

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
June 13, 2007
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Mark Johnson, Guadalupe
Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
# George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Christopher Brady, Mesa
Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Dave Wilcox, Buckeye	John Wenderski for Terry Ellis, Peoria
Jon Pearson, Carefree	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Mark Young for John Kross, Queen Creek
Mark Pentz, Chandler	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Pat Dennis for B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Amber Wakeman for Will Manley, Tempe
Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	* Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	* Steve McKay, Wickenburg
Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian Community	* Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
George Pettit, Gilbert	Bill Hayden for Victor Mendez, ADOT
Mario Saldamando for Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Kenny Harris for David Smith, Maricopa County
	David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jan Dolan at 12:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice Chair Dolan noted that George Hoffman was participating by telephone conference call. She stated that MAG staff was available to assist members of the public in turning in their public comment cards. She stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

Vice Chair Dolan noted materials provided at the meeting: For agenda item #4C, a revised summary transmittal to reflect an additional request to administratively adjust reimbursements to the FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program; for agenda item #6, an analysis of overflow shelters; and for agenda item #8, a bill summary chart.

3. Call to the Audience

Vice Chair Dolan stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Vice Chair Dolan noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations.

Vice Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who said that she had come to the meeting by bus and had encouraged another citizen to attend. Ms. Barker stated that at the last Management Committee meeting, each citizen who spoke commented on the value of a multi-modal transportation system. Ms. Barker stated that the region has ozone problems and she had attended the recent public hearing. She said that children could be helpful to involve their parents in air quality issues. Ms. Barker commented that the auditor recommended to conduct MAG's audits, Cronstrom, Osuch and Company, P.C., also does the audits for light rail and the City of Scottsdale. She remarked that she and other citizens were unhappy that CTOC was not performing per the law. Ms. Barker stated that it is CTOC's duty to conduct an audit on all projects, including light rail and buses. Ms. Barker noted that in the Conformity Consultation agenda item, a number of projects were being built with public money around the area of the Glendale sports facilities. Vice Chair Dolan thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Beasley joined the meeting. He stated that agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, #4F, #4G, and #4H were on the consent agenda, and noted that a request had been received to remove agenda item #4G from the consent agenda. Chair Beasley asked if any member of the Committee had questions or a request to have a presentation on any other agenda item. None were noted. He reviewed the public comment guidelines. He noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

Mr. Pickering moved to recommend approval of consent agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, #4F, #4G, and #4H. Mr. McClendon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of May 9, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the May 9, 2007 meeting minutes.

4B. Federal Fiscal Year 2007 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendments/Adjustments to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) interim closeout, as shown in the attached Tables, and recommend amending/adjusting the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP and the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to allow the projects to proceed. In April 2007, the Regional Council approved the deferral of 28 projects, totaling \$39.9 million. Since then, one project has been identified that will not be deferred, and four projects have been requested to be deferred. The interim closeout has established that there should be at least \$13.79 million in uncommitted MAG federal funds available for the current fiscal year. In addition, there may be \$1 million to \$2 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. Member agencies have submitted requests for closeout projects totaling \$9.34 million. To utilize available funds, on May 24, 2007, the Transportation Review Committee recommended that the FFY 2007 closeout funds be allocated according to the projects listed (Table B), and recommended approving the interim closeout of FFY 2007. An Amendment/Adjustment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the FY2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget will be necessary if the interim closeout is approved.

4C. Draft FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program and an Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies a total of 94 arterial street projects, which have been programmed by year in the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP). The arterial street projects will be directly funded from the regional sales tax and from MAG federal funds. As part of the ALCP process, Lead Agencies are required to update ALCP Project information at least once a year. MAG staff has programmed the Draft FY 2008 ALCP using this Project information, and the projected revenue streams of the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF), MAG Surface Transportation Program funds (STP-MAG), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. On May 24, 2007, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2008 ALCP. The final reimbursement requests for FY 2007 are underway and there have been two requests to administratively adjust the reimbursements for: Arizona Avenue/Ray Road and Val Vista: Warner to Pecos, to reflect actual project costs. This adjustment does not negatively affect the FY 2007 ALCP budget.

4D. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments conducted consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment includes minor project revisions to existing projects in the TIP as part of the Interim Closeout of the Federal FY 2007 MAG Federally Funded Program. Minor project revisions do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment were requested by June 22, 2007. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

4E. MAG 9-1-1 Five Year Plan 2007 Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the MAG 9-1-1 Five Year Plan 2007 Update. On November 1, 2000, the MAG Regional Council approved the MAG 9-1-1 Five Year Plan. The MAG 9-1-1 Five Year Plan needed to be updated to provide guidance for the MAG 9-1-1 system for the next five years. During the past year, a working group comprising Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers and the Maricopa Region 9-1-1 Office staff, worked on an update to the Plan by reviewing the current state of the system and making recommendations for the direction of the 9-1-1 system. The ultimate goal of this review was to determine how the 9-1-1 system could continue to provide the highest level of service to the communities that are served by the system. Issues of the 9-1-1 system reviewed in this plan update are: The staffing level of 9-1-1 Administration; formalized process to capture statistical data; decrease of the 9-1-1 fund; need for system lifecycles or software maintenance plan; influx of new technology; telecommunicator training and public education; new communications technological enhancements; recovery procedures; best use of resources. The draft update has been reviewed and recommended by the MAG PSAP Managers Group and the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team.

4F. Financial Auditor Selection for the Maricopa Association of Governments

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended selecting Cronstrom, Osuch and Company, P.C., to perform the MAG annual financial audit for fiscal years 2007 through 2011. The Maricopa Association of Governments requested proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit the financial statements for five consecutive years beginning in fiscal year 2007. In response to the Request for Proposals released in April 2007, MAG received three proposals from qualified certified public accountant firms, including Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C.; Henry and Horne, L.L.P.; and Cronstrom, Osuch and Company, P.C. The MAG Audit Selection Team reviewed the proposals and met to do a final evaluation of the proposals on May 3, 2007. The MAG Audit Selection Team recommended to MAG that Cronstrom, Osuch and Company, P.C. be selected to perform the financial audit at MAG for the period beginning FY 2007 through FY 2011.

4G. Urban Land Institute Reality Check

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended MAG participate in the Urban Land Institute Reality Check Program by providing data for the exercise and for the MAG member agencies to participate in the event. The Arizona Chapter of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) is tentatively planning to sponsor one of the organization's signature events in the MAG region. The ULI's Reality Check is a one-day, participatory, regional visioning exercise to engage leaders in a regional dialogue on growth issues. Representatives from ULI Arizona have contacted MAG staff to see if MAG member agencies would be interested in participating in the Reality Check. Reality Check is a visioning exercise that allows regional leaders to work in diverse groups of 8-10 individuals in an effort to analyze the region's expected growth. The exercise is designed to provide a regionwide awareness of the level of growth that is expected; recognize the legitimate points of view of different stakeholders; and lay the foundation for the development of a concrete list of next steps to assure quality growth to meet the region's needs

in the future. Reality Check exercises have been successfully held in Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC; North Texas; and Maryland. There are also plans to hold Reality Checks in Seattle, Washington; Tampa Bay, Florida; and other regions in Arizona.

4H. Social Service Block Grant Revised Allocation Recommendations

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the revised allocation recommendations for the FY 2008 Social Service Block Grant. In May 2007, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) notified MAG that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is requiring revised allocation recommendations for the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) reflecting a 19.722 percent budget cut proposed at the federal level. Also in May, the MAG Regional Council approved a resolution supporting level or increased funding for four federal programs, including SSBG. While it is hoped that the proposed budget cut will not be approved, a revised plan needs to be submitted to DES by the end of June. In response to the requirement for a revised plan, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee met on May 17, 2007, to develop recommendations for how the proposed reduction in funding should be applied to the four target groups and services. In addition, a vote on the revised allocation recommendations by the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee was anticipated to occur on June 20, 2007.

5. Requested Material Changes to the ADOT Program

Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, reported on program changes for FY 2007 and FY 2008 requests by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Mr. Anderson advised that MAG is statutorily required to approve material changes to the ADOT Life Cycle Program.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the requested changes that include increasing the FY 2007 construction budget by \$3.3 million to a total of \$32.3 million on the US 93/Wickenburg Bypass project. Mr. Anderson explained that the cost increases resulted from utility relocations, retaining walls, and flood protection.

Mr. Anderson stated that ADOT has requested changes to the I-17, SR 101 to Jomax Road project, which includes increasing the FY 2008 construction budget by \$13 million to a total of \$84 million. He advised that the cost increase includes an additional southbound lane between Pinnacle Peak Road and Deer Valley Road to reduce weaving movements; additional drainage work; an increase the pavement thickness to accommodate heavy truck volumes and soil conditions; and revised unit costs. Mr. Anderson noted that some of the cost increase is being funded by Maricopa County Flood Control District and the City of Phoenix.

Mr. Anderson stated that ADOT has also requested that the FY 2007 design budget for the SR 303, Happy Valley Road to I-17 project be increased by \$5.282 million to a total of \$19.282 million. This includes the cost to design the system interchange that will be required to connect L303 to SR 74. Mr. Anderson explained that when the section of SR 74 between Lake Pleasant Boulevard to I-17 is completed, it will be taken off the state system, but first, ADOT needs to design the system connection so that right-of-way can be identified.

Mr. Anderson stated that a change is also requested to add a new \$4 million pavement preservation project for FY 2008 for the SR 347, County Line to Queen Creek Road traffic interchange. He explained that this project will connect the City of Maricopa with the Queen Creek traffic interchange on I-10. Mr. Anderson advised that funding for this project will be provided by ADOT's Pavement Preservation state fund.

Mr. Anderson stated that the requested changes add \$25.582 million of costs, of which \$6 million of additional funding is being added to the program. He advised that MAG has reviewed the requested changes and determined that they are reasonable and necessary to meet the RTP Freeway Program. He added that MAG has also reviewed the ADOT cash flows with the requested changes incorporated into the analysis. The additional costs reduce the cash balances in the ADOT program however, the balances for FY 2007 and FY 2008 are above the minimum balance guidelines used by ADOT to manage the program. Mr. Anderson advised that these requested changes, therefore, can be incorporated into the program without affecting other future projects. Chair Beasley thanked Mr. Anderson for his report and asked members if they had questions.

Mr. McClendon asked if the statement that cash flows are adequate indicates that revenue projections have increased. Mr. Anderson replied it means that these costs can be accommodated within the cash flows. Mr. McClendon asked Mr. Anderson to confirm that these cost increases would not affect projects in the future. Mr. Anderson replied that was correct.

Mr. Pickering moved to recommend approval of the requested program changes. Ms. Dennis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Regional Year-Round Shelter Funding

Mr. Fairbanks addressed the Committee on funding shortages being experienced by overflow shelters located in downtown Phoenix. He stated that even though the MAG human services technical committee was still working on this issue, it was important enough of an issue to have on the agenda today for discussion with no action being taken.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that there are three types of homeless people in our society. He commented that the homeless are a collection of people, some with substance abuse problems; some who are mentally ill; some who are lost souls who do not know how to connect with their environment; some who do not understand the world of work; some who are criminals and want to hide; some who are down on their luck and have lost their homes to foreclosure because they were too poor to go to bankruptcy court. Mr. Fairbanks stated that at one time, many homeless people were contributing members in our communities, but have now ended up on the trash heap of society.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that some of the homeless have jobs, but because of certain circumstances, they end up on the streets. He said that most of the homeless are concentrated in downtown Phoenix, which results in extra burdens for social services and law enforcement that are borne by the City. Mr. Fairbanks noted that the Phoenix Police Department provides a crew who works at the shelters full time.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that the issue is inadequate shelter space. He said that there is space for two-thirds of those who need emergency shelter, and that space is in financial crisis. Mr. Fairbanks stated that the Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) shelter is under pressure and potentially could close or have to cut back part of its operations, because it does not have enough funding to pay the electricity or provide food or necessary services.

Mr. Fairbanks remarked that the system to finance these shelters is weak. He noted that many of the people around this table contribute heavily and make a tremendous financial commitment toward the homeless issue. Mr. Fairbanks encouraged each city to think about their commitments and what funds they might have to contribute to assist these shelters.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that the homeless are people in need who do not know where their next meal is coming from. There are those who are sick and have nowhere to get health care; there are those who are mentally ill and have no capacity to find treatment. Mr. Fairbanks stated that people could participate because they believe in cooperative solutions to community problems and because they care about the region. He noted that some jurisdictions do not have the financial capacity to have a shelter within their city or town, but might be in a position to help existing shelters. Mr. Fairbanks said that maybe they could give because they believe in working with others to solve a real social problem that is part of any major metropolitan area.

Mr. Fairbanks commented that just as this region is wealthy because of the economic activity and growth in the region, the downside is people in need. He remarked that the regional solution is to work together and try to solve the problem.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that if people are not being housed in shelters, they will live their lives as best they can, but that means connecting with police and jails and doing what they have to do to survive, including adding to the crime rate. He stated that an effective shelter system gives those who might be a problem real care and treatment and a chance at a better life. Mr. Fairbanks added that in the end, this saves jurisdictions money.

Mr. Fairbanks also noted that if CASS fails, the homeless who are now concentrated in Central Phoenix will spread out to other communities. Mr. Fairbanks noted that jurisdictions could call CASS directly to offer assistance and did not need to go through the City of Phoenix.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that homelessness is a regional problem. He said that many of the homeless people at CASS started out in the nicest communities in this region. Because they experienced budgetary problems, alcoholism, or mental problems they ended up relying CASS for survival. Mr. Fairbanks noted that CASS shelters increasingly house not only men, but also women and children.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that many jurisdictions are doing a lot, and each needs to decide for itself. He commented that there are many programs in which each jurisdiction could spend its budget, instead of supporting CASS. Mr. Fairbanks asked members to think about homelessness, how it connects with their community's plans, and see if they could help.

Mr. Harris stated that homelessness is a real problem. He said that the County is very supportive and he agreed with Mr. Fairbanks' comments. Mr. Harris encouraged members to think about supporting the shelter. He said that the County would like to participate on any sort of task force or committee working on this issue. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, stated that the MAG Continuum of Care Committee on Homelessness, chaired by Phoenix City Councilman Greg Stanton, conducts the annual process for ranking projects that will receive Stuart B. McKinney funds. He noted that the CASS shelter goes above and beyond this funding. Mr. Smith spoke of people dying from the heat a couple of years ago, whereupon the City of Phoenix decided to keep the overflow shelters open. He added that he was not sure there is a lot of time for process because the summer heat is already here.

Chair Beasley asked the amount needed for the shelters. Amy St. Peter, MAG Human Services Manager, advised that \$700,000 is the difference. She explained that the CASS Board needs to maintain the integrity of the regular shelter. Ms. St. Peter noted that the overflow shelter of 300 beds is in addition to the regular shelter. She advised that the 300 beds are at capacity every night and these are the beds that are in danger of closing if extra funding is not found. Ms. St. Peter stated that CASS is working on fundraising to maintain existing services.

Chair Beasley expressed a thank you to Mr. Fairbanks for words well spoken. He commented that he thought all agencies would take this to heart and see what could be done beyond what is already being done.

7. Election of Officers

Each June, the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are elected by the Management Committee.

Mr. Rumpeltes moved to nominate Jan Dolan as Chair and Charlie McClendon as Vice Chair. Mr. Pettit seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Legislative Update

Mr. Smith provided an update on legislative issues of interest. He said that \$62 million for transportation appeared likely to be included from existing sources. Mr. Smith also noted that it appeared likely that the state highway bonds would be extended from 20 years to 30 years. He noted that in another piece of legislation, work continues on interest cost reimbursement language to make interest costs allowable. He added that there will be another \$10 million to establish the roads of regional significance mitigation account for high growth communities.

Mr. Smith commented on the Building a Quality Arizona project. He said that one component is the Statewide Reconnaissance Study, which will identify high growth areas that will need framework studies. Mr. Smith stated that there is legislation that could potentially provide \$7 million to fund those framework studies. He noted that the key language in the legislation says that the regional planning organization would select and guide the consultant study in cooperation with ADOT. Mr. Smith noted that this provides ownership of a plan in the event of a statewide election.

Lindy Bauer, MAG Environmental Director, provided a report on air quality legislation. She said that the Legislature has embodied into Senate Bill 1552 many of the Suggested List of Measures that were approved by the MAG Regional Council. She noted that one missing measure is the prohibition of new dirt roads. She said with lot splitting in the unincorporated areas of the County, new private dirt roads continue to be created. Ms. Bauer noted that the MAG jurisdictions then spend public dollars to pave them.

Ms. Bauer advised that Maricopa County Planning Department came up with provisions tied to building permits to pave unpaved roads. She noted that this has met with opposition from the Board of Realtors and has not been included in the bill. Mr. Smith commented on how the MAG Regional Transportation Plan included funding for paving dirt roads. He said that funding included \$2 million in 2008, \$3.5 million in 2009, \$3.5 million approved in fall 2006, and an additional \$5 million approved last month. Mr. Smith commented that this is becoming circular as more dirt roads are created.

Chair Beasley thanked Mr. Smith and Ms. Bauer for their reports. No questions from the Committee were noted.

8. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee 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.

Mr. Rumpeltes thanked Mr. Anderson for attending the West Valley Mayors and Managers meeting.

Vice Chair Dolan presented Chair Beasley with a plaque in appreciation of his service to the MAG region as Chair of the Management Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman