

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AIR QUALITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday May 25, 2010
MAG Office
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Doug Kukino, Glendale, Chairman
Joe Gibbs for Gaye Knight, Phoenix, Vice Chair
Paul Lopez for Sue McDermott, Avondale
Elizabeth Biggins-Ramer, Buckeye
#Jim Weiss, Chandler
#Jamie McCullough, El Mirage
Kurt Sharp for Tami Ryall, Gilbert
Cato Esquivel, Goodyear
#Greg Edwards for Scott Bouchie, Mesa
#Maher Hazine for William Mattingly, City of Peoria
Larry Person, Scottsdale
#Antonio DeLaCruz, Surprise
Oddvar Tveit, Tempe
#Mark Hannah, Youngtown
Ramona Simpson, Queen Creek
*Walter Bouchard, Citizen Representative
*Corey Woods, American Lung Association of Arizona
Grant Smedley, Salt River Project
Brian O'Donnell, Southwest Gas Corporation
Mark Hajduk, Arizona Public Service Company
*Gina Grey, Western States Petroleum Association
*Randi Alcott, Valley Metro/RPTA
*Dave Berry, Arizona Motor Transport Association
*Jeannette Fish, Maricopa County Farm Bureau
*Russell Bowers, Arizona Rock Products Association

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.
#Participated via telephone conference call.
+Participated via video conference call.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lindy Bauer, Maricopa Association of Governments
Julie Hoffman, Maricopa Association of Governments
Randy Sedlacek, Maricopa Association of Governments
Ranjith Dandanayakula, Maricopa Association of Governments
Dean Giles, Maricopa Association of Governments
Patrisia Magallon, Maricopa Association of Governments
Adam Xia, Maricopa Association of Governments
Matt Poppen, Maricopa Association of Governments
Feng Liu, Maricopa Association of Governments
Amy St. Peter, Maricopa Association of Governments
Stan Belone, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Greg Little, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

*Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Amanda McGennis, Associated General Contractors
*Spencer Kamps, Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona
#Mannie Carpenter, Valley Forward
Erin Taylor, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
Beverly Chenausky, Arizona Department of Transportation
Leonard Montenegro for Diane Arnst, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
*Wienke Tax, Environmental Protection Agency
Bob Downing for Jo Crumbaker, Maricopa County Air Quality Department
Duane Yantorno, Arizona Department of Weights and Measures
*Ed Stillings, Federal Highway Administration
*Judi Nelson, Arizona State University
Christopher Horan, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Michele Mellott, Arizona Department of Weights and Measures
Joonwon Joo, Arizona Department of Transportation
Russell Van Leuven, Arizona Department of Agriculture
Mitch Wagner, Maricopa County Department of Transportation
Michael Milovanoviz, Soilworks
Scott DiBiase, Pinal County Air Quality
Shane Kiesow, City of Apache Junction
Steven Peplau, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee was conducted on May 25, 2010. Doug Kukino, City of Glendale, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. Mark Hannah, Town of Youngtown; Mannie Carpenter, Valley Forward; Antonio DeLaCruz, City of Surprise; Maher Hazine, City of Peoria; Jim Weiss, City of Chandler; Jamie McCullough, City of El Mirage; and Greg Edwards, City of Mesa, attended the meeting via telephone conference call.

2. Call to the Audience

Mr. Kukino stated that according to the MAG public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out comment cards, which are available on the tables adjacent to the doorways inside the meeting room. Citizens are asked not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for nonagenda items and nonaction agenda items. He noted that no public comment cards had been received.

3. Approval of the April 29, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 29, 2010 meeting. Larry Person, City of Scottsdale, moved and Oddvar Tveit, City of Tempe, seconded and the motion to approve the April 29, 2010 meeting minutes carried unanimously.

4. Evaluation of Proposed CMAQ Projects for the Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Interim Year End Closeout

Dean Giles, MAG, presented the evaluation of proposed Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) projects for the Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Interim Year End Closeout. He stated that MAG staff, in accordance with Federal CMAQ Program Guidance, has completed an evaluation of the proposed projects. Mr. Giles noted that the results for the project evaluation have been included in the packet that was provided to the Committee. He added that the projects are ranked in order of cost-effectiveness based on the total CMAQ funds requested for the project. Mr. Giles mentioned that the deadline for submitting project requests to MAG was April 19, 2010. He indicated that 27 projects requesting approximately \$25.2 million were evaluated.

Mr. Giles stated that in the closeout process, projects primarily consist of requests to advance funds from a later year in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He indicated that the closeout process also provides an opportunity to request additional funds and new projects. Mr. Giles referred to the attachment and noted that the Surprise project, SUR08-612, should be listed as a new project. He stated that potential projects need to be ready to go to bid by the end of the federal fiscal year. Therefore, the projects should be at a stage where they could quickly be advanced through the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) project development process.

Mr. Giles stated that the recommendation by the Committee will be forwarded to the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) for consideration in prioritizing the projects. He added that this process is consistent with the MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles. Mr. Giles mentioned that MAG is currently working with ADOT and the Federal Highway Administration to determine the available federal funds for the closeout. He mentioned recent rescissions and noted that the amount of funds for closeout is expected to be smaller than normal. Approximately \$1 to \$5 million may be available for closeout. Mr. Giles indicated that if \$5 million became available, the proposed projects listed in the table through the Glendale project, GLN09-609 could be funded. He added that these

numbers are estimates and MAG is continuing to work on the amount of federal funds available. Mr. Giles stated that this item is for information, discussion and possible recommendation to forward the CMAQ evaluation to the May 27, 2010 MAG TRC meeting for use in prioritizing projects.

Brian O'Donnell, Southwest Gas Corporation, commented on the second Glendale project which is to upgrade traffic signal controllers. He inquired about the traffic benefit of the project. Mr. Giles responded that the controllers may have the capability to communicate with the Traffic Management Center. He added that the upgrades assist traffic by reducing vehicle delay at the intersection. Mr. O'Donnell inquired if there will be a change to the timing of the signals. Mr. Giles replied that the Traffic Management Center could potentially control the timing of the lights. Mr. O'Donnell inquired about the Glendale project for closed circuit television cameras. Mr. Giles responded that this project may involve relaying video images from the intersection back to the Traffic Control Center. He added that this project could reduce vehicle delay if there is an incident at the intersection.

Mr. O'Donnell commented on the Avondale project for construction of an Interim Traffic Operation Center. He asked why the project would be interim. Paul Lopez, City of Avondale, responded that the center is listed as interim since Avondale would be using an existing facility and bringing in the electrical equipment to operate the Traffic Operation Center. He added that ultimately, the Traffic Division would like to have its own facility on that land. Mr. Lopez stated that the City is trying to save on construction costs for an actual building by using the current facility to manage traffic operations. Mr. Lopez indicated that the City would most likely have to construct another building as they expand; however, the same electrical equipment would be used.

Mr. O'Donnell inquired about the Mesa project for video detection cameras. Mr. Giles responded that video detection is used in the same sense as closed circuit television. Greg Edwards, City of Mesa, agreed with Mr. Giles and added that the funds will be used for intersection monitoring.

Mr. Kukino inquired about the process for evaluating the project applications. Mr. Giles responded that it is an extensive process. He added that the evaluation of CMAQ projects begins at the time the cities submit the project applications. Mr. Giles indicated that MAG typically requests additional information which is an addendum sheet. This information is used to evaluate the proposed projects for estimated emission reductions. He mentioned that the modeling staff is currently using MOBILE6.2 to obtain the emission factors for the different years. Mr. Giles commented that MAG staff conducts an extensive process to evaluate projects and determine whether the emission reductions are reasonable for the type of project. He noted that the process takes several weeks.

Mr. Person asked when the table used to evaluate and identify the cost-effectiveness for projects was last updated. He discussed the column for emissions reduction weighted nitrogen oxides (NOx). Mr. Person added that the NOx numbers seem to skew the cost-effectiveness of the various projects when added with the total organic gases and particulate matter. He inquired about eliminating that column from the analysis. Mr. Person mentioned that this would not change the cost-effectiveness per metric ton immensely. He noted that only \$1 to \$5 million would be available for projects. Mr. Person added that the current table has the PM-10 measures on the bottom of the list; however, removing NOx may bring a few of those PM-10 measures to the top of the list. Mr. Giles responded that the total organic gases and NOx are evaluated since they are precursors for ozone. He noted that the region is a nonattainment area for ozone. Mr. Giles indicated that the CMAQ methodologies were last reviewed in April 2009. He stated that the methodologies were made available for public review and many comments were received. Mr. Giles mentioned that the methodologies set procedures for weighting

total organic gases, NO_x and PM-10 equally. He added that the emission rates for these pollutants are not equal, but are weighted equally in the table.

Mr. Kukino inquired if Mr. Person would like to revisit the methodologies. Mr. Person stated that MAG does a good job of continually evaluating the information. He inquired about the next time the methodologies will be evaluated. Mr. Giles responded that EPA has released the new MOVES 2010 emissions model. Therefore, MAG anticipates evaluating the CMAQ methodologies for that model and potentially hold a workshop to receive comments at some point in the future. Mr. Person stated that the recommendation from the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee should not necessarily follow cost-effectiveness. He noted that he was reviewing the air quality gains of the projects versus the cost-effectiveness. Mr. Person commented that the Avondale project has 1.29 kilograms per day of PM-10 emission reductions and will not be funded since it ranks low in terms of cost-effectiveness. He indicated that is a good reduction in PM-10 and wishes the project would be funded.

Cato Esquivel, City of Goodyear, commented on the ranking in the table. He stated that based on the overall emission reductions, there are several projects including Avondale with a much higher ranking than the Glendale project GLN09-609. Mr. Giles responded that the projects were ranked in order of cost-effectiveness, which is the third column from the right. He added that as the dollar amounts increase in the column, the projects are becoming less cost-effective. Mr. Esquivel stated that the total reductions in emissions for the Avondale project appears to be higher than the Glendale project; however, the cost-effectiveness for the Avondale project is also higher. Mr. Giles responded that for the cost-effectiveness, MAG staff evaluates the total CMAQ dollars that have been requested for the project. He indicated that the amount of funding requested for the Avondale project is \$300,000 with a possibility of additional funding being requested. Mr. Giles mentioned that he would need to report back on this particular project. Mr. Esquivel commented that the request is for the design of a transit facility. He added that the \$630,000 of CMAQ funds requested seems reasonable. Grant Smedley, SRP, inquired if the pollutants are multiplied by a factor to account for relative importance. Mr. Giles responded that is correct.

Mr. Kukino stated that the Committee has struggled with the ranking of CMAQ projects by cost-effectiveness versus total emission reductions. He added that if the Committee were to rank the projects by total emission reductions, less projects would be funded, and the projects could also result in a smaller impact. Mr. Kukino indicated that the purpose for ranking in the order of cost-effectiveness is to determine the most efficient and effective way for spending the funds. Lindy Bauer, MAG, stated that MAG is required to look at cost-effectiveness. She indicated that at a future meeting, MAG staff could review with the Committee the CMAQ methodologies and how the pollutants are weighted.

Joe Gibbs, City of Phoenix, moved to forward the CMAQ evaluation to the May 27, 2010 MAG Transportation Review Committee meeting for use in prioritizing projects. Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Mr. Smedley stated that he would like MAG staff to provide the Committee with a review of the CMAQ methodologies. He noted that he is a new member of the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee and is not familiar with the process.

Amanda McGennis, Associated General Contractors, commented on the sequence of committee actions. She inquired why the Transportation Review Committee was listed twice. Mr. Giles responded that with regard to CMAQ projects for the TIP, the role of the Air Quality Technical

Advisory Committee is to forward the evaluation of the proposed CMAQ projects to the TRC and to rank the air quality projects to forward to the TRC. He indicated that there are typically two attachments provided to the Committee. Mr. Giles indicated that currently the requested action for the agenda item is just to forward the evaluation of proposed CMAQ projects to the TRC. Ms. McGennis stated that the sequence of committee actions are listed as follows: Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, TRC and Modal Technical Advisory Committees, Management Committee, TRC, and Regional Council. She inquired if the projects are presented to the TRC twice. Mr. Giles responded that the TRC was inadvertently listed twice. The Transportation Policy Committee should be listed between the Management Committee and the Regional Council in the sequence of committee actions.

Mr. Kukino called for a vote on the motion to forward the CMAQ evaluation to the May 27, 2010 MAG Transportation Review Committee meeting for use in prioritizing projects. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Air Quality Program

Chris Horan, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), provided a presentation on their Air Quality Program. He noted that the program was originally established in 1998 and is one of the most mature programs in the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Department. The activities of the program include controlling the air quality on the Community, especially local sources. Mr. Horan commented that regulations have been developed for addressing local sources. In addition, the program asserts tribal sovereignty and self determination.

Mr. Horan discussed the importance of the SRPMIC Air Quality Program and indicated that air has no artificial boundary. He added that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is subject to air flow through the Community where there is a sensitive population of children, elderly, and those with respiratory issues. Mr. Horan presented a map of the Community. He noted the locations of the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and the Gila River Indian Community.

Mr. Horan commented that in 1998, SRPMIC began work to develop baseline data in order to track changes and identify sources and levels of local air pollution in the Community. He added that Stan Belone, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, was instrumental in developing the baseline.

Mr. Horan presented the locations of the four monitoring sites that are within the Community. He added that the Senior Center site monitors PM-10, PM-2.5 and ozone; Red Mountain measures ozone; Salt River High School monitors ozone and PM-10; and the Lehi site measures ozone and PM-10. In addition to those four sites, the SRPMIC has a Differential Optical Absorption Spectrum (DOAS) site, which is located at the intersection of Loops 101 and 202, that measures air toxics. The air toxics monitored by the DOAS site, in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), include mercury, xylene, benzene, ethyl benzene, formaldehyde, nitrogen dioxide, and toluene. Mr. Horan presented a visual of an air monitoring site which showed the filters for particulate matter, air intake, and meteorological data collection.

Mr. Horan discussed the Joint Air Toxics Assessment Project. He stated that this project was developed in cooperation with ADEQ, the Gila River Indian Community, and other partners. Mr. Horan added that the DOAS site has measured air toxics for a full year. He noted that the project is

now at the point where a risk assessment analysis is being performed. The goal is to create an early action risk reduction program. Mr. Horan commented that some of the sources of air pollution on the Community include mining and material processing, track out, agricultural land use, open burning and traffic on Loop 101 and Loop 202. He discussed the size of particulate matter relative to a human hair and fine beach sand.

Mr. Belone discussed the air quality trends on the Community. He presented a chart with the PM-10 annual means from 2002 to 2008 for three monitoring sites. He noted that the Senior Center is listed twice since one is a co-located site. Mr. Belone indicated that the High School site has monitored higher PM-10 levels since it moved in 2006 which could be attributed to the landscape in surrounding areas. Mr. Belone noted that the monitor moved approximately one-half mile. He also discussed the trends for the PM-2.5 annual means from 2003 to 2008. Mr. Belone presented the visibility impacts of a hazy day on Red Mountain.

Mr. Belone gave an overview of the annual fourth highest daily maximum eight-hour average ozone concentrations from 2003 to 2008 for the Senior Center, Red Mountain, Lehi, and High School sites. He also presented the last three-year average of the fourth highest daily maximum.

Greg Little, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, discussed the Community outreach by the Air Quality Program. He added that the current methods of outreach include: Air Quality Index Communication Flagpoles, Air Quality website, and the Air Quality Advisory on the SRPMIC Intranet/email, which informs staff of the Community's air quality. Mr. Little described the Air Quality Index including the meaning of the colors and the level of health concerns. He showed a picture of the Air Quality Index flagpoles which are located in areas with sensitive populations. Mr. Little noted that there are five locations on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. He mentioned that a green flag indicates good air quality while a yellow flag indicates moderate air quality. Mr. Little added that signs are located near the flagpoles that explain the meaning of the different color flags. He commented on the Air Quality website and provided a link to the Committee. Mr. Little stated that the website features a webcam that provides live images of the air at the Red Mountain monitor. He also mentioned the School Bus Idling Program and added that the purpose of this program is to reduce children's exposure to diesel particulates.

Mr. Horan discussed the accomplishments of the Air Quality Program. He stated that one accomplishment for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was receiving the Treatment as a State Certification in 2008. He added that the Community is currently working on the Tribal Implementation Plan which entails developing ordinances that fit the needs of the Community. Mr. Horan discussed the different ordinances that the Community is currently preparing. He commented that the SRPMIC is also developing an enforcement and compliance section to the department. Mr. Horan mentioned that Mr. Little will be assisting in this section once the ordinances are in place. He showed a picture of the Treatment as a State formal recognition ceremony. Mr. Horan stated that the Air Quality Program staff will continue public education and awareness activities through district meetings, Tribal Council meetings, and door-to-door visits. He added that the elderly appreciate the door-to-door visits. Mr. Horan commented that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community will also perform multimedia compliance inspections. He mentioned the staff who work in the Air Quality Program. Mr. Horan indicated that a copy of the presentation could be provided to those interested by email or through the MAG website.

Mr. O'Donnell expressed his appreciation for the steps SRPMIC is taking to improve air quality. He commented on the agriculture along Loop 101 and inquired about the enforcement for dust control in those areas. Mr. Horan responded that enforcement will come from the agriculture fugitive dust ordinance. He added that they are currently relying on good communication and the good will of Community members to help reduce the dust. Mr. Horan noted that Mr. Little visits with the individuals that are creating the dust problem and discusses the options. He indicated that the ordinance will not immediately solve the problem; however, it will be used as a comparing tool. Mr. Horan added that the ordinance will include all the different land uses. Mr. O'Donnell indicated that the problem is getting better and he appreciates the improvement.

Mr. Kukino inquired about the funding for the Air Quality Program. Mr. Horan responded that EPA has been providing tribal allocated funds to the Community since 1998. He added that the Community started receiving funds under the 103 grants, which are developing grants. Once the Community received the Treatment as a State determination, the Community began to receive funding through the 105 grants. He added that the SRPMIC receives approximately \$250,000 to \$260,000 for the program.

Mr. Kukino asked about the ordinances and when they will be completed. Mr. Horan responded that the Community is addressing agriculture, mining, and unpaved roads. He added that the right-of-way issues can make unpaved roads on the Community difficult to address. Mr. Horan noted that the Community is trying to integrate the issues into the ordinances. He mentioned open burning and the health issue to the people doing the burning. Mr. Horan commented on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Solid Waste Program which provides options other than burning.

Erin Taylor, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, asked if the Community utilized the Best Management Practices to help with dust control for agriculture. Mr. Horan responded that the ordinances were based on the Best Management Practices to keep it consistent with what was being done outside the Community.

Mr. Kukino inquired if the Community used the rules of Maricopa County as a model when writing their rules. Mr. Horan responded that the Maricopa County Rules are a big advantage. He added that Maricopa County staff reviewed the Community's ordinances and provided comments and suggestions. Mr. Horan noted that the County's regulations are constantly changing. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community works to keep up with the County in a way that fits the Community. Mr. Kukino inquired on the wind patterns and its effect on the SRPMIC. Mr. Horan responded that most of the particulate matter is from localized sources. He added that the ozone tends to flow from the downtown Phoenix area through the Community and up toward Fountain Hills along Highway 87. Mr. Horan referred back to the comment made by Mr. Belone where he indicated that the highest ozone concentrations are seen at the Red Mountain monitor, which is along Highway 87.

6. Information Requested on Existing or Imminent Sustainability Efforts for Possible Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program Application

Amy St. Peter, MAG, provided an overview of the information requested on existing or imminent sustainability efforts for possible Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program application. She stated that the purpose of her presentation is to inform the Committee about activities undertaken and to solicit feedback to determine the viability of a regional application to possibly be submitted through MAG for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to offer the Program. She mentioned that the funding

supports the creation of regional plans for sustainable development. Ms. St. Peter noted that MAG may be eligible to receive the funding. She indicated that this funding may position MAG well in the future if such plans become a requirement with the re-authorization of federal transportation funding.

Ms. St. Peter stated that an approximate \$100 million is available nationally, with up to \$5 million potentially available for large metropolitan areas. She added that a 20 percent match is required. Ms. St. Peter noted that it is anticipated that this grant process will be extremely competitive. She mentioned that many entities have expressed interest in the grant. Ms. St. Peter commented that the advance notice published by HUD in March did not define an eligible applicant. She added that MAG is working to determine who is the most appropriate applicant for the region. Ms. St. Peter commented that the advance notice also did not define a region which is part of the reason why the eligible applicant will be critical. She noted that the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) along with the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) are also considering this opportunity. Ms. St. Peter mentioned the possibility of applying as the Sun Corridor and added that there may be some synergies that could be maximized when applying together. She added that there may be benefits for applying independently as well.

Ms. St. Peter stated that in April, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee requested that MAG staff collect information about this opportunity and weigh the pros and cons of applying independently or through a consolidated effort such as the Sun Corridor. She added that since then, MAG staff has convened meetings with community partners, member agencies, and the officers of the MAG technical Committees. The purpose of these meetings has been to collect information about current activities that are relevant to this grant. Ms. St. Peter added that the feedback received to date has indicated support for the submission of a consolidated effort through the Sun Corridor. She commented on addressing the impacts that the region would like to achieve through this plan. Ms. St. Peter indicated that one topic being discussed is the development of green jobs and housing along high capacity transit lines such as commuter rail, light rail, and the proposed intercity rail from Phoenix to Tucson. She mentioned that the feedback received at the meeting held with the technical Committee officers included: the importance of focusing on the entire region, to consider infill development, to specifically identify the impacts desired by the plan, and to leverage existing efforts proposed in the MAG FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program.

Ms. St. Peter stated that there are many projects in the region which may impact the planning process for sustainability. She indicated that the Committee officers want to make sure that all the plans are being integrated together into one cohesive plan. Ms. St. Peter added that HUD also wants the region to build on existing housing plans, transportation plans, and environmental plans and bringing everything into one cohesive package. She indicated that HUD has also advised that they are focusing on partnerships. Ms. St. Peter mentioned that HUD is concerned with social equity and making sure that a variety of stakeholders are included in the planning process. She added that HUD also wants to ensure that the plan offers tangible results. In addition, HUD is also hoping that this process will be an ongoing funding source and will show early success from the first round of awards to maintain that funding source.

Ms. St. Peter mentioned the possibility of submitting a consolidated effort with PAG and CAAG. She added that MAG is seeking feedback on a consolidated effort and any activities that the Committee may be addressing or may want to address in the future may help to support this planning process. Ms. St. Peter noted that there will also be a presentation at the May 26, 2010 MAG Regional Council meeting. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was scheduled to be released in mid April;

however, many comments were received on the advance notice and it has been delayed until mid June. Ms. St. Peter commented that once the NOFA is released, the deadline for the grant is anticipated to be 60 to 90 days. She added that MAG is hoping to gather as much information as possible to be able to move quickly once the NOFA is released and potentially submit a competitive application on behalf of the region.

Mr. O'Donnell inquired about the other cities that are not included in the Sun Corridor. Ms. St. Peter responded that one of their priorities is to include the entire region including parts of the region that would not have high capacity transit. She added that there is a lot of different activities that can support the application. Ms. St. Peter indicated that the HUD application encompasses housing, transportation, air quality, water quality and a number of other efforts. She mentioned that MAG staff is gathering information from community partners and technical committees. Ms. St. Peter indicated that not every community will have high capacity transit; however, every community will be able to address sustainability in some way. She noted that MAG wants to make sure that the plan is reflective of all those different efforts.

Mr. O'Donnell referred to the SRPMIC and inquired about the Loop 101 corridor. Ms. St. Peter responded that MAG is looking at the possibility of increasing transit access to the tribes. She added that the recommendation came from one of the community partners, American Indian Policy Institute for ASU. She commented that the goal is an inclusive process and application.

Ramona Simpson, Town of Queen Creek, inquired about the input process for the HUD application. Ms. St. Peter responded that a planning inventory form has been provided to the Chair and Vice Chair of the MAG technical committees. She added that assistance is requested to inform MAG of the activities around the region that may be helpful in supporting the regional application. Ms. St. Peter indicated that the Committee members can provide activities from their city, town, or committee via phone or email by June 4, 2010 if possible.

Mr. Kukino stated that the planning inventory form is available in the agenda packet that was provided to the Committee. He added that the application has six basic sustainability principles. He noted that Gaye Knight, City of Phoenix, attended the Committee officers meeting. Mr. Kukino noted that the input includes keeping air quality consistent with housing, transportation, and economic development so they can occur without impacting the environment. If the Committee would like to make other statements please contact Ms. St. Peter.

Ms. Simpson commented on the CMAQ evaluation just discussed and added that many projects that did not get funded contribute to pollution reductions. She inquired if there would be any funding for these regional projects. Ms. St. Peter responded that the current opportunity being offered through HUD is for a planning process. She added that in the future, additional funding will be available to support the implementation of other projects that are proposed within the plans. Mr. Kukino inquired if the Sun Corridor included Tucson, Casa Grande area, and Phoenix. Ms. St. Peter responded yes. Mr. Kukino asked if this approach would be seeking cooperation from PAG and CAAG. Ms. St. Peter responded yes.

7. Call for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Person discussed the CMAQ process. Mr. Person mentioned that there may be opportunity for the air quality input to be more meaningful as it moves through the committee process. He requested a discussion on the CMAQ process in a future meeting. Mr. Person indicated that he would like to

see that any air quality concerns from this Committee be carried forward to the MAG Management Committee and Regional Council. Ms. Bauer mentioned that there is an established process outlined in the MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles. She added that a presentation on this report could be provided at a future meeting.

Mr. Kukino referred to a request from Beverly Chenausky, Arizona Department of Transportation, at a previous meeting. Ms. Chenausky mentioned an update on the diesel retrofit program and the congestion mitigation scores. Mr. O'Donnell requested an update on fuel efficiency standards. He added that models were based on old standards. Mr. O'Donnell inquired about the type of impacts that this would have on the ozone. Ms. Bauer responded that Mr. O'Donnell was referring to the tailpipe standards for greenhouse gas emission reductions that were released by EPA on April 1, 2010. She added that the administration has also ordered tighter standards for the medium and heavy duty vehicles. Ms. Bauer indicated that the new MOVES model has the capability to calculate greenhouse gas emission reductions from transportation. She indicated that EPA may be building the benefits of the new standards into the model. Ms. Bauer stated that MAG could provide a presentation on this issue.

Mr. Kukino indicated that another future agenda item may be electric vehicles and the related public charging stations that would be located along the Sun Corridor. He suggested a presentation from the consultant with the federal grant to provide an update. Ms. Bauer responded that MAG and PAG are partnering with ECotality and Nissan on this project. She added that an update could be provided at a future meeting.

Mr. Kukino announced that the next meeting of the Committee has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.