

November 16, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, City of Scottsdale, Chair

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

Monday, November 23, 2015 - 12:00 Noon (Immediately following RCP Board)  
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 or video 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  
NOVEMBER 23, 2015

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 September 21, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
  
- \*3B. Approval of the September 25, 2015 Executive Committee Special Meeting and Executive Session Meeting Minutes
  
- \*3C. Amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Additional Funding to Support Organization Development Efforts for Age-Friendly Community Sites

- 3A. Approval of the September 21, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
  
- 3B. Approval of the September 25, 2015 Executive Committee Special Meeting and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.
  
- 3C. Approval to amend the MAG FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP) and to accept a \$40,000 grant from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust to support organizational development efforts for age-friendly community sites.

The FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP) was approved on May 27, 2015. On October 15, 2015, a \$40,000 grant from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust was awarded to Regional Community Partners. The grant will be used to

support organizational development efforts for age-friendly community sites. This item is to accept the \$40,000 grant and approve an amendment to the MAG FY 2016 UPWP to support organizational development efforts for age-friendly community sites. Please refer to the enclosed materials.

\*3D. Appointment of MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee Vice Chair

The Vice Chair of the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee is no longer with the City of Surprise leaving the Vice Chair position vacant. On September 17, 2015, MAG staff sent a notice to the Management Committee, the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee, and the Intergovernmental Representatives to solicit letters of interest for the Vice Chair position on the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee. Two letters were received, one from the City of El Mirage and one from the City of Goodyear, requesting consideration for the Vice Chair position. Since that time, the City of Goodyear withdrew its letter from consideration. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*3E. Don't Trash Arizona Litter Prevention and Education Contract Extension

It costs our region more than \$3 million every year to pick up litter from our regional freeway system. Proposition 400 includes funding for a litter prevention and education program designed to increase awareness of the health, safety, environmental and economic consequences of freeway litter and ultimately change the behavior of offenders. The Don't Trash Arizona Litter Education and Prevention program is implemented by MAG in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

3D. Approval to appoint Janeen Gaskins, City of El Mirage, as the Vice Chair of the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee.

3E. Approval to extend the consultant contract with Fingerprint Marketing, Inc. for the first one-year option for the Litter Prevention and Education Program, and to amend the contract to include the \$300,000 budgeted in the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for litter prevention and education efforts.

On November 17, 2014, the Regional Council Executive Committee approved the selection of Fingerpaint Marketing, Inc. (formerly known as Olson Communications, Inc.), as the consultant to design and implement the FY 2015 Litter Prevention and Education Program. Under terms of the contract, MAG may, at its option, offer to extend the period of this agreement up to a maximum of two (2), one (1) year options, based on consultant performance and funding availability. Based on the ongoing success of the program, staff recommends extending the contract with Fingerpaint Marketing, Inc., for the first year option for the Litter Prevention and Education Program, and to include the \$300,000 budgeted in the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for litter prevention and education efforts. This item is on the November 18, 2015, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on the action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*3F. Amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Approve the Addition of a Regional Transportation Planning Project for the Maricopa County Region

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 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 23CFR 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. Valley Metro received a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning grant to continue land use planning along the proposed Tempe Streetcar project. The effort will include preparing a strategic plan that will identify long term opportunities for TOD as well as an implementation program. The work will be done

3F. Approval of the addition of the narrative for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning grant to continue land use planning along the proposed Tempe Streetcar project to the FY 2016 Total Regional Planning Funds section of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

by the City of Tempe with support from Valley Metro and is funded with \$250,000 by the FTA Grant and \$75,000 through local funds. 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 2016 Total Regional Planning Funds. This item is on the November 18, 2015, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on the action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD  
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. Report on the Upcoming Desert Peaks Awards

When communities work together, the entire region benefits. The Desert Peaks Awards were created in 1998 as a means of recognizing agencies and individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to promoting, recognizing, and attaining the ideals of regionalism. The Desert Peaks Awards represent the most prestigious regional honors bestowed in the state. The awards are held biennially and would be held on June 22, 2016, following the MAG annual meeting. A call for nominations is expected to be issued in February.

Staff is requesting guidance on planning for the Desert Peaks Awards event, including input on potential venues, time of event, recommended changes to event structure, and sponsorship.

5. MAG Committee Chair and Vice Chair Appointments ending December 31, 2015

On August 21, 2013, the MAG Regional Council approved updates to 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

4. Information, discussion and possible action.

5. Approval of appointments of the technical and policy committee chairs and vice chairs ending December 31, 2017.

MAG Executive Committee and are eligible for two-year terms with succession of positions occurring through the ascending order of officers. These appointments will be 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 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.

6. Proposed Consultant Practicum Project with the Thunderbird School of Global Management

MAG has participated with the Thunderbird School of Global Management on several economic development related projects. In 2013, Thunderbird conducted research on Arizona-Mexico Small and Medium Sized Business Connections. One of the recommendations that came out of this study was to create a platform in which to connect small and medium sized businesses in Arizona and Mexico, which would assist in promoting trade and exports. As a result of this recommendation, MAG staff created the Building an International Economic Network (BIEN) platform. MAG is proposing to contract with the Thunderbird Consultant Practicum Program, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, to assist with identifying ways to further promote BIEN and potentially identifying a marketing plan. Funding is available in the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for this activity.

6. Approval to proceed with the Thunderbird Consultant Practicum Program project regarding BIEN in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

7. Applying for Additional Continuum of Care Homeless Planning Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

This item is to inform members of the Executive Committee that the Continuum of Care is in the process of preparing a Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning grant funding application in the amount of \$265,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CoC currently receives \$180,000 in HUD CoC Planning funds. The additional funding, if approved by HUD, will be used to hire one additional full-time staff dedicated to the Human Services Division and the Continuum of Care. MAG will provide the required 25 percent cash match in the amount of \$66,250 using dedicated homeless assessment funding. The request from HUD in the amount of \$265,000 plus cash match of \$66,250 brings the total budget to \$331,250. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Update on the Gaiser v. Valley Metro Rail et al, Maricopa County Case NO. CV2015-10237

At the September 21, 2015 Executive Committee meeting, the committee discussed MAG's position in the Gaiser v. Valley Metro Rail litigation. The MAG attorney will provide an update on this case.

The Executive Committee may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss and consult with MAG's attorneys to consider MAG's position and instruct its attorneys regarding litigation: Gaiser v. Valley Metro Rail et al, Maricopa County Case No. CV2015-10237. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4).

9. Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

The employment agreement entered into with the MAG Executive Director in January 2003 provided that the Executive Committee conduct

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session to discuss and consult with MAG's attorneys to consider MAG's position and instruct its attorneys regarding litigation: Gaiser v. Valley Metro Rail et al, Maricopa County Case No. CV2015-10237.

9. Information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session to discuss the MAG Executive Director's performance evaluation. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1).

an annual performance review in consultation with the Regional Council. On December 15, 2003, the Executive Committee approved an evaluation survey for the MAG Executive Director's performance review. To provide a more efficient process, the evaluation survey has been converted to electronic format in SurveyMonkey. Staff will provide a review of the electronic survey instrument, and the process for conducting the annual evaluation will be discussed. The Executive Committee may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the MAG Executive Director's review. The meeting may then be reconvened to take action regarding the review. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1).

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

The Executive Committee may reconvene the regular meeting to take action regarding the annual performance review of the MAG Executive Director.

11. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

12. 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.

13. 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

10. Information, discussion and possible action regarding the MAG Executive Director's performance evaluation.

11. Information, discussion and possible action.

12. Information.

13. Information.

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

September 21, 2015

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 12:00 p.m. Mayor LeVault participated by teleconference.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. 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.

4. 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 Meck moved to approve consent items #4A and #4B. Mayor Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of the August 10, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the August 10, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

4B. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Add a New On-Call Consultant Project for the Traffic Signal Optimization Program

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved to amend the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add the Traffic Signal Optimization Program Project using \$300,000 in contingency funds to carry out the FY 2016 Traffic Signal Optimization Program.

Since its inception in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004, the MAG Traffic Signal Optimization Program (TSOP) has successfully completed more than 100 projects that have helped improve traffic signal timing at more than 1,000 intersections across the region. At the time the FY MAG 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, it was projected that the funds for the TSOP project in the FY 2015 UPWP would carry forward to the FY 2016 UPWP. However, during the spring of 2015, many TSOP projects were initiated and completed. An on-call consultant project is needed to continue to provide the ongoing technical assistance to local agencies during FY 2016. An amendment is needed to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add a new on-call consultant project with a budget of \$300,000 in contingency funds. If the amendment is approved, it is anticipated that a list of TSOP projects will be generated through a call for projects and considered through the MAG committee process in the coming months. These projects will be assigned to qualified on-call consultants that have been approved through the MAG process and the projects would be carried out between January and June of 2016.

5. Request for Sponsorship for the ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy State of Our State Event

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, stated The Arizona State University Morrison Institute for Public Policy is hosting the State of Our State event on November 20, 2015. At this event, former MAG Secretary Jack DeBolske will be honored and presented with the Public Policy Legacy Award. The sponsorship levels include the Maroon sponsorship for \$1,500 that will provide one table of eight or the VIP Gold sponsorship that includes two tables of eight for \$5,000 and agency recognition at the event.

Mr. Smith stated in 1957, Jack DeBolske was the youngest Executive Director of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and the youngest League Director in the United States. In 1967, he was instrumental in creating the Councils of Governments in Arizona and the Maricopa Association of Governments, which he led from 1967 to 1996. Mr. DeBolske also secured funding for the regional freeway system in 1985 by passage of a half-cent sales tax designated

for transportation – one of the first of its kind in the nation. His legacy runs deep in Arizona. Mr. Smith added if MAG does sponsor this event, who would we invite. He noted there are many past mayors in the valley, who have worked with Mr. DeBolske, as well as MAG staff.

Chair Lane asked if this event was a fund raiser for the Arizona State University Morrison Institute for Public Policy Morrison Institute. Mr. Smith stated federal money would not be used for this. Denise McClafferty, MAG Regional Program Manager, stated all funds would be deposited to the ASU Foundation for a New American University, a separate nonprofit organization that exists to support ASU. Mayor Lane noted this would then be a contribution to the university. Mr. Smith stated MAG likes to be transparent regarding these types of requests, as well as receive input for the level of sponsorship and who would be attending. Mayor Lane stated he would prefer to stay at the Maroon level.

Mayor Mitchell stated if we have the funds available, he supports sponsoring this event at the VIP Gold level. He added Mr. DeBolske really laid the foundation for municipalities across the state and this also shows our commitment with one of Economic Development Committee partners. Mayor Mitchell asked who MAG typically invites to this type of event. Mr. Smith stated perhaps people who chaired MAG Regional Council during Jack DeBolske's tenure, could be invited to attend the event. Mayor Lane stated for the record he supports honoring Mr. DeBolske and would recommend the Maroon sponsorship because this is a fund raiser that uses taxpayer money. Mayor Meck stated that he supports sponsoring the event at the VIP Gold level. He added that we need to honor Mr. DeBolske for what he has accomplished because he truly is a legacy.

6. Request for Sponsorship for the 11th Annual International State of the State Luncheon

Denise McClafferty, MAG Regional Program Manager, stated MAG has been requested to provide sponsorship for the 11th Annual International State of the State Luncheon (ISOS), a yearly event hosted by the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations. She added this year's ISOS discussion will feature Governor Doug Ducey on how Arizona is competing internationally - "*A Discussion with Governor Doug Ducey about Steering Arizona's Future in International Waters*". A \$1,000 sponsorship will provide a table of 10 at the ISOS luncheon. Ms. McClafferty stated in the past, MAG staff has reached out to the Executive Committee members first to see if they are interested in attending. If any seats remain, the invitation is then extended to the MAG Regional Council members.

Chair Lane asked if there were questions or comments from the committee. There were none.

7. Request for Sponsorship for the Arizona Mayors Trade and Protocol Mission to Mexico City

Denise McClafferty, MAG Regional Program Manager, stated on October 4-7, 2015, a delegation of elected officials and business leaders will travel to Mexico City as part of an Arizona Mayors Trade and Protocol Mission to promote regional cooperation and economic opportunity with one of our valued trading partners. She added MAG has been requested to

provide sponsorship of \$2,500 for a delegation reception in Mexico City titled: “*The Real Arizona: Advancing a Strong Partnership*”. Ms. McClafferty explained the reception will focus on promoting the real Arizona, the benefits and opportunities of doing business in Arizona and supports the focus of the MAG Economic Development Committee to work with other agencies to improve the economy and image of Arizona. Guests include high-level business leaders, community leaders and chambers in Mexico City. Ms. McClafferty stated Mayor Stanton, City of Phoenix, Mayor Wolcott, City of Surprise and Mayor Giles, City of Mesa will also be attending this event. She noted this sponsorship will not be used to subsidize the MAG elected officials' travel expenses.

Chair Lane asked if the Memorandum of Understanding that MAG has with the Arizona Commerce Authority is an annual contribution. Ms. McClafferty stated it was a one year commitment and staff is currently assessing the benefits and will put together a report as to how the office has helped our region. Chair Lane asked if there were any comments or questions from the committee. There were none.

8. Legislative Update

Nathan Pryor, MAG Government Relations Manager, provided an update on HB2617 and noted this issue has been reported to the Executive Committee since April 2015. Mr. Pryor discussed the possible ramifications to the diversion of Proposition 400 sales tax funds for transportation to the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR). Provisions in HB 2617 would direct \$2,582,396.84 per year from MAG and approximately \$498,892 per year from the Pima Association of Governments to fund ADOR operations.

Mr. Pryor stated on May 27, 2015, a working group met with the Governor’s staff to discuss possible accommodations to the provisions of HB 2617. This working group included Mayors Lane, City of Scottsdale, Mayor LeVault, Town of Youngtown and Mayor Mitchell, City of Tempe, and Maricopa County Supervisor Barney. Discussions included limiting the time frame for two years and work with the state in assisting through the structural deficit. On June 24, 2015, this item was presented to the MAG Regional Council and discussed a possible option of working with the state in reaching some form of accommodation to HB 2617.

Mr. Pryor reported that a number of Regional Council members expressed concern with transferring regional funding to the state as contrary to what the voters understood as to how Proposition 400 funds are to be spent and the working group was encouraged to have more discussion with governor's office. On August 3, 2015 the working group and Mayor Rothschild, City of Tucson, met with the Governor’s staff to continue these discussions. The same day, MAG received an invoice for \$2,582,396.84 dated July 31, 2015. Mayor Lane stated they are still waiting to hear if some form of accommodation will be proposed and he indicated that MAG is now faced with the decision on whether this money is paid or taken.

Chair Lane asked if there were questions or comments from the committee.

Mr. Pryor stated it was MAG's understanding that if there is no action taken there will be an automatic transfer to ADOR. He added the invoice has a due date of September 30, 2015.

Mayor Mitchell commented that in previous meetings, the Governor's office stated they would get back to MAG by the August 26, 2015 Regional Council meeting. Mr. Smith stated MAG staff was told they would be notified in September with a potential resolution, but as of today, have not heard anything. He added a decision has to be made in regards to payment of the invoice. Mayor Mitchell stated this situation is crucial and asked Mayor Lane if he would get in touch with the Governor's office. Mayor Lane stated that he would get in contact with the Governor's office regarding this issue. Mr. Smith stated in his opinion he thinks this would set a bad precedent if MAG willingly pays the invoice. He added if MAG does pay the invoice and a case needs to be made, it may weaken their position. Mayor Lane asked Fredda Bisman, MAG Legal Counsel, if this would in fact weaken or strengthen our position. Ms. Bisman stated she understands the Executive Director's strategy, and theoretically, MAG would be in a better position if they do not pay it, and it has to be taken.

Mayor Stanton asked what are the mechanics in terms of the funds being taken MAG. Mr. Smith indicated that these dollars do not reside at MAG, they are in the Regional Area Road Fund. According to the legislation, it will be taken off the top of the Regional Area Road Fund and transfer it to the Arizona Department of Revenue. Mayor Mitchell stated having been in these meetings, he was under the impression that these were good faith discussions with the Governor's office, and for the Governor's office to not get back to MAG is a real sense of concern and is not setting a good precedent of trying to work with their office. Mayor Lane agreed and added he would communicate this to their office. Mayor Stanton asked if this agenda item was scheduled for an Executive Session today.

Mr. Smith stated it was his understanding this was resolved at the August Executive Committee meeting where it was thought this was going to be worked out with the Governor's office. Mayor Lane added he also thought he would have heard something by now. After a lengthy discussion, the committee members concluded it is better for them to not willingly pay the invoice. Mayor Mitchell stated, with respect to MAG Regional Council members, he would feel better if this committee communicated this position to Regional Council members prior to the Regional Council meeting, which is the same day the payment due. Mr. Smith asked Ms. Bisman if it was still possible to file the necessary paperwork if that is the direction the committee wants to go. Ms. Bisman indicated the timing is very questionable, but with the committee's direction she would put the effort forward to file a temporary restraining order of the transfer.

Mayor Stanton asked if there is a way to document MAG's position, without going through litigation, stating this money is being taken against their will. Ms. Bisman stated she could draft a letter to the Governor's office and ADOR, discussing their position and concerns, and copy the Regional Council members. Mr. Smith agreed with Mayor Mitchell and suggested the Executive Committee have a telephone conference before the next Regional Council meeting. He explained this will give Chair Lane time to speak with the Governor's office and

allow staff to update Regional Council members of the current situation. Chair Lane stated he would like the opportunity to speak with the Governor's office and then have a telephonic Executive Committee meeting to provide an update. Chair Lane also agreed with Mayor Stanton's point to have a letter prepared and sent to the Governor's Office, with copies being sent to Regional Council members about the understandings coming away from the meetings with the Governor's office.

Chair Lane motioned to direct MAG staff to draft a letter to the Arizona Department of Revenue, which he will sign, 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 Stanton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Executive Session to Discuss Potential Litigation

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 12:41 p.m.

The Executive Committee reconvened regular session at 12:59 p.m.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

11. Comments from the Committee

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary

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. 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 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.

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Chair

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Secretary



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November 16, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Brande Mead, Human Services Manager

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2016 MAG UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM  
AND ANNUAL BUDGET TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT  
ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS FOR AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY  
SITES

The FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 27, 2015. On October 15, 2015, a \$40,000 grant from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust was awarded to Regional Community Partners. The grant will be used to support organizational development efforts for age-friendly community sites. This item is to accept this \$40,000 grant and recommend approval of an amendment to the MAG FY 2016 UPWP to support organizational development efforts for age-friendly community sites.

Currently, MAG staff provides technical assistance to nine Age-Friendly pilot sites, six within Maricopa County, and three outside of Maricopa County. The sites are Central Village, Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Northwest Valley Connect, Scottsdale, Surprise, Maricopa, Bullhead City, Wickenburg, and Parker. Technical assistance was provided to new sites (Scottsdale, Surprise, Maricopa, Bullhead City and Parker) resulting in the development of five business plans. The project website, [www.connect60plus.com](http://www.connect60plus.com) has evolved to include more inter-generational and statewide components which include training opportunities, webinars, and information to raise awareness about age-friendly efforts throughout the state. The \$40,000 grant from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust will support continued organizational development efforts to the sites.

It is recommended to formally accept these funds and approve an amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact me at the MAG office at (602) 254-6300.

## Denise McClafferty

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**From:** Nathan Pryor  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2015 9:24 AM  
**To:** Denise McClafferty; Brande Mead  
**Cc:** Valerie Day; DeDe Gaisthea  
**Subject:** FW: Received Your Message

Rob Bohr has confirmed via email that Christina Plante has withdrawn from consideration as vice chair for MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee.

Nathan

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**From:** Rob Bohr [<mailto:Rob.Bohr@goodyearaz.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2015 9:22 AM  
**To:** Nathan Pryor  
**Subject:** RE: Received Your Message

No problem Nathan. I can confirm that Christina would like to withdraw her letter from consideration.

Thanks for your help.

Rob

**From:** Nathan Pryor [<mailto:NPryor@azmag.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2015 8:28 AM  
**To:** Rob Bohr  
**Subject:** Received Your Message

Rob – I received your voice message regarding Christina Plante withdrawing from consideration as vice chair for MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee.

If you can confirm via email it would appreciated.

Thank you for working on this. We apologize for any confusion.

Nathan

Nathan Pryor  
Government Relations Manager  
**Maricopa Association of Governments**  
(602) 254-6300  
[npryor@azmag.gov](mailto:npryor@azmag.gov)

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September 23, 2015

Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane  
MAG Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane:

Please accept this letter interest in response to the vice chair vacancy on the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee. The city of Goodyear proposes Christina Plante, Goodyear neighborhood services coordinator for the role.

Christina has had the opportunity to serve on the committee for the past two years and possesses the necessary skills and experience to help the committee fulfill its goals.

While currently working in local government, her professional experience includes more than 10 years in the non-profit sector, as well as, experience implementing federal grants. She would be a constructive advocate for the region's human service providers as they strive to fulfill the varied and difficult transportation needs of the elderly and disabled with the support of FTA Section 5310 capital assistance awards.

Please contact me at 623-882-7082 if you have questions or would like to discuss this opportunity further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Bohr".

Rob Bohr  
Governmental Relations Manager

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September 16, 2015

Maricopa Association of Governments  
Mayor Jim Lane, MAG Chair  
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

**Re: MAG Elderly and Persons with Disability Transportation Committee –  
City of El Mirage**

Dear Mayor Lane:

Please accept this letter from the City of El Mirage to express interest in having Ms. Janeen Gaskins, City of El Mirage Assistant to City Manager - Grant Administrator, serve as the El Mirage representative on the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disability Transportation (EPDT) Committee. Furthermore, I would like to submit Ms. Gaskins' name for the Vice Chair position of the MAG EPDT Committee.

Ms. Gaskins was recently appointed as the Vice Chair of this committee and if possible, we would like her to continue in this roll. Ms. Gaskins possesses the necessary skills and experience to help the MAG EPDT committee achieve its goals.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the contents of this letter. Ms. Gaskins can be reached at (623) 876-2973 or [jgaskins@cityofelmirage.org](mailto:jgaskins@cityofelmirage.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Lana Mook  
Mayor, City of El Mirage

c: Dr. Spencer Isom  
Janeen Gaskins  
DeDe Gaisthea, MAG  
Nathan Pryor, MAG

# MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

## INFORMATION SUMMARY...for your review

**DATE:**

November 16, 2015

**SUBJECT:**

*Don't Trash Arizona* Litter Prevention and Education Amendment to Extend Contract for an Additional Year

**SUMMARY:**

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) includes \$279 million for the freeway maintenance program, including litter control. In November 2003, MAG and the Arizona Department of Transportation signed a joint resolution that included a commitment to develop a long-term litter prevention program to help reduce freeway litter and defray pickup costs. The program, known as *Don't Trash Arizona* was first implemented in 2006.

The purpose of the *Don't Trash Arizona* program is to increase awareness of the health, safety, environmental and economic consequences of freeway litter and ultimately change the behavior of offenders. MAG works cooperatively with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), which manages the program for the state outside of Maricopa County.

In November 2014, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved the selection of a consultant, Fingerpaint Marketing, Inc, (formerly known as Olson Communications, Inc.), to continue the implementation of *Don't Trash Arizona* through November 2015. Shortly thereafter, Olson was acquired by Fingerpaint Marketing, Inc. The Olson staff in its entirety moved to Fingerpaint, and continues to run the project. The selection of the consultant included a provision that the base contract period shall be a one-year term but that MAG may, at its option, offer to extend the period of this agreement up to a maximum of two (2), one (1) year options, based on consultant performance and funding availability.

Since 2006, combined with public relations efforts, the *Don't Trash Arizona* Litter Prevention and Education program has achieved tens of millions of audience impressions. Strategies implemented in the past two years include public relations, media outreach, paid advertising, and community partnerships. In April, a new campaign look and feel was introduced as part of Earth Day activities, featuring new neon colors under the banner of "Trash Talk." Along with radio and web advertising, innovative tactics have included a mobile billboard that travels to major sporting events and concert venues, banners at high school football games, social media videos, messaging at gas stations and convenience stores near Maricopa County freeways, movie theater advertising, a refreshed website, and other public relations efforts.

A telephone survey of Maricopa County residents conducted in August 2015 found that the anti-litter program is working to decrease the number of motorists who litter while driving. The survey found that seven in ten (71%) residents surveyed indicated they have not littered in the past year. This is a significant increase from the 62 percent recorded in 2014. Among those who reported littering items, food/organic material continues to be the most common type of litter mentioned by residents (50%), followed by small pieces of paper (27%) and other food wrappers (12%). As it relates to smokers, more than half (54%) of those surveyed indicated they dispose of cigarettes by using an ashtray in their vehicles, which is down slightly from last year but still significantly higher than in 2013. A small proportion of residents surveyed indicated they smoke (12%, which is comparable with recent years). Results are based on 401 fifteen-minute interviews with Maricopa County residents with results at a 95 percent confidence level.

The [www.DontTrashAZ.com](http://www.DontTrashAZ.com) website includes information about littering, activities and resources for students and teachers, a page to report littering violations and other information. The 2015 Litter Survey findings will be uploaded to the website for reference and general public information.

The contract with Fingerpaint expires on November 30, 2015. Due to the ongoing success of the *Don't Trash Arizona* program, staff recommends extending the consultant contract with Fingerpaint Marketing, Inc., for the first one-year option for the Litter Prevention and Education Program to include the \$300,000 budgeted in the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for litter prevention and education efforts.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Numerous presentations and special events were conducted throughout the year, with feedback solicited through website outreach, advertising, and with a statistically valid telephone survey.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: Research suggests that prevention programs can change public perception and habits regarding litter, which is ugly, unhealthy and unsafe. Properly maintained freeways are important to the quality of life of the residents of this region and to the image projected to tourists and economic development prospects.

CONS: None.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The Regional Transportation Plan includes \$279 million in funding for landscape maintenance and noise mitigation, with a small portion allocated for litter prevention and education. The FY 2016 campaign will build on efforts of the *Don't Trash Arizona* campaign to date.

POLICY: An effective litter prevention and education program will help change the behavior of offenders, which will improve health and safety, protect the environment, improve visual aesthetics along the MAG Regional Freeway System, enhance tourism and economic development prospects, and ultimately reduce the cost of freeway maintenance.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval to extend the consultant contract with Fingerpaint Marketing, Inc., for the first one-year option for the Litter Prevention and Education Program, and to amend the contract to include the \$300,000 budgeted in the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for litter prevention and education efforts.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

This is on the November 18, 2015 MAG Management Committee agenda for recommendation to approve.

On November 17, 2014, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved a recommendation forwarded by the MAG Management Committee that Fingerpaint Marketing, Inc., (formerly known as Olson Communications, Inc.), be selected to design and implement the FY 2015 Litter Prevention and Education Program for the Regional Freeway System in the MAG Region. The action included a provision that the base contract period shall be a one-year term but that MAG may, at its option, offer to extend the period of this agreement up to a maximum of two (2), one (1) year options, based on consultant performance and funding availability.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Kelly Taft, MAG Communications Manager, (602) 254-6300.

# MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

## INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

**DATE:**

November 16, 2015

**SUBJECT:**

Amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Approve the Addition of a Regional Transportation Planning Project for the Maricopa County Region

**SUMMARY:**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 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. Valley Metro received a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning grant to continue land use planning along the proposed Tempe Streetcar project. The effort will include preparing a strategic plan that will identify long term opportunities for TOD as well as an implementation program. The work will be done by City of Tempe with support from Valley Metro and is funded with \$250,000 by the FTA Grant and \$75,000 through local funds. 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 2016 Total Regional Planning Funds.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: MAG is adding a project to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget appendix under FY 2016 Total Regional Planning Funds that identifies an additional transportation planning project for the Maricopa County Region. This will provide information in the work program on a regional transportation planning project.

CONS: None.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: In accordance with Federal regulation 23 CFR 450.308(c) the UPWP will identify work proposed for the Maricopa County Region. In addition, 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 a unified planning work program.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval of the addition of the narrative for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning grant to continue land use planning along the proposed Tempe Streetcar project to the FY 2016 Total Regional Planning Funds section of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

This item is on the November 18, 2015 MAG Management Committee agenda for recommendation to approve.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Eric Anderson, MAG, (602) 452-5051

November 16, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Kelly Taft, MAG Communications Manager

SUBJECT: 2016 DESERT PEAKS AWARDS PROGRAM AND ANNUAL MEETING

MAG established the Desert Peaks Awards in 1998 to recognize excellence in regional cooperation among local governments, residents and the private sector. The awards program is held every other year to honor member agencies, partners and individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to promoting, recognizing, and attaining the ideals of regionalism. Executive Committee confirmation is sought in moving forward with the structure outlined below. Guidance is requested for other suggested changes for the 2016 Desert Peaks Awards program.

Desert Peaks Awards Program Overview:

There are currently six Desert Peaks Award categories: Public Partnership; Public Private Partnership; Professional Service; Regional Partnership; Outstanding Economic Development Champion, and Regional Excellence. A qualified and knowledgeable judging panel is established through Executive Committee recommendation. Once the judging panel has reviewed all entries and the recipients to be honored in each of the six categories are selected, the recipients are notified in advance of their selection. MAG has found this has increased attendance at the event.

To save costs, MAG has moved from a paper-based invitation system to an online registration process utilizing EventBrite software. This has expedited the registration process and saved postage and outside printing costs. MAG anticipates using this program to issue the 2016 Desert Peaks Awards invitations.

The awards event typically includes refreshments of heavy hors d'ouvres, with two beverage tickets provided. MAG relies on sponsorships to help offset the costs of the event. A copy of the draft sponsorship solicitation letter and sponsorship levels will be provided at the meeting.

The outgoing MAG Chair serves as the emcee of the event and in recent years has introduced a video providing a summary of the year of achievements. Short video segments are also produced summarizing the projects or people selected for each award. During the program, members of the MAG Executive Committee appear onstage to present the various Desert Peaks awards. The program concludes with the Passing of the Gavel and a message from the incoming Chair.

Overview of Proposed Changes:

MAG is currently planning to host the awards program on June 22, 2016, following the MAG annual meeting. In the past, the Desert Peaks Awards event has been held in the early evening, following the annual meeting. This would require changing the time of the June 22, 2016, meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The June meeting will serve as the annual meeting and will include election of officers.

MAG bylaws call for the annual meeting to be held in the city of Phoenix. MAG staff is exploring potential venues and will provide an update at the meeting.

One key question for the Executive Committee would be to discuss charging a fee to attend the awards event. Executive Committee direction is requested.

MAG staff recommends changes to the sponsorship levels to streamline the categories and increase the higher level sponsorships. Bronze level sponsorships would include any donations up to \$2,000. However, Silver (\$4,000), Gold (\$6,000), and Platinum (\$8,000) would be set amounts to make the process easier. Sponsor benefits have been increased. If a fee is charged to attend the event, a new sponsor benefit would include the provision of tickets to the event. Another recommended change to the sponsorship benefits this year is to provide an opportunity for the Platinum sponsor to come onstage to assist the Mayor in presenting the Outstanding Economic Development Champion award.

Due to cost constraints, a final recommended change in 2016 would be a restriction in which the maximum number of Lucite awards given in a single category cannot exceed 15. If additional awards are requested, they can be purchased by recipients following the event.

#### Call for Nominations:

The call for nominations is anticipated to be issued in mid-January. The nomination form will be housed on the MAG website for download. MAG does not anticipate mailing hard copies of the form. However, hard copy forms will be available at policy meetings. MAG will send an email to a broad selection of MAG mailing lists with a link to the entry form. The entry deadline has been established for 5:00 pm on Friday, March 11, 2016.

#### Call for Judges:

MAG will seek recommendations from the Executive Committee for seating the prestigious judging panel. A letter will be provided to Executive Committee members asking for assistance in providing the names of qualified individuals to serve as potential judges. In the past, Desert Peaks judging panels have consisted of members representing the State Legislature, business, and local governments, as well as former Desert Peaks Award winners. MAG would like to receive recommendations of potential judges by January 11, 2016. The experience and backgrounds of those serving on this prestigious panel is critical to ensuring that selections are based on a true understanding of issues and the concept of regionalism.

#### Packet Materials:

A packet of materials will be provided at the Executive Committee meeting, including:

- Draft Call for Nominations
- Letter to Executive Committee Members Regarding Judge Recommendations
- Past Judges List
- Past Winners List
- Sponsorship Solicitation Letter
- Sponsorship Levels Sheet

MAG Technical and Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs  
January 2016 Recommended Appointments

MAG Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Population Technical Advisory Committee	Josh Wright, Wickenburg	Kevin Burke, Paradise Valley
Public Safety Answering Point Managers Group	Domela Finnessey, Surprise	Michelle Potts, Chandler
Regional Domestic Violence Council	Vice Mayor Robin Barker, Apache Junction	Councilmember Eddie Cook, Gilbert Jon Eliason, Maricopa County Chief Steve Stahl, City of Maricopa Councilmember Thelda Williams, Phoenix
Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Rhonda Humbles, Peoria	Patrick Murphy, Mesa
Standard Specification & Details Committee	Jim Badowich, Avondale	Warren White, Chandler
Street Committee	Chris Hauser, El Mirage	Lee Jimenez, Maricopa County
**Technology Advisory Group	Debbie Cotton, Phoenix	Dan Cotterman Goodyear
*Transit Committee	Maria Hyatt, Phoenix	Kristen Sexton, Avondale
Transportation Review Committee	Daniel Cook, Chandler	Debbie Albert, Glendale
**Transportation Safety Committee	Dana Alvidrez, Chandler	Kiran Guntupalli, Glendale Shane Kiesow, Apache Junction
Water Quality Advisory Committee	Barbara Chappell, Avondale	Greg Homol, Queen Creek

*\* Chair and Vice Chair's who succeeded to an unexpired term of twelve months or less, and are eligible to serve an additional two-year term.*

*\*\* Appointing Chair and Vice Chair.*



Office of the Mayor  
and Council

September 3, 2015

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane  
Chair, Regional Council  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Lane:

I understand that the upcoming expiration of terms in the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) has created a vacancy for the position of Vice Chairman. I would be honored to have the Paradise Valley Town Manager, Kevin Burke, considered to fill the vacancy, and have confirmed his interest. Please accept this letter as my formal nomination of Mr. Burke to serve MAG and the Committee in this capacity.

Mr. Burke has over 20 years in city management, having managed cities in Arizona, Texas, and Colorado. Since his arrival at Paradise Valley, Mr. Burke continues to exhibit exceptional leadership and a heart for public service. He has demonstrated success improving internal communications and resident interactions alike. He effectively implements Council goals, and is helping us establish Paradise Valley as a premier local government organization that is known for efficient service delivery, creative problem solving, and professional conduct.

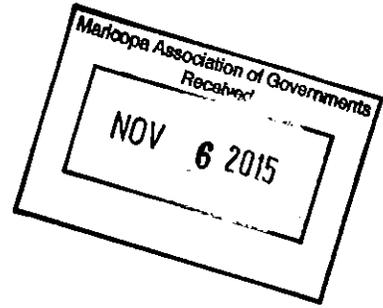
As Mayor of Paradise Valley, I understand the value and importance of cooperation and unity amongst the cities and towns of our region. Thank you for your service to our region, and for your consideration of my nomination of Mr. Burke as the Vice Chair of the Population Technical Advisory Committee. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Collins  
Mayor, Town of Paradise Valley

Town of Paradise Valley  
6401 East Lincoln Drive  
Paradise Valley, Arizona  
85253-4328

(480) 348-3690  
(480) 951-3715 Fax  
(480) 483-1811 TDD



October 21, 2015

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane  
Maricopa Association of Governments Chair  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor Lane:

Please accept this as my official letter of interest for the position of vice chair of the MAG Public Safety Answering Point Managers Group. I am currently a member of the committee, representing the Chandler Police Department's Communications Division.

I have been in the police communications industry for almost 20 years, and directly involved with the PSAP managers group for about eight years. I enjoy the strong relationships that have been built over the years with our regional partners, and have a distinct interest in the evolution of 911 technologies. I would look forward to serving in this capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Potts  
Communications Manager  
Chandler Police Department



**Police Department**  
250 East Chicago Street ♦ Ph. 480-782-4100 ♦ Fax 480-782-4110  
Mailing Address: Mail Stop 303 ♦ PO Box 4008 ♦ Chandler AZ 85244-4008  
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**City of Phoenix**  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**Thelda Williams**  
Councilwoman

**Sina Matthes**  
Council Assistant

Oct. 29, 2015

District 1  
602-262-7444  
Fax: 602-534-4793  
TTY: 602-495-5810  
council.district.1@phoenix.gov

Vice Mayor Robin Baker  
MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council  
Apache Junction City Hall  
300 E. Superstition Blvd.  
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

Dear Vice Mayor Baker:

I am submitting this letter to express my interest to serve as vice chair for the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Domestic Violence Council.

Phoenix recognizes how prevalent domestic violence is in our community and has committed resources to bring more awareness to domestic violence through our Police Department, Prosecutor's Office and Family Advocacy Center. Each of these departments are actively engaged in the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council as regional coordination is key to issues related to domestic violence.

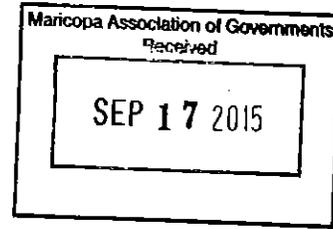
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Thelda Williams  
District 1 Councilwoman

c: Deanna Jonovich  
Moises Gallegos  
Amy Robinson



September 14, 2015

The Honorable W.J. "Jim" Lane  
Regional Council Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Lane:

As you know the goal of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Domestic Violence Council is to provide a forum for communication and coordinated action to effectively address, prevent and eradicate domestic violence in our region. I understand there is currently a vacancy for the position of Vice Chair on the committee and I would be honored to be considered a candidate.

I had the pleasure to be appointed to the Council and have been working to bring awareness and garner support for their initiatives with member agencies, at the Town of Gilbert as well as with external stakeholders such as the Governor's Office. Within Gilbert and at the Mayor's appointment, I have worked to compose a Domestic Violence Task Force to unite law enforcement, the Prosecutor's Office, victim advocates, volunteers and others towards reaching this shared goal of ending domestic violence.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me with any questions at (480) 503-6764.

Sincerely,

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Eddie Cook  
Councilmember



POLICE DEPARTMENT

To: Honorable Mayor W.J. Lane  
Maricopa Association of Governments Chair  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

September 9, 2015

From: Steve Stahl, Chief of Police  
City of Maricopa Police Department  
39675 W. Civic Center Plaza South  
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Honorable Mayor Lane,

Please accept this letter as an expression of my desire to serve the Maricopa Association of Government's Regional Domestic Violence Council as the Vice-Chair. I am currently involved with the Regional Domestic Violence Council and have helped bring protocols approved by the Council to Pinal County Law Enforcement Agencies.

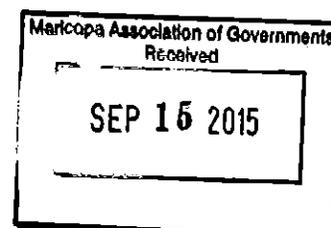
I have more than twenty-eight years of law enforcement experience. I have served as Chief of Police for three and one-half years after serving twenty-five years with the Mesa Police Department. During my time with Mesa, I was honored to serve more than five years at the Center Against Family Violence as a supervisor when this center served as the national model for multi-disciplinary approaches to investigate child abuse and domestic violence. As Chief of Police for the City of Maricopa, I have initiated a strong approach to victim advocacy as well as collaborative approaches to these same investigations. As such, our agency is the first in Pinal County to implement the Lethality Assessment Tool and Coercive Control Tool as mandatory segments of Maricopa PD's Domestic Violence investigations.

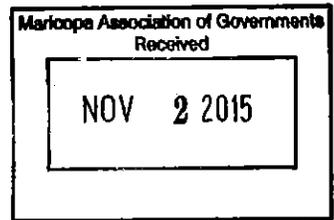
I currently serve on the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council and regularly attend both the Domestic Violence Regional Council meetings as well as most of the sub-committee meetings. I am supported in my desire to serve by City Manager Gregory Rose and Mayor Christian Price. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Stahl  
Chief of Police





Jon Eliason  
Special Victims Division Chief  
Maricopa County Attorney's Office  
301 West Jefferson, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85003  
October 30, 2015

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

Dear Mayor Lane:

I am writing in express my interest in being appointed as Vice Chair to the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council. My work and dedication to combating domestic violence over the past 15 years prepared me to be successful at this position.

As a prosecutor I have personally worked hundreds of my own domestic violence cases and thousands as a supervisor in justice courts, municipal court and superior court. Because of my experience throughout Maricopa County courts, at all levels, I will be very effective in the Vice Chair position at seeing the big picture and solving county-wide problems.

I have a proven track record of being one who successfully innovates and solves system wide problems. When I was Bureau Chief of the Family Violence Bureau at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office I created the nationally recognized Strangulation Protocol used throughout our county. This protocol improved filing rates of strangulation cases from 15% to over 60%. When I was Mesa City Prosecutor, I worked the Mesa Police Department to create a Lethality / Danger Assessment to be used by patrol officers on every single domestic violence call. This assessment has been replicated in several other cities in the county and is an effective tool to identify the most serious domestic violence cases.

I regularly speak and train others on best practices for handling domestic violence cases in court and out. I am a board member of Arizona Foundation for Women, which conduct research and provides grant funding to many NGOs (shelters and education assistance) for various women's issues, especially domestic violence.

I am a current member of the Council and enjoy an excellent working relationship with MAG staff.

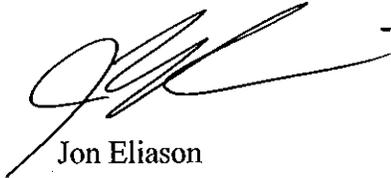
Honorable Mayor W.J "Jim" Lane

October 30, 2015

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I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss this position with you. If you have questions or would like to schedule an interview, please contact me by phone at 602-506-7661 or by email at [eliasonj@mcao.maricopa.gov](mailto:eliasonj@mcao.maricopa.gov). I have enclosed my resume for your review, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Eliason', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon Eliason

Enclosure

# Jon D. Eliason

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## LEGAL WORK

Feb. 2014-PRESENT     Division Chief, Special Victims Division (MCAO)

- Supervise all aspects of criminal prosecution for Sex Crimes East and West Bureaus, Family Violence Bureau, and Auto Theft Bureau.

2012- 2014   Mesa City Prosecutor

- Oversee all aspects of the Mesa City Prosecutor's Office
- Over 22,000 criminal cases a year
- Implemented Danger / Lethality Assessment for all DV Offenses

2000-2011     *Deputy County Attorney, Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO)*

- Bureau Chief, Family Violence Bureau (June 2011 to the Present)
  - Supervise all felony prosecution of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse cases in Maricopa County, including DV and Child Homicides.
  - Created / Implemented Award-winning Strangulation Program
- Bureau Chief, Pre-Trial Bureau, Southeast Facility (Aug. 2007 to May 2011)
  - Supervise all felony and misdemeanor charging with MCAO in the East Valley.
  - Supervise all misdemeanor prosecution by MCAO in the East Valley.
- East Valley Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Member (2010-Present)
- Homicide Bureau prosecutor (Sept. 2006-Aug. 2007)
- Assistant Bureau Chief (2005-2006)
  - Supervise other attorneys with all aspects of legal work.
  - Teach attorneys legal skills and concepts.
- Lead Gang and Repeat Offender Prosecutor for East Valley (2004-2006)
  - Included being on call for police agencies and coordinating monthly meetings.
  - Taught police officers about rules of evidence and criminal statutes.
- Successfully prosecuted more than 50 jury trials, including 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder (2000-2011)
- Supervised hundreds of jury and bench trials (primarily DV and DUI)
- Board Member of the East Valley Gang Task Force (2003-2006)
  - Composed of a variety of law enforcement agencies in Arizona.
  - Involved monthly meetings and training.
- Present cases to Grand Jury, file legal motions, select juries and oversee investigations. (2000-2011)
- Represent MCAO at schools around the valley, speaking on a variety of subjects. (2000-2011)

2000             *Intern, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office*

- Conducted both Preliminary Hearings and Bench Trials

1998-2000     *Intern, Judicare, Senior Citizen Project*

- Assisted with drafting of wills, transfer of property, and small claims court cases
- Answered legal questions and made legal presentations to Spanish-speaking senior citizens

## EDUCATION

1997-2000     Temple University School of Law; Philadelphia, PA.  
Juris Doctor, May 2000  
Honors and Activities: Dean's List / Moot Court Board member and finalist.

1992-1996     Brigham Young University; Provo, Utah  
Bachelor of Science, December 1996

- Research and Teaching Assistant

**ADVANCE LEGAL TRAINING**

Trainer for Police Departments (Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler, Salt River, Phoenix, Gila River, DPS, MCSO)  
Speaker at DRE conference (2014)  
Solutions for Safety, Evidence Based Prosecution, AZ State Bar Domestic Violence Presenter(2014)  
Speaker at Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Conference (2013)  
Developed Nationally recognized Strangulation Protocol (2012-2013)  
Basic and Advanced Forensic Interviewing (2011)  
Speaker at Arizona Homicide Investigators Conference (2008 & 2011)  
Faculty Development Course at the National Advocacy Center (2005)  
DNA, Ballistics and Firearms Comparison, Ethics, Fingerprints, Jury Selection, Cross Examination, Drafting Legal Pleadings and Briefs, Gang Crimes, Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, Insanity, Self Defense and Battered Woman's Syndrome, Confessions, etc.

**BAR ADMISSION** Sworn in as a member of Arizona Bar Association in October of 2000  
Bar ID #020437.

**AWARDS**

July 2004 Gang Crimes Training (Mesa Police Department)  
2004-2005- Southeast Attorney of the Year (Maricopa County Attorney's Office)  
April 2005: Outstanding Service Award (Tempe Police Department)  
May 2005: Individual Achievement in Law Enforcement Award (United State's Attorney's Office)  
May 2005 and April 2006: Instructor (East Valley Gang Symposium)  
2007: National Crime Victims Rights Award  
2008: Governor's Office of Highway Safety Recognition for Improving the Legal Profession  
2015 Maricopa County Strangulation Protocol Top 25 award recipient for Innovations in American Government Awards

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish



**Environmental Management & Sustainability Department**

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Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

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November 4, 2015

Maricopa Association of Governments  
Mayor W.J. Lane, MAG Chair  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Subject: Vice Chair Appointment MAG Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Dear Mayor Lane,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my interest to be the Vice Chair of the MAG Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Enclosed is a copy of my resume that highlights my career at the City of Mesa, AZ, and the City of Brawley, CA. I believe that I possess the necessary skills and experience to help facilitate the MAG Solid Waste Advisory Committee to accomplish its goals.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the contents of this letter. I can be reached at 480-644-2423, or [patrick.murphy@mesaaz.gov](mailto:patrick.murphy@mesaaz.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Murphy".

Patrick Murphy  
Environment Management and Sustainability Deputy Solid Waste Director  
City of Mesa

# Patrick J. Murphy

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Skilled executive manager of a large department with professional, technical, and field staff.
- ❖ Ability to communicate with City Council and field staff.
- ❖ Confident leader with outstanding interpersonal and writing skills.

## PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Department of Environmental Management and Sustainability, Deputy Solid Waste Director City of Mesa, Arizona** **6/5/15 to Present**

- ❖ Responsible for managing the following divisions of the Department: Residential, Commercial, Support Services, and Safety Services.
- ❖ Analyze operational data, prepare reports, and provide recommendations to continually enhance operation efficiency.
- ❖ Assist with the establishment of performance measures, strategic planning, and program goals for the Department.
- ❖ Prepare reports and analysis to assist in decisions for operational issues.
- ❖ Communicate with City Council, contractors, and other City departments to discuss and resolve issues related to the Department.

### **Solid Waste Department Interim Director, City of Mesa, Arizona** **1/20/15 to 6/4/15**

- ❖ Responsible for the operations and management of the City's Solid Waste Department overseeing 130+ professional, technical, and field staff.
- ❖ Develop and implement policies to continually enhance the efficiency of the Department.
- ❖ Responsible for \$87M annual budget.
- ❖ Develop and implement plans to be able to compete with the private sector on solid waste collections.
- ❖ Communicate with City Council, contractors, and other City departments to discuss and resolve issues related to the Solid Waste Department.

### **Solid Waste Department Deputy Director, City of Mesa, Arizona** **2/1/12 to 1/19/15**

- ❖ Responsible for managing the following divisions of the Solid Waste Department: Residential, Commercial, Support Services, and Outreach.
- ❖ Project lead for the regional effort with Gilbert, Tempe, and Mesa regarding solid waste disposal and recyclable material processing including negotiation and implementation of the six disposal/recycle agreements.
- ❖ Analyze operational data, prepare reports, and provide recommendations to continually enhance operation efficiency.
- ❖ Assist with the establishment of performance measures, strategic planning, and program goals for the Solid Waste Department.

**Solid Waste Department Deputy Director, City of Mesa, Arizona**

**Continued**

- ❖ Prepare reports and analysis to assist in decisions for operational issues.
- ❖ Communicate with City Council, contractors, and other City departments to discuss and resolve issues related to the Solid Waste Department.

**Executive Manager, City of Mesa, Arizona**

**10/31/11 to 1/26/12**

- ❖ Republican Debate planning team member and lead for the event's Parking Plan.
- ❖ Project lead for various projects such as the Heritage Wall, Implementation of SB 1598, and the renaming of 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ❖ Assisted with various projects such as the request for proposals for downtown properties, community garden, and small business website.

**Economic Development Project Manager, City of Mesa, Arizona**

**12/1/96 to 1/31/12**

- ❖ Project manager for the Base Realignment and Closure of the Air Force Research Lab.
- ❖ Project manager for development projects including negotiation and implementation of development agreements.
- ❖ Directly supervised two administrative staff.
- ❖ Prepared budget for the Economic Development Department.
- ❖ Project manager for a \$21 million Main Street Streetscape Project.
- ❖ Conducted business and retention in-person surveys.
- ❖ Author of ordinances such as a comprehensive revision to the sign ordinance, updates to the zoning ordinance, and the City Municipal Code.
- ❖ Member of City Project Teams ranging from Land Development Process Update Team to Succession Planning.
- ❖ Negotiated and monitored contracts with non-City service providers.
- ❖ Wrote several successful grant applications for pedestrian pathways, BRAC process, and historic preservation related projects ranging from \$35,000 to \$500,000.
- ❖ Prepared and gave a wide variety of presentations on various issues to Advisory Boards, and City Council.

**Management Assistant, City of Brawley, California**

**9/12/94 to 11/15/96**

- ❖ Duties included being the Director of the Planning Division.
- ❖ Project Manager for the 1995 update of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.
- ❖ Served as second in line Acting City Manager when the City Manager was absent.
- ❖ Authored numerous ordinances and resolutions ranging in issues from water efficient landscape to the Subdivision ordinances.
- ❖ Directly supervised the Community Development Planner and one Administrative Assistant.
- ❖ Prepared and gave a wide variety of presentations on various issues to Advisory Boards, and City Council.
- ❖ Deputy Affirmative Action Officer.

**Deputy City Clerk, City of Brawley, California**

**9/6/94 to 11/15/96**

- ❖ Act on behalf of the City Clerk in her absence.

**Community Development Planner, City of Brawley, California**

**5/20/91 to 9/12/94**

- ❖ Wrote reports and prepared recommendations on development related matters.
- ❖ Assisted in labor negotiations with the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.
- ❖ Assisted the Public Works Department with the Street Improvement Program.
- ❖ Prepared and gave a wide variety of presentations on various issues to Advisory Boards, and City Council.

**EDUCATION**

**Masters in Public Administration**

**12/1996**

San Diego State University

**Bachelor of Science in Regional Development**

**5/1990**

University of Arizona

**MILITARY**

**Combat Medical Specialist**

**4/17/85 to 4/17/93**

United States Army Reserve, Tucson, Arizona

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

- ❖ Graduate Arizona Governmental Training Service Supervisor's Academy (1998)
- ❖ Graduate Systematic Development of Informed Consent (1999)
- ❖ Graduate Mesa Management Academy (2000)
- ❖ Graduate The Complete Management Course for Planning Directors (2005)
- ❖ Solid Waste Association of North America Certified Collection System Technical Associate (2012)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- ❖ Member - Solid Waste Association of North America
- ❖ Volunteer for the Higley Unified School District. Duties include grant writing, and providing assistance in the Cooley Middle School Library.



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September 30, 2015

Maricopa Association of Governments  
Gordon Tyus, MAG Staff Support  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mr. Tyus:

I nominate Mr. Warren White to the position of Vice Chairperson on the MAG Specifications and Details Technical Committee for the upcoming 2016 year. I understand that the Specifications and Details Technical Committee members unanimously recommended their support for Warren to this Vice Chair position. Please forward this nomination to the MAG Executive Committee for their approval.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me at (480)782-3401. Thank you.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.J. Zeder'. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

R.J. Zeder  
Transportation & Development Director



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November 10, 2015

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane Regional Council Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: Letter of Interest for MAG Street Committee

Dear Mayor Lane:

Please accept this letter as my official request to be appointed as the Vice Chair of the MAG Street Committee. For over 4 years, I have participated in various MAG committees including the Bicycle and Pedestrian, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Street, Population, and Air Quality committees. I have served as the Maricopa County representative on the Street Committee since July 1, 2015.

In addition to committee participation, I have established relationships with MAG staff through involvement with the Arterial Life Cycle Program, the federal-aid highway program, and the system analysis programs. Throughout this time, I have become very familiar with the regional planning process as well as regional transportation issues. If you have any questions, please contact me at 602-506-0543.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Jimenez".

Lee Jimenez  
Senior Transportation Planner

cc: Denise Lacey, MCDOT Systems Planning Branch Manager  
Clem Ligocki, MCDOT Intergovernmental Relations Branch Manager  
Nathan Pryor, Maricopa Association of Governments



# City of Phoenix

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

October 16, 2015

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane  
Regional Council Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

The Honorable Mayor Lane:

I am writing to recommend Ms. Debbie Cotton, Chief Information Officer, to serve as Chair of the Maricopa Association of Government (MAG) Technology Advisory Group (TAG).

Debbie has worked for the City of Phoenix since 1992 and has served in a variety of leadership positions ranging from Public Transit Director to Phoenix Convention Center Director. As the current Chief Information Officer, she uses decades of technology experience to manage the needs of an organization with approximately 14,000 employees serving 1.5 million residents.

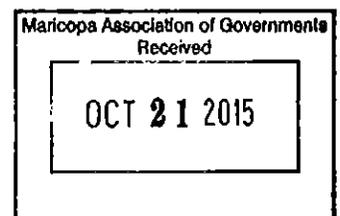
I respectfully request consideration of Ms. Cotton for the MAGTAG, Chair position.

Sincerely,

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Ed Zuercher  
City Manager

c: Mario Paniagua, Deputy City Manager  
Tom Remes, Government Relations Director  
Debbie Cotton, Chief Information Officer



City of Goodyear  
City Manager's Office

October 26, 2015

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane Regional Council Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, AZ 85003  
RE: Letter of interest for Vice Chair of the MAGTAG

The Honorable Mayor Lane:

I am writing to recommend Dan Cotterman, ITS Director for the City of Goodyear, to serve as Vice Chair of the Maricopa Association of Government Technology Advisory Group (MAGTAG).

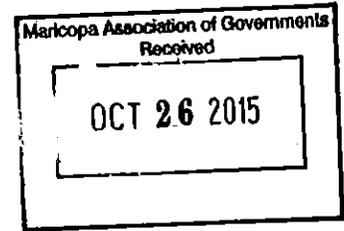
Dan has worked as the City of Goodyear's ITS Director since 2013 and has over 15 years of Information Technology experience. Prior to joining the City, he worked in the higher education field here in the Valley and has served in several leadership roles during his career. Additionally, Dan has been the City's representative serving as a member of the MAGTAG since 2013 and I believe he would serve as an excellent Vice Chair of the group.

I respectfully request consideration of Dan Cotterman for the MAGTAG, Vice Chair position.

Sincerely,



Brian Dalke, City Manager  
City of Goodyear



October 22, 2015

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane  
Regional Council Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: Letter of Interest for Transportation Review Committee

Dear Mayor Lane:

Please accept this letter as my official request to be appointed as the Vice Chair of the MAG Transportation Review Committee. For over 15 years, I have participated in various MAG committees including the Bicycle and Pedestrian, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Transit and Transportation Review (TRC) committees. Between 2009 and 2013, I served as the Vice Chair and Chair of the ITS Committee and have on occasion stepped in to chair TRC when necessary.

In addition to committee participation, I have established relationships with MAG staff through involvement with the Regional Community Network, Arterial Life Cycle, and Manager's working groups, as well as the MAG representative to the AZ LPA Stakeholder Council. Throughout this time, I have become very familiar with the regional planning process as well as regional transportation issues.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 623-930-2939. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie A. Albert, P.E.  
Transportation Engineer

C: Jack Friedline, Public Works Director  
Trevor Ebersole, Interim Deputy Public Works Director, Transportation  
Jenna Goad, Intergovernmental Programs Administrator



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October 1, 2015

MAG Regional Council Executive Chair  
Mayor Jim Lane, City of Scottsdale  
302 N 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

RE: Letter of Interest for MAG Transportation Safety Committee Chair Position

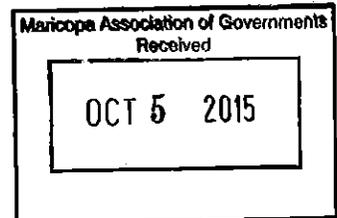
Dear Chairperson Lane:

The City of Chandler would like to submit Dana Alvidrez, PE, PTOE, for consideration as Chair of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee. Dana has been on the committee for over two years, and has served as the Vice Chair for the past year. Her role as Traffic Studies Engineer makes her the ideal representative for the Chair position.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Mah, PE, PTOE  
City Transportation Engineer



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Mail Stop 910  
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Chandler, Arizona 85249



# City of Apache Junction

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October 29, 2015

MAG Regional Council Executive Chair  
Mayor Jim Lane, City of Scottsdale  
302 N 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor Lane:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to nominate Shane Kiesow for the position of Vice Chair of the Transportation Safety Committee.

With regard to this nomination, Mr. Kiesow has served in the capacity of our city's Safety Officer for almost ten years in addition to his role as our Public Works Manager. This experience has allowed him the opportunity to learn and executed many functions related to traffic safety and general safety. He has served on the MAG TSC for approximately eight years and has held several chair positions in various committees over the life of his career. Many of these experiences and contributions I have witnessed therefor do not hesitate in believing he will do well in this position for the TSC.

Sincerely,

Bryant Powell  
City Manager  
City of Apache Junction  
Email: [bpowell@ajcity.net](mailto:bpowell@ajcity.net)

Nominee:

Shane Kiesow  
Public Works Manager  
City of Apache Junction  
Email: [skiesow@ajcity.net](mailto:skiesow@ajcity.net)

Cc: Giao Pham, Public Works Director



November 6, 2015

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane  
Regional Council Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: Letter of Interest for Vice-Chair MAG Transportation Safety Committee

Dear Mayor Lane:

Please accept this letter as my official request to appoint Kiran Guntupalli as the Vice Chair of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee. Kiran has been representing the City of Glendale on the MAG Safety Committee for two years. Prior to Glendale while employed with MAG, Kiran assisted with staffing the MAG Transportation Safety Committee for 9 years. In addition to committee participation, Kiran has established relationships with MAG staff through involvement in other technical committees and activities. Kiran is very familiar with the regional planning process as well as regional transportation issues.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 623-930-2944.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Trevor Ebersole  
Interim Deputy Public Works Director

CC: Jack Friedline, Public Works Director  
Jenna Goad, Intergovernmental Programs Administrator



TOWN OF  
**QUEEN CREEK**  
ARIZONA

November 5, 2015

Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane  
MAG Chair  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane:

Re: Vice Chair Appointment for the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee

Please accept this letter of interest in response to the vice chair vacancy on the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee. The Town of Queen Creek would like to submit Greg Homol, Water Resources Program Administrator to fill the Vice Chair position.

Greg has had the opportunity to serve on the Water Quality committee since 2010, and has the technical knowledge and experience to assist the committee in a leadership role. He has worked for the Town of Queen Creek since 2008, when the Town purchased its first water utility. During this time, Greg's experience includes being the Town's Water Quality Supervisor, Public Water System Direct Responsible Operator of Record, Field Operations Superintendent, and currently the Town's Water Resources Advisor.

Greg is also very involved in regional water quality planning efforts representing the Town at the Central Arizona Associations of Governments Environmental Planning committee, as well as being a member of the Greenfield Water Reclamation Plant Management Committee since 2010.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information for this process, please contact me at (480) 358-3905 or by email at [john.kross@queencreek.org](mailto:john.kross@queencreek.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Kross". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive "Kross".

John Kross  
Town Manager



November 16, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Brande Mead, Human Services Manager

SUBJECT: APPLYING FOR ADDITIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE HOMELESS PLANNING FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

This item is to inform members of the Executive Committee that the Continuum of Care is in the process of preparing a Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning grant funding application in the amount of \$265,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CoC currently receives \$180,000 in HUD CoC Planning funds. The additional funding, if approved by HUD, will be used to hire one additional full-time staff dedicated to the Human Services Division and the Continuum of Care. MAG will provide the required 25 percent cash match in the amount of \$66,250 using dedicated homeless assessment funding. The request from HUD in the amount of \$265,000 plus cash match of \$66,250 brings the total budget to \$331,250.

The CoC funding application is due to HUD on November 20, 2015 and staff expects a response from HUD by the second quarter of 2016. The first year HUD made Continuum of Care Planning grant funds available to lead agencies operating Continuum of Care across the Country was 2012. Since that time, the Continuum of Care at MAG has successfully received planning funds. The CoC Planning grant provides staffing support to the MAG Human Services Division for the Continuum of Care. This is the first year we have been able to apply for increased CoC Planning Grant funding from HUD.

If you have any questions regarding the Continuum of Care Program, please contact me at the MAG office at (602) 254-6300.