

June 10, 2013

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, City of Avondale, Chair

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

Monday, June 17, 2013- 12:00 Noon  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Ironwood Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

A **telephone conference call** 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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MAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
JUNE 17, 2013

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

\*3A. Approval of the May 13, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

\*3B. Request to Amend the FY 2013 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide for an Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad to Provide MAG Funding to the Union Pacific Railroad for Preliminary Engineering Review for Grade Crossing Recommendations

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ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD  
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. MAG Transit Committee Vice Chair Appointment

On July 22, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures. Officer appointments for technical and other policy committees, with exception of the MAG Regional Council, Transportation Policy Committee, and Management Committee, will be

4. Approval of the Vice Chair appointment to the MAG Transit Committee.

made by the MAG Executive Committee and are eligible for two-year terms.

Due to her service on the Transportation Review Committee and other commitments, Transit Committee Chair Cathy Colbath relinquished her position and Vice Chair Madeline Clemann has ascended to the Chair position. On April 16, 2013, MAG staff sent a notice to the Management Committee, the MAG Transit Committee, and the Intergovernmental Representatives to solicit letters of interest for the Transit Committee Vice Chair position. A copy of the letters received requesting consideration for the Vice Chair position are included. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. MAG Committee Chair and Vice Chair Appointments ending June 30, 2013

In July 22, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures. Officer appointments for technical and other policy committees, with exception of the MAG Regional Council, Transportation Policy Committee, and Management Committee, will be made by the MAG Executive Committee and are eligible for two-year terms. These appointments are staggered to assist with continuity, appointing approximately half of the committee officers in June each year and the remainder in January, unless a vacancy occurs.

A memorandum was sent to the technical and policy committee members whose chairs and vice chairs expire in January explaining that officers of these committees have served their two-year term. According to the policies and procedures, the committee's vice chair will ascend to the chair position, and letters of interest were requested for the vice chair positions to be appointed by the Regional Council Executive Committee. An update on the committee appointments will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Approval of appointments of the technical and policy committee chairs and vice chairs ending June 30, 2013.

6. 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.

7. 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

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information.

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 13, 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 Chair Lopez Rogers at 12:03 p.m. Chair Lopez Rogers 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

Chair Lopez Rogers 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. She 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 Lopez Rogers stated no comment cards had been received.

3. Approval of the April 15, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Lopez Rogers asked if the members had any questions regarding the April 15, 2013 meeting minutes. There were none. Mayor Barney moved to approve the April 15, 2013 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Mayor Schoaf seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Update on the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, provided an update on the status of the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries. He stated for several months, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and the Regional Council have been reviewing the potential changes to the MAG Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary. He reported that the City of Maricopa and the Town of Florence passed resolutions requesting membership in MAG pending a new MPA Boundary being approved by the Governor in cooperation with MAG. On April, 3, 2013, the Governor of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) sent a letter to MAG, requesting that the remainder of the GRIC that is in Pinal County also be included in the MAG MPA Boundary.

Mr. Smith stated this week he has been invited to a study session of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to make a presentation on MAG. He added that on April 15, 2013, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved and adopted the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary map to be conveyed to the Governor via the Arizona Department of Transportation. This would provide for municipalities from Pinal County within the proposed boundary and Pinal County itself to join MAG contingent upon the boundary being changed.

Mr. Smith stated on April 27, 2103 a letter from the Chair of Regional Council, Certification of Adoption of the Minutes, and the final MPA boundary map was hand delivered to the offices of the Governor, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and Federal Highway Administration. MAG heard from the Director of ADOT that the Governor has signed the letter, however, as of today, MAG had not received the letter. He stated MAG is proceeding with a Work Program that includes three new members being part of the Dues and Assessments. Mr. Smith expressed appreciation to this committee for all their discussions and work on this.

Chair Lopez Rogers asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee. Mayor Schoaf stated that several years ago, written policies and procedures were adopted that governs some of the questions that came up, such as procedures for the nominating committee, procedures of rotation of representatives through the Chairs of committees, etc. He suggested that perhaps a group should come together to look at this process now that new southeast entities are being added as members. Chair Lopez Rogers agreed.

Mr. Smith stated in a previous Executive Committee meeting, staff was asked to bring the Executive Committee Subcommittee back together to work on the amendment. This committee included Mayor Schoaf, Mayor Smith, and Mayor Stanton. Mr. Smith stated only one MAG committee has a geographic boundary that defines the east and west and that is the Transportation Policy Committee. Chair Lopez Rogers stated the subcommittee should get together to discuss committee definitions so that they are clear. Mayor LeVault asked when would membership be effective for the new members. Mr. Smith stated they would become due paying members beginning July 1, 2013.

5. Annual Regional Council Meeting and Passing of the Gavel Ceremony

Kelly Taft, Communications Manager, stated that the Passing of the Gavel Ceremony has been scheduled for June 19, 2013, at noon at the Downtown Phoenix Sheraton. She noted that this is both a change in the regular date and time of the Regional Council meeting. She added this is usually a Transportation Policy Committee meeting day, however, the June meeting has been cancelled. Ms. Taft stated that MAG members can park at MAG and walk over to the event or park at the Sheraton and have their parking validated. Ms. Taft stated formal invitations will not be sent out, instead an email invitation will be going out this week and members are asked to RSVP to Valerie Day at the MAG office. She noted an RSVP is needed in determining how much food will need to be provided. The invitation list includes the members of Regional Council, the Transportation Policy and Economic Development committees.

Ms. Taft stated an abbreviated Regional Council meeting will also be held at the Sheraton and it will include the election of officers, with the reception and ceremony slated to begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. She added during the ceremony, staff will play the *Year in Review* video that committee members graciously participated in. She added the ceremony will consist of a buffet style luncheon and alcohol will not be provided due to the noon time frame. Ms. Taft stated she and Sarah Daily would be happy to answer any questions regarding the event.

Chair Lopez Rogers thanked Ms. Taft for the update and stated in the future, it may be a good idea to charge a small fee for the event so that the business community can be included. Chair Lopez Rogers asked if the committee had any questions or comments. Mayor Smith stated that the more MAG integrates with the business communities, the better. He added the Economic Development Committee has been a real eye opener and has had a positive impact with public and private entities coming together. Mayor Smith suggested inviting leadership from WESTMARC, Greater Phoenix Leadership, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, etc. Mayor Schoaf added that the educational institutions should also be included.

Mayor Stanton suggested having the formal meeting at noon and then a more social reception in the evening. Chair Lopez Rogers stated that at the last committee meeting it was recommended to have the meeting at noon with the thought that more people could attend. Mr. Smith stated staff could contact the venue to see if they have space available for an evening reception. Mayor LeVault asked if the date had already been announced. Ms. Taft responded that it had already been published in the MAGAZine.

Mayor Stanton suggested inviting neighborhood groups to attend so that they can start to feel connected with MAG. He suggested to help keep costs to a minimum to provide hors d'oeuvres in place of a meal and offer a cash bar. Mayor Smith stated he thought this was a good idea. Mr. Smith suggested moving the Regional Council meeting to later in day at the Sheraton with the reception, that would also include business leaders, to follow immediately after the meeting. He added that guests would only have to make one trip, instead of having to come to the first meeting at noon and then back for the reception in the evening. Chair Lopez Rogers agreed with Mr. Smith's suggestions and directed staff to contact the Sheraton to see if space was available.

6. Approval of the Draft FY2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Member Dues and Assessments

Becky Kimbrough, Fiscal Services Manager, stated that the final draft FY2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is on the agenda today for approval. She stated the draft Work Program has been presented incrementally from January through April and there are no appreciable differences from the information presented last month. Ms. Kimbrough noted that there is an overall increase to the proposed FY2014 budget from the current year budget of 4.28 percent without including carryforward project estimates. The largest dollar increase is in budgeted personnel costs. She added the next largest increase is for maintenance and repairs costs, which are almost entirely to cover RCN network equipment, computer equipment, and copy machines.

Ms. Kimbrough indicated that the largest dollar decreases in overhead are for project consultants. Capital outlays also decreased since the completion of the remodel and the purchase of the accounting system during this fiscal year. She added that there is an overall decrease to overhead for FY2014 of about four percent.

Ms. Kimbrough stated MAG submits its Work Program each year to the Government Finance Officer's Association for review and application for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. MAG received this award for the 14th consecutive year for the the FY2013 Work Program in January of this year; the work program for FY2014 will be submitted for the 15th consecutive year.

Ms. Kimbrough reported that MAG is awaiting word from the Governor's office on the planning boundaries to complete the planning section narrative in the work program. This change will also affect the member Dues and Assessments, if members are added, it will have the effect of decreasing each member's dues and assessments. The planning objectives in the work program at MAG would also be affected.

Chair Lopez Rogers thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report and asked if the committee had any questions or comments.

Mayor Smith asked how would the three new members impact Dues and Assessments. Ms. Kimbrough stated the Dues and Assessments that the new members would pay would be a total of approximately \$18,000. Mayor Lane asked if the personnel costs on the expenditure side from FY2013 to FY2014 is staff driven or compensation increases and benefits. Ms. Kimbrough stated it is both. She stated MAG is proposing four new staff positions in FY2014 and MAG is also recommending that a proposed salary increase of up to five percent be included for FY2014. She added that the Arizona State Retirement System contribution is going up and staff does not yet know what will be happening with health insurance costs. She stated the social security and medicare taxes are on the additional staff positions.

Mayor LeVault asked if the health insurance plan is on a fiscal or calendar year. Ms. Kimbrough stated the plan is on a calendar year. She added each year MAG carefully negotiates health insurance with a broker. She noted there is a lot of uncertainty regarding health insurance right now with the Affordable Care Act and costs. Mayor Stanton was called out of the meeting.

Mayor Barney moved to approve adopting the Draft FY2013 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments. Mayor LeVault seconded the motion and the motion carried with Mayor Stanton not in attendance.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Lopez Rogers asked if there were any requests for future agendas items. There were none.

8. Comments from the Committee

Chair Lopez Rogers asked if there were any comments from the committee. Mr. Smith stated that the interviews that Mayor Lane and Mayor Schoaf did for *Horizonte* would be posted on the Economic Development Committee website.

Adjournment

Mayor LeVault moved to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Lane seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary

# MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

## INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

**DATE:**

June 10, 2013

**SUBJECT:**

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**SUMMARY:**

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**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: The resulting review by UPRR Engineering staff will assist in identifying safety improvements requirements for Union Pacific Railroad pedestrian/bicycle grade crossing in the MAG Region that are currently unprotected with modern safety features such as lights, gates and signs.

CONS: None.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The resulting review by UPRR Engineering staff will assist in identifying physical and operating requirements for proposed railroad/pedestrian/bicycle grade crossing improvements along select, unprotected Union Pacific grade crossings in the MAG Region's Southeast Valley.

POLICY: None.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval to amend the FY 2013 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide for an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for UPRR staff to review and approve preliminary engineering plan-sets within the current MAG On-call study, Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Rail Crossing Recommendations for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

This item is on the June 12, 2013 Management Committee agenda for recommendation to approve.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Marc Pearsall, MAG, 602-254-6300.

**MAG Transit Committee**

<u>Vice Chair</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Wulf Grote, Director of Planning & Development	Valley Metro
Maier Hazine, Deputy Director, Public Works Utilities	City of Peoria

*Current Chair of the MAG Transit Committee is - Madeline Clemann, City of Scottsdale*



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May 17, 2013

Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, MAG Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

The Honorable Marie Lopez Rogers:

I am writing this letter to express our interest in having a Valley Metro representative serve as Vice Chair of the MAG Transit Committee. Mr. Wulf Grote has served on the Transit Committee since it was formed and has been involved in regional transit issues in the Valley since 1985. He has an intimate knowledge of the transit planning process, including the development of the region's light rail system that has surpassed all expectations of ridership projections.

Mr. Grote currently serves as the Director of Planning and Development for Valley Metro. In this position he is responsible for both rail and bus development for the region. He would be an excellent candidate for the Vice Chair position.

I encourage you to consider Mr. Grote for this important committee position.

Sincerely,

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Stephen R. Banta  
Chief Executive Officer



# City of Peoria

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May 24, 2013

Mayor Marie Lopez-Rogers  
Maricopa Association of Governments, Chair  
302 N 1st Ave # 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Chair Lopez-Rogers:

I would like to express the City of Peoria's interest in having Maher Hazine serve as Vice Chair of the MAG Transit Committee. In his current role as the Public Works-Utilities Deputy Director for the City of Peoria, Mr. Hazine oversees the transit operations at the City of Peoria. He has served on the MAG Transit Committee Since 2009. Additionally, next month, he will complete his 18 month assignment as the Chair of the Valley Metro/RPTA Transit Management Committee. As such, he is very familiar with regional transit issues.

Throughout his tenure on the various committees Mr. Hazine has demonstrated his ability to have a reasonable approach to issues and able to facilitate various points of views on issues. His experience and sense of judgment will be of value to the committee.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Carl Swenson  
City Manager

MAG Technical and Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs  
June 2013 Recommended Appointments

MAG Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
9-1-1 Oversight Team	Brenda Buren, Tempe	Chief Jay Strebeck, Phoenix
Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee	(Recommendation letters for chair and vice chair will be provided at the Executive Committee meeting)	
Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee	Katherine Coles, Phoenix	Jim Hash, Mesa
		Tracy Stevens, Avondale
Building Codes Committee	Mary Dickson, El Mirage	Larry Taylor, Gilbert
Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness	Councilmember Kevin Hartke, Chandler	Councilmember Thelda Williams, Phoenix
Elderly & Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee	Matt Dudley, Glendale	Deron Lozano, Valley Metro
Human Services Coordinating Committee	Vice Mayor Joanne Osborne, Goodyear	Councilmember Christopher Glover, Mesa
Human Services Technical Committee	Naomi Farrell, Tempe	Stephanie Small, Avondale
Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee	Cathy Hollow, Tempe	Luke Albert, Goodyear
		Marshall Riegel, Phoenix



**City of Phoenix**  
Fire Department

May 29, 2013

Honorable Maria Lopez Rogers  
MAG Regional Council Chair  
302 N 1<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Phoenix AZ 85003

Mayor Lopez-Rogers,

Please accept this letter to show my interest on serving as the Vice Chair for the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team. I have been involved with the 9-1-1 and MAG for several years as the PSAP Manager before advancing to the 9-1-1 Oversight Team. I understand the importance of staying involved and updated on the 9-1-1 system and feel that I would be an asset in this position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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P. Jay Strebeck  
Deputy Fire Chief  
Phoenix Fire Department

April 30, 2013

Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers – MAG Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1st Ave., Suite 300  
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RE: MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Vice-Chair Position

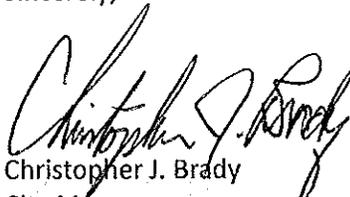
Dear Chair Rogers,

The City of Mesa would like to recommend Jim Hash for the position of Vice Chair of the MAG Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Jim has been the representative for the City of Mesa on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee since 2006, and has served on several special MAG Working Groups, which include:

- Regional Bicycle Task Force Representative for Transportation Review Committee
- MAG Regional Transit Framework Study Technical Advisory Committee
- MAG Complete Streets Technical Advisory Committee
- Working Group for the TIP Application Review and Ranking
- On Call Consultant List Evaluation Team
- Working Group for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety
- Consultant Selection Working Group for Bicycle Count Project

Jim Hash volunteered his time and expertise over the years beyond the scope of serving on the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. His professionalism and dedication is a testament to his commitment to regional connectivity. Jim's commitment to the advancement of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs in the MAG region makes him an ideal candidate for Vice Chair and a great asset to MAG and its members.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Brady  
City Manager



April 2, 2013

Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers  
Chair, MAG Regional Council  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: Letter of Interest for Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Dear Mayor Rogers:

The City of Avondale would like to submit **Tracy Stevens** for consideration as the Vice-Chair of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Tracy was recently appointed to sit on the committee as the City of Avondale representative and would like the opportunity to serve as the Vice-Chair.

In addition to her duties as the Planning Manager she coordinates all private development projects in the Development Services Department and throughout the City. She also plans for public open spaces, amenities, and multi-modal facilities that lend themselves to pedestrian and bicycle activities. She represents the City at the MAG Planner Stakeholders Working Group and has been involved in the preparation of the MAG Sustainable Transportation Land Use Integration Study. She has established relationships with other departments such as police and fire, who play an important role in the safety of the walking and biking public as well as the Parks and Recreation Department who work to enhance the City's trail system. We feel her years of experience, advocacy and prior experience serving on this committee, makes her a unique candidate for this committee's Vice Chair position.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 623-333-1000. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Charles P. McClendon  
City Manager

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**Administration**

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March 28, 2013

Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers  
Regional Council Chair  
MAG Building Codes Committee  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Honorable Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers,

This letter is in support of Larry Taylor filling the vacancy and serving as Vice Chair of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

Larry currently holds the title of Plan Review and Inspection Manager for the Town of Gilbert and serves as the Building Official. Larry's knowledge of the codes and passion for construction make him the perfect fit for this position. Larry is a respected member of our management team and carries a very professional reputation. Larry is trusted by the construction industry and has been called upon to teach classes on codes at several schools, including ASU.

Having the ability to logically interpret codes and find the intent behind the written word, Larry provides consistent, fair and equal treatment to all projects. He is always pursuing additional knowledge to not only help the Town, but advance the industry as well. He shares his wisdom with not only Town staff, but all interested parties.

Please give Mr. Taylor full consideration when selecting your new Vice Chair of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

I would be happy to provide any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Mieras", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kyle Mieras, AICP  
Interim Development Services Director  
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## City of Phoenix

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MAYOR GREG STANTON

June 4, 2013

The Honorable Marie Lopez Rogers  
Chair, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

**Re: MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness Vice Chair Position**

Dear Mayor Lopez Rogers:

I am writing to communicate that Councilwoman Thelda Williams will be the Phoenix representative on the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness. Additionally, I am respectfully submitting her name for consideration as the Vice Chair of the Committee.

Councilwoman Williams has served on the Phoenix City Council since 2008. Previously, she served on the City Council from 1989 to 1996 and as interim mayor in 1994. Over her years of service, she has been active in human services issues. Her knowledge and expertise will be a benefit to the Committee.

Please contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Greg Stanton

Cc: Councilwoman Thelda Williams  
David Cavazos, City Manager  
Neal Young, Senior Executive Assistant to the City Manager  
Deanna Jonovich, Human Services Director  
Karen Peters, Senior Executive Assistant to the City Manager



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June 5, 2013

The Honorable Marie Lopez-Rogers  
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Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor Lopez-Rogers:

I'm writing to express interest in appointing Deron Lozano as the Vice-Chair of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee. Deron has attended the committee as a representative of Valley Metro since August 2012. He often works directly with MAG on many of the issues discussed in meetings. In addition, Deron's involvement with regional transit service planning gives him a unique perspective into providing mobility solutions for transit dependent populations.

Deron currently serves as the System and Service Development Manager for Valley Metro. As such, he is in a leadership role for the agency. While still relatively new to the Committee, serving as Vice-Chair would offer him the opportunity to further enhance his leadership skills. I strongly believe that as Vice-Chair Deron is well suited to run a meeting in the absence of the Chair.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wulf Grote'.

Wulf Grote  
Director, Planning and Development  
Valley Metro

Cc: Jyme Sue McLaren, Chief of Staff, Valley Metro  
John Farry, Government Relations Officer, Valley Metro  
Deron Lozano, Manager, System and Service Development, Valley Metro

June 4, 2013

Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers  
MAG Chair  
c/o Dennis Smith  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers:

I am pleased to submit this letter of interest to serve as Vice Chair of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Human Services Coordinating Committee.

Since elected in 2011, I have represented Mesa on multiple boards and committees. I am currently a member of the board of directors for the Downtown Mesa Association, the Mesa Family YMCA, the Arizona Museum for Youth, the Arizona Museum of Natural History and the Child Crisis Center. I am also an active member of the National League of Cities and currently serve on the Council of Youth, Education and Families and the Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Steering Committee.

The City of Mesa has been a long-time active member of MAG and values the benefits this organization brings to our community and the region. I would be honored to represent Mesa and serve as Vice Chair of the HSCC and appreciate your consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Glover  
Councilmember, District 4

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Community Services  
Social Services

April 23, 2013

Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, MAG Chair,  
302 N 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MAG Executive Committee,

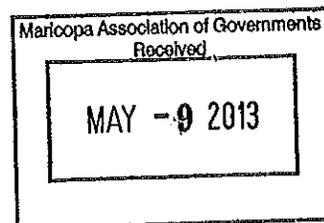
Please accept this letter as my interest to serve as the Chair of the Human Services Technical Committee. I have served on the Committee as the City of Tempe's representative since December, 2010. My current position with the City of Tempe is Deputy Community Services Director-Social Services Division.

I look forward to learning more about MAG and working together with the HST committee to meet human service regional goals. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Naomi Farrell'.

Naomi Farrell  
City of Tempe  
Deputy Community Services Director  
480-350-5428  
[naomi\\_farrell@tempe.gov](mailto:naomi_farrell@tempe.gov)





April 22, 2013

Marie Lopez Rogers  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: Letter of Interest for Vice-Chair of the Human Services Technical Committee

Dear Mayor Rogers:

The City of Avondale would like to submit **Stephanie Small** for consideration as the Vice-Chair on the MAG Human Services Technical Committee. Stephanie's role as Family Services Manager makes her the perfect representative for Avondale.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 623-333-1000. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles P. McClendon".

Charles P. McClendon  
City Manager

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May 29, 2013

The Honorable Mayor Marie Lopez-Rogers  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

**RE: City of Goodyear Representative – MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems  
(ITS) Committee – Vice Chair Appointment**

Honorable Mayor Rogers:

I would like to request your consideration of the appointment of Luke Albert as Vice Chair of the MAG ITS Committee effective July 1, 2013.

Luke is the City Traffic Engineer for the City of Goodyear and has been the City's representative on the MAG ITS Committee for over six years. During this time, Luke spearheaded the development of Goodyear's ITS Strategic Plan. His skill in managing the MAG funding process led to the creation and continued development of the Goodyear Traffic Management Center. Luke also was the local Project Manager overseeing the construction of 4.5 miles of federally funded fiber optic infrastructure on Litchfield Road in Goodyear and he continues to participate in the development and construction of all of Goodyear's federally funded transportation projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this nomination. Goodyear would be proud to have Luke rise to the level of Vice Chairman of the ITS Committee.

Sincerely,

Georgia Lord  
Mayor



Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, MAG Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

June 6, 2013

Dear Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers,

I have been a member of the MAG ITS committee for 5 years as a representative for Phoenix. I have been involved in ITS locally since 1997 as an ADOT employee, as a consultant and now with the City of Phoenix.

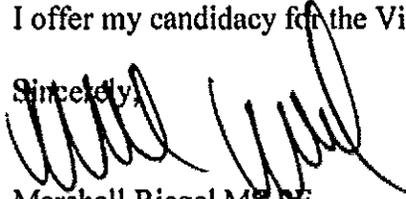
I believe my extensive local ITS knowledge both as a highway employee and as a local government employee uniquely qualifies me for the Vice Chair position.

I have been formally trained as a facilitator and mediator in my past positions.

My professional partnerships in the region and 30 plus years in Transportation will be of tremendous value to the MAG ITS committee.

I offer my candidacy for the Vice Chair position.

Sincerely,



Marshall Riegel MS PE  
City of Phoenix

CC:

Sarath Joshua

Denise McClafferty