

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 25, 2003  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	*Duncan Miller, Paradise Valley
✓ Bryant Powell, Apache Junction	*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
*Adrian Williamson, Avondale	Tom Ellsworth, Mesa
**Liz Zeller, Buckeye	Elaine Averitt for Matt Holm, Maricopa County
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Tim Bolton for Prisila Ferreira, Peoria
John Zupon for David de la Torre, Chandler	Tim Tilton, Phoenix
Mark Smith, El Mirage	**Shawney Ekadis for John Kross, Queen Creek
*Denise Ruhling, Fountain Hills	Don Hadder for Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community	*Scott Phillips, Surprise
Ron Short, Glendale	Mark Elma, Tempe
Janeen Hollomon, Goodyear	*Mark Fooks, Youngtown
*Gary Smith, Guadalupe	Stuart Boggs for Anne MacCracken, RPTA

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

\*\*Participated via audioconference

✓ Participated via videoconference

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Phil Garthright, Buckeye	Anubhav Bagley, MAG
Richard Yost, El Mirage	Seth Paine, MAG
Monique de los Rios, Scottsdale	Harry Wolfe, MAG
Russ Heissinger, Maricopa County	Elaine Trammell, MAG

1. Call to Order

\_\_\_\_\_ The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a .m. by Chairman George Pettit.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests from the audience to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2003

It was moved by Tim Tilton, seconded by Bryant Powell and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2003.

4. Census 2000

Harry Wolfe reported that to date, the Census Bureau has released Summary Files One, Two and Three and a variety of other products. He said that during the coming year it is anticipated that the Census Bureau will be releasing: sections of the Census Transportation Planning Package, which contains data by Traffic Analysis Zone; Summary File 4 which contains additional census data cross tabulated by race and ethnicity; and county to county migration patterns by single year of age.

5. Population Options for 2005

Harry Wolfe stated that the MAG Management Subcommittee on 2005 population options was exploring alternatives for a 2005 Special Census for distributing state-shared revenues. He explained that one of the alternatives being closely examined is conducting a Census survey in lieu of a Special Census. He added that the survey was estimated to cost about \$12 million, not including cost of advertising and the full cost of counting population in group quarters. Mr. Wolfe said that the Special Census was estimated to cost \$30 million; and since the FHWA was willing to allow the use of STP funds to defray 50 percent of the project costs up to a maximum of \$6 million, the net cost to local jurisdictions for a survey would be \$6 million compared to \$24 million for a Special Census.

6. Development of Updated Traffic Analysis Zone System

Anubhav Bagley explained that MAG developed an updated Traffic Analysis Zone system for MAG socioeconomic projections. He noted that the new zone system was developed with input from member agency transportation staff and contains additional Traffic Analysis Zones to account for anticipated growth. Mr. Bagley mentioned that the new TAZ system would have 2123 TAZs: 1986 in Maricopa County, 136 in Pinal County and 1 in Yavapai County. He noted that a map displaying the Updated TAZ system was posted on the wall.

7. Subregional Socioeconomic Projections

Harry Wolfe reported that in October 2002 MAG prepared a second draft set of socioeconomic projections by Municipal Planning Area, Regional Analysis Zone and Traffic Analysis Zone for 2010, 2020, 2030 and 2040. He said that the projections had been under review for the past six months; that MAG staff had been assembling the comments on Draft Two of the projections; and that staff will be revising the projections based on comments received and preparing a third draft. Mr. Wolfe added that workshops to review the third draft projections with member agencies would be held prior to the April MAG POPTAC meeting. He said that the third draft would form the basis of the interim set of subregional projections that would be used in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan. MAG staff will provide a status report on these projections.

8. Maricopa County Interim Resident Population and Employment Projections

Harry Wolfe explained that MAG was in the process of updating its Regional Transportation Plan which needed to be completed shortly. He mentioned that the Plan requires socioeconomic projections as input; and that the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) is responsible for preparing the official state and county control population control totals. Mr. Wolfe stated that DES had not prepared county control totals because of the unavailability of certain census data and that therefore, MAG had to develop interim control totals for our socioeconomic projections for the Regional Transportation Plan,

Anubhav Bagley indicated that MAG staff had developed a set of county control totals drawing upon work prepared by Arizona State University and the University of Arizona for the Department of Commerce State Economic Strategies Study and the MAG REMI (Regional Economic Models Inc) model. He discussed the methodology and process used to develop the control totals; and noted that the interim control totals would be used in developing a third draft of socioeconomic projections to set the control totals for an interim set of subregional projections until DES develops official control totals and MAG is able to develop subregional projections consistent with them.

It was moved by Tim Tilton, seconded by Don Hadder and recommended to approve the resident population and employment control totals for Maricopa County as interim projections. The motion carried by a vote of 11-0 with two abstentions.

9. Building Permit Completions Status Report

Harry Wolfe stated that MAG was going to be using a more formal system for encouraging member agencies to supply their residential completions on a timely basis and turned the discussion over to Don Worley. Mr. Worley stated that he would be contacting those member agencies that had not supplied residential permit completions for a particular quarter to remind them about required deadlines.

10. Aerial Imagery for MAG Member Agencies

Don Worley reported that in order to evaluate the current status of regional development in the Maricopa region and to maintain our Geographic Information System (GIS) coverages, MAG requires up-to-date aerial imagery. He noted that for the past three years, MAG had purchased these data from Aerials Express. Mr. Worley also mentioned that knowing that several member agencies also purchase the imagery regularly from Aerial Express, and that other member agencies would like to do so, MAG had arranged with Aerials Express to license the latest imagery (November 2002), allowing MAG to provide a copy of this imagery to our member agencies at no extra cost.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.