

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 25, 2015
MAG Offices, Ironwood Room
302 N. 1st 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 teleconference meeting was called to order by Chair Lane at 10:05 a.m. Chair Lane, Mayor Barney, Mayor LeVault, Mayor Meck, and Mayor Mitchell participated by teleconference.

2. Call to the Audience

Chair Lane 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 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. Legislative Update

Chair Lane provided an overview on House Bill 2617. This is the legislation in which MAG is required to fund Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) operations with more than \$2.5 million annually. As provided for in HB 2617, the funds will be transferred from the funds referenced in A.R.S. 42-6105, which is the voter-approved, half cent transportation tax that is dedicated for transportation investments in Maricopa County. This bill also affects the Pima Association of Governments with a diversion of approximately \$500,000 annually.

Chair Lane stated since the September 21, 2015 MAG Regional Council Executive Committee meeting, a letter that conveys concern about the provisions of House Bill 2617 and the timing for a proposed solution has been delivered to the Governor's office. Earlier this morning, Chair Lane received a response letter from René Guillen, Jr., Policy Advisor, Government and Transportation, from the Governor's office which indicated his willingness to meet with the MAG Executive Director and Executive Committee members to seek their input. Chair Lane asked if there were any comments or questions from the committee. Mr. Smith added MAG legal counsel was in attendance if the committee would like to go into executive session. Ms. Bisman commented that an executive session is appropriate if members would like to discuss legal strategies and options.

Mayor Mitchell moved that the Executive Committee go into executive session regarding agenda item #9. Mayor Meck seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting went into Executive Session at 10:11 a.m.

The Executive Committee reconvened regular session at 10:41 a.m.

4. Possible Action on the Legislative Update

Chair Lane moved to direct MAG staff to draft a letter to the Arizona Department of Revenue indicating a protest of funds taken from the Regional Area Road Funds. The letter should state that MAG is looking forward to working with the Governor's office and Legislative leadership in finding a solution to the issues created by House Bill 2617. Mayor LeVault seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Chair

Secretary