

## Enhancement Funds Working Group

July 23, 2003  
MAG Saguaro Room



## Agenda

- What is the Enhancement Funds Working Group?
- What are Transportation Enhancement funds?
- Update on TERC Meetings.
- Round XI Funding and Schedule.
- Evaluation Process.
- Projects Funded Last Year.



## What is the EFWG?

- Formation of EFWG
  - 1993 by Regional Council.
  - Members represent eligible areas.
  - Evaluate and recommend projects to Regional Council.
  - Co-Chaired by Management Committee representative.
  - All meetings open to public.

## What Are Transportation Enhancement Funds?

- TEA-21 includes a mandatory set-aside of 10% STP funds.
- TE activities enhance surface transportation with "above and beyond" projects.
- TE rules vary from state to state.
  - Rules in Arizona are set by ADOT.
- Projects classified as either "local" or "state."

## Update on TERC Meetings



## ADOT Guidebook

- Overview of TE Program.
- Defines the TERC and their role.
- Explains 12 eligible categories.
- Defines "state" and "local" projects.
- Provides project policies and guidelines.
- Provides ownership, operation, and maintenance guidelines.
- Describes project development process and requirements.
  - Project cancellation.
- Defines cost overrun policies.



## State and Local Projects

- **Local Projects:**
  - Projects outside of ADOT right-of-way, and include a local funding contribution.
  - Includes federal agency projects: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Forest Service, etc.
- **State Projects:**
  - Projects located on, adjacent to or associated with the state highway system.



## Project Policies and Guidelines

- Artwork.
- Signs.
- Lighting.
- Planting.
- Landscaping.
- Use of turf.
- Tourist and welcome centers.
- Parking.
- Utility under grounding.
- Ownership, operations and maintenance guidelines.



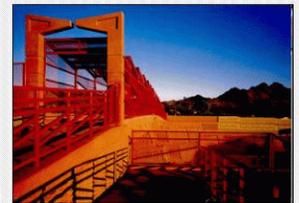
## Artwork

- Functional or integrative art.
  - Artistic benches, pavements designs, etc.
- Design and construct supporting structures for artwork.
- Approval needed for art on walls.
- No "stand alone" public art, or "art for its own sake."



## Artwork

- Applicants encouraged use artists.
  - Addresses off-site fabrication and artists as designers.
- Open bidding process required if using TE funds for artist's designs.



## Project Development Process

- Conflict escalation ladder.
- 3 months: Must have kick-off meeting.
- 12 months: Must finish scoping (project assessment report).
- 18 months: Must obtain environmental clearance.
- 36 months: Must have complete design (bid-ready), with utility and right-of-way clearances.
- Additional 6 months: Must bid project.



## Other Policies

- Project cancellation.
- Cost overrun.

## Available Funding – Entire State

- Local projects: \$7.5 million.
- State projects: \$5.5 million.



*MAG region typically receives 5 or 6 projects each funding cycle.*

## Schedule



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- July 23, 8:30 a.m.
  - EFWG reviews applications.
- Aug. 5, 8:30 a.m.
  - EFWG reviews and ranks applications.
- Aug. 20, 8:30 a.m.
  - Additional ranking, if needed.
- September
  - Management Committee recommendation and Regional Council approval.
- September 5.
  - Applications due to ADOT.
- October.
  - Three-day TERC meeting.
- November
  - State Transportation Board Approval.

## Schedule

- Project applications due July 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - 21 Local projects totaling \$8,535,715 submitted.
    - Not all projects can be forwarded to ADOT; only \$7.5 million will be forwarded.
  - 2 state projects totaling \$635,582 submitted.
- Comments from MAG staff, Regional Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group.

## MAG Evaluation Process



## Evaluation Process

- Three meetings each year:
  - First – review applications.
  - Second – review and rank applications.
  - Third – additional ranking, if necessary.
- Agenda will list order applications will be heard.
- Applications listed in order received by MAG staff.



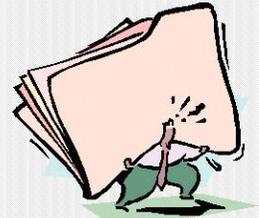
## Evaluation Process

- Review of applications:
  - Brief introduction by MAG staff.
  - 5 minute presentation by applicant.
  - Maximum public comment period of 5 minutes for each application.
  - 10 minute Q & A led by EFWG co-chairs.



## Evaluation Process

- Applicants are **required** to submit, to MAG staff, a written response to EFWG comments raised to MAG staff by **July 29, Noon.**



WOW, that's a lot of information!



## Ranking Process

- Each agency that submits more than one application is asked to submit the priority ranking to MAG staff when the applications are submitted.
- This information is not required.



Which project is your highest priority?



## Round X Projects



## Round X Projects Funded

LOCAL PROJECTS			
Phoenix	Camelback Core Pedestrian Enhancement	\$392,491	1
Glendale	Bike/Pedestrian Rest Area	\$336,826	3
Guadalupe	Guadalupe Road	\$471,500	5
Gilbert	Canal Crossing Project	\$180,000	7
STATE PROJECT			
Chandler/ADOT	Bicycle Lanes on SR 87	\$440,803	2
TOTAL		\$1,821,620	



## Round X Projects Not Funded

LOCAL PROJECTS		
Tempe	13 <sup>th</sup> Street	2
Maricopa County	Gillespie Dam	4
Mesa	Eureka Canal Multi-Use Path	6
Peoria	Greenway Channel Path and Bridge	8
Phoenix	Grand Canal to Steele Indian School Path	9
Glendale	Bridge at 71 <sup>st</sup> Ave. Wash	10

## Round X Projects Not Funded

LOCAL PROJECTS		
Chandler	Downtown Pedestrian Lighting	11
Cave Creek	Town Core Path System	11
Valley Metro	Bike/Ped Safety Program	13
Surprise	Bell Road	14
STATE PROJECTS		
Tempe	Country Club Way Bridge	1
Surprise	Grand Avenue	3

## Questions and Comments



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