

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
February 19, 2013  
MAG Offices, Ironwood Room  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale, Chair  
Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa, Vice Chair  
Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown, Treasurer  
Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek

Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale  
Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Litchfield Park  
Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix

\* Not present

# Participated by video or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Smith at 12:06p.m. Vice Chair stated that Chair Lopez Rogers was on a conference call in another meeting room and would be in attendance when the call was complete.

Vice Chair Smith stated that public comment cards were available for those members of the public who wish to comment. Transit tickets were available from Valley Metro for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

2. Call to the Audience

Vice Chair Smith stated that 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 Smith noted that no public comment cards had been received

3. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Smith noted that 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.

Vice Chair Smith requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Schoaf moved to approve items #3A through #3E. Mayor Barney seconded the motion and the motion carried

unanimously.

3A. Approval of the January 22, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the January 22, 2013 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Appointment of the MAG Economic Development Committee Maricopa County Member Position

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the appointment of Supervisor Steve Chucuri as the Maricopa County representative on the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC). On October 27, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved the composition of the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC). The composition includes fourteen 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. On January 29, 2013, a letter was received from the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman recommending Supervisor Steve Chucuri serve as the Maricopa County representative on the EDC. It is anticipated that the Regional Council will approve this recommendation at its February 27, 2013 meeting.

3C. Appointment of the MAG Economic Development Committee West Valley Position

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the appointment of Mayor Georgia Lord, City of Goodyear, to the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC). The composition of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on October 27, 2010. On January 15, 2013, a West Valley seat on the EDC became vacant. Mayor Elaine Scruggs left elected office after 22 years of service in the City of Glendale. According to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee recommends to the Regional Council a new West Valley elected official to fill this seat.

3D. Amendment of the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Additional Funding for the Northwest Valley Local Transit System Contract

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved amending the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide additional funding of \$25,000 for the Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study contract. In September 2011, the MAG Regional Council approved an amendment to the MAG FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Annual Budget to add the Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study Project. An additional \$25,000 is requested for a total contract amount of \$254,981.59 to support additional stakeholder and community meetings related to the recommendations of the Study. Amendments to the FY 2013 UPWP and the Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study contract are requested. This item is on the February 13, 2013 Management Committee agenda for recommendation to approve.

3E. Development of the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the updated draft budget time line. Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in April and approved by the Regional Council in May. To provide an early start in developing the Work Program and Budget, this presentation is an overview of MAG's draft proposed new projects for the FY 2014 Work Program. The updated draft budget time line, the invitation for the Budget Webinar presentation on February 22, 2013, at 1:30 P.M. in the MAG Palo Verde Room, and estimated dues and assessments are included with the budget documents.

4. MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Vice Chair Appointment

Denise McClafferty, MAG Management Analyst III, stated in December 2012, the Vice Chair position of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee became vacant. According to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee will appoint a new vice chair to complete the remainder of the two-year term. MAG staff sent a notice to the Management Committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and the Intergovernmental Representatives to solicit letters of interest for the Vice Chair position. Letters of interest were received from Tracy Stevens, City of Avondale and Katherine Cole, City of Phoenix. Staff is asking the committee to appoint a new Vice Chair to complete the remainder of the Past Chair's term.

Mayor Stanton moved to recommend Katherine Coles, City of Phoenix, as Vice Chair on the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Mayor Lane seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Adjustment

Dennis Smith, Executive Director of MAG, stated that there have been two Governance Subcommittee meetings to discuss the changes in the By-Laws since the last Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Smith stated a few questions came up during those meetings that included clarification on the actual boundaries for the San Tan Valley area and also how the Pinal County tax works. Eric Anderson stated Pinal County passed a half-cent sales tax in 2005 through 2026. For fiscal year 2012, Pinal County collected a total of \$12.95 million. He added Maricopa County has a similar tax and it generated \$330 million in 2012. Mr. Smith provided an updated map with a small modification that involved the Gold Canyon Ranch boundary. He added another question that came out of the Governance Subcommittee was the new proposed name that Casa Grande was considering, which is the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization. There was concern from this committee that using "sun corridor" may cause brand confusion with the work MAG has been doing. Mr. Smith called Casa Grande and when he received a call back from a staff member he voiced the concern. Casa Grande asked if there were other suggestions. Mayor Smith suggested the name Pinal Sun Corridor or the Pinal Corridor. Mr. Smith stated he could suggest these names to Casa Grande.

Eric Anderson stated he received a phone call from a staff member from the Town of Florence asking if they still have the option to join MAG. Mr. Anderson stated they could stay independent, join MAG or the Casa Grande MPO. Mayor Smith asked how the Pinal sales tax relates to the MAG sales tax and planning. Mr. Anderson stated any taxes levied within a county can only be spent in that county. Proposition 400 funds can only be spent for transportation planning in Maricopa County, likewise for the tax for Pinal County. Mr. Smith stated Fredda Bisman, MAG Legal Counsel, had updated the By-Laws with the requested changes. Ms. Bisman verbally reviewed the changes with the committee members.

Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

Mayor Schoaf moved to recommend to Regional Council the amended By-Laws. Mayor LeVault seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Maricopa Association of Governments Agency Performance Review Questionnaire

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, stated at the November 2012 Executive Committee meeting, it was requested a survey be developed that could be sent out to provide input from other agencies, such as the state and nonprofit agencies on how they view the various divisions in MAG, as well as MAG as an organization. Staff prepared a questionnaire to be reviewed by this committee and is looking for input. Mayor Schoaf thanked staff for putting this survey together and stated he is happy with the document as it is now. He added he is in favor of staff establishing a list of who the survey will be sent to and to also proceed in sending out the survey. Mayor LeVault agreed and stated the survey was very thorough. He added the survey should be sent out to the various agencies and have staff bring back the list of people the survey was sent to, along with the results.

Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the committee members. There were none.

7. Review of MAG FY2012 Goals and Results and Discussion of Proposed Draft FY2013 Goals/Work Emphasis Areas

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, stated each year, as part of the Executive Director's evaluation, current year goals and results are presented. The proposed goals/work emphasis areas for FY2013 were sent to the Regional Council and Executive Committee with the performance survey for their input. Mr. Smith stated some of the core functions of MAG include a 5-Year Capital Program, a 20-Year Plan and a Work Program. He stated staff is now working on a new Regional Transportation Plan, along with many other activities. One of the goals for 2014 is the Aging in Place initiative. Mr. Smith added the environmental issues, such as PM-10, are still very strong at MAG and there is still much work to be done there. He added that there is a lot of interest in the Economic Development Committee and staff will be reviewing the results of the Freight Transportation Framework Study at Wild Horse Pass on March 6, 2103. Mr. Smith stated that Arizona needs an economic strategy that leads the transportation plan. He added another initiative that MAG is working on is a digital platform

to give small and medium size businesses in Arizona a leg up to be globally competitive and find out who can be their business partners in Mexico.

Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the committee members. Mayor Schoaf asked if the committee could have a progress report of the goals and responsibilities of planning and transit. Mr. Smith said they could provide a report on the transit planning responsibilities.

Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee members. There were none.

Mayor Lopez Rogers arrived to the committee meeting and asked Vice Chair Smith to continue chairing the meeting.

8. Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

Mayor LeVault moved that the Executive Committee go into executive session regarding the annual performance review of the MAG Executive Director. Mayor Schoaf seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting went into executive session at 12:39 p.m. The Executive Committee reconvened regular session at 1:55 p.m.

9. Possible Action on the Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

Vice Chair Smith requested a motion to approve an increase of the base salary of the Executive Director by 3.75 percent and to continue the additional four days of vacation that were approved last year. The increase, upon ratification by the Regional Council, would be effective January 1, 2013. Mayor Schoaf moved to approve. Mayor Lopez Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any requests for future agendas items. There were none.

11. Comments from the Committee

Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any comments from the committee. There were none.

Adjournment

Mayor Lane moved to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Schoaf seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary