

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 17, 2015
MAG Offices, Ironwood Room
302 N. 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown, Chair	Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek
Mayor W.J. “Jim” Lane, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye
Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix, Treasurer	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 LeVault at 12:05 p.m. Mayor Mook participated by teleconference.

2. Call to the Audience

Chair LeVault 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 LeVault noted that no public comment cards had been received.

3. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Chair LeVault 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.

Chair LeVault requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Barney moved to approve consent items #3A-#3F. Mayor Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3A. Approval of the January 12, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the January 12, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

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

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, recommended to approve the appointment of Supervisor Andrew Kunasek as the Maricopa County representative on the MAG Economic Development Committee.

On October 27, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved the composition of the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC). The composition includes eighteen 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 8, 2015, a letter was received from the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman recommending Supervisor Andrew Kunasek serve as the Maricopa County representative on the EDC. The Executive Committee is requested to recommend Supervisor Kunasek as the Maricopa County EDC member. It is anticipated that the Regional Council will approve this recommendation at its February 25, 2015 meeting.

3C. MAG Regional Multimodal Level of Service Map Study Consultant Selection

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the selection of Chen Ryan and Associates, Inc., to conduct the Multimodal Level of Service Map Study, for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2014, includes funding for a project to conduct Multimodal Level of Service map evaluations on pilot locations in the MAG region, with a budget of \$125,000. Multimodal Level of Service evaluates a street's ability to accommodate all user modes, including auto, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit. The methodology was developed for the Transportation Research Board and is considered an established metric for evaluating multimodal performance. On October 17, 2014, a request for proposals to conduct the project was advertised. Five teams submitted proposals, of which four met the eligibility requirements. The proposals were reviewed by a multi-agency proposal evaluation team. On January 7, 2015, the proposal evaluation team interviewed two teams, and recommended to MAG the selection of Chen Ryan Associates, Inc., to conduct the study, for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

3D. Amendment to the FY2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Funding to Support the Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved to accept the \$108,000 grant and approve an amendment to the MAG FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP) to support the Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project.

The FY 2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP) was approved on May 28, 2014. On January 26, 2015, a \$108,000 STOP grant from the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families was awarded to Regional Community Partners to support activities related to the Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project. The grant will support efforts to improve the way the region addresses domestic violence through the criminal justice system. This item is to accept the \$108,000 grant and to approve an amendment to the MAG FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP) to support the Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project.

3E. Technical Correction to Approve Continuing the Current Compensation and Benefits of the Executive Director

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved to continue the current compensation and benefits of the MAG Executive Director and to forward this action to the Regional Council for ratification.

At the January 2015 Regional Council Executive Committee and Regional Council meetings, action was taken to continue the current compensation and benefits for the MAG Executive Director. Due to a drafting error on the January agenda, the Executive Committee is being requested to approve continuing the existing compensation and benefits for the Executive Director. This approval would then be forwarded to the Regional Council for ratification.

3F. Amendment to the FY 2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Approve the Addition of a Regional Transportation Planning Project for the Maricopa County Region

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the addition of the narrative for the South Central Avenue Light Rail Transit Environmental Assessment and Conceptual Engineering project to the FY 2015 Total Regional Planning Funds section of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2014, identifies planning projects for the Maricopa County Region as required by Federal regulation 23 CFR 450.308 (c) that includes a discussion of the planning priorities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with funds provided under title 23 U.S.C. and title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 are required to be documented in the unified planning work program. The

City of Phoenix was successful in receiving funding from the Federal Transit Administration for the South Central Avenue Light Rail Transit Environmental Assessment and Conceptual Engineering project. The FTA has indicated that this project needs to be included in the narrative of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget appendix under FY 2015 Total Regional Planning Funds.

The City of Phoenix received a USDOT TIGER Grant to continue planning work on the environmental requirements and conceptual engineering for the South Central Light Rail project. The work will be done by Valley Metro and is funded for \$1,600,000 by the USDOT Tiger Grant and \$1,600,000 of local funds.

4. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Becky Kimbrough, Fiscal Services Manager, reported that this month's budget presentation includes the updated draft of the proposed dues and assessments, the budget timeline and the newly proposed projects for the FY 2016 budget. She noted that attachments were provided to the committee members reflecting the draft budget materials. She stated that the proposed dues and assessments that were presented as an estimate last month had been updated with the final average Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for calendar year 2014 of 1.62 percent. Ms. Kimbrough reported that this is a slight reduction from last month's estimate of 2.07 percent and that this final change decreases the amount for each member's dues and assessments by a small amount.

Ms. Kimbrough discussed the budget timeline, which outlined the formal budget development process beginning in January and ends in May each year. She stated that the budget webinar will be taking place at the MAG office on February 19, 2015, and is open to the public and members. She also provided descriptions, with cost estimates, for newly proposed projects for FY 2016. She explained that the new project requests for FY 2016 compared to the current year are lower, due to the ongoing project work that they currently have. Ms. Kimbrough added that there are six new project requests for FY 2016 and they are all in Transportation. She also provided a list of proposed projects and ongoing project work that MAG does each year.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that at the next committee meeting the first draft budget with narrative for FY 2016 will be presented. This will incorporate the overall budget estimates by project and the draft narratives, describing the work that MAG has planned for FY 2016 and the approval of the budget goes forward in May. Ms. Kimbrough noted that she welcomes any comments and questions throughout the presentation period and added that the final budget that will be presented in May is a compilation of all of the materials that have been previously reviewed by this committee.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that MAG has scheduled the Intermodal Planning Group meeting on March 17, 2015, at the MAG offices. The meeting is a review of the draft budget by all interested parties including federal, state and local agency staff. Ms. Kimbrough noted that any

comments from the meeting will be presented to this committee in April. Chair LeVault asked if there were any comments or questions from the committee. Mayor Lane asked if the slight reduction in the dues and assessments for FY 2016 was due to the lower factor. Ms. Kimbrough stated that was correct.

5. Continuation of the Discussion of the Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

Mayor Lane moved that the Executive Committee go into Executive Session regarding the performance review of the MAG Executive Director. Mayor Meck seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting went into Executive Session at 12:11 p.m. The Executive Committee reconvened regular session at 1:12 p.m.

6. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

7. Comments from the Committee

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Chair

Secretary