser asked how many miles of sound walls were in the list. It was noted that this information was not currently available but could be compiled. Councilmember Esser stated that was unnecessary and he was just trying to say that noise walls are expensive.

Chair Manross recognized public comment from Steve Dreiseszun, past president of the F. Q. Story Historic District, who was at the meeting to represent his neighborhood. Mr. Dreiseszun stated that he has spoken on numerous occasions to the Council on noise mitigation issues. He said that I-10 and the Inner Loop bisects his Central Phoenix neighborhood. Mr. Dreiseszun stated that many neighborhoods were built after the freeways were built, but his neighborhood was built in the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s, and was there first. He advised that his neighborhood has been working for 18 years to get relief from freeway noise, and worked for five years to get funding included in Proposition 400. Mr. Dreiseszun applauded MAG for addressing this issue and thanked MAG staff, especially Eric Anderson, for their work on this effort. He commented that this was not the end, but a beginning. Mr. Dreiseszun stated that quality of life and impacts of noise are important to consider when expanding a freeway system. Chair Manross thanked Mr. Dreiseszun for his comments.

Mayor Hallman spoke about the efforts undertaken from 1996 to 2000 to get noise mitigation measures implemented as part of the freeway program. He recalled the fights to get rubberized asphalt on US 60 when the federal authorities made it difficult for ADOT. Mayor Hallman stated that he was delighted that MAG had taken the lead and recognized that this was a quality of life issue. He congratulated everyone for moving this forward.

Supervisor Wilson moved approval that noise barriers be constructed at the 11 sites identified using the Proposition 400 noise mitigation funding. Vice Chair Neely seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Use of I-10 for High Capacity Transit

Rick Pilgrim, URS Corporation, Project Manager for the I-10 West project, said that he was before the Regional Council to present a report on the I-10 West High Capacity Transit Alternatives Analysis; to request action on the I-10 Freeway Right of Way, west of I-17, as the Locally Preferred Alternative for high capacity transit improvements; and to provide an update on next steps. He displayed a map of the 57-mile high capacity transit system that is included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mr. Pilgrim stated that the I-10 west extension extends from downtown Phoenix to the park and ride located near 79th Avenue. He noted that the extension of the I-10 west corridor is designated for completion in 2019. Mr. Pilgrim noted that ADOT is moving ahead on some other I-10 projects and wants to coordinate functions to do construction work only once, thus maximizing tax dollars and minimizing inconvenience.

Mr. Pilgrim stated that travel demand in this corridor is expected to increase from 250,000 to 500,000 people per day. He noted that new freeway lanes are programmed in the Proposition 400 program, with a 2012 completion, but travel times are still expected to increase by 35 percent between now and 2030, and drivers can expect frequent incidents and added delay. He stated that high capacity transit in dedicated lanes will allow faster and more predictable travel times than automobiles.

Mr. Pilgrim stated that the Environmental Impact Statement that was done for the federal government in the 1970s included preservation of a 50-foot median for future mass transit, with the technology to be defined in the future. He noted that a 2006 METRO study confirmed that the optimal location for high capacity transit was in the median, both for convenience and cost-effectiveness.

Mr. Pilgrim stated that last summer, METRO began the first step of the required federal process, the Alternatives Analysis, and has completed Tier One. Mr. Pilgrim stated that they are beginning work on Tier Two, the Mainline Alternative. He remarked that METRO hopes to have the Locally Preferred Alternative, which is the routing and technology, and the station locations defined in the next year or so. He said that high capacity transit along arterials was considered; however, the freeway alignment was the option that was supported, because it is consistent with the original I-10 Environmental Statement; it is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan approved by voters in 2004; it best addresses the need for improved mobility; it provides the best speed, capacity and reliability; and it minimizes right-of-way acquisition, street construction, and utility relocation.

Mr. Pilgrim stated that Tier Two will consider options for connecting high capacity transit from I-17 and I-10 to downtown Phoenix. He said that they are currently working with community groups to gather input. Mr. Pilgrim indicated that possible modes for high capacity transit in the I-10 median include light rail, bus rapid transit, and local/express buses that operate in HOV lanes. He noted that bus rapid transit would operate on a guideway separate from HOV lanes.

Mr. Pilgrim stated that even though the Alternatives Analysis will not be completed until Spring 2009, an early recommendation is requested to maximize coordination with ADOT's I-10 widening project. He advised that the Transportation Policy Committee recommended adoption of the I-10 Freeway Right of Way, west of I-17, as the Locally Preferred Alternative for high capacity transit improvements, and to explore further options to the west in the MAG Transit Framework Study including intermodal connections. Mr. Pilgrim noted that the action means that transit is being planned in the West Valley and offers the opportunity to make further connections in the West Valley. Chair Manross thanked Mr. Pilgrim for his report.

Chair Manross recognized public comment from Woody Thomas, former Mayor of Litchfield Park, who suggested that those who have joined the Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee since Proposition 400 read the MAG High Capacity Transit Study, which contains information about forms of transit. Mr. Thomas stated that bus rapid transit, which operates on its own right-of-way, is not being used in this region. He added that the I-10 high capacity corridor is the perfect opportunity to implement bus rapid transit. Mr. Thomas stated that light rail has stops every half-mile to one-mile or so, and to use this mode on I-10 is foolish. Mr. Thomas stated that he takes the bus every day and it sits in traffic because it operates in the HOV lanes. He stated that the elevator at Hance Park was designed for bus

rapid transit and the Third Avenue and Fifth Avenue exits could be utilized for this mode. Mr. Thomas stated that he would be glad to contribute input to Tier Two. He said that the distance between commuter rail stops is five to seven miles, but there is not a commuter rail system to go past 83rd Avenue. This is foreclosed because of the I-10 widening. Mr. Thomas stated that having a system to serve Buckeye, Goodyear, and Avondale would require leaving the highway. Chair Manross thanked Mr. Thomas for his comments and asked Mr. Pilgrim if he would like to address the statements made by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Pilgrim stated that high capacity transit operating in its own dedicated right-of-way, such as light rail and bus rapid transit, is being studied. He noted that the light rail along I-10 would probably stop only every two to three miles, fewer stops than Mr. Thomas mentioned, and added that this is one of the elements they are studying. Mr. Pilgrim stated that these modes of transit would be different than rapid is today, because of the dedicated right-of-way. He said that the team working on the study is aware of the needs in the West Valley and wants to move forward with ADOT.

Mayor Hallman asked for clarification that bus rapid transit will be considered in the analysis of the I-10 corridor. Mr. Pilgrim replied that was correct.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that at the Transportation Policy Committee meeting, this agenda item was discussed extensively. He said that he had voted against the motion and wanted to explain why. Mayor Cavanaugh stated that tonight, he would support approval of this item, and there is no better option than light rail down the center of I-10. He stated that the concern to him is that the high capacity transit corridor dead-ends at 79th Avenue, and there is not a specific plan to address that. Mayor Cavanaugh stated that there are commuter transit options west of that, but connections to the high capacity transit corridor are unknown. He stated that there is no right-of-way west of 79th Avenue and there is not going to be because of the I-10 widening, a part of Proposition 400. Mayor Cavanaugh stated that he discussed this concern with ADOT Director Victor Mendez and Phoenix and Goodyear transportation experts and realized there are a massive number of organizations involved in transit in the Valley. Mayor Cavanaugh stated that there will be 1.5 million people west of the end of the I-10 high capacity transit corridor and how to connect them with the East Valley is unknown. He stated that before things are finalized, discussions about connecting transit infrastructure need to take place. Mayor Cavanaugh stated that Mr. Smith had noted that the Regional Council's predecessors said to go build freeways. Mayor Cavanaugh said that now, MAG needs to build transit, it needs to be regionwide, and it needs to reflect the needs of future residents. He expressed that he thought this was the right thing to do, but the region needs to move into serious planning to move people in a transit mode.

Vice Chair Neely asked Mr. Pilgrim to clarify for the record that no decision about the mode will be made until the Environmental Impact Statement is completed. She said she wanted this clarification so that the public is not misled by any discussion at this meeting. Mr. Pilgrim noted that Vice Chair Neely's statement was correct. He explained that they hope to obtain a preferred alternative of location and mode of transit from the Alternatives Analysis and then do a detailed Environmental Impact Statement on that alternative. Mr. Pilgrim stated that their objective is to come back to MAG with a preferred alternative at the end of 2008 or the beginning of 2009.

Vice Chair Neely stated that in the Proposition 400 debate, all areas of the Valley made their decisions on where their dollars would be spent. She said that at the time, Phoenix was moving forward with light rail and their vision was to have it on I-10. Vice Chair Neely stated that it was a vision limited by dollars and where they could go with their funding. She stated that the corridor stops at 79th Avenue because that is where the Phoenix portion of the rail ends. Vice Chair Neely challenged the West Valley communities to also do planning. She commented that this corridor was discussed and identified in Proposition 400, and added that Phoenix is ready to move forward and work with other communities. Vice Chair Neely stated that all forms of transit are important; some chose bus, some chose light rail. She said she heard the concerns expressed by Mayor Cavanaugh, and if light rail is the transit choice, she felt METRO will assist in working through those concerns.

Vice Chair Neely moved to adopt the I-10 Freeway Right of Way, west of I-17, as the Locally Preferred Alternative for high capacity transit improvements, and to explore further options to the west in the MAG Transit Framework Study including intermodal connections. Councilmember Esser seconded.

Before a vote was taken, Chair Manross asked the Council if there was any discussion on the motion.

Mayor Hallman stated that he felt compelled to add weight to Mayor Cavanaugh's comments that the region is lacking the big picture vision of connecting all modes, and might never be in a position to connect the Valley efficiently. Mayor Hallman stated that the East Valley is looking at how to connect with the areas south and southeast of the Valley, such as Maricopa and Casa Grande. He urged identifying commuter rail corridors and protecting them so those opportunities are available in the future. Mayor Hallman stated that Mayor Cavanaugh brought real issues to the table; the same issues are shared by the West Valley and the East Valley. He expressed his concern for how people in the east, south and southeast areas will make their way to the employment corridors.

Mayor Lopez Rogers asked for confirmation that the motion included exploring further options to the west in the MAG Transit Framework Study including intermodal connections, as recommended by the TPC. It was noted that the motion did reflect the recommendation of the TPC.

Mr. Zubia expressed his support for Mayor Cavanaugh's comments. He said that he had tried to address the concerns at the TPC meeting by suggesting language to explore options to the west of 79th Avenue. Mr. Zubia stated that it is still somewhat piecemeal, but no one is better than MAG at putting something like this together.

Chair Manross stated that no one disagrees with the concerns expressed by Mayor Cavanaugh and Mayor Hallman. However, what could be achieved in Proposition 400 was constrained by money; it was not that the decision makers were not trying to extend this program and make connections.

Mr. Smith commented that the purpose of the Transit Framework Study is to reexamine those connections.

Mayor Hallman stated that from his view, issues with Proposition 400 decisions were based on resources and not problems with staff. He stated that the region's elected officials now have a greater job at hand

to address and preparations should be beginning for Proposition 500, the next era's need to address transportation. He stated that ADOT is responsible for commuter rail in the East Valley and MAG is responsible for commuter rail in the West Valley. Mayor Hallman expressed concern that if MAG is not the responsible entity for all, there will be a piecemeal solution. He called on the Regional Council to take a leadership role in transportation solutions to the next decade and beyond.

Supervisor Wilson asked for clarification of the corridor's terminus. He commented that the discussion and vote at the TPC meeting clarified it as 83rd Avenue and now it seemed to be back to 79th Avenue. Supervisor Wilson expressed that he would like to keep it at 83rd Avenue because it would be more difficult to add that back in later.

Chair Manross asked if the motion needed to be amended. Mr. Smith noted that the motion would not need to be changed, and the minutes would reflect that this was the understanding.

With no further discussion, the vote taken on the motion passed unanimously.

#### 8. Maricopa County Clean Air Initiative

Holly Ward, from the Maricopa County Air Quality Department, provided an update to the Regional Council on Maricopa County's air pollution outreach campaign, called "Running out of Air." She spoke about the Valley's serious air quality issues resulting from particulate matter or dust. Ms. Ward noted the impacts to health resulting from the particulate matter.

Ms. Ward then explained the components of the Running out of Air campaign, which includes English and Spanish television, radio, and print ads, a Web site, and media and community outreach. The 30-second television commercial and the radio commercial were played for the Regional Council. Ms. Ward pointed out that the [www.runningoutofair.com](http://www.runningoutofair.com) Web site includes an indicator of real-time air quality in the Valley and a page where Maricopa County residents can make the Clean Air Commitment.

Ms. Ward said that the staff from the County's Air Quality Division are committed to assisting organizations with promotional materials and support, and they will make presentations to cities and towns, business and community organizations, and major employers. Ms. Ward stated that community leaders can help with the campaign by making the Clean Air Commitment and asking community organizations to do the same. She said that they could also promote clean air by including a link on their own Web sites to the [www.runningoutofair.com](http://www.runningoutofair.com) Web site. Chair Manross thanked Ms. Ward for her presentation. She commented that having the ability to check the air quality 24 hours per day, seven days per week, was impressive.

#### 9. Regional Office Center Update and Project Alternatives

Mr. Smith stated that the Regional Office Center (ROC) project began on January 10, 2005. He recalled that during this three and one-half year process, he mentioned to the Regional Council that there was a short window of opportunity and if the decision on a building is not finalized in that period of time, the window will close. Mr. Smith stated that a number of things have changed since the project started,

such as market values and interest rates. He stated that the concept of the ROC was to house four regional agencies in one building to increase coordination among agency staff and make more efficient meeting space to make better use of the time of elected officials and staff.

Mr. Smith reported that on June 23, 2008, the ROC Working Group, consisting of the board chairs and administrative officials from MAG, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA), Valley Metro Rail (METRO) and the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA), recommended proceeding and returning to their boards to consider the 210 E. Earll building. He noted that at that time, the METRO representatives expressed concerns regarding the agency's ability to participate in the project, including the financial impact on the organization resulting from vacating its current lease and locating in a building not directly on the light rail line.

Mr. Smith stated that the METRO Board of Directors considered the 210 E. Earll site on July 16, 2008. He advised that the METRO board voted to not participate in the creation of a Regional Office Center at 210 E. Earll at this time and requested staff to provide additional information pertaining to the other two locations considered for future review.

Mr. Smith stated that on July 17, 2008, the RPTA approved further exploration and consideration of the 210 E. Earll building as a possible site for a Regional Office Center with MAG, METRO and AMWUA.

Mr. Smith stated that on July 21, 2008, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee voted unanimously to direct staff to do the following: 1) Negotiate an approximate two and a half year extension of the current lease at the 302 N. 1st Avenue building, including the available space on the 1st floor of the building, with the lease including favorable early termination provisions that will allow MAG to pursue other long term rent-to-own, rent or own/build options in the downtown governmental corridor not specifying any specific property; 2) Terminate the Memorandum of Cooperation and appropriate agreements at 1st Avenue and McKinley.

Mr. Smith advised that the Phoenix City Council took action and adopted a resolution supporting a downtown location in the governmental corridor for the building. He advised that the Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET) would not be available if the Earll building site was chosen because it is outside the eligible boundary.

Mr. Smith stated that the Executive Committee directed staff to pursue other lease or building opportunities. He noted that staff will return to the Regional Council at a later date and present them with options. Mr. Smith noted that the Regional Council had always been supportive throughout the process.

Chair Manross expressed her support and thanked Mr. Smith for his report. She added that MAG staff had done an impressive job in trying to bring this project together. Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation to MAG staff members for their efforts on the ROC: Alana Chavez, Monique de los Rios, Becky Kimbrough, and Denise McClafferty. Mr. Smith commented that it was just one of those situations where the people involved are not all in the right place to move forward. He stated that MAG now needs to move forward and find office space for MAG.

Vice Chair Neely stated that former Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker, who chaired the ROC Working Group, needed to be recognized for his vision of the ROC. She remarked that he went above and beyond his duty and put in hundreds of hours on this project, and for that she wanted to commend him. Vice Chair Neely stated that a time may come that the agencies can come together, but it was her belief that MAG needs to return to working on regional issues, and not to work on finding a building for three years. She expressed her appreciation once again to staff and to Mayor Hawker.

Vice Chair Neely moved to direct staff to do the following: 1) Negotiate an approximate two and a half year extension of the current lease at the 302 N. 1st Avenue building, including the available space on the 1st floor of the building, with the lease including favorable early termination provisions that will allow MAG to pursue other long term rent-to-own, rent or own/build options in the downtown governmental corridor not specifying any specific property; 2) Terminate the Memorandum of Cooperation and appropriate agreements at 1st Avenue and McKinley. Councilmember Esser seconded. Chair Manross asked if there was discussion of the motion.

Mayor Schoaf stated that serving on the Executive Committee for the past two years has been a privilege for him. He indicated that he had spent hours on the ROC project and even though staff had done an impressive job, he could not support the ROC as proposed because it was not a good deal for MAG. Mayor Schoaf stated that he consistently opposed the building and he could not say he was sorry it did not work out. He stated that the concept of sharing expenses is positive, but the building ended up being very expensive and he could not support the project due to its size, scope, and grandeur. Mayor Schoaf stated that it was his understanding that in the motion made at the Executive Committee the term "downtown governmental corridor" was not meant to preclude any building in the downtown area, whether nearby the State Capitol or north of I-10. Mayor Schoaf stated that he wanted to ensure that the intent of the language was clarified in the motion. He reported that he had received telephone calls from Regional Council members who asked if MAG was only going to build only south of the freeway between 7th Avenue and 7th Street, and he replied to them that was not the intent of the motion.

Vice Chair Neely, as maker of the motion, agreed with that clarification to the motion. Councilmember Esser, as second, agreed.

Fredda Bisman, MAG General Counsel, stated that there are outstanding obligations in the Memorandum of Cooperation, specifically a payment pending to MAG. She recommended that the Regional Council not take formal action terminating that Memorandum of Cooperation until all obligations had been fulfilled.

Vice Chair Neely, as maker of the motion, agreed with that modification to the motion. Councilmember Esser, as second, agreed.

With no further discussion, the Regional Council voted unanimously to direct staff to: 1) Negotiate an approximate two and a half year extension of the current lease at the 302 N. 1st Avenue building, including the available space on the 1st floor of the building, with the lease including favorable early termination provisions that will allow MAG to pursue other long term rent-to-own, rent or own/build options in the downtown governmental corridor not specifying any specific property or precluding

consideration of available buildings near the general downtown area such as the State Capitol or north or south of the freeway; 2) Terminate the Memorandum of Cooperation upon satisfaction of all payment obligations and other appropriate agreements at 1st Avenue and McKinley.

10. Radio Public Service Announcement for the MAG Youth Empowerment Project

Amy St. Peter, MAG Human Services Manager, provided an update to the Regional Council on the MAG Youth Empowerment Project. She said that the purpose of the presentation was to request the member agencies' assistance in promoting the latest public service announcement (PSA) created by teens about dating violence.

Ms. St. Peter stated that the Youth Empowerment Project was implemented in FY 2007 as an intervention tool to help teens end dating violence. The impetus for the project was teens, through regional focus groups, saying that they did not feel safe and had known someone who had experienced dating violence.

Ms. St. Peter noted that the MAG Domestic Violence Council and the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee partnered to launch the Youth Empowerment Project. She noted that the main facets to the project are a Web site and an annual PSA competition, which are supported with an Innovative grant from the Governor's Office. She noted that this year, 50 entries were submitted. Ms. St. Peter remarked that the Web site features testimonials by teens, information about resources, and the winning PSA entries. Ms. St. Peter noted that the Web site has been enormously successful, and in FY 2008, had more than 11,000 visits. She stated that through the Web site, MAG staff have been contacted for assistance by teens, not only in the MAG region, but also from across the country.

Ms. St. Peter stated that MAG professionally produced and distributed the winning PSA entries, and this year, the winning radio ad was produced with teen volunteers from Valley Youth Theater. The PSA was played for the Regional Council.

Ms. St. Peter requested that member agencies support this effort by including a link on their agency's Web site to the [www.weboffriends.org](http://www.weboffriends.org) Web site, providing this information to teen advisory councils, and playing the PSA on their municipal cable channel. She added that the next competition will be held in Fall 2008.

Chair Manross thanked Ms. St. Peter for her report. As Chair of the Domestic Violence Council, she was very appreciative of the efforts of Ms. St. Peter and staff to put together this program. Chair Manross urged that member agencies to get the word out on domestic violence.

Mayor Lopez Rogers, Chair of the Human Services Coordinating Committee, expressed her congratulations to staff for a job well done on the project. She encouraged the Regional Council to incorporate this crucial message on their Web sites and cable channels.

11. Legislative Update

No report was provided.

12. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be 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.

Chair Manross announced that the August 27, 2008, Regional Council meeting was cancelled.

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

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

**DATE:**

September 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:**

Consultant Selection for the Litter Prevention and Education Program for the Regional Freeway System in the MAG Region

**SUMMARY:**

The voter approved Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) includes \$279 million for the freeway maintenance program. One of the objectives of this program is to improve visual aesthetics along the freeway/highway system in the MAG region, including litter control. To help accomplish this goal, in 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved the selection of a consultant to implement a Litter Prevention and Education Program for the Regional Freeway System in the MAG region, also known as *Don't Trash Arizona*. The purpose of the program is to increase awareness of the health, safety, environmental and economic consequences of freeway litter and ultimately change the behavior of offenders.

The initial two-year contract for the prevention and education program expired August 31, 2008. On May 28, 2008, the Regional Council approved the FY 2009 MAG Unified Work Program and Annual Budget, which included \$380,000 in additional funds to augment litter prevention and education efforts and to build on the program efforts to date.

On July 11, 2008, MAG issued a Request for Proposals from qualified consultants for a Litter Prevention and Education Program for the Regional Freeway System in the MAG region. The purpose of the program is to reduce litter on the regional freeway system by developing a strategy to increase public awareness and change behavior among offenders. The contract will be completed at a cost not to exceed \$380,000. The base contract period shall be a one (1) year term. MAG may, at its option, offer to extend the period of this agreement up to a maximum of two (2), one (1) year options, based on consultant performance and funding availability.

On August 8, 2008, MAG received proposals from two qualified consultants in response to the Request for Proposals. Companies submitting proposals included HMA Public Relations and RIESTER.

A multi-agency review panel made up of participants from MAG member agencies met on August 15, 2008 to evaluate the proposals and determine if follow-up interviews were warranted. Both respondents were brought in for follow-up interviews, which were conducted on August 28, 2008. Following the interview process, the multi-agency review panel unanimously recommended to MAG that RIESTER be selected as the consultant to design and implement the FY 2009 Litter Prevention and Education Program at a cost not to exceed \$380,000.

The regional Litter Education and Prevention campaign will be administered by MAG in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation, which conducts the statewide *Don't Trash Arizona* campaign.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

**PROS & CONS:**

**PROS:** Research suggests that prevention programs can change public perception and habits regarding litter. Properly maintained freeways are important to the quality of life of the residents of this region and to the image projected to tourists and economic development prospects.



# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

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

**DATE:**

September 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:**

MAG FY 2010 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2010-2014 Equipment Program

**SUMMARY:**

Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five-year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The funding request for FY 2010 is required to be submitted to the ADOA by December 15, 2008.

The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund. The Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund is funded by the monthly 9-1-1 excise tax on wireline and wireless telephones. The 9-1-1 excise tax has been reduced from 37 cents per month to 28 cents per month as of July 1, 2006. The excise tax was further reduced to 20 cents per month effective July 1, 2007. Efforts are being made to stabilize the 9-1-1 funds through legislation to ensure appropriate funding in the future.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

**PROS & CONS:**

**PROS:** The five-year equipment program assists the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team to forecast future equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates regarding future funding needs to ADOA.

**CONS:** None.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** None.

**POLICY:** The process for approval of the PSAP funding request and five-year equipment program, which includes recommendations from the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team and Management Committee and approval by the Regional Council, demonstrates greater participation by management.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval of the MAG FY 2010 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2010-2014 Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

**Management Committee:** On September 10, 2008, the Management Committee recommended approval of the MAG FY 2010 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2010-2014 Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Chair  
 Mark Pentz, Chandler, Vice Chair  
 # Ruth Giese for George Hoffman,  
 Apache Junction

Jeanine Guy, Buckeye  
 Gary Neiss for Jon Pearson, Carefree  
 Wayne Anderson for Usama  
 Abujbarah, Cave Creek

Spencer Isom for B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage  
Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester,  
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation  
Rick Davis, Fountain Hills  
\* Gila Bend  
Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian  
Community  
George Pettit, Gilbert  
Jenna Goad for Ed Beasley, Glendale  
John Fischbach, Goodyear  
RoseMary Arellano, Guadalupe  
Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park  
Christopher Brady, Mesa  
\* Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley  
Carl Swenson, Peoria

Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix  
# John Kross, Queen Creek  
\* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa  
Indian Community  
Brad Lundahl for John Little, Scottsdale  
Randy Oliver, Surprise  
Charlie Meyer, Tempe  
\* Reyes Medrano, Tolleson  
Gary Edwards, Wickenburg  
Mark Hannah for Lloyce Robinson,  
Youngtown  
Rakesh Tripathi for Victor Mendez, ADOT  
Kenny Harris for David Smith, Maricopa Co.  
David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Participated by telephone conference call.

+Participated by videoconference call.

9-1-1 Oversight Team: On August 25, 2008, the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team recommended approval of the MAG FY 2010 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2010-2014 Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Harry Beck, Mesa Fire Department, Chair  
Chris DeChant for Mark Burdick, Glendale  
Fire Department  
Jesse Locksa for Ray Churay, Maricopa  
County Sheriff's Office  
\* Mike Fusco, Emergency Management, Peoria

Steve Kreis, Phoenix Fire Department  
Robert Demlong, Phoenix Police Department  
Helen Gandara-Zavala, Scottsdale  
Police Department  
Brenda Buren, Tempe Police Department  
\* Lawrence Rodriguez, Tolleson Police Dept.

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Attended by telephone conference call.

+ Attended by videoconference call.

MAG 9-1-1 PSAP Managers Group: On July 17, 2008, the MAG 9-1-1 PSAP Managers Group recommended approval of the MAG FY 2010 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2010-2014 Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Vicky Scott, Peoria, Chair  
Dee Indorf for Kathy Jeter, Apache Junction  
\* Carrie Lombana, Avondale  
Velma Washington, Buckeye  
Vicki Szczepkowski, Chandler  
\* Stephanie Beebe, Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation  
Allyna Bay for Janet Laird, Gilbert  
Loretta Hadlock, Glendale  
\* Chris Nadeau, Goodyear  
Darin Douglass, Mesa  
\* Jesse Locksa, Maricopa County  
Jim Tortora, Paradise Valley  
Michelle Kessler for Tami deRuitter, Phoenix  
\* Curtis Thomas, Salt River Pima-Maricopa

Indian Community  
Patrick Cutts, Scottsdale  
Carol Campbell, Surprise  
Karen Allen, Tempe  
Toni Rogers, Tolleson  
\* Ed Syzponik, Wickenburg  
\*+Michelle Potts, ASU  
+Barbara Jaeger, ADOA  
\*+Nicole Ankenman, Capitol Police  
+ Debbie Henry, DPS  
+ David Demers Luke AFB  
\*+Louise Smith, Phoenix  
\*+Ellen Anderson, Rural Metro/Southwest  
Ambulance

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

+ Ex-Officio member

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Liz Graeber, Phoenix Fire Department, 602-534-9775, or Nathan Pryor, MAG, 602-254-6300.



# MAG FY2010-2014 PSAP Equipment Program

	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Apache Junction PD	Nothing noted				
ASU PD	Nothing noted				
Avondale PD	No Response				
Buckeye PD	Nothing noted		Logging recorder / move		
Capitol PD	No Response				
Chandler PD	Move-no upgrade		Logging recorder		
DPS	Nothing noted				
Ft. McDowell	Nothing noted		Logging recorder		
Gilbert PD	Nothing noted		Logging recorder		
Glendale PD	Nothing noted				
Goodyear PD	Nothing noted				
Luke AFB	Nothing noted				
MCSO	Logging recorder / 6 positions / move / upgrade				
Mesa PD	Logging recorder	2 positions	2 positions/move		2 positions
Paradise Valley PD	No Response				
Peoria PD	Nothing noted				
Phoenix Fire	Logging recorder				
Phoenix PD	Nothing noted	5 positions	5 positions	Logging recorder / 5 positions	
Rural Metro PD	Rollover FY09 upgrade request due to move delay				
Salt River PD	Nothing noted		1 positions / move		
Scottsdale PD	Nothing noted				
Surprise PD	1 position				
Tempe PD	Nothing noted				1 position
Tolleson PD	Move		Logging recorder		
Wickenburg PD	No Response				

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

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

**DATE:**

September 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:**

Application Process for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Funds for Homeless Assistance Programs

**SUMMARY:**

On December 8, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG region. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent and transitional housing as well as supportive services. A total of \$147 million has been awarded to the region since 1999. Last year, the region received more than \$21 million for 48 homeless service providers. It is anticipated that the region will be awarded comparably in 2008.

More than 50 homeless assistance applications were submitted to MAG on August 29, 2008. **The Ranking and Review Committee made its recommendation for the new projects on September 15, 2008. Please refer to the attached project list for recommended projects.** The recommendations were presented to the MAG Executive Committee for information and discussion on September 15, 2008. Approval of the final application is anticipated at the September 22, 2008, MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness meeting. The final project list will be presented to the MAG Regional Council on September 24, 2008, for information. The final application will be submitted electronically to HUD in October 2008.

There are two changes in the application process this year. In addition to the renewal projects, there are two opportunities for new funding this year that could bring more than \$3.3 million in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and for the rapid re-housing of homeless families. The Samaritan Housing Initiative is designed to develop permanent supportive housing to serve exclusively chronically homeless individuals, as defined by HUD. The MAG Continuum of Care is eligible for \$1.3 million under the Samaritan Housing Initiative and those funds can be divided between multiple projects. In addition, the Rapid Re-Housing for Families Demonstration Project is a new three year demonstration program that will provide leasing assistance to households with dependent children who are coming from the streets or emergency shelter. This Continuum is eligible for \$2 million under the Rapid Re-Housing project to provide funding for eligible leasing, supportive services, and administration.

The second change is in the way the applications were evaluated. In the past, Valley of the Sun United Way has hosted the Ranking and Review Committee responsible for evaluating all applications. At the direction of HUD this year, the committee only reviewed new applications. MAG staff will evaluate the renewal applications and provide technical assistance to any agencies who are not performing up to HUD's standards.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

The development of action steps, and the measurement of goal achievement is based on public input from consumers, providers of services, and local and state governmental representatives. Community stakeholders, including homeless service providers, public officials, non profit representatives, and interested members of the public, are involved in the gaps analysis process which is done each year to determine the unmet need of emergency shelter beds, transitional housing beds, and permanent

supportive housing beds. The gaps analysis meeting is being held on August 18, 2008, and the results will be submitted in the consolidated application to HUD. The process of the local application was reviewed at the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness meeting on June 16, 2008. An opportunity for public input was offered but not received at this meeting. An opportunity for public comment was made available at the September 10, 2008 MAG Management Committee meeting. There were no comments made. The new project recommendations were presented at the September 15, 2008 MAG Executive Committee meeting for information and discussion. There were no comments made.

#### **PROS & CONS:**

**PROS:** A coordinated application and planning process is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to maximize competitiveness for the federal Stuart B. McKinney Act funds. The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness facilitates the year-round planning process in the region. Because of the regional planning entity, there has been consensus about the homeless planning priorities and action steps in the Valley and cooperation with information needed for the federal grant. This approach emphasizes the need for collaboration among public and private agencies to ensure that individuals and families who are homeless are assisted in moving from homelessness to permanent housing and greater self-sufficiency. Since 1994, all applicants for funding from these programs have been required to demonstrate that their programs play an integral role in their community's Continuum of Care.

**CONS:** The application and year round planning process takes a significant amount of staff time to coordinate. If this region did not submit this grant through the existing MAG Continuum of Care process, however, potentially the funding for the region could be lost in perpetuity. Up to 20 percent of Continua of Care nationally are defunded each year as the process becomes more competitive. This makes it even more imperative to invest the staff time to ensure this application remains as competitive as possible in order to retain funding.

#### **TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** The federal application process requires a tremendous amount of staff time to develop the community consensus and to gather the information requested by HUD. This task is complicated by the lack of a consistent data based on needs, services provided and funds expended. The community has identified the need to develop more complete homeless data for future applications. The Maricopa Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), implemented in February of 2003, was used to collect data for the 2008 homeless shelter count and will continue to be utilized in other areas to assist in the collection of system wide data of homeless programs.

**POLICY:** The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness was created at the request of HUD and with the approval of the MAG Regional Council. This policy level council is composed of a variety of representatives, including elected officials, representatives of the Governor's Office, several state legislators, several funding agencies, service providers, HUD, the religious community, advocates and consumers. This is a broad-based community committee that has agreed to take the responsibility for homeless planning and to ensure that a regional grant application is submitted each year. The Committee has been an effective method to discuss and move forward with regional solutions addressing homelessness.

#### **ACTION NEEDED:**

Information and discussion.

#### **PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

This item was on the September 15, 2008 MAG Executive Committee agenda for information and discussion. A listing of the 2008 new and renewal HUD applicants was provided for informational purposes.

#### **MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Chair

\* Vice Mayor Peggy Neely, Phoenix, Vice Chair

# Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Litchfield Park, Treasurer  
Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale  
Mayor Steven M. Berman, Gilbert  
Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear  
Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe

\* Not present

# Participated by video or telephone conference call

This item was on the September 10, 2008 MAG Management Committee agenda for information and discussion. A listing of 2008 HUD applicants was provided for informational purposes.

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Chair	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Mark Pentz, Chandler, Vice Chair	Christopher Brady, Mesa
# Ruth Giese for George Hoffman, Apache Junction	* Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley
Jeanine Guy, Buckeye	Carl Swenson, Peoria
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\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

The Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness reviewed the planning process and 2008 HUD application weights at the June 16, 2008, meeting. The Committee voted to approve the local evaluation criteria for the 2008 HUD application process.

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Greg Stanton, Councilmember of Phoenix, Chair	Erik Strunk for Steve Frate, City of Glendale, Councilmember
Robert Duvall for Roberto Armijo, Community Information & Referral Services	* Arjelia Gomez, Chicanos Por La Causa
David Barnhouse, Governor's Office	Theresa James, City of Tempe
Tony Johnson for Brad Bridwell, US Vets	Deanna Jonovich, City of Phoenix
* Kathryn Brown, AZ Dept of Corrections	Don Keuth, Phoenix Community Alliance, Co-Vice Chair
* Kendra Cea, APS	* Stephanie Knox, Magellan Health
Trinity Donovan, Valley of the Sun United Way	Mark Ludwig, AZ Department of Housing

- \* Dan Lundberg, City of Surprise
- \* Nick Margiotta, Phoenix Police Department
- \* Carrie Mascaro, Catholic Charities  
Mark Holleran for Mike McQuaid, HSC  
Linda Mushkatel, Maricopa County
- \* Gina Ramos-Montes, City of Avondale  
Gary Zeck for Darlene Newsom, United  
Methodist Outreach Ministries  
Joanne Osborne, Councilmember of Goodyear
- \* Brenda Robbins, AZ Dept of Health Services

- Laura Skotnicki, Save the Family
- Jacki Taylor, ACEH
- \* Margaret Trujillo, MG Trujillo Associates
- \* Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa County,  
Supervisor
- Ted Williams, Arizona Behavioral Health  
Corporation
- Diana Yazzie Devine, Native American  
Connections

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

+Those members present by audio or videoconference.

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2008 HUD Stuart B. McKinney Project Recommendations

Applicant	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Type	New/ Renewal	Funding Recommendation
Arizona Housing Inc.	Arizona Housing Inc.	Vista Commons	Samaritan Initiative: Permanent Housing	New	\$523,810
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	PSH 2009	Samaritan Initiative: Permanent Housing	New	\$871,160
UMOM New Day Center	UMOM New Day Center	Next Step Housing	Rapid Rehousing: Transitional Housing	New	\$1,985,571
Area Agency on Aging Region One	Area Agency on Aging Region One	HIV Case Management at Scattered Sites	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$126,575
Area Agency on Aging Region One	Area Agency on Aging Region One	HIV Case Management at Stepping Stone	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$60,735
Area Agency on Aging Region One	Area Agency on Aging Region One	HIV Case Management at Congregate Living Houses	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$63,064
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	PSH3106	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$685,755
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Casa de Paz	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$373,993
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	HUD 3084	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$938,788
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	HUD 3024	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$499,972
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Village	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$1,735,423
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Casa Mia	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$687,028
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Department of Housing	Shelter Plus Care 293	Shelter Plus Care	Renewal	\$2,824,704
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Department of Housing	Shelter Plus Care 151	Shelter Plus Care	Renewal	\$1,450,560
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Department of Housing	Shelter Plus Care 189	Shelter Plus Care	Renewal	\$1,830,336
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Phoenix Shanti	Phoenix Shanti Supportive Housing Program	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$70,456
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	House of Refuge East	House of Refuge East	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$903,424
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Nova Safe Haven	Nova Safe Haven	Safe Haven	Renewal	\$1,114,796
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Southwest Behavioral Health Corporation	Permanent Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$20,775
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Southwest Behavioral Health Corporation	Brookside	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$202,031

Applicant	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Type	New/ Renewal	Funding Recommendation
Arizona Housing Inc.	Arizona Housing Inc.	Horace Steele Commons	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$58,025
Arizona Housing Inc.	Arizona Housing Inc.	Steele Commons	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$78,663
Catholic Charities	Catholic Charities	El Mirage/Surprise Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$24,039
Chicanos Por La Causa	Chicanos Por La Causa	DeColores Domestic Violence Shelter	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$101,737
Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence	Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence	Chrysalis Transitional Shelter Program	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$24,269
Community Bridges	Community Bridges	Center for Hope	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$344,610
Community Information and Referral	Community Information and Referral	CONTACTS Shelter Hotline	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$176,753
Community Information and Referral	Community Information and Referral	HMIS	HMIS	Renewal	\$400,921
HomeBase Youth Services	HomeBase Youth Services	Transitional Living Program	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$333,371
Homeward Bound	Homeward Bound	Thunderbirds Family Village	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$313,761
Homeward Bound	Homeward Bound	Scattered Sites	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$26,250
Labor's Community Service Agency	Labor's Community Service Agency	Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$279,594
Mesa Community Action Network	Mesa Community Action Network	East Valley Men's Center	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$58,878
Native American Connections	Native American Connections	Sunrise Circle	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$35,000
Native American Connections	Native American Connections	Stepping Stone	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$91,043
Native American Connections	Native American Connections	Catherine Arms	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$163,178
Phoenix Shanti	Phoenix Shanti	Self-Determination Project	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$34,600
Prehab of Arizona	Prehab of Arizona	Faith House Transition Program	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$510,688
Recovery Innovations of Arizona	Recovery Innovations of Arizona	Another Chance	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$971,972
Save the Family	Save the Family	Transitional Housing and Supportive Services	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$211,412
Save the Family	Save the Family	Transitional Housing for Victims of Domestic Violence	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$411,726
Sojourner Center	Sojourner Center	Transitional Housing and Supportive Services for Victims of Domestic Violence	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$417,763

Applicant	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Type	New/ Renewal	Funding Recommendation
Southwest Behavioral Health Services	Southwest Behavioral Health Corporation	Homeless Haven	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$205,977
The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army	Project Hope	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$73,080
The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army	Kaiser Family Center	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$45,360
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Transitional Housing Continuum for Homeless Youth	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$437,698
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Tempe Youth Resource Center	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$214,429
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Pappas Place Drop In Center	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$318,730
U.S. Veterans Initiative	U.S. Veterans Initiative	AZ Veterans in Progress	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$496,557
UMOM New Day Center	UMOM New Day Center	Nurture Care	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$187,584
UMOM New Day Center	UMOM New Day Center	Lampighter	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$80,126
Women In New Recovery	Women In New Recovery	WINR Achievers	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$46,862
YWCA of Maricopa County	YWCA of Maricopa County	Haven House	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$201,671

**Total New Projects \$3,380,541**

**Total Renewal Projects \$20,964,742**

**Total New and Renewal Projects \$24,345,283**

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

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

**DATE:**

September 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:**

MAG Regional Transit Framework Study

**SUMMARY:**

Earlier this year, MAG, in cooperation with Valley Metro/RPTA and Valley Metro Rail (METRO), initiated a Regional Transit Framework Study. The study will identify regional transit needs beyond what is currently funded through the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The study will also help establish a regional transit vision for 2050, with more detailed project descriptions for year 2030. It is anticipated that a draft Regional Transit Framework Study will be available in January 2009.

Key study elements include the following:

- A public involvement component to identify the public's perceptions and desires for transit.
- A detailed analysis of the existing transit system and planned improvements, population and densities, and regional travel patterns.
- An in-depth review of transit systems in six peer regions, including Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Diego, and Seattle.
- Development of three implementation scenarios to illustrate the anticipated impacts of various investment levels.

Please refer to the attached Study Overview for additional project information.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

The public will have several opportunities for input throughout the study process. The first of three rounds of public meetings was held in June and July, with meetings taking place in Glendale, Gilbert, Phoenix, and Queen Creek. In addition, the study team has conducted seven focus group meetings, two with transit riders, two with transit non-riders, and three with representatives from the disability community. The study team has also conducted a survey of transit non-riders to gauge their perceptions of public transportation. Information is also being disseminated to the public through project fact sheets and a project website located at [www.bqaz.org](http://www.bqaz.org).

**PROS & CONS:**

**PROS:** This process will establish a regional framework for implementing future transit services throughout the MAG region.

**CONS:** There is currently no regional funding available to implement transit system improvements beyond those projects identified in the RTP.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** The resulting framework study will provide a technical basis for evaluating and prioritizing future transit projects and programs.

**POLICY:** The Regional Transit Framework Study Commuter Rail Strategic Plan will provide decision-makers with a comprehensive perspective on the costs, schedules, tradeoffs, impacts, and policy implications of various transit improvement options.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Information and discussion.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

The Management Committee received a presentation on the Regional Transit Framework Study at its September 10, 2008, meeting.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Chair                                     | Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park                             |
| Mark Pentz, Chandler, Vice Chair                                       | Christopher Brady, Mesa                                      |
| # Ruth Giese for George Hoffman,<br>Apache Junction                    | * Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley                                 |
| Jeanine Guy, Buckeye                                                   | Carl Swenson, Peoria                                         |
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| John Fischbach, Goodyear                                               | Rakesh Tripathi for Victor Mendez, ADOT                      |
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|                                                                        | David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA                               |

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

The Transportation Review Committee discussed the Regional Transit Framework Study at its August 28, 2008, meeting.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- |                                        |                                                |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Phoenix: Tom Callow                    | Maricopa County: John Hauskins                 |
| ADOT: Kwi-Sung Kang for Floyd Roehrich | Mesa: Mike James for Scott Butler              |
| Avondale: David Fitzhugh               | Paradise Valley: Robert M. Cicarelli           |
| *Buckeye: Scott Lowe                   | Peoria: David Moody                            |
| *Chandler: Patrice Kraus               | *Queen Creek: Mark Young                       |
| El Mirage: Lance Calvert               | RPTA: Bob Antilla for Bryan Jungwirth          |
| Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel           | Scottsdale: Dave Meinhart for<br>Mary O'Connor |
| *Gila Bend: Vacant                     | Surprise: Randy Overmyer                       |
| *Gila River: David White               | Tempe: Carlos de Leon                          |
| *Gilbert: Tami Ryall                   | Valley Metro Rail: John Farry                  |
| Glendale: Bob Darr for Terry Johnson   |                                                |

Goodyear: Cato Esquivel  
Guadalupe: Jim Ricker  
Litchfield Park: Mike Cartsonis

#Wickenburg: Gary Edwards  
Youngtown: Mark Hannah for Lloyce  
Robinson

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Regional Bicycle Task Force: Jim Hash  
\*Street Committee: Darryl Crossman  
ITS Committee: Mike Mah

Pedestrian Working Group: Brandon Forrey  
\*Transportation Safety Committee: Kerry  
Wilcoxon

\* Members neither present nor represented by proxy. + - Attended by Videoconference  
# - Attended by Audioconference

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Kevin Wallace, MAG Transit Program Manager, (602) 254-6300.

# STUDY OVERVIEW

June 2008

## MAG Regional Transit Framework Study



### BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

Nearly 700,000 new residents were added to Maricopa County between 2000 and 2006. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the total county population to be approximately 3.8 million people today. Regional forecasts for growth indicate that Maricopa County may be home to 6.1 million residents by 2030. Despite a funded Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and efforts by local communities, additional dedicated public transit funding will be required to keep up with growth as significant development is predicted on the edge of the urban area and beyond, where limited or no transit services are currently planned. An approach with consideration to all modes of transportation, including public transit, is essential to address the region's growing transportation demand.

The Maricopa Association of Government's Regional Transit Framework Study (RTFS) will identify and prioritize future transit needs for the entire region. The same concerns for meeting future travel demand are shared by communities throughout the state. To address the issue on a statewide level, a number of other framework studies are currently being undertaken in other areas of the state. All of the regional framework studies will serve as input into a comprehensive statewide multi-modal transportation planning framework. This coordinated planning framework process is known as Building a Quality Arizona.

### REGIONAL TRANSIT PLANNING

The MAG Regional Transit Framework Study will provide a needs-based planning process for identifying and prioritizing regional transit improvements that will supplement the existing RTP through year 2030, with consideration for even longer-range transportation needs through year 2050. The planning process will include a technical approach to identifying future travel demand and travel markets through an analysis of future growth patterns. Specific markets will be identified through a technical evaluation of high-demand travel markets and through an understanding of customer (traveler) preference and behavior.

The technical analyses of land use, socioeconomic conditions, existing and planned transit service, and infrastructure, along with the stated customer preference attributes will identify public transit needs, deficiencies, opportunities and constraints within the region. Following the completion of the technical analysis, transit service and transit capital/infrastructure recommendations will be developed to address the travel demand needs identified through the analysis process.

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

A three-phase process lasting approximately one year is being undertaken to complete the MAG Regional Transit Framework Study in a schedule consistent with the statewide framework planning effort. The phases include:

### Phase I: *Discovery & Problem Definition*

Current and future regional travel patterns, travel markets, population growth and employment growth will be analyzed, while research will be completed to identify what other regions, similar to the Maricopa County region, have done or are doing to address their regional transit challenges. At the end of Phase I, the most significant regional transit issues facing the study area will be defined.

### Phase II: *Alternatives Development & Analysis*

Alternative transit scenarios that address the regional transit deficiencies, constraints and opportunities defined in Phase I will be developed and tested during Phase II. Cost projections for the alternative scenarios will be prepared for purposes of comparing each scenario and prioritizing the transit service and capital infrastructure elements included in each scenario.

### Phase III: *Study Recommendations*

The characteristics and financial element of each alternative transit scenario will be refined during the final phase of the planning process to develop a final study recommendation.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

Providing opportunities for meaningful public input from a broad range of citizenry and developing a public understanding of the Regional Transit Framework Study are the primary goals of the public involvement process. Citizens will be engaged in the planning process through multiple activities including focus groups, telephone surveys, open house meetings and targeted events.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

About the study or how to get involved,  
visit **bqaz.org** and select  
"MAG Regional Transit Framework Study"

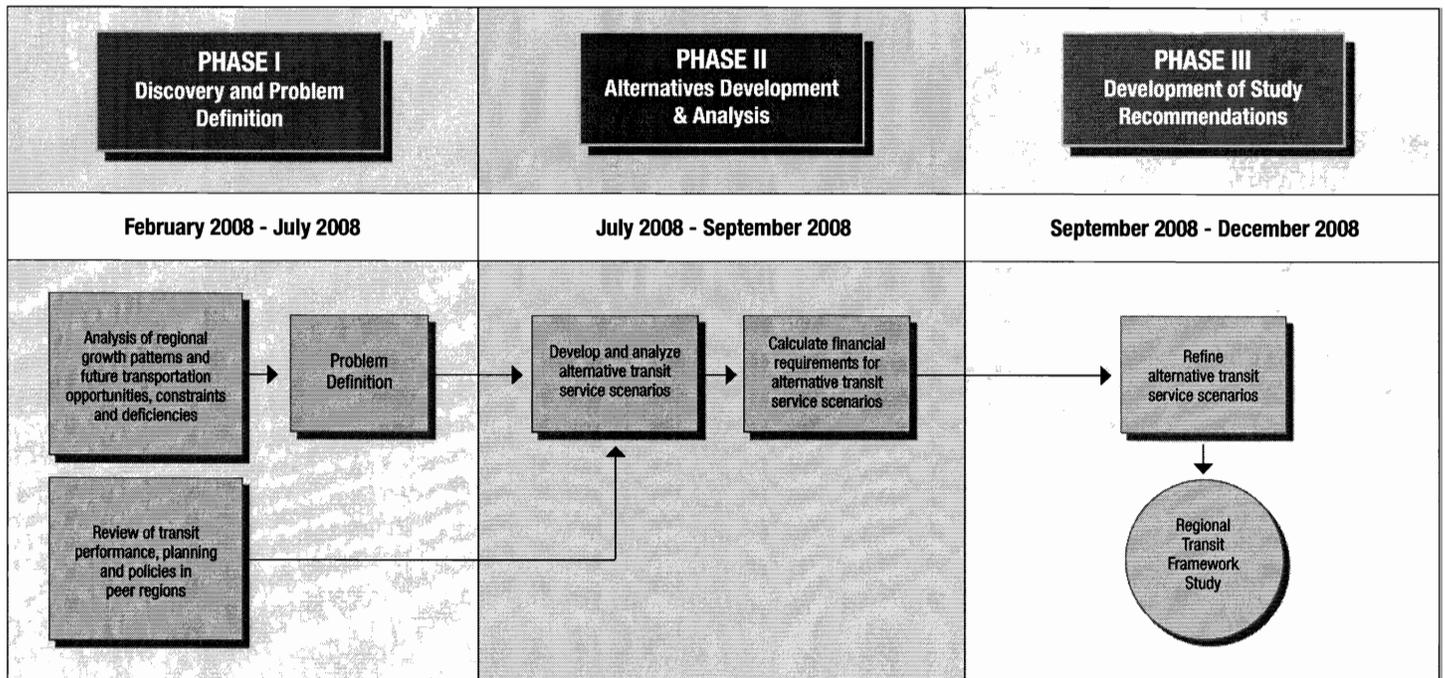
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Contact Kevin Wallace of  
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## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS CHART



# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

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

**DATE:**

September 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:**

Census 2010 Update

**SUMMARY:**

April 1, 2010, is Census Day. It is therefore important for member agencies to begin preparations to ensure an accurate count. The results of the decennial Census affect the apportionment of congressional seats, provides approximately \$1,000 per person per year in federal assistance to state, local and tribal governments, and about \$280 per person per year in state shared revenue to cities and towns.

Census 2010 is slightly different from past decennial Census efforts. There is no long form for Census 2010. It has been replaced with the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS is a monthly survey that will provide the long form data in the year 2010 and every year after that, but with a smaller sample size.

This transmittal provides an update on Census 2010, especially the importance of individual jurisdictions forming a Census 2010 Complete Count Committee (CCC), identifying funding and resources for a Census 2010 media/outreach campaign, participating in the technical geography programs, and assisting with recruitment.

The MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) has responsibility for coordinating preparations for each Census. At the May 2008 MAG POPTAC meeting, Census Bureau staff gave a presentation titled, "The Road to the 2010 Census." This presentation signaled the beginning of a concentrated outreach campaign to partner with local officials, community leaders and businesses to ensure an accurate count of the population in 2010. As part of the presentation, Census Bureau staff encouraged each member agency to create a Community Complete Count Committee to increase the questionnaire mail-back response rate. The Census Bureau also encouraged each member agency to create a proclamation that sends the community the message that community leaders and officials support and understand the importance of the 2010 Census. At the July 2008 MAG POPTAC meeting, sample Census 2000 proclamations were distributed to member agencies.

For Census 2000, the City of Phoenix coordinated the census advertising for print and broadcast media organizations, while MAG member agencies assisted with funding. The City of Phoenix has agreed to take the lead for the Census 2010 media and outreach campaign and anticipates asking member agencies for financial support. Member agencies are encouraged to begin discussions about budgeting for Census 2010 and the resources needed for a Complete Count Committee within each jurisdiction.

The MAG POPTAC has been working on the technical geography programs to prepare for Census 2010. To date, these programs have included the Boundary and Annexation Survey and the Local Update of Census Addresses. Currently, POPTAC is concentrating on the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) in order to review and suggest modifications to the boundaries for block groups and census tracts that will frame all of the 2010 Census tabulations, and will be used for the American Community Survey beyond 2010.

Several member agencies assisted with recruitment for management positions at the Early Local Census Office located in downtown Phoenix. Beginning in 2009, a large recruitment effort will be needed for

address canvassers in the MAG region. Also, the Census Bureau may be seeking available office space to be used for testing and training during their recruitment efforts.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public input has been received.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: Effective outreach and technical support by the Census Bureau and MAG member agencies will help ensure a good response rate to the Census questionnaire. Also, it creates thousands of temporary jobs for Maricopa County residents.

CONS: Preparations for Census 2010 could be time consuming and resource intensive.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: Participation in the technical geography programs leading up to the 2010 Census is critical to obtaining an accurate count for each jurisdiction.

POLICY: The 2010 population counts will be used to distribute \$300 billion in federal assistance annually to state, local and tribal governments for critical community services.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Information and discussion.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

MAG Management Committee received a presentation on Census 2010 at the September 10, 2008, meeting.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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# Participated by telephone conference call. +Participated by videoconference call.

There have been many activities at the MAG POPTAC, but nothing has required committee action.

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