

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
May 8, 2002
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg, Chairman
Scott Schrader, Avondale
Joe Blanton, Buckeye
Jon Pearson, Carefree
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek
Donna Dreska, Chandler
Stuart Brackney, El Mirage
Roy Pederson, Fountain Hills
*Shane Dille, Gila Bend
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community
Tami Ryall for George Pettit, Gilbert
Ed Beasley, Glendale
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear
Tom Morales, Guadalupe
Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
Mike Hutchinson, Mesa

Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Terry Ellis, Peoria
Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
*Bryan Meyers, Salt River
Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Steve Olson for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale
Jim Rumpeltes for Bill Pupo, Surprise
Shannon Wilhelmsen for Will Manley, Tempe
Ralph Velez, Tolleson
*Mark Fooks, Youngtown
Mary Lynn Tischer for Victor Mendez, ADOT
Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County
Ken Driggs, Valley Metro/RPTA
+George Hoffman, Apache Junction

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

+ Non-voting

Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg, at 12:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Tom Morales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Carpenter stated that transit tickets were available following the meeting from Valley Metro/RPTA. Chairman Carpenter announced that for agenda item #7, Consultant Selection for the MAG Regional Concept of Transportation Operations, an update reflecting the consensus of the Proposal Review Panel was at each place. He stated that agenda item #9, Requested Change to the MAG Regional Freeway Program, was tabled. Chairman Carpenter stated that for agenda item #10, FY 2002-2006 Short Range Transit Report, an Errata Sheet was at each place.

3. Approval of April 10, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Carpenter asked members if there were any changes to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Horatio Skeete moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2002 meeting. Mike Hutchinson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Call to the Audience

Chairman Carpenter stated that public comments have a three minute time limit. There is usually a timer to help the public with their presentations. Chairman Carpenter stated that because the timer was being repaired, when two minutes have elapsed, a yellow card would be held up notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. At the end of the three minute time period, a blue card would be held up. Chairman Carpenter stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, cards are available from the staff who will bring it to the Chairman. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items.

Chairman Carpenter recognized public comment from DD Barker, who stated that she rode her bike from the Hohokam and University to the meeting. She stated that she hoped that some transportation money would be used to get people around on buses. Ms. Barker commented that it would be preferential to have bus wait times of ten minutes. In many instances, the wait time can be one half-hour. Ms. Barker commented that the airport is not a multimodal facility. Ms. Barker told of an occasion related to her by a Valley Metro bus driver, who said that his bus was stopped at Central and Camelback when Mayor Skip Rimsza rode by on his bicycle. Mayor Rimsza asked the bus driver if he was having a mechanical problem. The bus driver responded to the mayor that he was merely stopped. Ms. Barker stated that the bus driver had commented that the mayor rode on, but should have loaded his bicycle and ridden the bus. This would have set an example to help increase bus ridership. Ms. Barker stated that fixed transit is not needed until the bus system we have now is running at higher capacity. Fixed rail is not needed to suit a 40-year old male. What are we doing to advance what we already have? Ms. Barker stated her support for multimodalism and performed a cartwheel. Chairman Carpenter thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chairman Carpenter recognized public comment from Bob McKnight, who expressed his thanks for the organizational chart of the light rail project staff, requested at last month's Management Committee meeting. He stated that it is a good start, but does not show the consultants. Mr. McKnight stated that there may be too much money being spent on consultants. Mr. McKnight stated that the chart did not have a date. He remarked that in the past, a document noted a date, who created it and who reviewed it. Details need to be included, or he has no way of knowing if the chart is still valid or not. Mr. McKnight stated that the ITS contract scope is not nearly large enough. He commented that billions of dollars could probably have been saved on the system by using more ITS technology. Mr. McKnight stated that ITS will help solve problems. More forward thinkers who know sensors software are needed. Mr. McKnight stated that when there is only one road, and that breaks down, then you have chaos. We need to go farther with ITS. Chairman Carpenter thanked Mr. McKnight for his comments.

5. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that the new MAG Website has been launched. Features on the Website include links to committee meetings and agendas, and member agency home pages.

Mr. Bourey stated that the MAG Videoconferencing System has been completed. A public kickoff is scheduled for May 2002.

Mr. Bourey stated that the nominations for the Desert Peaks awards have been received. The Desert Peaks judges will meet in May 2002, and the winners announced at the Desert Peaks awards dinner in June 2002. Mr. Bourey encouraged attendance at the awards evening.

Mr. Bourey stated that he attended a meeting in Washington, DC last week to evaluate the census. He noted that one item of concern was the American Community Survey, which is an ongoing sample to replace the long form. He added that it is anticipated that the survey will be implemented for 2003-2008, and will dramatically alter how we get information. Mr. Bourey commented that it may be beneficial to have a briefing on this issue.

Mr. Bourey introduced MAG's new receptionist, Amy Eastridge. Ms. Eastridge formerly worked for Paddock Pools and the City Manager in Gallup, New Mexico.

Mr. Bourey stated that tours were conducted of the Southwest and Northwest Study Areas. The findings of these subregional studies will feed into the development of the new Regional Transportation Plan. Chairman Carpenter thanked Mr. Bourey for his report.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Carpenter stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for action items on consent. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. He stated that any member of the Committee may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually.

Chairman Carpenter recognized public comment from DD Barker, who stated her support for ITS. She requested that the results of various completed studies be considered by the consultants. Ms. Barker suggested that the names of the other two consulting firms that submitted responses and were not interviewed should be included in the information provided. Ms. Barker stated that she is not a faceless person, and wanted her name to be mentioned in the public comment section of the public input section of the summary transmittals, rather than being referred to as a "citizen." Chairman Carpenter thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Cynthia Seelhammer moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Hutchinson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Consultant Selection for the MAG Regional Concept of Transportation Operations

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of a consultant to conduct the MAG Regional Concept of Transportation Operations Study for an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The MAG Planning Work Program includes a consultant project to develop a concept of transportation operations for the MAG region. The need for developing a comprehensive

plan for operations was recognized during the development of the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan, April 2001. A request for proposals was advertised and four qualifying proposals were received. Two consultant teams, one led by IBI Group and the second led by Kimley-Horn and Associates, were interviewed on May 7, 2002. After review and discussion, the multi-jurisdictional Selection Panel reached a consensus that Kimley-Horn and Associates be selected to assist MAG in developing the Regional Concept of Transportation Operations. The cost of the project is not to exceed \$ 250,000 and the duration of the project is 12 months.

8. Approval of Recommendations for Social Services Block Grant Fund Recommendations, State Fiscal Year 2002-2003

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the priority needs, services and funding SSBG recommendations for SFY 2002-2003 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security for advertisement and contracting. On April 18, 2002, the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee recommended approval of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2002-2003 funding recommendations for the locally planned Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) totaling \$4,090,579 in funds to help support basic need services to the most vulnerable members of the region, namely shelter and case management for homeless individuals and families; home delivered meals to the elderly; and specialized employment for people with disabilities. These recommendations reflect a \$662,019 reduction from the 2001-2002 MAG SSBG Plan due to cuts to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds transferred to the Council of Governments in 2002 and a reduction in the state allocation of SSBG.

9. Requested Change to the MAG Regional Freeway Program

This item was tabled.

10. FY 2002-2006 Short Range Transit Report

Anne MacCracken, RPTA/Valley Metro staff, gave a presentation on the Short Range Transit Report (SRTR). Ms. MacCracken stated that the SRTR is prepared and updated annually by RPTA for MAG. She stated that the report evaluates transit services in FY 2000-2001 and identifies operating and capital improvements for FY 2002-2006. Ms. MacCracken stated that the plan was developed using input from MAG member agencies and citizens. The report feeds into the RPTA Long Range Transit Plan, and MAG's Long Range Transportation Plan and new Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. MacCracken added that the SRTR serves as a resource guide those interested in transit. Ms. MacCracken reviewed the highlights of the SRTR. Chairman Carpenter thanked Ms. MacCracken for her presentation.

Chairman Carpenter recognized public comment from DD Barker, who expressed her appreciation for the presentation. She stated that she has been a transit user since 1986. Ms. Barker made suggestions to change things for the better, including more flexible transportation options. Ms. Barker stated that the City of Phoenix has one of the largest clean vehicle fleets in the world, and longer hours and more regular times are needed to utilize this fleet. Ms. Barker stated that many buses are packed, but many are not. After bus ridership is up, then fixed transportation can be considered. Ms. Barker stated that there is a white elephant under the Deck Park tunnel, and this needs to be completed. Fast buses are needed so the public will

want to use them. Ms. Barker suggested having express bus routes from the Deck Park tunnel to Tempe and Mesa. Ms. Barker stated that advertising will encourage more ridership on buses. Chairman Carpenter thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Mr. Hutchinson moved to recommend approval of the FY 2002-2006 Short Range Transit Report contingent upon a finding of conformity for the MAG FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Fairbanks asked for clarification if the motion included the errata sheet. It was affirmed that the motion included the errata sheet. Mr. Fairbanks seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Draft FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Mr. Bourey expressed his appreciation for the input received from all who participated in the process of drafting the Work Program. He remarked that input received from the three budget workshops was helpful. The Work Program has been reviewed and commented on at two Executive Committee meetings and many meetings with city staff. Mr. Bourey noted the importance that action be taken by the Regional Council in two weeks, so a budget will be in place at the start of the new fiscal year.

Becky Kimbrough gave a presentation on the draft FY 2003 Work Program and Annual Budget. Ms. Kimbrough displayed a list that showed opportunities for input to the budget, including three budget workshops. The workshops were presented in February in the City of Peoria, the City of Chandler and the City of Phoenix. Ms. Kimbrough stated that 520 invitations were sent out and attendance at these meetings ranged from 10 to 15 people each meeting. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the MAG FY 2001 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget recently received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officer's Association for the third year in a row.

Ms. Kimbrough displayed a pie chart that showed the allocation of funds that are cooperatively developed and totals \$724.6 Million. The largest portion of these funds, \$446.9 Million, are the Regional Area Road Funds designated for the construction of the MAG Freeway Plan. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the requested action included \$1.5 million for the 2005 Census Project approved by Regional Council in April, staff positions for review of developments of regional impact recommended by the Executive Committee in their March and April meetings. She noted that MAG typically requests approximately three percent of the STP regional funding for operations, whereas PAG uses approximately 13 percent.

Ms. Kimbrough displayed a pie chart that showed the source of funds totaling \$12,729,795, of which federal revenue is the largest portion at approximately 76 percent. Ms. Kimbrough showed charts of funds by expenditure category, and expenditures by program area. She noted that personnel costs represented a moderate overall increase due to anticipated increases in health benefit costs, budgeted overall employee pay increases of 5 percent and additional positions for review of developments of regional impact that were recommended by the Executive Committee. Ms. Kimbrough stated that staggering the position hire dates lessens the impact of these personnel costs on the budget. She added that the proposed budget increase is 3.3 percent.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the dues and assessments did not change and were increased only by the MAG Regional Freeway System inflation factor. Proposed assessments include Solid

Waste, Water Quality, 9-1-1, Human Services, and Homeless Prevention. Ms. Kimbrough displayed a list of FY 2003 proposed new projects with the largest budget impacts, including SAM-IM Enhancements, Truck/Travel Freight Analysis, Vehicle Occupancy Survey, HPMS Traffic Count, and Calibration of EMME/2. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the requested recommendation is to approve the resolution adopting the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments and to amend the FY 2002 Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate the FY 2002 Surface Transportation Improvement Program Funds identified in the FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Chairman Carpenter thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her presentation and asked if there were any questions.

Ed Beasley asked if the Regional Council as a whole had discussed the staff positions. Mr. Bourey replied that they had discussed the positions in general, but not specific terms. He added that the Regional Council will be considering the approval of the Work Program at their May meeting. Mr. Bourey explained that one of the new positions was a planner for the Town Hall Meeting and three positions were for the review of developments of regional impact. He remarked that after discussions with city staff, they recommended that the positions hire dates would be staggered until the process was worked out. Mr. Bourey added that if the Regional Council does not agree to these positions, they will not be hired. Mr. Bourey noted that an experienced senior planner would need to be on board by July 1, 2002 to work with member agency staff. He added that staggering the positions hire dates lessens the cost. Mr. Bourey stated that an increase in assessment was discussed, but was not pursued. Mr. Bourey stated that STP funds could be used to fund these positions.

Mr. Beasley commented on recommending, if possible, that the amounts be placed as separate line items as a contingency until it is understood how they would be brought in. Mr. Bourey stated that the Regional Council will be discussing the Work Program at their next meeting. If they do not agree with having those items, the Regional Council could delay in some fashion. The Regional Council will provide the direction needed to go forward. Mr. Bourey noted that the review of developments of regional impact was first brought up at the retreat one and one-half years ago.

Mike Hutchinson asked Mr. Bourey for clarification that direction for including the positions in the budget was given by the Executive Committee. Mr. Bourey replied that correct. He added that it was a unanimous recommendation from the Executive Committee to place the positions in the budget.

Mr. Fairbanks asked if the budget reflected a ten percent increase in staff and how many were new staff? Mr. Bourey replied that the budget reflected four new positions. One position is for a Town Hall/policy staff, and three are for staff for the review of developments of regional impact. In addition, three current associate positions would be consolidated into one full time staff. Ms. Kimbrough explained there was a net total of 6.5 positions, however, 2.5 of those positions were conversions. Mr. Fairbanks asked how many MAG staff there was. Ms. Kimbrough stated that there were 61.75 staff for FY 2001-2002. Mr. Fairbanks noted that 6.5 positions represented a ten and one-half percent increase.

Mr. Fairbanks asked why there was a cut in environmental staff. Dennis Smith explained that an environmental staff member was moving to Tucson. Because this staff member is highly specialized, the person would be placed under contract for their services, rather than an

employee. Mr. Fairbanks commented that this was not really a cut in staff, but a change to a contract position.

Mr. Smith reviewed the number of MAG positions in relation to other agencies. He stated that Pima Association of Governments has 55 employees that serve 870,000 citizens. MAG would have 68.25 to serve 3.1 million citizens, and Denver has 89 employees to serve 3.4 million citizens.

Mr. Beasley acknowledged the need, and expressed that his concern that even though the Executive Committee had seen the budget, there would be questions about the exact number of staff, their tasks, etc. He asked if changing the costs associated with the MAG name had been discussed by the membership as a whole. Mr. Bourey replied that the money would not be spent if the name was not changed.

Mr. Cleveland commented that on those items, there could be a footnote to the budget that the money is reserved for a single purpose, and if that purpose is not carried out, there would be a cash balance at the end of the year.

Horatio Skeete expressed his disappointment with the process and timing of the Work Program and budget being presented. He commented that there needed to be more time for review. Mr. Skeete stated that the Management Committee is being told that action is needed today to pass the budget, so why bother looking at it? He stated that he would like an opportunity to review the budget with sufficient time for review and time to go back and make adjustments, if necessary. Mr. Skeete stated that, for that reason, he would abstain.

Mr. Hutchinson moved to recommend approving the resolution adopting the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments and to amend the FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2002 Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate the FY 2002 Surface Transportation Improvement Program funds identified in the FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Donna Dreska seconded.

Mr. Fairbanks requested a weighted vote. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Schrader, Mr. Blanton, Mr. Pearson, Ms. Dreska, Mr. Brackney, Mr. Pederson, Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Martinsen, Mr. Ellis, Ms. Seelhammer, Mr. Rumpeltes, Ms. Wilhelmsen, Mr. Velez, Ms. Tischer, and Mr. Driggs voted yes; Mr. Abujbarah, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Morales, Mr. Skeete, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Buick voted no; and Ms. Ryall and Mr. Olson abstained. The motion failed by a weighted vote of 41 yes, 60 no, and 11 abstentions.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that the Management Committee's recommendation was only a recommendation to the Regional Council, who has the ultimate power to approve the Work Program and Budget.

Mr. Cleveland raised a point of order. He asked for clarification that a weighted vote only serves to stop a motion. Mr. Bourey explained the weighted voting process. If a weighted vote is called for, the vote must pass both by majority of the member agencies' population and by weight (population).

Mr. Cleveland stated that there was discussion prior to the vote on the motion that indicated that it might be worthy to continue discussion on the issue. This discussion could result in a new or amended motion for passage of the agenda item.

Mr. Beasley stated that he would like to see discussion on the number of new staff positions and the MAG name change. He stated that the Committee had partially dealt with those items as contingency. Mr. Beasley stated that although the Executive Committee had dealt with the budget, he would like to see a motion that would open discussion on the budget on the number of employees and the MAG name change separated out as two agenda items, subject to the full Regional Council voting on these two measures. Chairman Carpenter asked Mr. Beasley if he wanted to state that in a motion. Mr. Beasley replied in the affirmative. Mr. Morales seconded the motion.

Mr. Fairbanks commented that the vote had been taken, and a re-vote could not be taken on the same issue, unless someone changed their vote. Mr. Fairbanks stated that in his opinion, the issue had been resolved.

Chairman Carpenter stated that Mr. Beasley had indicated that he might have voted yes for the motion if there had been certain language about the positions and the name change included in the motion. Therefore, it would be appropriate that a motion could be made to reconsider.

Mr. Beasley amended his motion to reconsider discussion of the Work Program and Annual Budget. Mr. Morales seconded. Mr. Fairbanks called for a weighted vote.

Mr. Cleveland asked if the issue of reconsideration could be discussed before voting? What is the value of reconsidering before reconsidering?

Mr. Beasley stated that he only wanted to discuss the number of staff and the name change, and the amounts being put in contingency until the body as a whole could reconsider the issues. The money would be placed back in the budget if not used and would not be spent without action by the Regional Council.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that it would be inappropriate to take up reconsideration again. He stated that the issue is that MAG has set itself apart from member agencies without consultation from the members. He stated that the real resolution will be at the Regional Council meeting, anyway. The best resolution would be to work with member agencies between now and Regional Council. Mr. Fairbanks stated that the City of Phoenix has a \$2 billion budget. A summary of the budget is published one and one-half months before the Council votes. Mr. Fairbanks stated that a major issue is that there is no opportunity for input. He indicated that no one had contacted him and he had zero input. The only input is from what his staff told him. Mr. Fairbanks stated that the problem could be solved by taking out the positions and name change.

Mr. Bourey acknowledged the great time commitments of the Committee. He noted that announcements for the budget workshops were sent out in January and February. Mr. Bourey also noted that there were many occasions when requests for input had been made, including requests made during his Executive Directors report at the Management Committee and Regional Council meetings. He stated that more work has been done on the FY 2003 Work Program and budget than on any Work Program and budget in years past. Mr. Bourey stated

that it is up to the member agencies to make the recommendations. MAG staff does not suggest the work program items. Only items resulting from input have been put in the Work Program. Mr. Bourey stated that the Management Committee needs to provide their objections to the Regional Council.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that he was appreciative of the fact that MAG reached out to the community. Mr. Fairbanks asked if the cities do not show up at the hearing, then they don't have input? Mr. Bourey clarified that the budget workshops were not public hearings, but workshops for member agency staff to provide input.

Mr. Smith stated that drafting the Work Program and budget is a complicated process. He explained that city staff had significant input into the process. Numerous changes were made based on their comments. Mr. Smith stated that extensive changes had been made to the regional development section based on member agency input. Mr. Smith noted that input from the Intergovernmental Representatives was received. He commented that if MAG staff had heard concerns, they would have worked to address those concerns. Mr. Smith stated that the comment about getting the Work Program and budget out earlier is a fair comment. Mr. Smith remarked that no negative comments about the Work Program or budget were expressed by Phoenix city staff.

Mr. Hutchinson indicated that he was not under the impression that the workshops were public hearings, but agency staff workshops. He expressed his appreciation for the efforts to provide opportunities for review. Mr. Hutchinson commented that the Work Program and budget should be forwarded to the Regional Council for their consideration.

Mr. Beasley withdrew his motion.

Mr. Cleveland stated that the concerns on timeliness and separation of issues of those who voted no need to be conveyed to the Regional Council.

Mr. Morales withdrew his second of the motion.

12. Approval to Begin Implementation of Regional Town Hall Meetings

Mr. Bourey stated that the MAG Governance Task Force unanimously recommended that MAG hold regional town hall meetings with a specific invitation list for the purpose of advising the Regional Council on goals and policies. This recommendation was considered at the retreats of the Management Committee and Regional Council. The members at the Regional Council Retreat unanimously forwarded the town hall meeting recommendation to the Regional Council.

Mr. Hutchinson moved to recommend that MAG proceed with implementing an annual Regional Town Hall Meeting to advise the Regional Council on goals and policies. Mr. Cleveland seconded.

Mr. Beasley amended the motion to include the recommendation that a subcommittee of Regional Council members be established to develop the goals, policies, and budget for the annual Regional Town Hall Meeting. Mr. Fairbanks seconded.

Mr. Skeete expressed his concern with “annual.” He stated that he did not object to the concept of a Town Hall Meeting, but this would be tying ourselves into something that may not be necessary in the future.

Hearing no further discussion, a vote was taken on the question, which passed, with Mr. Skeete voting no.

13. Consideration of Apache Junction as a MAG Member Agency

Mr. Bourey stated that in April 1998, the City of Apache Junction requested that MAG consider extending formal representation to the City of Apache Junction. This issue was discussed by the MAG Executive Committee and at the January 7, 2000 Regional Council Retreat. At the Regional Council Retreat, the consensus was to provide Apache Junction a seat at the table on the Management Committee and Regional Council with non-voting status. Mr. Bourey explained that in May 2001, the Regional Council approved forming a Governance Task Force and Advisory Committee. Mr. Bourey stated that the Task Force unanimously recommended extending MAG membership to local governments in the contiguous urbanized area. He noted that this would currently apply only to the City of Apache Junction. Mr. Bourey stated that currently, growth of the urbanized area is extending into Pinal County. Apache Junction adjoins the City of Mesa and a small portion of Apache Junction is within Maricopa County. He stated that this portion of the population of Apache Junction is included in the calculation of federal funds by the Federal Highway Administration for the MAG region, due to it being in the urbanized area by the Bureau of the Census. Mr. Bourey advised that transportation projects for Apache Junction are included in the MAG TIP. He added that the PM-10 nonattainment area extends into Pinal County in the Apache Junction area.

Mr. Beasley commented that this issue has been discussed numerous times. He asked what is the difference between being at the table and being at the table and having a vote? Mr. Beasley commented that less than one percent of the population of Apache Junction resides in Maricopa County. Mr. Bourey replied that it is about voting rights. He explained that Apache Junction is currently part of the Nonattainment Area for PM-10 and is included in the MAG TIP. MAG receives transportation funds based on this.

Ms. Seelhammer made a plea to grant Apache Junction membership in MAG. MAG is a regional organization. Growth pays no attention to the map. Ms. Seelhammer explained how growth is to the east and affects Queen Creek’s transportation and air quality. To ignore these issues is not in the best interest of the public. Ms. Seelhammer stated that Queen Creek was invited to be a member of the Central Arizona Association of Governments, even though only a small part of their community is in Pinal County.

Ms. Seelhammer moved to recommend granting MAG membership to the City of Apache Junction and direction to prepare a draft By-Laws amendment. Mr. Hutchinson seconded, and the motion carried, with Mr. Skeete voting no, and Mr. Driggs and Mr. Schrader abstaining.

14. Nomination Process for Officers of the Management Committee

At the November 30, 2001 Management Committee Retreat, the possibility of establishing a procedure for nominating Management Committee officers was discussed. Staff was directed to present draft procedures for the election of officers prior to the June election. Traditionally,

the Chair and Vice Chair have served for two one-year terms. These positions have rotated to achieve geographic balance for the officers. It has been suggested that a possible nomination procedure would be to have the outgoing Chair be responsible for working with members to nominate a Manager for the vacated Vice Chair position. In doing so, the Chair would pay particular attention to seeking a nominee which provides geographic balance in the Chair and Vice Chair positions. The current Vice Chair would, as in the past, be nominated for the Chair position. The slate of candidates would be included in the mailing of the June Management Committee agenda.

Chairman Carpenter noted that the Committee had blessed the next chair and vice chair at the Management Committee retreat. He asked if members agreed with the proposed nomination process.

Steve Olson asked for clarification if action was for approving the process for the future? Mr. Bourey replied that action was being requested on the process.

Mr. Olson moved to approve having the outgoing Chair of the Management Committee be responsible for working with members to nominate a Manager for the Vice Chair Position and the current Vice Chair would be nominated for the position of Chair. Mr. Cleveland seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Carpenter recognized Roy Pederson, formerly with Maricopa County and the City of Scottsdale, in attendance as the representative for Fountain Hills.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary