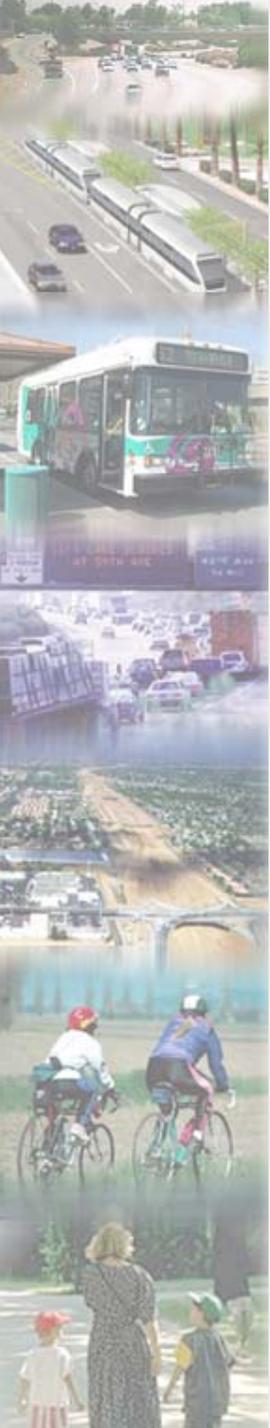


Transportation Enhancement Funds Workshop

April 27, 2007

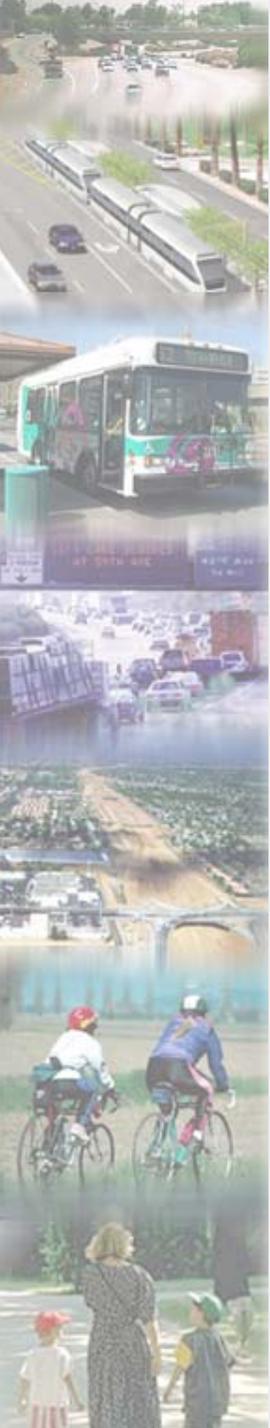
MAG Saguaro Room





Workshop Agenda

- Introductions
- Application Materials
- Associated Staff
- What are Transportation Enhancement Funds?
- Funding Availability
- Changes from 2006
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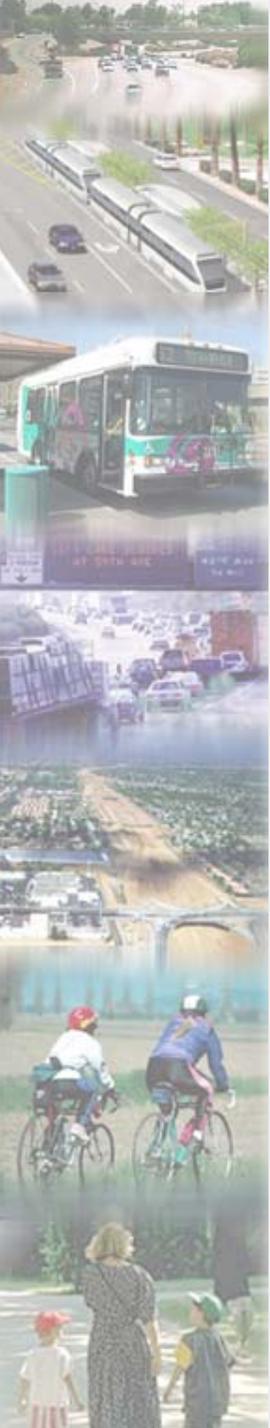


Application Materials

- Available from ADOT Website
www.adotenhancement.com

Available from MAG Website

- www.mag.maricopa.gov
- Necessary Application Materials
 - Arizona TE Program Application
 - Cost Estimates
- TE Program Handbook
- MAG TE Program Guidebook:
Supplemental Information



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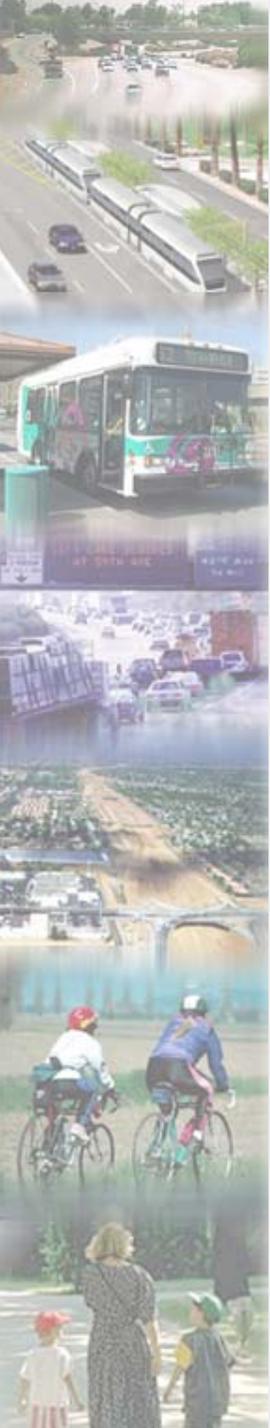
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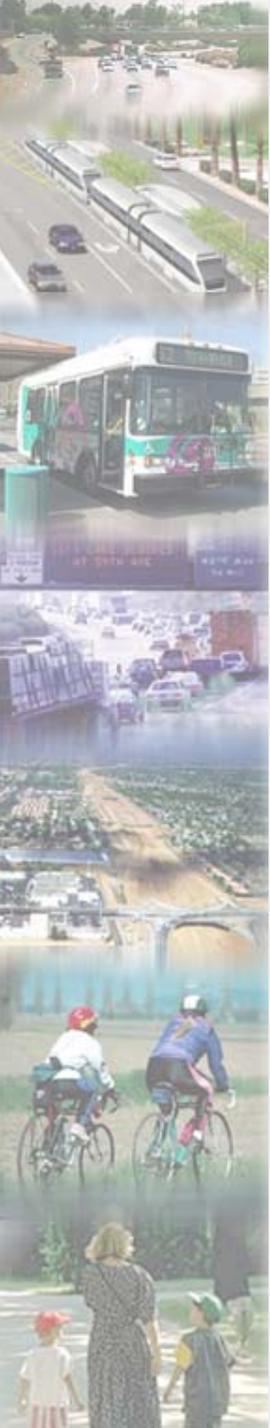
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What Are Transportation Enhancement Funds?

- TE Funds are a federal set-aside program
- Intended to go “above and beyond” typical transportation projects
- Arizona Receives between \$10 to \$14 Million each year
- Arizona - State and Local Funds

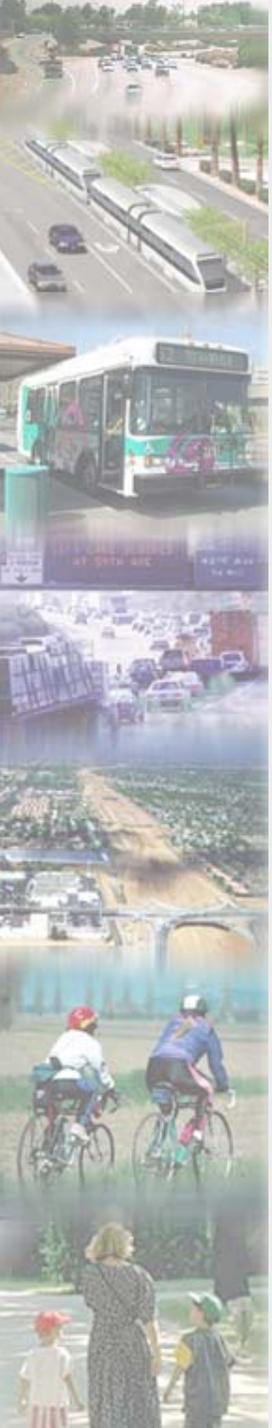


2007 (Round XV) Funding Availability

- Local projects: \$8.0 million
- State projects: \$4.0 million
- Competitive process
- Projects go to all areas of the state
- Councils of Government and Metropolitan Planning Organizations

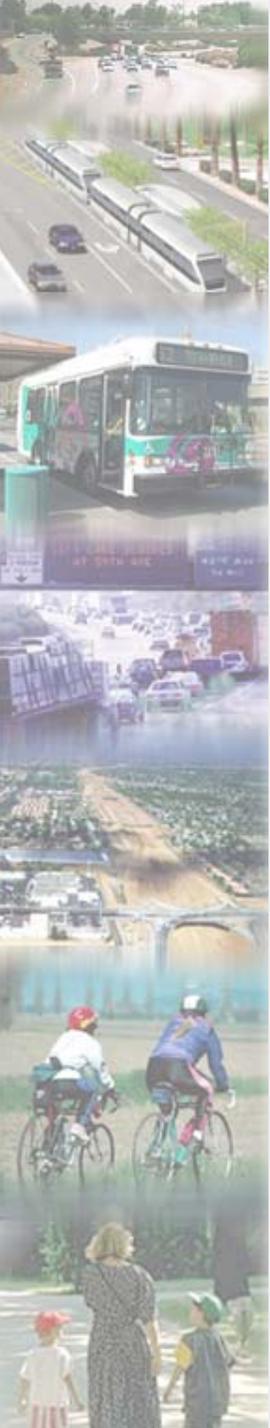
Changes from 2006 (Round XIV)

- New commitments for local government resolutions
 - 5.7% match
 - Advertise project in three years
 - Pay for all cost overruns
 - Reimburse ADOT/FHWA for all federal funds used if project is canceled by project sponsor
- New optional item – before and after photos



Changes from 2006 (cont.)

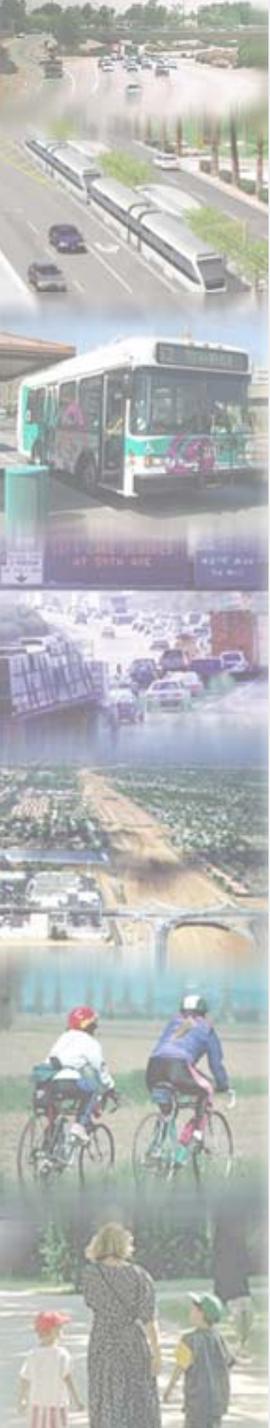
- Cost estimate spreadsheet includes a line for soil stabilization for multi-use paths
- Suggestions for researching cost estimates thoroughly
 - Local public works departments
 - ADOT project managers
 - ADOT district engineers
 - Materials suppliers

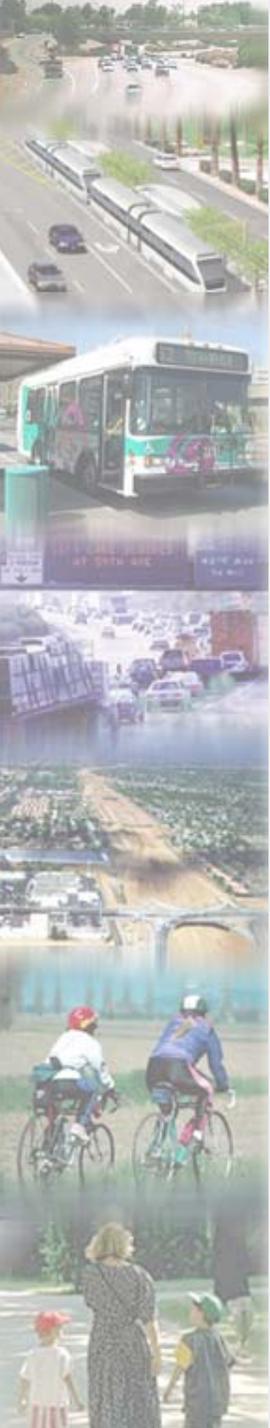


Schedule

Applications Due

- **Friday, June 1, 2007 – Noon**
 - Late applications not accepted
 - No faxes or electronic copies
 - 11 copies, including one signed original





Schedule

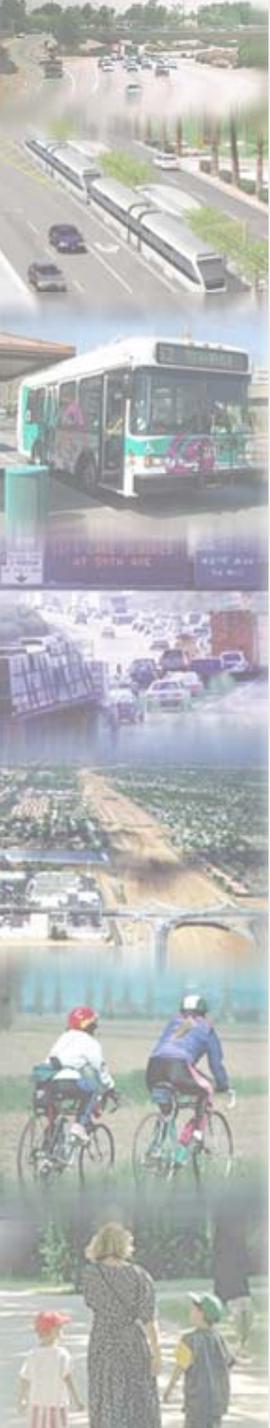
EFWG Meetings

- Thursday, June 14 – 2:00 p.m.
 - Applicants provide 5 minute project overviews – Questions and Answers
- Friday, June 22 – 10:30 a.m.
 - Ranking of Applications
- Thursday, June 28 – 1:00 p.m.
 - Tentative meeting

Schedule

Formal Approvals

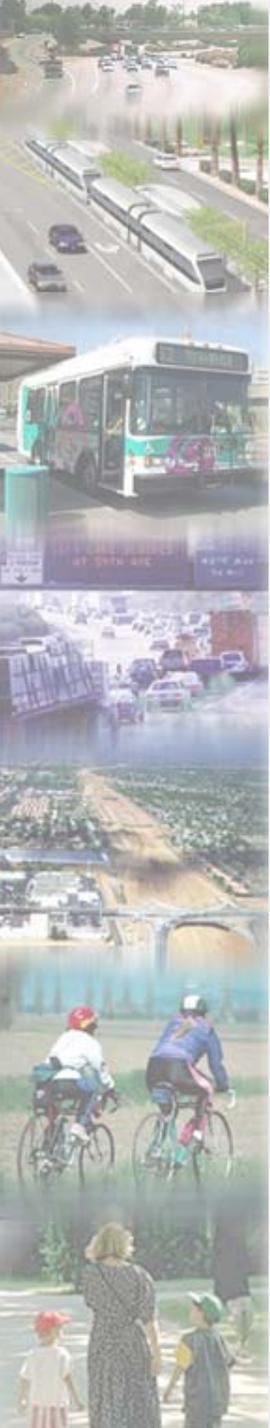
- July 11, 2007 (Noon)
 - MAG Management Committee recommendation
- July 25, 2007 (5:00 p.m.)
 - MAG Regional Council action

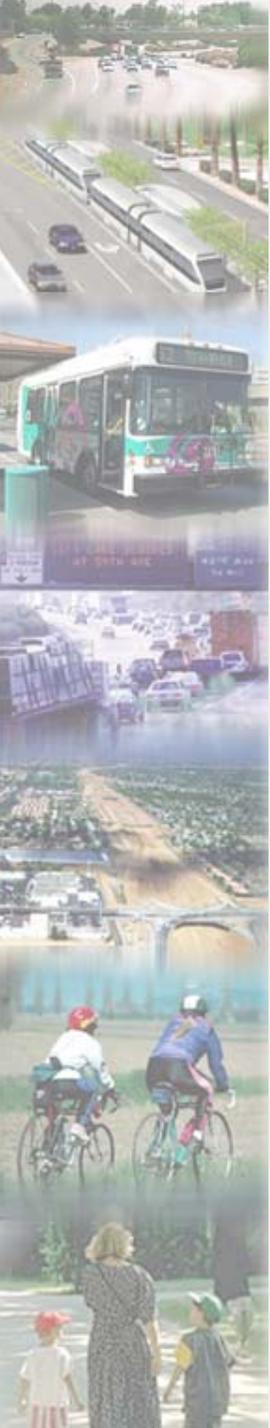


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Final Edits

- **Friday, August 24 – 5:00 p.m.**
 - Revised applications due from applicants (20 copies and one original)
- **Friday, August 31 - Noon**
 - Applications due to ADOT
 - Turned in by MAG staff





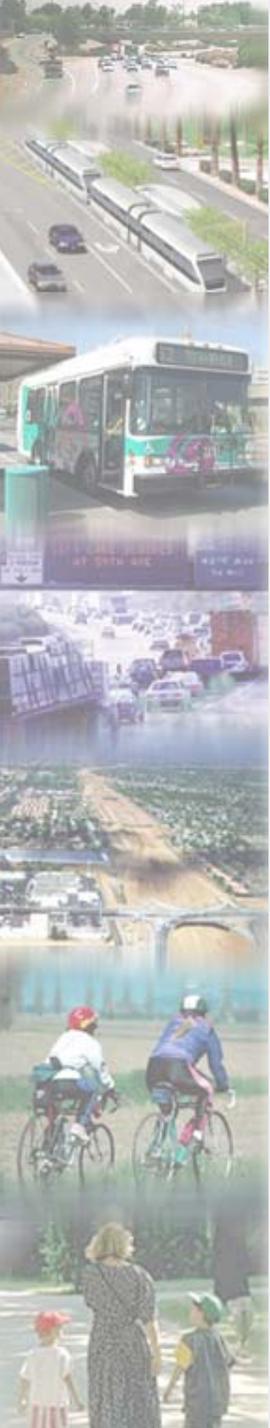
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ADOT Selection Process

- October 3-5, 2007
 - State Transportation Review Committee (TERC)
 - MAG applications represented by MAG staff and EFWG Co-Chair
- November 2007
 - Approval and selection by State Transportation Board

Eligibility Requirements

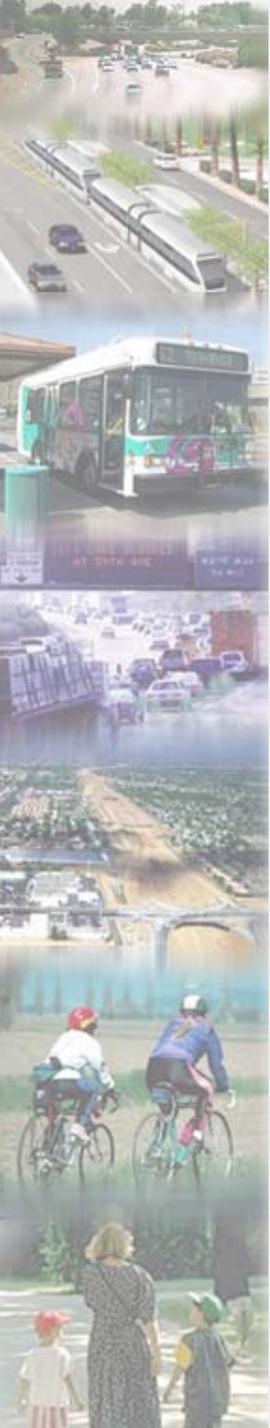
- Project must relate to Surface Transportation
- “Above and Beyond” a normal transportation project
- Must go through the MAG Review Process
- Must meet eligibility requirements in one of the 11 activity categories



Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Activities

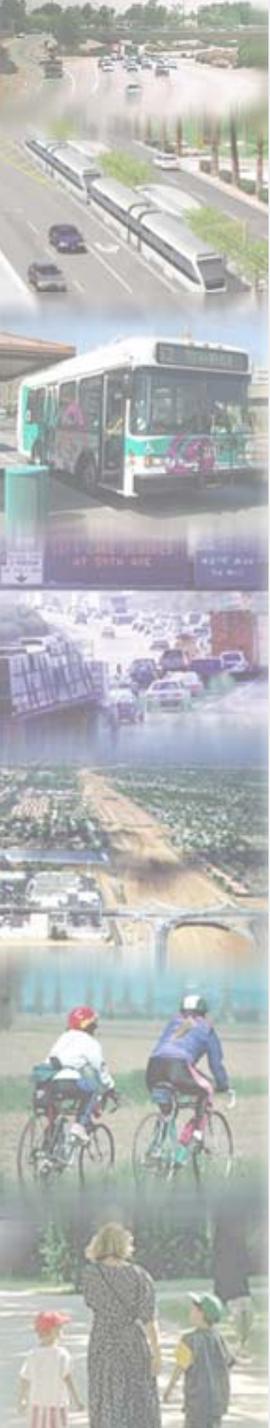
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- Safety and Educational Activities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Scenic or Historic Highway Programs
- Landscaping and Other Scenic Beautification
- Historic Preservation
- Rehab. of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures, or Facilities

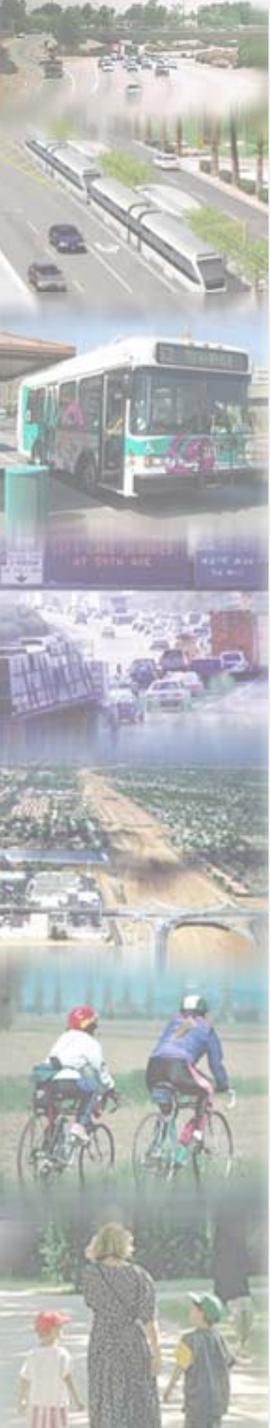


Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Activities (cont.)

- Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors (Rails-to-Trails)
- Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising
- Archaeological Planning and Research
- Environmental Mitigation (Highway Runoff and Wildlife Habitat Connectivity)
- Transportation Museums

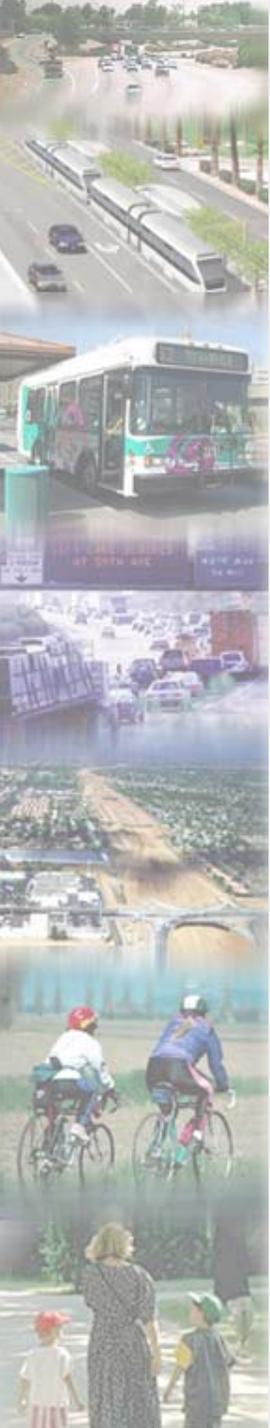




Eligibility Requirements

Other Eligibility Items

- Projects require a 5.7% cash match
- Sponsor must have available resources
- Project consistency with sponsor plans
- Must meet state and federal requirements
- Sponsored by local, state, federal or tribal government



Eligibility Requirements

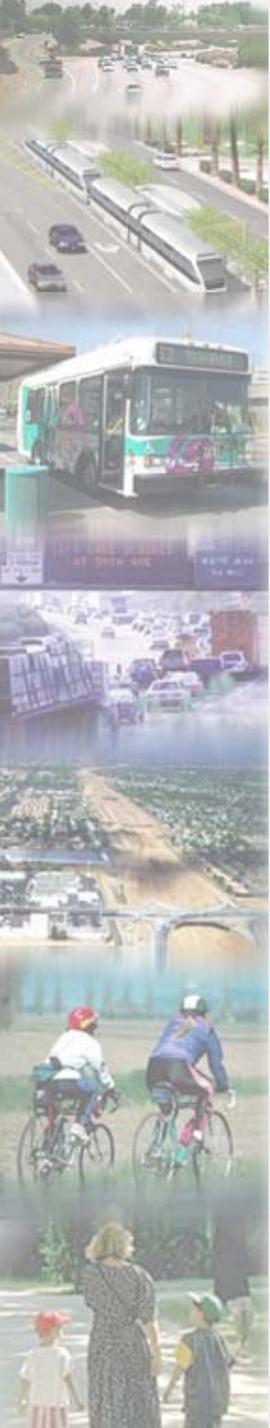
Other Eligibility Items (cont).

- Local applications: signed by city, town, or county manager, or tribal administrator
- State applications: signed by District Engineer
- Support letters and Resolution
- Environmental (NEPA), access (ADA), & other federal standards
- SHPO comments
- No initiated activities
- No routine maintenance & operations

Eligibility Requirements

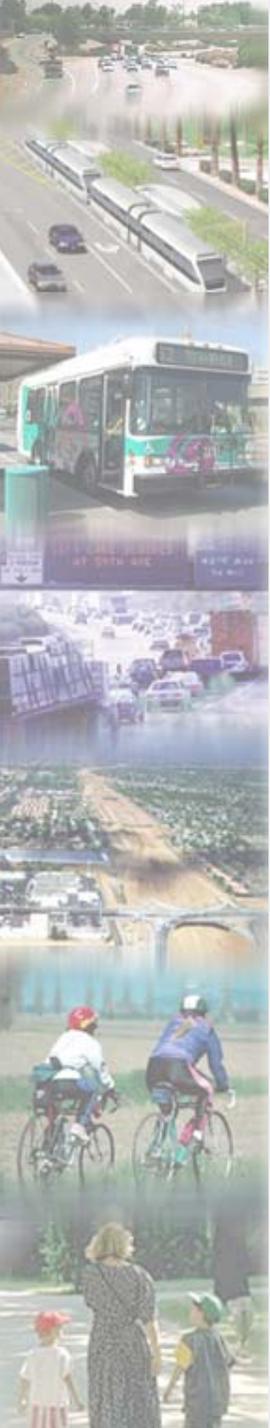
Special Policies and Guidelines

- Artwork
- Signs
- Lighting
- Plants
- Landscaping
- Turf
- Tourist and Welcome Centers
- Parking
- Utility Undergrounding



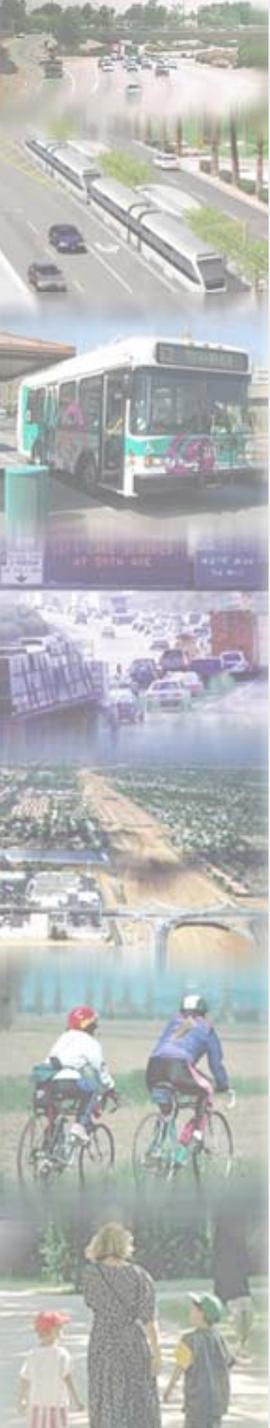
Sponsor Responsibilities

- Sponsor assumes liability
 - Cash match
 - Project completion
 - Cost overruns
 - Project scoping and environmental documentation
- TE is not a Grant Program, but a Reimbursement program



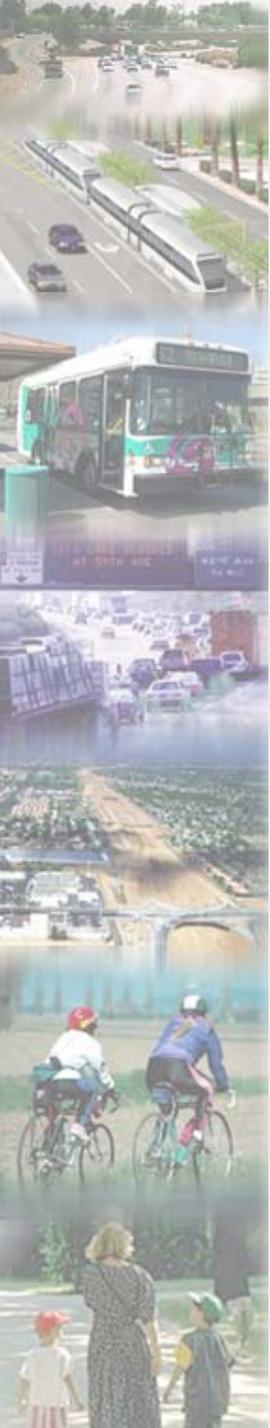
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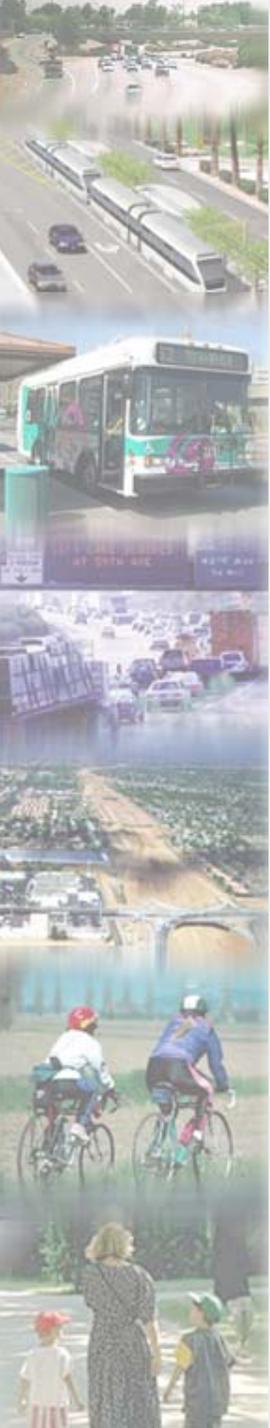
- Application
- Cost Estimates



Review and Selection Process

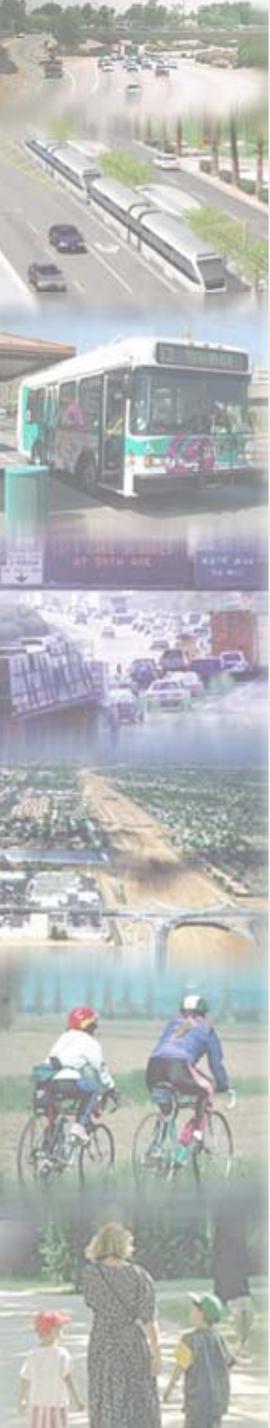
- Two Stages of Review
 - MAG
 - ADOT
- Site evaluation of projects before TERC review





Criteria Utilized by the MAG EFWG and the TERC

- Overall Project Considerations/Objectives
- Project Need
- Project Maintenance
- Cost-Effectiveness
- Community Involvement
- Community Benefit

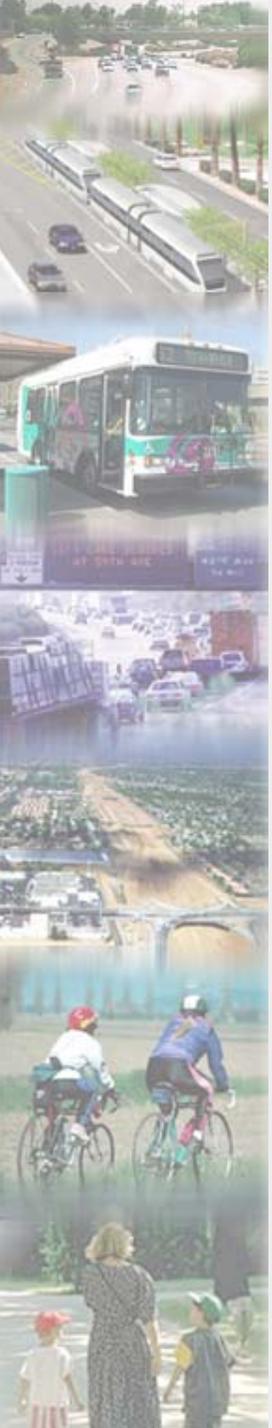


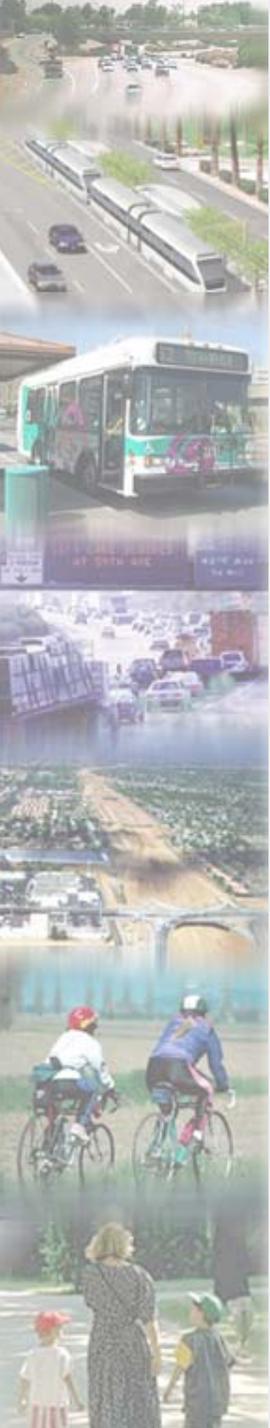
MAG Process



Enhancement Funds Working Group

- Three meetings
- The group will hear the applications in the order that they were received



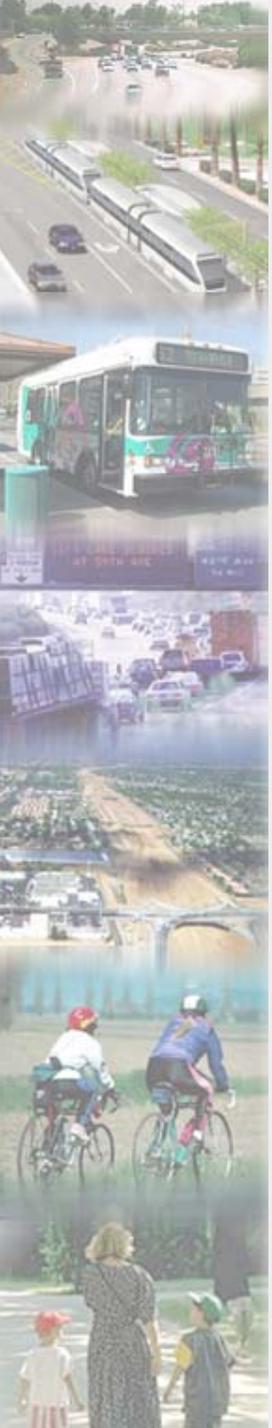


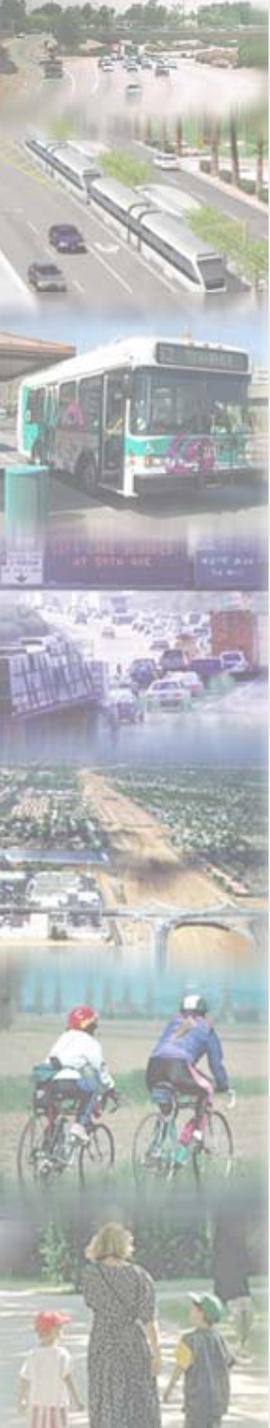
Application Review

- MAG staff introduces project
- Applicant presents - 5 minutes
 - Provide Power Point presentation to MAG staff by June 11
 - Bring at least 10 copies of handouts
- Public comment - 5 minutes
- 10 minute Q & A led by EFWG co-chairs

Application Review (cont.)

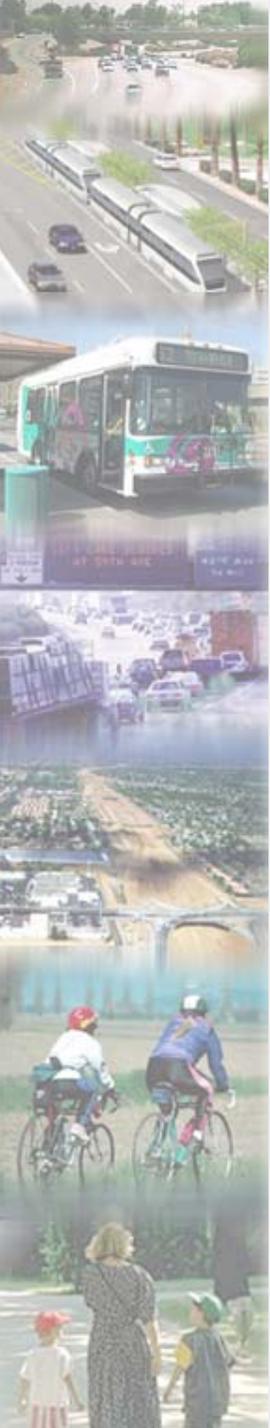
- Applicants are **required** to submit a written response to any EFWG comments or concerns raised during the review. All comments are to be addressed to MAG Staff, and must be received prior to the ranking meeting on June 22, 2007.





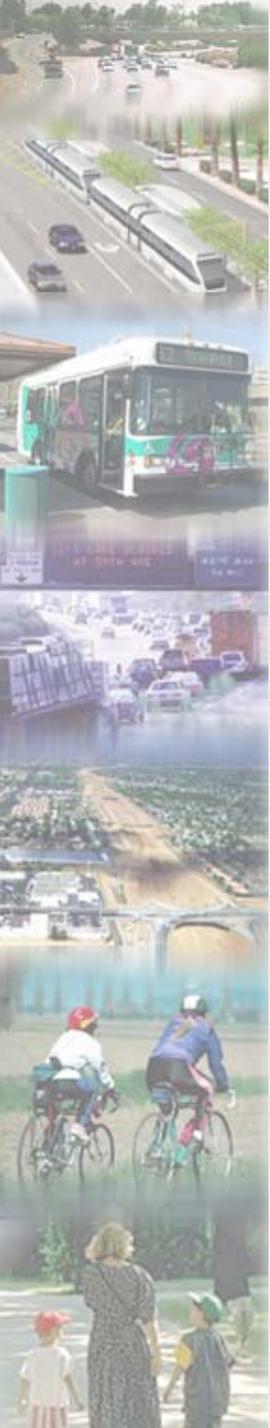
Multiple Applications

- Agency requested to submit ranking of multiple applications
- ***Not*** required
- Helpful to EFWG



Ranking Procedure

- Anonymous ballots
- Staff tabulates ranking
- EFWG action (recommendation to the MAG Management Committee)



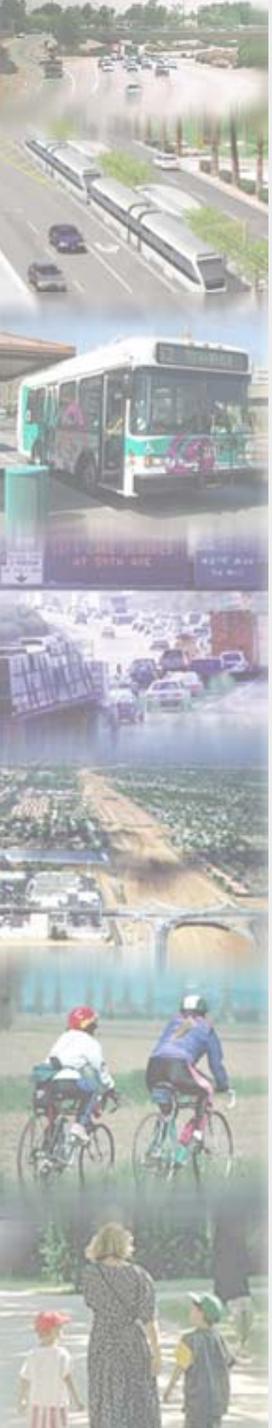
If Project Selected

- Not a grant program – Funds are reimbursed
- Comply with federal guidelines (ADA and NEPA)
- Environmental Clearance Needed at 30% design for:
 - SHPO
 - Use of Federal funds for design



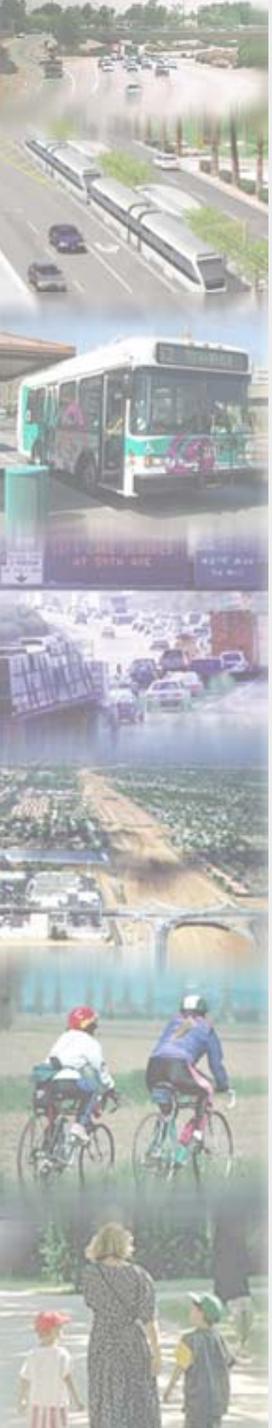
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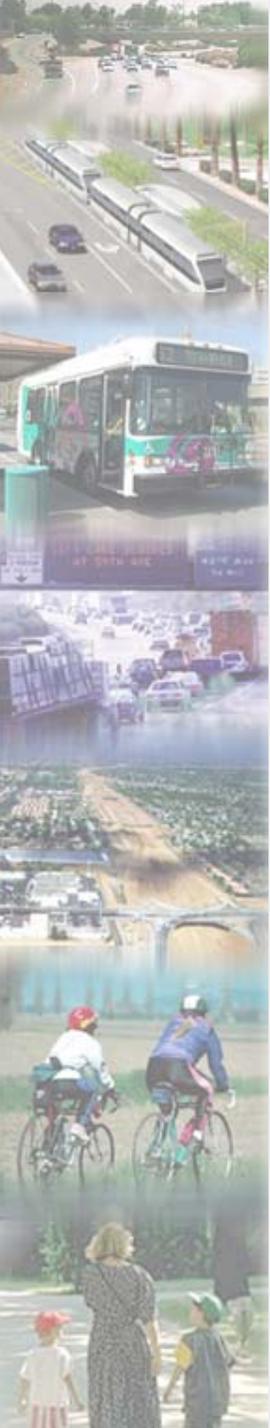
- Project Development Timeline:
 - ADOT Workshop (Tentative: January 2008)
 - Kick-off meeting – 3 months
 - Scoping (project assessment report) finished -12 months
 - Environmental clearance -18 months
 - Complete design (bid-ready), with utility and right-of-way clearances - 36 months
 - Bid-ready documents – must bid within 6 months
- Project cancellation policies in ADOT Guidebook



If Project Selected (cont.)

- Conflict escalation ladder developed at kick-off
- Deposit \$3,000 - \$5,000 to ADOT when project assessment submitted
 - Cannot be funded with TE
- Consult ADOT Guidebook for:
 - Construction and procurement
 - Cost overrun policies
 - Self bidding



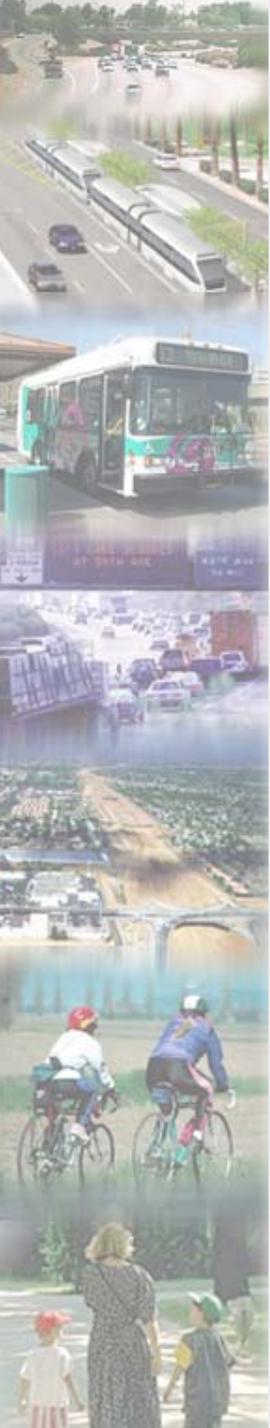


Practical Guidance

- Competitive process
 - Learn as much as possible
 - Suggestions of EFWG and MAG staff
 - Obtain community support
 - Promote your project
 - Reapply for funds if not successful the first time

Practical Guidance (cont.)

- Don't bind applications for first MAG submission
- Only 11 applications required for initial review (Inclusive of one original)
- Project description very important
- Cost estimate very important
- Pictures and map
- Use MAG and ADOT Guidebooks
- Call with questions



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