

August 9, 2016

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Greg Stanton, City of Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR  
THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, August 15, 2016 - 12:00 Noon (Immediately following the MAG Information Center Board of Directors Meeting)  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Ironwood Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person or by telephone conference.

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If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, or Denise McClafferty, MAG Regional Program Manager, at (602) 254-6300.

MAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
AUGUST 15, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Executive Committee will be called to order.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda THAT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three-minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Executive Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

2. Information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\*  
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

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\*3A. Approval of the June 13, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

\*3B. Amendment of the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Establish an On-Call Services Contract for Transportation Planning

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

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3B. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to establish an On-Call Services Contract for Transportation Planning in the amount of \$400,000.

MAG presently uses on-call services contracts to supplement staff capabilities with expertise in specialized areas of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Safety, and Travel Demand Modeling to expedite delivery of key programs in the MAG Work Program. These contracts have been successfully integrated into the delivery of studies and programs for ITS and Safety, and have helped advance the development of the next state-of-the-practice tools for improving MAG's travel demand modeling services. MAG has utilized the On-Call Services Contract for transportation planning since 2010. Given this success, and as transportation planning demands continue to expand at MAG, a new On-Call Services Contract is sought for general transportation planning applications. The FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was approved by Regional Council in May 2016. An amendment is needed to provide a budget of \$400,000 for the FY 2017 On-Call Services Contract for Transportation Planning to be funded from the Proposition 400 sales tax. This item is on the August 10, 2016 Management Committee agenda for recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*3C. Amendment to the On-Call Project for FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes on-call consulting services for FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data. MAG has identified a number of additional improvements and updates to the regional transportation forecasting models that are required in order to maintain currency of the regional forecast and its applicability to the regional planning tasks. In order to fully implement the identified improvements, including recalibration to the new transit on-board survey, updates with the newly collected traffic data, and purchases of the current traffic data sets that have become

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available, an amendment to the on-call project is required. The amendment will enable the inclusion of additional tasks designed to develop, calibrate and validate MAG transportation models as well as perform relevant data collection and analyses. The additional amount of funds needed for these additional model update tasks is \$250,000. This item is on the August 10, 2016 Management Committee agenda for recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*3D. Consultant Selection for the MAG Regional Transit Framework Study Update

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2016, includes \$200,000 for an update to the 2010 MAG Regional Transit Framework Study. The scope of work for this 18-month study will formalize the region's high-capacity transit system corridors by updating the work completed in the 2010 study through a planning horizon of 2040. A Request for Proposals was issued on June 20, 2016, and two proposals were received prior to the July 25, 2016, closing date. An evaluation team composed of member agencies and partners reviewed the proposals on August 2, 2016, and recommended to MAG the selection of the firm Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. to conduct the study. This item is on the August 10, 2016 Management Committee agenda for recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*3E. Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual DATOS Breakfast Table Sponsorship

For 20 years, the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has published DATOS: The State of Arizona's Hispanic Market, the most comprehensive compilation of research on the impact of Hispanics in the Arizona marketplace. The report is unveiled at the annual DATOS breakfast, which draws over 1,000 of the state's

3D. Approval of the selection of the firm Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. to conduct an update to the 2010 MAG Regional Transit Framework Study for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

3E. Approval to support the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual DATOS Breakfast by purchasing a table of ten for \$1,500.

most influential business and community leaders. The list of prestigious speakers at DATOS have included Dr. Michael Crow of ASU, Monica Gil of the Nielsen Company and Chiqui Cartagena, author of Latino Boom, I & II. This year's breakfast will take place on September 27, 2016 at the Arizona Biltmore. The DATOS breakfast highlights the latest economic trends shaping the Hispanic market in Arizona and nationwide. Local business leaders and public policy makers can utilize the information produced in DATOS to help shape future business plans and policy decisions impacting the Hispanic community. For the last several years, MAG has collaborated with the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on socioeconomic data and economic development initiatives pertaining to small business education and enhancing our region's relationship with Mexico. A table of ten is being requested to support this community event at a cost of \$1,500.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD  
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee Member Agency Positions

On May 27, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved increasing the composition of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) to include twenty MAG member agency positions that have one-year terms with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the MAG Regional Council. Due to the prescribed seats, such as the Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair, appointments of the EDC member agency positions will occur each year in August following the Regional Council annual meeting in June. On July 1, 2016, a memorandum was sent to the MAG Regional Council members soliciting letters of interest for the member agency positions on the EDC. The Executive Committee is requested to recommend approval of the EDC member

4. Information, discussion and recommendation to approve the appointments of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) member agency positions.

agency positions. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Planning Grant Funding Request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Board has expressed the need for additional staff dedicated to the Continuum of Care to complete U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, detailed in the Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, legislation governing the work of the Continuum of Care (CoC). The requested funding would be used to maintain the current staffing of the CoC (as approved in 2015), and hire one additional full-time staff person dedicated to the work of the CoC as well as enter into a contract with a consultant or consultants to assist with specific HUD required activities to address homelessness across the Region. Since 2012, the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care has had the opportunity to apply annually for CoC Planning funds through HUD. In 2012, 2013, and 2014, the CoC applied for and received \$180,000 in planning funds annually. In 2015, the CoC applied for and was awarded \$265,000 in planning funds. These additional funds were approved to hire one additional full-time staff dedicated to the CoC in the area of project monitoring. This year, the CoC is eligible to apply for \$737,050 in planning grant funding. The Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Board is supportive of the funding request of \$737,050 for the CoC planning grant. The CoC Planning grant funding application is due to HUD on September 14, 2016 and the request is subject to approval by HUD. If approved, the CoC Planning grant will be awarded in 2017. This agenda item is for approval for MAG to apply for additional CoC Planning funding in the amount of \$737,050 for one full-time position and authorization for additional consulting assistance. Please refer to enclosed material.

5. Approval for MAG to apply for additional CoC Planning funding in the amount of \$737,050 for one full-time position and authorization for additional consulting assistance.

6. Update on MAG Website Redesign

The Maricopa Association of Governments is embarking on a redesign of its website to update the site's functionality and to better support new technology and mobile applications. On May 16, 2016, the MAG Executive Committee approved the acquisition of professional services from Integrated Web Strategy LLC, to provide research and strategic planning prior to programming and design of the website. Integrated Web Strategy has conducted research that included internal and external stakeholder interviews, focus groups, and a comprehensive online survey. Integrated Web Strategy also has performed a thorough content audit that includes Google analytics and "heat mapping" to show how the site is utilized. Staff will provide an update on preliminary findings of the research and the resulting recommendations for moving forward.

7. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest (including Laws 2015, Chapter 323, HB 2617 and Laws 2016, Chapter 125, HB 2708) and the possible ramifications to the diversion of Proposition 400 sales tax funds for transportation to the Arizona Department of Revenue. On July 31, 2016 MAG received an invoice from the Arizona Department of Administration for \$2,554,157.25. Last year MAG received a similar invoice in the amount of \$2,582,396.84. If the invoice is not paid by September 30, 2016, the state treasurer will withhold the amount from the voter approved half-cent sales tax for regional transportation pursuant to A.R.S. 42-5029 and 42-6105. Staff will provide an update.

8. Update on Legal Claims Related to 9-1-1 System

The National Association of the Deaf and a number of other plaintiffs have submitted a suit against the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, the Maricopa Association of Governments and the

6. Information and discussion.

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8. Information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session to discuss pending litigation related to MAG. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

City of Surprise on issues related to 9-1-1 communications. An update on the suit will be provided to members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss legal matters relating to the 9-1-1 legal claims. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

9. Possible Action on Legal Claims Related to 9-1-1 System

The Executive Committee may reconvene the regular meeting to take action regarding the legal claims related to 9-1-1 system.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Executive Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

11. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for the Executive Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Executive Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

9. Information, discussion and possible action regarding legal claims related to 9-1-1 system.

10. Information.

11. Information.

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
June 13, 2016  
MAG Offices, Ironwood Room  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor W.J. “Jim” Lane, Scottsdale, Chair  
Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix, Vice Chair  
#Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye, Treasurer

#Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek  
Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown  
Mayor Mark Mitchell, Tempe  
#Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage

\* Not present

# Participated by video or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Lane at 12:04 p.m. Mayor Barney, Mayor Meck and Mayor Mook participated by teleconference. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Lane informed the committee that MAG staff member Becky Kimbrough is recovering from an illness. On behalf of the committee, he wished Ms. Kimbrough a full and speedy recovery.

2. Call to the Audience

Chair Lane stated according to the MAG public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the public comment cards. He stated that there is a three-minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair Lane noted no public comment cards had been received.

3. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Chair Lane noted prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience are provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda.

Chair Lane requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor LeVault moved to approve consent items 3A, 3B and 3C. Mayor Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3A. Approval of the May 16, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the May 16, 2016 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Amendments to the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and to the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program On-Call

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the amendments to the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept funding, and to the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program On-Call to include additional task orders to continue the scope of work and to increase the On-Call budget by \$380,000 to be funded from the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 27, 2015, included funding for the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program On-Call. The purpose of the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis is to refine the project costs and schedules for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program at MAG. Funding for this amendment is being provided through ADOT from the consulting budget for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program. Amendments are needed to the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept funding, and to the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program On-Call to include additional task orders to continue the scope of work, and to increase the On-Call budget by \$380,000 to be funded from the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program. This item was on the June 8, 2016 Management Committee agenda for recommended approval.

3C. Consultant Selection for Domestic Violence Risk Assessment

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the selection of Jill Messing, MSW, PhD to conduct the Domestic Violence Risk Assessment for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The fiscal year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, included STOP Violence against Women grant funding in the amount of \$108,000 from the Governor's Office on Children Youth and Families to support the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project. The grant funding includes \$25,000 for a project consultant to conduct a risk assessment of current methods of domestic violence responses and interventions. The consultant project was added to the FY2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget in February, 2016. A request for consultant assistance was issued on March 3, 2016 and no submissions were received. A second request was issued on March 28, 2016, and MAG received two proposals from teams led by Jill Messing, MSW, PhD, and HDR Engineering Inc. A multi-agency evaluation team met on May 5, 2016 to evaluate the proposals, and unanimously recommended to MAG the selection of Jill Messing, MSW, PhD. Staff worked with the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council regarding this project.

4. Update on Consultant Services for the Statewide Tourism and Shopping Initiative

Chair Lane welcomed former Congressman Jim Kolbe to the meeting via teleconference and Steven Bloch in person, both from Capitol Strategies, to update the committee on the team's efforts to pass the Statewide Tourism and Shopping Initiative or extension of the Border Crossing Card (BCC) as it is also known. Mr. Bloch gave members a recap of the status of the effort. He said the team began by determining which of the two options was the best way to proceed, through either rulemaking or legislation and determined that rulemaking was the best way to proceed. Mr. Bloch stated the rulemaking process begins through a congressional request of the Customs and Border Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). He said his team began working with the Arizona Congressional Delegation to earn its support and worked with MAG staff to draft a letter for the Delegation to sign and submit to Congress.

Mr. Bloch noted the team had gotten verbal commitments from a bipartisan majority of the Delegation, with six of 11 members pledging to support the effort. Mr. Bloch said the additional five members of the delegation remain undecided at this time. He stated a letter will be sent to DHS by the end of the month, after which the team anticipates it will take a couple of months time for the agency to respond to Congress. Mr. Bloch said during that time, the team will work with individuals close to the Obama Administration to help weigh in on the importance of the initiative.

Mr. Bloch thanked the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry for its support in Washington, D.C. last week. He told the committee that members of the Chamber spoke to members of the Congressional Delegation about the importance of passing the initiative and submitted a letter of support. Mr. Bloch stated he is unsure if the recent terror attack in Florida will have an impact on efforts to get further Delegation support. He reminded the committee that Border Crossing Cards are the most secure method of vetting visa applicants from Mexico.

Congressman Kolbe addressed the committee regarding the remaining five members of the Congressional Delegation that have not committed to supporting the initiative. He said the team has gotten questions and feedback from members and staff and has done its best to respond to each of them to alleviate concerns.

Mayor Mitchell said he and Chair Lane recently attended a luncheon for the Valley Hotel and Resort Association that addressed the importance of tourism to Arizona. He asked Capitol Strategies if it would be helpful for the Mayors to work with Valley Hotel and Resort Association leaders in getting out letters of support or contacting members of the Delegation who have not yet given verbal commitments of support. Congressman Kolbe answered that it would be helpful. Mr. Bloch said it would be good for the undecided members to hear from anyone in their district who supports the initiative.

Mr. Bloch noted there is a fair amount of misinformation about the Border Crossing Cards. He said he spent weeks explaining statistics about overstays, and those types of concerns may be what is holding undecided Delegation members back. He reminded the committee that the extension does nothing to weaken Arizona's security position at the border as there would be no change in security, vetting or the application process from the current process. Mr. Bloch said it would be helpful for more tourism officials in the state to weigh in on this discussion.

Mayor Mitchell suggested additional outreach to communities may be advantageous, and noted

it may be helpful in convincing Congressman David Schweikert, Senator Jeff Flake and Senator John McCain to sign on to the initiative.

Mayor Stanton asked about the rule making process and how we get to the final answer. Mr. Bloch said the last expansion of the border crossing was done when New Mexico expanded its area from 25 miles to 55 miles, and it took almost a year to go through the full rulemaking process once the official notice for the process was issued. He noted it is safe to assume it will be a similar process and timeline for the Arizona initiative.

Chair Lane asked if some of the resistance to the initiative is in regard to what type of enforcement there would be at the border. Mr. Bloch said there is no checkpoint at the current 75 mile boundary line so if someone is going to come to our country to do harm they are not going to be stopped by an invisible border line. He stated the Customs and Border Protection Agency is on record saying that BCCs increase security, cost no money to the federal government, and allow the Agency to free up resources it can devote to real security concerns.

Chair Lane thanked Congressman Kolbe and Mr. Bloch for their update.

5. Update on Ari-Son Megaregion Initiative

MAG Staff Alana Langdon updated the committee on the Ari-Son Megaregion initiative. She said during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Binational Forum, which took place in Nogales, Sonora in April 2014, mayors representing Arizona and Sonora signed a partnering agreement to establish the Air-Son Megaregion. Ms. Langdon explained the purpose of the initiative is to provide a statewide organizing framework for regions in Arizona and Sonora to engage, collaborate and advocate as a global megaregion with state, federal and business entities invited to participate as appropriate. She said potential topics for engagement include public administration, best practices, transportation and border infrastructure, economic development cooperation, commerce and trade and tourism.

Ms. Langdon stated at the August 2014 League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference, a commemoration of Binational Local Cooperation was signed. She said it was the first time mayors from Sonora were recognized at a League conference. Ms. Langdon noted due to local and state elections in Sonora, Mexico, work on the Ari-Son Megaregion was temporarily put on hold. She said Sonoran local elected officials are now in office and MAG has reached out to their staff to begin discussions on the Ari-Son Megaregion. Ms. Langdon commented during a recent trip to Hermosillo, the new leadership of the Commission Sonora Arizona expressed an interest in developing stronger relationships between the mayors of Sonora and mayors of Arizona. She said Ari-Son can help facilitate relationship building between the two groups. Ms. Langdon shared that today, Arizona and Sonora enjoy nine sister city relationships and one sister region relationship.

Ms. Langdon noted that MAG has been in discussions with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns regarding the creation of an affiliate group for Ari-Son, and providing a secured venue to conduct ongoing business among local leaders from Arizona and Sonora.

6. Update on Legal Claims Related to 9-1-1 System

The National Association of the Deaf and a number of other plaintiffs have submitted a suit against the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, the Maricopa Association of Governments and the City of Surprise on issues related to 9-1-1 communications.

Mayor Stanton moved that the Executive Committee go into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the 9-1-1 legal claims. Mayor LeVault seconded the motion and the meeting went into Executive Session at 12:27 p.m. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4). An overview of the nature of the suit was provided to members of the Executive Committee.

7. Possible Action on Legal Claims Related to 9-1-1 System

The Executive Committee reconvened the regular meeting at 1:17 p.m. without taking action regarding the legal claims related to the 9-1-1 system.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Lane asked if there were any requests for future agenda items. There were none.

9. Comments from the Committee

Chair Lane asked if there were any comments from the committee. Mr. Smith informed the committee there would be no July meeting and the committee would meet next in August. He reminded members that this is Mayor LeVault's last meeting as a member of the committee and thanked him for serving honorably and for his service to the region.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

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Secretary

# MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

## INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

**DATE:**

August 9, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Amendment of the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Establish an On-Call Services Contract for Transportation Planning

**SUMMARY:**

MAG presently uses on-call services contracts to supplement staff capabilities with expertise in specialized areas of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Safety, and Travel Demand Modeling to expedite delivery of key programs in the MAG Work Program. These contracts have been successfully integrated into the delivery of studies and programs for ITS and Safety, and have helped advance the development of the next state-of-the-practice tools for improving MAG's travel demand modeling services. MAG has utilized the on-call services contract for transportation planning since 2010. Given this success, and as transportation planning demands continue to expand at MAG, a new on-call services contract is sought for general transportation planning applications. The FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was approved by Regional Council in May 2016. An amendment is needed to provide a budget of \$400,000 for the FY 2017 On-Call Services Contract for Transportation Planning to be funded from the Proposition 400 sales tax.

The intent of the On-Call Consultant Services Program is to enable MAG staff to augment existing resources by forming a pool of qualified consultants to provide specialized services that are required for executing tasks and projects in identified areas. For this proposed On-Call Transportation Planning Consultant Services Program, MAG will select qualified consultants to assist staff in the following six service areas:

1. **Civil Engineering** - To assist and facilitate MAG staff review and comment of Regional Transportation Plan generated projects in the areas of roadway design, transit facility design, environmental design, and cost risk assessments and value engineering. No design services for construction will be sought as part of this On-Call Consultant Services Program.
2. **Transportation Planning** - For assistance and preparation of transportation planning projects by MAG staff. Potential tasks may include, but not be limited to multimodal and mode-specific corridor studies, sub-area and community plans, and focused studies that may be incorporated into future updates of the Regional Transportation Plan.
3. **Transportation Operations** - Supplement MAG staff capabilities in monitoring Valley multimodal transportation operations. Efforts may include capacity analyses, travel time and delay studies, and assistance in providing review and comment of the impact land use proposals may have on the regional transportation network.
4. **Policy and Finance** - For assistance in preparing data and conducting research into transportation planning issues for projects and efforts that are underway by MAG staff. Example tasks a consultant may be asked to complete could include research on Managed

Motorways policies and practices throughout the country (and the world) and their potential application in the Valley, a review of the current Public Private Partnership (PPP) and its implication on MAG and the Regional Transportation Plan, and data development - financial and engineering - in future balancing efforts for the Regional Freeway and Highway Program.

5. **Public Involvement** - Supplement MAG transportation division staff capabilities in coordinating with stakeholders affected by the Regional Transportation Plan and its programs. Efforts may include an analysis of public comments on potential actions, development of strategies to improve coordination, and, in conjunction with MAG Communications staff, the preparation of materials related to the Regional Transportation Plan and projects by the Transportation Division.
6. **Economic Development** - Provide assistance and preparation of economic development planning projects by MAG staff. Example task orders for this area of expertise could include, but not be limited to freight economic development (business plans, foreign trade zones, market analysis), redevelopment (site specific, transportation corridors), economic impact of transportation infrastructure improvements (multimodal), and economic development planning (strategic plans, industry reports, community profiles, and forecasts).

The Transportation Division proposes identifying up to eight consultants through a Request for Qualifications that may be qualified in one or more of the six service areas that have been identified for this On-Call Transportation Planning Consultant Services Program. Upon establishing these eight consultants, a master On-Call agreement is proposed for a three-year period to govern the program. Task orders would then be issued for the efforts identified by MAG staff for assistance in transportation planning. The orders would be issued to a qualified consultant in a specific service area related to the task.

The amendment request for the FY2017 MAG Work Program and Annual Budget is for \$400,000. Based upon the discretion of the Regional Council, and the availability of future funds, MAG staff will seek additional funding in both FY 2018 and FY 2019 to continue this program for the proposed three-year period.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public input has been received.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: On-call consultant services programs will enable MAG to deliver information, data, and projects within a relatively short time-frame. The on-call nature of the program affords the opportunity to engage a qualified consultant in a matter of weeks with a task order versus a considerably longer conventional procurement process that is followed for much larger project engagements. This program also increases the Transportation Division capabilities to provide rapid and strategic responses to critical issues that periodically face MAG.

CONS: None.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The added capabilities of this On-Call Transportation Planning Consultant Services Program ensure that MAG receives information to move forward the initiatives of the overall transportation planning program. Data received from the task orders will be used in current and future projects. This program will be implemented in a manner that is consistent with the other current on-call consultant services programs that are presently being administered at MAG.

POLICY: Timely regional transportation planning and analyses provide policy makers with accurate information upon which to make decisions.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval of an amendment to the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to establish an on-call services contract for transportation planning in the amount of \$400,000.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

This item was on the August 10, 2016, MAG Management Committee agenda for recommended approval.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Quinn Castro, MAG Transportation Engineer, 602 254-6300.

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review**

**DATE:**

August 9, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Amendment to the On-Call Contract for FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data

**SUMMARY:**

The fiscal year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes on-call consulting services for FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data. MAG has identified a number of additional improvements and updates to the regional transportation forecasting models that are required in order maintain currency of the regional forecast and its applicability to the regional planning tasks. In order to fully implement the identified improvements, including recalibration to new transit on-board survey, updates with the newly collected traffic data and purchases of the current traffic data sets that have become available, an amendment to the On-Call budget is required. The amendment will enable the inclusion of additional tasks designed to develop, calibrate and validate MAG transportation models as well as perform relevant data collection and analyses. The additional funds needed for these additional model update tasks are \$250,000.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public input has been received.

**PROS & CONS:**

**PROS:** This amendment will ensure that required improvements and updates for the MAG transportation forecasting tools are done in a timely manner in order to maintain relevancy and currency of the regional transportation forecast and timely update of performance measures.

**CONS:** Delaying the amendment could compromise the quality of the MAG transportation forecast and delay update of the regional performance metrics based on traffic data.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** The contract amendment will provide MAG and its member agencies with more up-to-date robust transportation models and data that will be used for the transportation planning and performance measurement needs of the region.

**POLICY:** The contract amendment will allow MAG to make updates to the forecasting models and update performance measures that will help make more informed decisions on highway and transit projects, traffic impact studies and various area-wide planning exercises.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval of the amendment to the FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data On-Call to increase the On-Call budget by \$250,000.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

This item is on August 10, 2016 MAG Management Committee agenda for recommendation for approval of the amendment to the FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data On-Call to increase the On-Call budget by \$250,000.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Vladimir Livshits, (602) 254-6300

# MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

## INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

**DATE:**

August 9, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Consultant selection for the MAG Regional Transit Framework Study Update

**SUMMARY:**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2016, includes \$200,000 for an update to the 2010 MAG Regional Transit Framework Study. This 18-month study is a technical update of the 2010 study through a planning horizon of 2040. Results of this study will be used to inform future high-capacity transit investments.

It is anticipated that considerable regional and local investments in transit will be needed in order to keep pace with our region's anticipated growth. The 2017 Regional Transit Framework Study Update will answer the following questions:

- How have conditions changed since the completion of the 2010 Regional Transportation Framework Study?
- What role does transit play in meeting regional transportation needs now and into the future?
- What is the composition of the transit system in 2040?
- How can advancements in existing and future transportation technologies impact modal choice and long-term transit planning?

A Request for Proposals was issued on June 20, 2016. Proposals were received prior to the June 25, 2016 closing date from two consultant teams led by the following firms: Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. and WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff. A multi-agency study panel consisting of MAG member agencies and MAG staff reviewed the proposals and recommended to MAG the selection of the team led by Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. to perform the study. Upon Regional Council approval of this recommendation, a contract will be developed and executed. It is anticipated that work on this project would begin in October 2016.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None has been received at this time. Comments regarding future high-capacity transit investments were received during the 2016 mid- and final phase public involvement opportunities.

**PROS & CONS:**

**PROS:** The results of the study will inform long-range high-capacity transit investments to support mobility throughout the region.

**CONS:** Recommendations provided by this study would be unfunded and outside of the scope of Proposition 400 projects included in the Regional Transportation Plan.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The update of the 2010 Regional Transit Framework Study is largely a technical effort, focused on a data-driven methodology to outline an effective regional system. The study will also evaluate how rapid advancements in innovation and transportation technology will impact modal choices and how long-term transit planning can best respond to an ever-evolving reality. Results of the study will assist in identifying how long-term high-capacity transit plans can better respond to a more uncertain future.

POLICY: The outcomes of this study will inform decisions regarding future regional high-capacity transit investments.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval of the selection of Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc., for conducting an update to the 2010 Regional Transit Framework Study in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

MAG Management Committee: This item is on the agenda for the committee meeting on August 10, 2016, to recommend approval of the firm Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. for performing the Regional Transit Framework Study Update at a cost not to exceed \$200,000. An update will be provided on the action taken by the committee.

A multi-agency study panel evaluated the proposals and on August 2, 2016, finalized their evaluation and recommended to MAG the selection of the team led by Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. for conducting the study.

EVALUATION PANEL

Joe Bowar, City of Phoenix  
Jason Crampton, City of Chandler  
Wulf Grote, Valley Metro  
Kevin Link, City of Glendale  
Audra Koester Thomas, MAG

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Audra Koester Thomas, MAG Transit Planning Project Manager, (602) 254-6300.

Recommended Economic Development Committee Elected Official Members  
(August 2016)

Committee members on EDC due to their committee appointments

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	
RC Immediate Past Chair	Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale, Chair*	EV
Regional Council Chair	Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix	CC
Regional Council Vice Chair	Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye	WW
TPC Chair	VACANT (No letter received)	
TPC Vice Chair	VACANT (No letter received)	

Dedicated Seats - eligible for reappointment or appointment

Currently held by	Supervisor Andrew Kunasek	Maricopa County
Currently held by	Mayor Christian Price	Pinal County
Currently held by	Floyd Roehrich, Executive Officer	ADOT

Seven Largest Cities Dedicated Seats - not represented above

Currently held by	Mayor Cathy Carlat, Peoria*	WW
Currently held by	Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale*	WW
Recommended	Councilmember Eddie Cook, Gilbert*	EV
Recommended	Councilmember Randy Keating, Tempe*	EV
Currently held by	Vice Mayor Jack Sellers, Chandler*	EV
Currently held by	Councilmember David Luna, Mesa*	EV

EDC positions eligible for reappointment or appointment of a new member

Currently held by	Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek	EV
Currently held by	Councilmember Michael Farrar, Carefree	EV
Currently held by	Mayor Linda Kavanagh, Fountain Hills	EV
Recommended	Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown	WW
Currently held by	Mayor Georgia Lord, Goodyear	WW
Currently held by	Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park	WW
Currently held by	Councilmember Lorenzo Sierra, Avondale	WW
Currently held by	Mayor Sharon Wolcott, Surprise	WW

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July 6, 2016

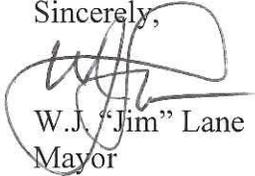
Honorable Greg Stanton  
Regional Council Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MAG Executive Committee and Regional Council members,

As past Chair of the Regional Council, I look forward to the opportunity of serving as Chair on the Economic Development committee (EDC) this year. I have been on the EDC since its inception and look forward to continuing my service.

I would very much appreciate serving as Chair of this important committee and would be grateful for your support.

Sincerely,



W.J. "Jim" Lane  
Mayor

cc: Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director



## City of Phoenix

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 26, 2016

MAG Executive Committee  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

*RE: MAG Economic Development Committee Central City Representative*

Dear MAG Executive Committee and Regional Council Members:

I would like to express my interest in continuing to serve on the Maricopa Association of Governments Economic Development Committee as the Central City representative.

My current participation in MAG has allowed me to work to improve the quality of life for all residents of the region. I look forward to working in cooperation with all MAG member agencies to address common regional concerns and to take a role in long-range regional issues.

I respectfully ask that the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee support my request for membership on the Economic Development Committee.

If you would like to contact me with any questions, I can be reached at 602-262-7111.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Stanton  
Mayor

Cc: Dennis Smith, Maricopa Association of Governments  
Ruben Alonzo, Office of Mayor Greg Stanton  
Tom Remes, Office of Government Relations

July 28, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton, Regional Council Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 200  
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Re: Economic Development Committee

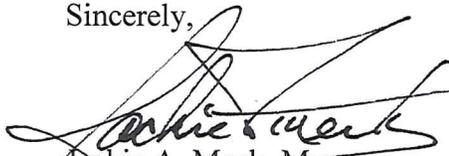
Dear Mayor Stanton,

I am writing to request that I be able to continue my service on the Maricopa Association of Government's Economic Development Committee in my role as Vice Chair of the MAG Regional Council.

I have a great interest in assisting in the development of our region to its greatest potential. I believe my extensive experience in both business and public service lends itself well to serving on the Economic Development Committee.

Thank you for your consideration. Please call or email me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Jackie A. Meck, Mayor  
City of Buckeye

Cc: Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director



# Maricopa County

Clint Hickman, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors, District 4

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August 1, 2016

The Honorable Greg Stanton  
Chair, Regional Council Executive Committee  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Greg,

This letter is to support the reappointment of Andy Kunasek to the Economic Development Committee (EDC). Andy has indicated that he would very much like to continue his involvement on this essential committee and I am glad to support his decision.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at 602-506-7642.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clint Hickman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Clint Hickman, Chairman  
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Andy Kunasek, MCC Supervisor  
Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director

July 28, 2016

Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: Economic Development Committee

Dear Members of the MAG Regional Council,

I am interested in continuing my current position in the Economic Development Committee. The efforts we have committed to sustain the collaboration and growth that is prevalent in the committee are both impressive and unrelenting.

And as such, I commit to my continued efforts to maintain and develop Maricopa's economic viability and to bring both practical experience and an expanded sense of what is possible to the committee.

Sincerely,



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Christian Price  
Mayor



Director's Office

Douglas A. Ducey, Governor  
John S. Halikowski, Director  
Scott Omer, Deputy Director for Operations  
Kevin Biesty, Deputy Director for Policy  
Dallas Hammit, Deputy Director for Transportation

August 2, 2016

Via email: [DSmith@azmag.gov](mailto:DSmith@azmag.gov)

Mr. Dennis Smith  
Executive Director  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: MAG Economic Development Committee

Dear Dennis:

Please accept this request to retain Floyd P. Roehrich, Executive Officer, Arizona Department of Transportation, on the MAG Economic Development Committee.

Floyd is well qualified and has many years of experience in the areas of transportation and economic development to represent the Department regarding key policymaking recommendations addressed by these committees.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

John S. Halikowski  
ADOT Director

C: Floyd Roehrich, Executive Officer, ADOT



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July 27, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton, Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Dear Mayor Stanton:

The opportunity I have had to serve on the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC) this last year has provided me with a rewarding forum to share ideas, collaborate, and strengthen the region in terms of economic development and growth. I am submitting this letter to request through your leadership that the MAG Executive Committee consider my continued participation as a member of this committee.

As Peoria's Mayor, I am fulfilling our strong commitment in developing high quality jobs and a workforce that corresponds to the needs of a new era of commerce for the City of Peoria. I also recognize the value in creating partnerships and trade opportunities with our neighbors to the north and south and would like to grow the relationship alongside my colleagues on the MAG Economic Development Committee.

I appreciate the opportunity to inform you of my continued interest and welcome you to contact me for further discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Carlat".

Cathy Carlat  
Mayor

**JERRY P. WEIERS**  
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Mayor  
City of Glendale

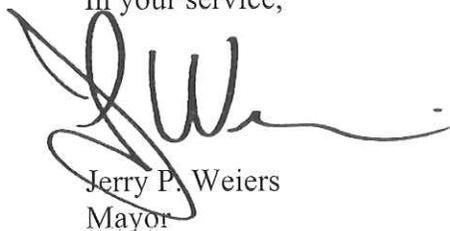
July 5, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton  
Chairman, Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor Stanton:

I am writing to express my interest in being re-appointed as a member of the Economic Development Committee at the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). I look forward to serving with you and other members of the Committee. Thank you very much for your consideration.

In your service,



Jerry P. Weiers  
Mayor

CC: Dennis Smith, Executive Director  
Brent Stoddard, Glendale Intergovernmental Programs Director



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John W. Lewis

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July 14, 2016

Mr. Dennis Smith  
Executive Director  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Suite 302  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Dennis:

It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve on the MAG Regional Council and Economic Development Committee during my tenure as Mayor. I am truly proud of the hard work and dedication by my fellow colleagues and MAG staff to advance key transportation initiatives, retain and attract new businesses and so many more accomplishments to the Maricopa region.

I have had the honor of serving as Gilbert's Mayor since 2009 and have intentions to conclude my term on July 19, 2016, allowing me to take on my new role with East Valley Partnership as their Chief Executive Officer. This same day the Gilbert Town Council will select a new Mayor from amongst its members. I am officially requesting appointment of the new Mayor to the MAG Regional Council and Councilmember Eddie Cook to the MAG Economic Development Committee as Gilbert's representative.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Vinzant at (480) 503-6756.

Sincerely,

John W. Lewis  
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Greg Stanton, Chair of Regional Council  
The Honorable Michael LeVault, Chair of Economic Development  
Nathan Pryor, Government Relations Manager  
Denise McClafferty, Regional Program Manager  
The Honorable Jenn Daniels  
The Honorable Eddie Cook



City of Tempe  
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Mark W. Mitchell  
Mayor

July 26, 2016

The Honorable Greg Stanton  
Chair, Regional Council Executive Committee  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Mayor Stanton, *Greg*

This letter is to recommend the appointment of Tempe Councilmember Randy Keating to serve on the Economic Development Committee (EDC). I have very much enjoyed my service as a member of EDC for the past four years and know Councilmember Keating will be an excellent addition to the committee.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (480) 350-8959.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Mitchell,  
Mayor

Cc: Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director  
Randy Keating, Tempe Councilmember  
Andrew Ching, Tempe City Manager  
Marge Zylla, Tempe Government Relations Officer

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark W. Mitchell'.

Mark W. Mitchell,  
Mayor



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May 13, 2016

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Honorable W.J. "Jim" Lane  
Chairman, Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Lane:

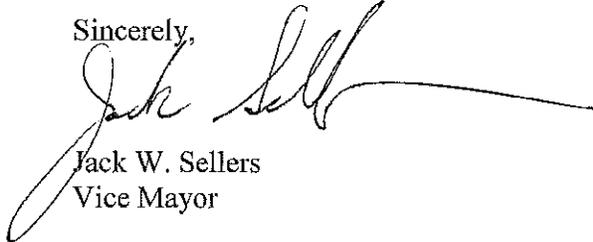
Please accept this letter as my expression of interest in being reappointed to the MAG Economic Development Committee.

I have very much enjoyed serving on this committee and want to continue to participate. My long history of involvement in both transportation and economic development activities in the East Valley and the region, as well as my service on the State Transportation Board, will help bring continuity and experience to the committee's work.

The City of Chandler has been, and continues to be, a leader in economic development activity in the region. I believe it is important for Chandler to be represented on the Economic Development Committee and look forward to continuing to be part of this regional effort.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about my interest in this position or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jack W. Sellers  
Vice Mayor

**Chandler**



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July 18, 2016

The Honorable Greg Stanton  
Regional Council Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Stanton,

Please accept this letter as my request to continue serving as the City of Mesa's representative on the MAG Economic Development Committee. I have thoroughly enjoyed my service on the EDC and look forward to building upon our economic success in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Luna". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Luna  
Councilmember, District 5



TOWN OF  
**QUEEN CREEK**  
ARIZONA

July 25, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton, Chair  
MAG Regional Council  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor Stanton:

I write to respectfully request consideration to be reappointed to serve on the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Economic Development Committee. I have had the privilege of serving as one of the at-large members of the MAG Economic Development Committee for several years now. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served on this important regional group and look forward to additional opportunities to collaborate on regional economic development matters.

Given that MAG now has members from Pinal County, and as a mayor of a municipality with Town limits in both Maricopa and Pinal counties, I am confident I would continue to be an asset to the membership of the MAG Economic Development Committee. I have well established relationships with the Town of Florence, the City of Maricopa, and Pinal County.

I would be honored to continue serving on the MAG Economic Development Committee in the coming year. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need any additional information for this process. I can be reached at (480) 358-3000 or by e-mail at [gail.barney@queencreek.org](mailto:gail.barney@queencreek.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Barney". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Gail Barney  
Mayor

CC: Dennis Smith, Executive Director, Maricopa Association of Governments



July 21, 2016

The Honorable Mayor Greg Stanton  
Chair, MAG Regional Council  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave #300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Chairman Stanton,

This letter is to express my desire and interest in continuing to serve on the Economic Development Committee. I have enjoyed working with my colleagues across the region on this Committee, value the great significance it provides, and sincerely appreciate the great privilege it has been to serve. The accomplishments achieved by the economic development committee have been remarkable.

My vision is for continuing the great work which has already begun by the committee toward multi-national regionalism and Foreign Direct Investments (FDI), in working with other committee members and various Federal and State agencies, and others, to develop committed policies and resources, within an environment embracing international commerce and investments through a vigorous and unified platform. There is a strong relationship between foreign investment and economic growth. FDI in in our region will stimulate sustainable economic development through employment creation and increases in incomes, especially of skilled and semi-skilled workers in these industries.

Again, I look forward to serving you and other members of the Committee. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Farrar", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael E. Farrar  
Councilmember  
Town of Carefree



## Town of FOUNTAIN HILLS

July 27, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton  
Chair of the Regional Council  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Suite #200  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Stanton,

I am writing to communicate my interest in serving once again on the MAG Economic Development Committee as the representative for the East Valley.

I believe that this committee performs a valuable function and I feel fortunate to have been a part of it for the past three years. As a Mayor of one of the smaller municipalities, I appreciate the opportunity to serve not only my town of Fountain Hills, but also the regional area as well.

Over the years, I have gained considerable expertise and knowledge in the areas of both economic development and infrastructure through my research, attendance at meetings, interaction with staff and private sector interests and political action.

Therefore, I respectfully request reappointment to the MAG Economic Committee.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda M. Kavanagh".

Linda M. Kavanagh  
Mayor



**Town of Youngtown  
12030 Clubhouse Square  
Youngtown, Arizona 85363**

July 28, 2016

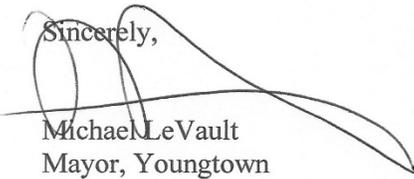
The Honorable Greg Stanton  
Chairman, MAG Regional Council

Dear Mayor Stanton:

Let this letter serve to express my interest in being considered for appointment to the vacancy on MAG's Economic Development Committee. My roles as outgoing Chair of the Economic Development Committee and recent past Chairman of the Regional Council, coupled with my many years of experience in the private sector, uniquely qualifies me to serve in that position.

Thank you and members of the Executive Committee and Regional Council, in advance, for your consideration.

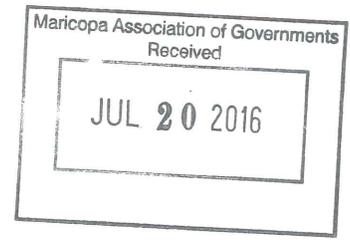
Sincerely,



Michael LeVault  
Mayor, Youngtown

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July 14, 2016

Greg Stanton  
Chairman  
Maricopa Association of Governments, Regional Council  
302 N. 1st Ave.  
Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Mayor Stanton,

Please accept this letter as notice of my interest in continuing service on the Maricopa Association of Government's Economic Development Committee. I look forward to the opportunity to continue working with such an outstanding committee focused on the economic success of our region.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Georgia Lord  
Mayor





Office of the Mayor

July 15, 2016

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Honorable Greg Stanton  
Chairman MAG Regional Council  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue | Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Chairman Stanton:

Please accept this letter as an expression of my interest to continue to serve as a member on the MAG Economic Development Committee. I have served as Mayor of Litchfield Park since 2006 and have served on the EDC since its inception. I would value the opportunity to extend my service to the Economic Development Committee.

Over the last 36 years, I have actively served on numerous Boards, Commissions, and Committees for the community, region, and state. My formal education includes a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and a Juris Doctor from the University of Notre Dame.

I believe my education and experience in local and regional issues will provide a wealth of resources to draw upon and will prove to be very beneficial to the Economic Development Committee.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Thomas L. Schoaf  
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July 21, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton  
Regional Council Executive Committee Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: MAG Economic Development Committee

Dear Mayor Stanton:

This letter is to express my interest in continuing to serve on the MAG Economic Development Committee.

I have a long history of local and statewide community service and advocacy, including serving as Vice Chair of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and serving on the executive committee of the Phoenix Business and Workforce Development Commission. Additionally, I serve on the WESTMARC Board of Directors where I am involved in the Education Issues Joint Committee.

I respectfully ask that the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee supports my request for membership on the Economic Development Committee. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 623.333.1916 or [lsierra@avondale.org](mailto:lsierra@avondale.org).

Sincerely,

Lorenzo Sierra  
Councilmember, City of Avondale

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June 30, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton  
Chairman, MAG Regional Council  
302 N 1st Ave., Ste. 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Chairman Stanton:

Please accept this letter of interest and my desire to continue serving on the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Economic Development Committee (EDC).

For the past five years, I have served as a member on the Maricopa Association of Governments on the Regional Council (RC), Economic Development Committee (EDC) and the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). I have an extensive background and experience in developing public policy in the area of economic development. I recognize the importance of this Committee in setting the stage for Arizona's economic prosperity, particularly in Maricopa County.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at (623) 222-1320.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon R. Wolcott  
Mayor, City of Surprise  
cc: Mr. Dennis Smith, Executive Director, MAG

August 9, 2016

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Brande Mead, Human Services Manager

SUBJECT: MARICOPA REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE PLANNING GRANT FUNDING REQUEST  
TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Board has expressed the need for additional staff dedicated to the Continuum of Care to complete U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, detailed in the Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, legislation governing the work of the Continuum of Care (CoC). The requested funding would be used to maintain the currently approved staffing of the CoC and hire one additional full-time staff person dedicated to the work of the CoC as well as enter into a contract with a consultant or consultants to assist with specific HUD required activities to address homelessness across the Region.

This year, the CoC is eligible to apply for \$737,050 in planning grant funding. The final funding amount is based on three percent of our final pro-rata need. Members of the Continuum of Care Board are supportive of the funding request of \$737,050 for the CoC planning grant. We are currently in contract with HUD for \$265,000 in CoC Planning funds, we propose to increase the planning funds by \$472,050 for a total funding request of \$737,050. Our goal is to lead the nation in creating a homeless services system that ensures that homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring. To transform the CoC additional staff is needed to plan for the needs and gaps of the homeless services system in the region. Moreover, to meet the needs of HUD proscribed initiatives, consultants will be used to lead efforts around connections with mainstream resources and efforts to end Veteran and chronic homelessness.

Current staffing structure:

- I Human Services Planner II (Coordinator)
- I Human Services Planner I (Monitoring Position)
- I Intern

Proposed staffing structure:

- I Human Services Planner II (Coordinator)
- I Human Services Planner I (Monitoring Position)
- I Human Services Planner II (Data Analyst) - New
- I-3 Consultant(s)/Special Project Associate(s) - New

In reviewing HUD guidance and detailed debriefing material on the CoC score, we are consistently low in the areas of objective use of data and performance monitoring. With the imminent new hire of a monitoring position, we will address the performance of individual projects and their compliance with the federal requirements. This will help us to meet the federal expectations of reallocating funding from poor performing contracts. However, ongoing data analysis is critical for us to determine what kinds of projects we should be reallocating to in order to best meet the needs of the community. In addition, the HUD emphasis on ensuring that all CoC decisions are "data-driven" leaves us with a critical need for ongoing data analysis of the needs of our community and the efficacy of our services.

The CoC Planning grant funding application is due to HUD on September 14, 2016 and the request is subject to approval by HUD. If approved, the CoC Planning grant will be awarded in 2017. This agenda item is for approval for MAG to apply for additional CoC Planning funding in the amount of \$737,050 for the proposed staffing structure (above). If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at the MAG office at (602) 254-6300.