

## **REVISION OF APRIL 15, 2008 MEMO**

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TO: Members of Transportation Review Committee

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SUBJECT: FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2008 INTERIM YEAR END CLOSEOUT

The amount of CMAQ and STP-MAG funds available for FFY08 is \$123.6 million. This includes the carry forward from the FFY07.

The total amount of the projects programmed for FFY08 is \$135 million, however, member agencies have submitted request to defer or delete federal funds from a project for approximately \$37.6 million. This leaves an unobligated balance for FFY08 of \$26.2 million. To balance the fiscally constrained Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP), \$21 million in MAG-STP funds will be carried forward to FFY2009. This would leave a remaining balance of \$5.2 million of unobligated funds for closeout.

The remaining balance of unobligated funds are subject to change since member agency deferral notifications are still being submitted.

### BACKGROUND

The current guidelines for the federal fiscal year end closeout process are posted on the MAG website on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) webpage. Current guidelines for the year end closeout process were approved by the Regional Council in 1995 and were slightly revised in 1996 and 2001. In the past year, there have been three working group meetings regarding MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles, which includes the Closeout process and priorities. TRC members will discuss if there are guidelines in the Draft MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles or others that need to be followed for the FFY08 Closeout. Please review the attachments, which explain the current guidelines, and the draft principles that indicate new guidelines for the Closeout process.

### DEFERRED PROJECTS

Member agencies need to notify MAG staff of projects that will not obligate this year. The first deadline for member agencies to notify MAG staff of project deferrals was April 18, 2008. MAG Staff recognizes that agencies may defer projects at a later time due to project delays between today and September 2008 and will work with member agencies until the end of the federal fiscal year for last minute deferrals.

### SUBMITTAL OF PROJECTS

The deadline for member agencies to submit projects for use of Closeout funds was April 18, 2008. The primary criteria for the projects submitted for closeout funding is that they must be

able to utilize funds by the end of the federal fiscal year. This means that the projects submitted must be sufficiently developed for ADOT Local Governments staff to recommend that be projects are ready to be authorized by the Federal authorities. MAG staff will review the projects submitted for Closeout funds with ADOT to ensure that the projects can be obligated before the end of FFY08. It is expected that the TRC will review the funds available and may discuss preferences for how the funds available should be targeted.

The CMAQ analysis of projects submitted for Closeout will be completed by the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committees in May, and it is expected that TRC action on the interim list of closeout projects will occur at the May Committee meeting, with Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council action taking place in June, 2008.

Information regarding the FFY2008 Closeout is available electronically on the MAG website <http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/project.cms?item=413>, at the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) webpage. If there are any questions regarding the FFY08 year-end closeout process, or the submittal of projects, please call Eileen O. Yazzie at 602-254-6300.