

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADHOC SUBCOMMITTEE

December 9, 2008
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Tilton, Phoenix, Chair
Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
Wahid Alam, Mesa
Jason Crampton, Chandler

Thomas Ritz, Glendale
* Matt Holm, Maricopa County
* Lisa Collins, Tempe

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Max Enterline, Phoenix
Heidi Pahl, MAG

Rita Walton, MAG
Anubhav Bagley, MAG

1. Call to Order

Chair Tim Tilton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

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

3. Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2008

It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by Thomas Ritz and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of October 28, 2008.

4. Extension of MAG 2007 Socioeconomic Projections

Anubhav Bagley reminded the Subcommittee that the 2007 MAG Socioeconomic Projections for population, housing and employment by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis Zone (RAZ) for July 1, 2010, 2020, and 2030 were approved in May 2007. He said that a 25-year planning horizon is needed to support potential transportation planning projects. He further explained that at the January 2008 MAG POPTAC meeting, members approved the use of base data and methods consistent with the 2007 Socioeconomic Projections to extend the projections by MPA and RAZ to 2035. Mr. Bagley said that the Population and Employment

Control Totals for 2035 were approved by POPTAC in October 2006 and later by MAG Regional Council in December 2006.

Mr. Bagley said that MAG staff had developed and reviewed with MAG member agencies two draft sets of 2035 socioeconomic projections were sent for review to MAG member agencies in March and October, 2008. These draft projection sets had been reviewed by Socioeconomic Analysis Zones (SAZ) and comments received have been incorporated into the model. He further noted that the 2035 projections are an extension to the 2007 series and thus no new data were utilized in developing these numbers.

Mr. Bagley presented to the Subcommittee an analysis of the 2035 projections noting the key changes in vacancy rates, persons per household, jobs per person ratio, growth rates by sub-region and relative shares of population and employment of sub-regions.

Mr. Tilton mentioned that the projections did not incorporate the current economic climate including high vacancy rates due to foreclosures. He asked if these factors are expected to return to normal levels in the long term. Mr. Bagley responded that these are long-term projections and one would expect the vacancy rates to return to their historic averages. Max Enterline inquired about the total growth between 2030 and 2035. Mr. Bagley said that population increases from 6,135,000 in 2030 to 6,545,000 – a growth of 410,000 persons while employment grows from 3,378,800 in 2030 to 3,599,600 in 2035, a growth of 220,800 jobs.

Jason Crampton inquired about the MAG approval process and the timeline for the 2035 projections becoming official. Mr. Bagley explained that the projections will need to be approved by MAG POPTAC, Management Committee and then MAG Regional Council. He said that if all three Committees recommend approval of the projections, then the final numbers could be available by the end of January 2009.

Thomas Ritz moved to recommend to MAG POPTAC the approval of the Extension of the 2007 MAG Socioeconomic Projections to 2035 for Resident Population, Housing, and Employment by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis Zone (RAZ). Wahid Alam seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

5. July 1, 2008 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates

Mr. Bagley reminded the Subcommittee that on October 28, 2008 MAG POPTAC approved the July 1, 2008 Maricopa County and MAG Municipality Resident Population Updates provided the Maricopa County control total was within one percent of the final control total. These numbers were recommended by the MAG Management Committee on November 12, 2008. An updated draft control total for Maricopa County was received from the Arizona Department of Commerce on November 18, 2008. Mr. Bagley added that this control total was developed based on changes to the Composite Method data. Mr. Bagley provided an explanation of the different datasets used by Arizona Department of Commerce (DOC) and the recently identified problems and methodological changes. Mr. Bagley further explained that the updated number was within one tenth of one percent of the control total recommended by Management Committee and was therefore used in preparing the municipality population updates (Attachment Two). At the December 3, 2008 meeting of the MAG Regional Council, members approved the July 1, 2008 numbers. The State Population Technical Advisory Committee

considered these updates along with those for the remainder of the State on December 5, 2008 and the numbers have been forwarded to the Director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security for signature.

Wahid Alam inquired if Arizona Department of Commerce or other sources could provide numbers on seasonal population. Rita Walton said that the ADEPT report had recommended the development of other demographic variables like race, ethnicity, and seasonal population.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.