September 12, 2016

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Greg Stanton, City of Phoenix, Chair

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

Monday, September 19, 2016 - 12:00 Noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Ironwood Room
302 North 1st 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 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
September 19, 2016

	COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED
1. Call to Order The meeting of the Executive Committee will be called to order.	
2. Pledge of Allegiance	
3. 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.	3. Information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. Approval of the August 15, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes	4. Approval of the August 15, 2016 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
5. Amendment to Add $873,400 to the HDR, Inc., Contract for the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan and Amendment to the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept the Funds From the Regional Freeway and Highway Program On August 12, 2013, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee amended the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for $2,500,000 to develop the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan. This work was previously being conducted by Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The	5. Approval to add $873,400 to the HDR, Inc., contract for the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan and amend the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept the funds from the Regional Freeway and Highway Program.

ADOT work was suspended and the project and funding have been transferred to MAG. The two environmental impact statement (EIS) studies for the corridor previously being conducted by ADOT were between the SR-101L/Agua Fria-Pima "North Stack" and SR-202L/Santan-South Mountain "Pecos Stack" traffic interchanges. The project has evaluated more than 340 concepts for meeting future travel demand along Interstates 10 and 17 with extensive traffic engineering and safety analyses of the corridor's mainline and 31 traffic interchanges. These efforts have helped identify the best methods for accommodating traffic on the freeway, as well as circulation on local arterial streets intersecting the corridor. Additional consultant services are needed for conceptual engineering design studies to ensure the viability, constructability, and potential right-of-way needs along the corridor. These services will assist ADOT, Valley Metro, and other affected MAG member agencies in the corridor to minimize their project development time for implementing the recommendations at the earliest opportunity. Adding the amount of $873,400 to the HDR, Inc., contract is needed to conduct the additional services. Funding for these additional services is from the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program amount programmed for Interstate 10 and Interstate 17. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. <u>MAG's Golden Anniversary Event Update</u>

The Maricopa Association of Governments is celebrating its Golden Anniversary. On April 12, 2017, MAG will commemorate its 50th birthday. In April 2016, MAG staff provided an overview to the Executive Committee on the 50th Anniversary outreach plan. Included in the plan was a possible celebration event to commemorate MAG on the anniversary date. MAG staff will present options for this event and request input regarding recommendations for moving forward on event planning.

6. Information, discussion and possible action.

7. Proposed Changes to the MAG By-Laws

At the September 15, 2014 MAG Executive Committee meeting, an item was heard regarding a new requirement under the federal transportation law, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), requiring transit representation on the governing bodies of metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) such as MAG. Since that time, the U.S. Department of Transportation has received significant nationwide interest on this issue. On May 27, 2016, the Final Rule was posted in the Federal Register outlining the provisions for transit representation on MPO boards. The Final Rule is consistent with MAG's submitted comments that one representative be allowed to serve in two roles: as the transit representative and as a representative of a member agency. In order to comply with the Final Rule, the MAG By-Laws are recommended to be amended.

In addition to the transit representation amendment, a technical amendment to the By-Laws is also being proposed for consideration. In the 1996 state legislative session, HB 2172 was passed. This legislation provided for ex-officio membership to the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) on the MAG Regional Council. On September 25, 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved a change to the By-Laws so that "the Chairman of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee shall have ex-officio membership in the corporation for matters relating to the regional freeway system only." With the passage of Proposition 400, the range of issue areas for CTOC has broadened beyond the freeway system to the larger Regional Transportation Plan. A technical amendment to the MAG By-Laws is being requested for consideration to more accurately reflect the role of CTOC. Both of these proposed amendments would affect Article III, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Maricopa Association of Governments.

7. Information, discussion and possible action to recommend to the MAG Regional Council to consider approval of amendments to the MAG By-Laws regarding transit representation to the MPO board and a technical amendment regarding the role of CTOC and to initiate the By-Laws amendment process.

The MAG By-Laws may be amended by the Regional Council provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been given not less than 15 days prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted on.

8. Update on the Statewide Tourism and Shopping Initiative

On June 13, 2016, the Executive Committee was provided an update from Capitol Strategies on the extension of the border card crossing zone. Since that time, Capitol Strategies, represented by former Congressman Jim Kolbe and Steven Bloch, has been reaching out to members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation, federal agencies and other organizations. As a result of their efforts, two bipartisan letters, representing a majority of the Arizona Congressional Delegation, have been submitted to U.S. Customs and Border Protection requesting a rule-making process to extended the current 75 mile border crossing card zone to include all of Arizona. More recently, a sample letter to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, similarly requesting a rule-making process, has been sent by MAG to a number of associations within Arizona requesting them to submit additional letters of support. An update will be provided by MAG staff including the amount of consultant assistance remaining.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

9. Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee Business Member Positions

On May 27, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved increasing the composition of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) to include fifteen business member positions, representing region-wide business interests, that have two-year terms with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the MAG Regional Council. The EDC business member positions are up for appointment/reappointment. On August 5, 2016,

9. Information, discussion and recommendation to approve the appointments of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) business member positions.

a memorandum was sent to the MAG Regional Council members soliciting letters of interest for the business member positions on the EDC. The Executive Committee is requested to recommend approval of the EDC business member positions. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. 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.

10. Information.

11. 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.

11. Information.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
August 15, 2016
MAG Offices, Ironwood Room
302 N. 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix, Chair
#Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye, Vice Chair
Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek
Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage
*Mayor Mark Mitchell, Tempe
Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale
Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale

* Not present
# Participated by video or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Stanton at 12:06 p.m. Mayor Meck participated by teleconference.

2. Call to the Audience

Chair Stanton 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 Stanton noted no public comment cards had been received.

3. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Chair Stanton 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 Stanton requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Barney moved to approve consent items 3A through 3E. Mayor Lane seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3A. Approval of the June 13, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the June 13, 2016 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Amendment of the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Establish an On-Call Services Contract for Transportation Planning

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to establish an On-Call Services Contract for Transportation Planning in the amount of $400,000.

MAG presently uses on-call services contracts to supplement staff capabilities with expertise in specialized areas of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Safety, and Travel Demand Modeling to expedite delivery of key programs in the MAG Work Program. These contracts have been successfully integrated into the delivery of studies and programs for ITS and Safety, and have helped advance the development of the next state-of-the practice tools for improving MAG's travel demand modeling services. MAG has utilized the On-Call Services Contract for transportation planning since 2010. Given this success, and as transportation planning demands continue to expand at MAG, a new On-Call Services Contract is sought for general transportation planning applications. The FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was approved by Regional Council in May 2016. An amendment is needed to provide a budget of $400,000 for the FY 2017 On-Call Services Contract for Transportation Planning to be funded from the Proposition 400 sales tax. This item was on the August 10, 2016 Management Committee agenda for recommended approval.

3C. Amendment to the On-Call Project for FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the On-Call Project for FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data to increase the on-call project budget by $250,000.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes on-call consulting services for FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data. MAG has identified a number of additional improvements and updates to the regional transportation forecasting models that are required in order maintain currency of the regional forecast and its applicability to the regional planning tasks. In order to fully implement the identified improvements, including recalibration to the new transit on-board survey, updates with the newly collected traffic data, and purchases of the current traffic data sets that have become available, an amendment to the on-call project is required. The amendment will enable the inclusion of additional tasks designed to develop, calibrate and validate MAG transportation models as well as perform relevant data collection and analyses. The additional amount of funds needed for these additional model update tasks is $250,000. This item was on the August 10, 2016 Management Committee agenda for recommended approval.

3D. Consultant Selection for the MAG Regional Transit Framework Study Update

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the selection of the firm Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. to conduct an update to the 2010 MAG Regional Transit Framework Study for an amount not to exceed $200,000.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2016, includes $200,000 for an update to the 2010 MAG Regional Transit Framework Study. The scope of work for this 18-month study will formalize the region's high-capacity transit system corridors by updating the work completed in the 2010 study through a planning horizon of 2040. A Request for Proposals was issued on June 20, 2016, and two proposals were received prior to the July 25, 2016, closing date. An evaluation team composed of member agencies and partners reviewed the proposals on August 2, 2016, and recommended to MAG the selection of the firm Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. to conduct the study. This item was on the August 10, 2016 Management Committee agenda for recommended approval.

3E. Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual DATOS Breakfast Table Sponsorship

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the support of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual DATOS Breakfast by purchasing a table of ten for $1,500.

For 20 years, the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has published DATOS: The State of Arizona's Hispanic Market, the most comprehensive compilation of research on the impact of Hispanics in the Arizona marketplace. The report is unveiled at the annual DATOS breakfast, which draws over 1,000 of the state's most influential business and community leaders. The list of prestigious speakers at DATOS have included Dr. Michael Crow of ASU, Monica Gil of the Nielsen Company and Chiqui Cartagena, author of Latino Boom, I & II. This year's breakfast will take place on September 27, 2016 at the Arizona Biltmore. The DATOS breakfast highlights the latest economic trends shaping the Hispanic market in Arizona and nationwide. Local business leaders and public policy makers can utilize the information produced in DATOS to help shape future business plans and policy decisions impacting the Hispanic community. For the last several years, MAG has collaborated with the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on socioeconomic data and economic development initiatives pertaining to small business education and enhancing our region's relationship with Mexico. A table of ten was requested to support this community event at a cost of $1,500.

4. Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee Member Agency Positions

Denise McClafferty, MAG Regional Program Manager, said the Economic Development Committee (EDC) includes 20 MAG member agency positions, each with one-year terms, and with possible re-appointment with recommendation by the Executive Committee and approval

by the Regional Council. She explained the composition of the committee includes the seven largest cities, in addition to the City of Phoenix. Ms. McClafferty said due to prescribed seats, for example the Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair, appointments to the EDC member agency positions are made each year in August, following the Regional Council Annual Meeting in June. She stated that on July 1, 2016, a memorandum went out to the Regional Council soliciting letters of interest for the EDC member agency positions. Ms. McClafferty said the letters received were included in today's agenda packet, along with a table that shows each of the positions and their recommended representatives. She pointed out that both Gilbert and Tempe recommended a new representative for their jurisdiction. Ms. McClafferty stated there were no letters received by the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) Chair or Vice Chair so those seats will remain vacant.

Ms. McClafferty said the Executive Committee is asked to recommend approval of the EDC member agency positions as listed in the attached table. She stated the recommendation will go to the Regional Council meeting on August 31, 2016, for approval.

Chair Stanton asked if it would take a separate vote for councilmembers to be approved to serve on the committee. Ms. McClafferty said the vote would be to approve the table as it is in the agenda packet, which includes the two councilmembers.

Mayor Lane asked if there is a course of action to fill the TPC vacancies on the committee, or if those positions remain vacant. Ms. McClafferty noted that similar concerns were raised by the Executive Committee last year, when there was a vacancy in the TPC Vice Chair position. She said that MAG staff came to the Executive Committee with three recommendations and following discussion, the committee decided that it would leave the TPC Vice Chair seat vacant. Ms. McClafferty stated this year, neither the TPC Chair or Vice Chair submitted letters of interest. She added that their cities are represented on the EDC by other elected officials.

Chair Stanton requested a motion to recommend approval of the Economic Development Committee member agency positions. Mayor Lane made a motion to recommend approval and Mayor Mook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Planning Grant Funding Request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Brande Mead, MAG Human Services Manager, discussed the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Grant Funding Request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ms. Mead told the committee MAG has been the lead agency for the CoC on homelessness assistance since 1999. She said homelessness is a regional issue and ending it will require a regional response. Ms. Mead stated since the CoC has been a part of MAG, HUD has increased funding for programs from $7 million to more than $26 million annually.

Ms. Mead said Congress enacted the HEARTH Act in 2012, which is legislation governing the CoC Program. Ms. Mead noted the Act emphasized an increased focus on system performance measures, making data-driven decisions, and the desire to fund evidence-based and effective interventions. She said with the passing of the HEARTH Act, HUD began allowing CoCs to apply for planning funds.

Ms. Mead stated MAG's current planning grant is $265,000. She said that amount accounts for only 36 percent of what MAG is eligible to apply for as a Continuum. Ms. Mead noted HUD approved for MAG to apply for $737,050 in planning funds. She said the CoC Board expressed the need for additional staff dedicated to the CoC to meet HUD requirements on performance outcome measures, and to ensure MAG can continue to successfully compete for funding. Ms. Mead stated the CoC Board has requested that MAG, as the lead agency, apply for the full CoC planning amount eligible. She said the funds will be used to increase the staffing capacity for the CoC and ultimately maximize all resources dedicated to ending homelessness.

Ms. Mead said HUD has indicated that planning is a funding priority and stated this at a National Conference this July. She noted at that conference, HUD encouraged CoCs to increase capacity by maximizing planning funds. Ms. Mead said HUD funding applications are due September 14th. She said if approved, MAG would increase full-time staff to three people that would be dedicated to the CoC, and would utilize additional funding for consulting projects.

Ms. Mead stated a breakdown of current staffing for the CoC, and the proposed staffing if the increase is approved, is included in the Committee's agenda packet. She said HUD funding would cover 100 percent of the additional staff, including labor, overhead and fringe. Ms. Mead stated 64 percent of the funding request would go toward staffing of the CoC and 36 percent of the funding request would be used for consultant work. She added that HUD requires a 25 percent funding match, either in-kind or with cash from partners. Ms. Mead stated MAG has received verbal commitments of in-kind matches from partners totaling over $200,000, which would meet and exceed the match requirement.

Ms. Mead said MAG's goal is to lead the nation in creating a homelessness service system that ensures homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring. She stated the additional planning funds will ensure MAG can increase its capacity and continue down the path toward achieving that goal.

Mayor Lane asked Ms. Mead if there is some measurement of success at the level the CoC is currently operating in. Ms. Mead replied that MAG competes with other Continuums and there are several system performance measures that MAG tracks with the CoC, including through an annual competition. She said that each year, MAG competes with other Continuums and has been doing well, but there is room to improve. Ms. Mead stated that overall as a Continuum, MAG received an increase in funding for programs, but also lost funding for eight programs within the region. She said MAG knows it needs to increase its

capacity to be competitive.

Mayor Lane asked for clarification regarding the loss of funding for eight programs and how MAG fared against other Continuums. Ms. Mead answered that in last year's competition with other Continuums, MAG scored just below the national average. She said there were areas the CoC scored low in, including monitoring and measuring individual performance of programs. Ms. Mead stated that with the additional funding request, MAG would like to hire additional staff that would be dedicated to that work, to increase its score in those areas. Mayor Lane asked how Ms. Mead thought MAG would fare with the application in relation to the issues MAG had and how it intends to spend the additional funds. Ms. Mead answered that she thought the CoC would be competitive against other programs to receive the additional funding, and that HUD has said that this funding is a priority. She commented that she feels strongly that if MAG applies for the additional funding, it will receive the amount requested.

Chair Stanton said that our region generally gets more than its fair share of federal dollars because of the quality of the CoC program. He stated that the eight programs were not unfunded because of the quality of the programs, but because in Washington, they made a decision not to fund transitional programs. Chair Stanton said HUD has changed its focus to permanent housing. He said this is not a bad strategy, except that for certain vulnerable populations including teenagers and families, transitional housing still makes sense. Chair Stanton said Washington should have been more sophisticated about how it went about the transition, and should not have eliminated transitional programs completely. He stated he believes they are going to fix that in the future. Chair Stanton asked Ms. Mead if that is what she believes as well. Ms. Mead said HUD's preference is to fund permanent supportive housing programs, and transitional housing is not its priority. She said MAG can still apply for transitional housing programs, but HUD indicated that it thinks the programs are appropriate only for certain populations.

Ms. Mead told the Committee that MAG submitted a letter of appeal after receiving the announcement that the eight programs would not be funded. She stated MAG received a response from HUD last week, indicating that it had received MAG's appeal, but would not be making any changes to the funding. Ms. Mead mentioned that even though MAG lost money for the eight programs, staff has worked very hard with the other programs in the community to ensure that no individual or family was made homeless again because of that decision. She said MAG has been able to connect the affected individuals and families with other programs to make sure there is a smooth transition.

Mayor Lane said Ms. Mead mentioned the programs that had been unfunded and the appeal, and asked if MAG has statistics to show that it is making progress toward the end result. Ms. Mead said there are system performance measures that the CoC is required to report on annually to HUD. She said it measures things like the number of individuals and families that become homeless for the first time, the extent to which people are homeless with a special focus on chronic homelessness, and if the CoC has been able to move individuals and families

who have been on the streets for a very long time into housing. She said there are measures to see how long it takes the CoC to move the homeless from the streets into permanent housing.

Chair Stanton commended MAG's Continuum of Care for investing early in technology management information, through the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), that allows it to know which families are seeking assistance for the first time. He said in the years that he has been involved in working with homelessness, technology has made an amazing difference. Chair Stanton stated the technology allows us to treat ending homelessness as sophisticatedly as we treat transportation and other policy issues that we deal with at MAG. He suggested holding a Regional Council Committee meeting on site at one of our recipients of Continuum of Care money so MAG can focus in on the issue of ending homelessness and the progress that has been made. Chair Stanton said he thought it would be of great value to this body and to the larger Regional Council to hear directly from a service provider.

Chair Stanton requested a motion to approve that MAG apply for additional CoC planning funding in the amount of $737,050 for one additional full-time position and authorization for additional consulting assistance. Mayor Barney moved to approve the request and Mayor Mook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Update on MAG Website Redesign

MAG Communications Specialist Shannon Reed provided the Committee with an update on the MAG website redesign. Ms. Reed said MAG is working on the redesign to update the site's functionality and to better support new technology and mobile applications. Ms. Reed stated the current MAG website serves nearly 80,000 visitors each year. She said the same complexity that makes it a helpful and valuable site can also pose challenges for users.

Ms. Reed reminded committee members that they approved the use of professional services from the consultant, Integrated Web Strategy (IWS), to assist MAG with research and strategic planning. Ms. Reed stated IWS' research found that visitors who use the MAG website frequently find it easy to navigate due to their familiarity with MAG. She added that members of the public or new users often found the site overwhelming. Ms. Reed said key recommendations for the site include reorganizing the site to make the homepage easier to navigate, increasing the use of photos, videos, and infographics, and creating a responsive site that works with all types of devices, whether it is a desktop computer, tablet or mobile phone.

Ms. Reed said MAG's next steps are to incorporate the consultant's recommendations and build the website infrastructure. She noted MAG will launch the redesigned website in April 2017. Ms. Reed provided committee members the opportunity to let MAG know how they use the site, recommendations they may have, or needs that they want MAG to consider.

Mayor Barney asked Ms. Reed about a timeframe for the project. Ms. Reed said the

redesigned website will be launched in April and work on the site has already begun. There were no further questions or comments from committee members.

7. Legislative Update

MAG Government Relations Manager Nathan Pryor provided the Committee with an update on House Bill 2617, which came out of the 2015 legislative session. He explained that HB 2617 is the bill that shifted fees to both MAG and Pima Association of Governments (PAG) to pay for operations of the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) to collect and administer the half cent sales tax funds in the region. Mr. Pryor noted PAG has a half cent sales tax, similar to MAG. He said last year, MAG received an invoice for $2.58 million. He stated MAG did not send in payment directly, however, ADOR transferred the invoice amount out of the half cent sales tax revenue by September 30 of last year.

Mr. Pryor said there was a working group that met with staff at the governor's office several times to try to find a solution to this issue. He said that at the MAG Regional Council meeting last September, a member of the governor's staff presented a proposal to address the issue. He stated the proposal did not garner a lot of conversation at the legislature during the current year's session. Mr. Pryor said that this year, House Bill 2708, a larger budget bill, included this fee once again. He noted MAG received an invoice at the end of July for $2.55 million. He said if MAG does not submit payment by September 30, similar to last year, ADOR will transfer those funds out of the half cent sales tax fund.

Mayor Barney asked if instructions were given from the body last year of what to do when this happened. Mr. Pryor said there was instruction from the Committee to develop a working group to work with the governor's office. He said he heard about a proposal that was more fee based in terms of highway user revenue funds and some alternative mechanisms that could be worked on, but reiterated that the working group efforts did not garner a lot of traction.

Chair Stanton said there was a lot of discussion on this item, including potential litigation due to the voter approved nature of the funds that are being used, and whether its legal for ADOR to take the funds in this regard. He stated that this Committee unanimously decided to try to work with the governor's office and convince them of the poor policy choices they were making. Mr. Smith said in the working group sessions that MAG had with the governor's office, he thought there was an understanding that this would be temporary, but here we are going into the second year of having this fee taken. He stated Senate Bill 1490, introduced by Senator Bob Worsley, may be another avenue. Mr. Smith suggested talking with Senator Worsley to find out if we could get him to introduce legislation that would unwind the effect of HB 2617.

Mr. Smith said he is against this fee as a matter of principle. He stated that when MAG took this sales tax to the voters through Proposition 400, there was no provision in the ballot measure that provided for funding the Arizona Department of Revenue.

Chair Stanton stated if the Committee does nothing, ADOR will take the $2.55 million. He said the question is, do we want to raise this issue to the public to let them know that ADOR is sweeping $2.55 million of voter approved transportation dollars to help solve a state budget problem that is no longer existent. Chair Stanton said that when the state government passed the law that swept this money it was not flush with cash, and it was part of the sweeping of various funds to solve the state budget crisis. He commented that there is no budget crisis right now, but ADOR continues to take voter approved transportation money.

Mayor Lane said that most of the cities and towns have just resigned themselves to the fact that they are going to have to pay this fee to the Arizona Department of Revenue for its processing of the sales tax. He stated one of the issues that we had last year is that MAG's fee was coupled with the entire $21 million in fees that all of our cities and towns are paying to ADOR. Mayor Lane noted MAG's situation is unique, and if we were to focus in just on MAG and its fee, we may have a good argument to take to the state. Mayor Mook added that it was her understanding from the League of Arizona Cities and Towns that ADOR has not resolved issues that leaders had.

Mayor Barney said ADOR will take the money whether we pay it or not. He asked if there was any way we can protest enough to get this fee looked at, or come back with some kind of a resolution so it does not happen for a third year. Mr. Smith said he believes that the structure that was set up is through Senator Worsley's committee. He stated the Committee should work that angle to see if we can get something done. Mr. Smith noted MAG will need someone to champion this cause at the legislature. Mayor Weiers advised that there should be discussion with legislators to see who is supportive of undoing the ADOR fee. Mayor Barney asked if we should let ADOR take the fee under protest. Mr. Smith said that is why MAG is not writing them a check. He stated ADOR is effectively taking it because it is not getting supported by MAG to take it.

Mayor Barney said that maybe it is time for mayors to get together to let it be known that this is as critical an issue to get the public behind the cause. Mayor Lane said that is a path we could pursue, but it should come with the decoupling of MAG's situation from the cities situation.

Chair Stanton said this ADOR fee is particularly problematic because it takes voter approved money from a tax that was to go towards funding transportation issues to be used for a different purpose. He stated it sets a bad precedent. Mayor Lane added that it is important that the Committee's concerns are registered to state that MAG is in a unique situation and this fee is diminishing its ability to fund transportation issues.

Chair Stanton provided direction to MAG staff to prepare a letter of protest to ADOR and bring this item to the MAG Regional Council at the August 31, 2016 meeting. Chair Stanton said that this item was on the agenda today for an update, and is not agendized for action.

8. Update on Legal Claims Related to 9-1-1 System

The National Association of the Deaf and a number of other plaintiffs have submitted a suit against the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, the Maricopa Association of Governments and the City of Surprise on issues related to 9-1-1 communications.

Mayor Mook moved that the Executive Committee go into executive session to discuss matters relating to the 9-1-1 legal claims. Mayor Barney seconded the motion and the meeting went into executive session at 12:41 p.m. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4). An overview of the nature of the suit was provided to members of the Executive Committee.

9. Possible Action on Legal Claims Related to 9-1-1 System

The Executive Committee reconvened the regular meeting at 12:59 p.m. without taking action regarding the legal claims related to the 9-1-1 system.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

11. Comments from the Committee

Chair Stanton asked if there were any comments from the committee. Mayor Barney shared that Queen Creek resident and gymnast, Alex Naydor, won a bronze medal on the pommel horse at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio, Brazil. Mayor Stanton said Phoenix resident, Bethanie Mattek-Sands, won a gold medal in tennis mixed doubles at the Olympics.

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

Agenda Item #5

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY… for your review

DATE:
September 12, 2016

SUBJECT:
Amendment to Add $873,400 to the HDR, Inc., Contract for the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan and Amendment to the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept the Funds From the Regional Freeway and Highway Program

SUMMARY:
On August 12, 2013, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee amended the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for $2,500,000 to develop the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan following upon environmental studies that were previously being conducted by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The ADOT work was cancelled and the project and funding were transferred to MAG. The subject of this agenda item is an additional services amendment for completing the Corridor Master Plan. Adding the amount of $873,400 to the HDR, Inc., contract is needed to conduct the additional services.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) studies for capacity expansion of both Interstate 10 and Interstate 17 were underway for a number of years. Since the studies were initiated, a number of factors changed, including the 2008 economic downturn, which impacted revenues and the evolving demographics of population, employment, and travel in the Valley. Also, the proposed projects that were being studied for each corridor substantially exceeded the resources available by almost three billion dollars; the combined programmed amounts from the Regional Transportation Plan total $1.47 billion. In addition, potential airspace conflicts with Sky Harbor International Airport have resulted in a decision to cancel both EIS studies.

Staff from MAG, ADOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Valley Metro, as well as the cities of Chandler, Phoenix, and Tempe, met in a workshop to study these matters and through discussion identified a path forward that includes establishing a Corridor Master Plan for one corridor that stretches from the I-17/SR-101L "North Stack" for 35-miles to the SR-202L "Pecos Stack," rather than as two separate corridor studies. Together, both corridors represent the backbone of the region's transportation network, nicknamed "The Spine." Together, Interstate 10 and Interstate 17 comprise more than 40 percent of daily freeway travel in the Valley.

Since starting in February 2014, the project has completed a preliminary Purpose and Need Statement, developed a comprehensive Needs Assessment Report, and evaluated more than 340 concepts for meeting current and future travel demand along Interstates 10 and 17. These reports have required extensive environmental, traffic engineering, and safety analyses of the corridor's mainline and 31 traffic interchanges, including:

- A comprehensive traffic weaving study of 62 locations along both freeway's mainlines, including crash analyses, to identify if additional capacity could improve travel conditions or potentially further exacerbate the functionality for through traffic.

- Pavement condition, structural analyses, and flood data to understand the life-cycle needs for replacing aging infrastructure, particularly along the Interstate 17 segments, for staging recommendations in the Corridor Master Plan.

- An extensive discovery process that required mapping of environmental justice communities, known environmental issues, schools, parks, and businesses to identify constraints and avoidance requirements within the corridor.

- Coordination and collaboration with Valley Metro for four crossings of Interstate 17 by future light rail lines.

- Technology analyses, working with ADOT's recently created Transportation System Management and Operations division (TSMO), to identify the depth of potential operational improvements possible in the corridor that will improve travel (saturation) flow rates and allow more traffic to be accommodated on the Interstates 10 and 17 mainline without the need for additional travel lanes.

- Traffic analysis of the arterials crossing the corridor - a mile on either side of the freeways - to identify opportunities for improving surface traffic flow and accessibility to adjacent land uses.

With all of the data collected for this project, MAG has identified that additional consultant services are needed for a greater level of evaluation, to include conceptual engineering design studies. This considerable data set from the data discovery process, coupled with the complexities of accommodating existing and future travel demand for Interstate 10 and Interstate 17 among multiple modes, clarifies the need for additional greater engineering and planning efforts to establish this Corridor Master Plan's recommendations. These studies are needed to ensure the viability, constructability, and potential right-of-way needs of multiple alternatives and ultimately final recommendations for improving the 35-mile corridor and its 31 traffic interchanges.

As this project moves toward the final public engagement opportunities later this year, it will be important to have the best possible engineering data available about potential recommendations from the Corridor Master Plan. Also, these services will also assist ADOT, Valley Metro, and other affected MAG member agencies in the corridor to minimize their project development time for implementing the recommendations at the earliest opportunity.

Funding for this additional services amendment is from the Regional Area Roadway Fund (RARF) study funds that have already been identified for both the Interstate 10 and Interstate 17 corridors. These funds have been transferred from ADOT to MAG for completing the Corridor Master Plan project.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Stakeholder engagement on the Corridor Master Plan has been a continuing effort. The most significant outreach occurred in February and March 2015 with recurring comments to consider options for alternate modes, technology enhancements, and across-freeway improvements for surface streets, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The next significant outreach is planned for later this year.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: Presently, the Regional Freeway and Highway Program has programmed $1.47 billion for improving both corridors. A Near-Term Improvement Strategy has been identified and programmed for construction along an Interstate 10 portion of the corridor, from Broadway Road to the SR-202L Pecos Stack. As demonstrated during the planning of all projects comprising the Regional Freeway and Highway Program, the more conceptual engineering that can be completed at this Corridor Master Plan project, the more informed stakeholders and decision makers will be in considering the potential recommendations for this project.

CONS: Significant resources have been expended by MAG on this Corridor Master Plan, as well as FHWA and ADOT for previous environmental studies. All of these resources continue to contribute toward successfully completing this project with recommendations that will meet the long-term travel demand in the Interstate 10 and Interstate 17 corridor.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The combined Interstates 10 and 17 corridor provides a critical function and its long-term operation will be key to economic activity and the region's quality of life. The outcomes and subsequent actions taken by the Regional Council based upon the findings of these additional services will result in a plan for Interstate 10 and Interstate 17 that provides the best value in accommodating future travel demand.

POLICY: The outcomes of this Corridor Master Plan will provide guidance to MAG, ADOT, FHWA, and other affected jurisdictions and agencies with a long-term solution and comprehensive approach for accommodating travel demand along the Interstates 10 and 17.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approval to add $873,400 to the HDR, Inc., contract for the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan and amend the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept the funds from the Regional Freeway and Highway Program.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Since the project started in 2014, the Transportation Policy Committee has received eight updates on the progress of the Corridor Master Plan, and MAG staff has provided updates to the MAG Regional Council, Management Committee, Transportation Review Committee, Street Committee, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. In addition, presentations have also been provided to the Citizen's Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC), the City of Phoenix's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the transportation commissions in Chandler and Tempe.

This item is on the September 14, 2016 MAG Management Committee agenda for recommendation for approval to add $873,400 to the HDR, Inc., contract for the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan and amend the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept the funds from the Regional Freeway and Highway Program.

CONTACT PERSON:

Bob Hazlett, Senior Engineering Manager, 602 254-6300.

Agenda Item #9

Recommended MAG Economic Development Committee
Business Members
September 19, 2016

POSITION	LETTERS RECEIVED FOR REAPPOINTMENT
Governor's Office Representative	VACANT
Economist	Jim Rounds, Rounds Consulting Group Inc.
Transportation Industry Representatives (2)	1) Dan Spitza, Vice President of Achen Gardner Construction 2) Anthony Bradley, President & CEO, Arizona Trucking Association
Education (4)	1) Joseph Carter, Ph.D., Professor of Supply Chain Management, Thunderbird School of Global Management 2) Angela Creedon, Assistant Vice President, Community and Municipal Relations, Arizona State University 3) Superintendent Greg Donovan, Joint Technical Education Districts 4) Dr. Randy Kimmens, Maricopa Community Colleges
WESTMARC	Sintra Hoffman, President & CEO, WESTMARC
East Valley Partnership	Mark Dreher, Past Chair, East Valley Partnership
Greater Phoenix Economic Council	Steve Betts, GPEC Board Member
Greater Phoenix Leadership	Neil Giuliano, President & CEO, Greater Phoenix Leadership
Development Community	Jim Kenny, El Dorado Holdings Inc.
Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Representative	Todd Sanders, President & CEO, Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Arizona Commerce Authority Representative	Sandra Watson, President & CEO

If three (3) consecutive meetings are missed, the position will be considered vacated.

Terms - The business members will have two-year terms with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the MAG Regional Council.

Rounds Consulting Group, Inc.
Economic and Policy Analysis

Date: August 16, 2016

To: Mayor Greg Stanton
MAG Regional Council Chair
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Re: Interest in Reappointment to MAG EDC

Dear Mayor Stanton:

This letter is to inform you that I am interested in reappointment to the MAG Economic Development Committee as the designated economist. The EDC's contribution to the local economic development discussion has been exceptional, and I am proud to list my participation on my resume and in public forums.

Please call me at 602-739-0844 with any questions you may have on this request or if you require additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Rounds
President,
Rounds Consulting Group, Inc.

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ACHEN GARDNER

August 22, 2016

Maricopa Association of Governments
Mayor Greg Stanton, MAG Regional Council Chair
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

RE: Dan Spitza Letter of Interest – EDC Business Member Reappointment

Dear Mayor Stanton:

I respectfully request the MAG Executive Committee and Regional Council consider me for reappointment to the MAG Economic Development Committee as one of the two Transportation Industry Business Member Representatives.

As a senior manager for one of the area's leading highway-heavy civil general contractors I have lived and worked in Maricopa County since the early 80s and have a unique perspective on the symbiotic relationship between transportation and economic development. Furthermore, I am currently on the AZ AGC executive committee which has and continues to allow me the opportunity to actively participate in issues that shape our area's transportation infrastructure. I feel my experience and current industry involvement are in alignment with the Committee's goals and hope you agree.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Spitza, P.E.
Vice President, Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC
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September 7, 2016

Honorable Greg Stanton
Regional Council Chair, City of Phoenix
302 N. 1st Ave., Ste. 300
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

RE: Letter of Interest for Reappointment, MAG Economic Development Committee

Dear Mayor Stanton:

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my interest in continuing to serve as a member of the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC).

As President and Chief Executive Officer for the Arizona Trucking Association I advocate on behalf of the members of the Arizona Trucking Association and the trucking industry at the federal, state and local government levels on a wide variety of issues affecting the movement of goods and equipment. I have more than 17 years of experience in public policy, government relations, and public affairs. I believe these experiences, along with previous involvement with EDC, allow me the understanding and insight needed to significantly contribute to the work of this committee.

As you are aware, trucking is a vital component to Arizona's economic success. In 2013, the trucking industry in Arizona provided 102,230 jobs or one out of 21 in the state. Total trucking wages paid in Arizona exceeded $4.5 billion, with an annual industry salary of $44,184. As of April 2014, there were 9,070 trucking companies located in Arizona, most of them small, locally owned businesses. Trucks transport roughly 92 percent of total manufactured tonnage in the state. Additionally, trucks pay more than 45 percent of all taxes owed by Arizona motorists, despite trucks representing only 11 percent of the vehicle miles traveled. More than 85 percent of Arizona communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods. Needless to say that trucks and trucking are essential to the success of Arizona, its residents, and its economy.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602-850-6005 or via email at tbradley@aztrucking.com.

Sincerely,

Tony Bradley

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August 31, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton
Regional Council Chair, City of Phoenix
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mr. Stanton,

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my interest in serving as a member of the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC).

As Associate Director General of the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University, I am significantly involved in local government and community relations, along with corporate and student special events. Having spent many years serving in a variety of capacities on business and community boards and committees, I believe these experiences, along with 35 years of research and consulting on international trade issues, allow me the understanding and insight needed to significantly contribute to the work of this Committee.

Thank you for considering to serve as a member of the Economic Development Committee. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Carter, Ph.D.
Associate Director General and
Avnet Corporation Professor of Supply Chain Management
Thunderbird School of Global Management

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August 23, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton
Regional Council Chair, City of Phoenix
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

RE: Letter of Interest for Reappointment, MAG Economic Development Committee

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my interest in continuing to serve as a member of the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC).

As Associate Vice President in the Office of University Affairs, Community and Government Relations at Arizona State University, I am involved in local government and community relations, along with presidential and provost special events. Having spent many years serving in a variety of capacities on community and governmental boards and committees, I believe these experiences, along with previous involvement with EDC, allow me the understanding and insight needed to significantly contribute to the work of this Committee.

Thank you for your consideration to continue serving as a member of the Economic Development Committee. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Angela Creedon
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August 23, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton
MAG Regional Council Chair
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Reappointment to Economic Development Committee:
(Gregory J. Donovan/Superintendent/Western Maricopa Education Center #402)

Dear Mayor Stanton,

Please accept this letter of interest for my reappointment to the MAG Economic Development Committee.

I have appreciated being able to serve on the Economic Development Committee during its past term. During this past year, I have gained an appreciation of the Economic Development Committee and felt my attendance and participation were valuable. As a Superintendent of West-MEC, whose sole purpose is economic development through workforce development, I felt this committee was important. I was able to give input and also better understand what Maricopa County cities need in regards to a well trained workforce. I would ask for continued appointment in order to further West-MEC's goals and assist in better understanding the needs of a fully developed workforce. A future goal of mine would be to further strengthen the relationships between JTED's and our city's needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Donovan
Superintendent
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August 25, 2016

To: Mayor Greg Stanton
City of Phoenix
Regional Council Chair

From: Dr. Randy Kimmens
Maricopa Community Colleges
Associate Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development

Subject: SOLICITATOIN OF NOMINATOINS FOR BUSINESS MEMBER POSITIONS ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Please consider this Randy Kimmens' letter of interest for reappointment to the Economic Development Committee (EDC) for a two-year term.

I understand the recommendation and approval of my appointment to the EDC as a business member will be considered at the Executive Committee meeting on September 19, 2016 and the Regional Council meeting on September 28, 2016.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Randy Kimmens
Maricopa Community Colleges
Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development

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February 23, 2016

The Honorable Greg Stanton
Chairman, MAG Regional Council
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix Arizona 85003

Subject: Continuation of WESTMARC Representative
Sintra Hoffman to Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Economic Development Committee

Dear Chairman Stanton:

As the appointed President and CEO for WESTMARC, I am writing to express continued interest in representing my organization on the MAG Economic Development Committee. Over the past 16 years, I have extensive experience in the areas of economic development, government policy and transportation in Arizona and specifically in Maricopa County.

The mission of the MAG Economic Development Committee fits very well with the goals and focus of WESTMARC. Therefore, I feel the West Valley will continue to be well represented from a business community perspective.

I look forward to favorable consideration and confirmation in the near future.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sintra Hoffman
President and CEO, WESTMARC

CC: Bill Sheldon, WESTMARC Chairman of the Board
Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director

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August 22, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton
MAG Chair
Maricopa Association of Governments
301 N. 1st Avenue
Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Position on MAG Economic Development Committee

Dear Mayor Stanton,

The East Valley Partnership (EVP) has been delighted to have a Representative serve on the MAG Economic Development Committee since its inception.

We respectfully request that Mark Dreher be re-appointed as the Representative from the East Valley Partnership. Mark Dreher is a Past Chair of our Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Lewis
President/CEO

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August 29, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton

MAG Regional Council Chairman

302 N. 1st Ave, Suite 300

Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Stanton:

I am writing to express my very strong and sincere interest to be reappointed as a business representative to the Maricopa Association of Governments Economic Development Committee to represent the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC). I currently serve on the GPEC Executive Committee, and have been requested to again be their representative to your Committee, if you so desire.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Steven A. Betts

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August 26, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 200
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Mayor Stanton,

I, Neil Giuliano, President and CEO of Greater Phoenix Leadership, would like to request reappointment to the Maricopa Association of Governments Economic Development Committee.

Respectfully,

Neil Giuliano

Neil Giuliano
President/CEO
Greater Phoenix Leadership

El Dorado
Holdings, Inc.

August 22, 2016

Mayor Jim Lane
EDC Chair
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 First Avenue Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Reappointment to Economic Development Committee

Dear Mayor Lane,

Please accept this letter of interest for my reappointment to the MAG's Economic Development Committee.

I have appreciated being able to serve during the committee's past three terms. I continue to appreciate the unique venue the EDC provides for the business community to partner with and learn from our region's municipal leaders.

The EDC's continued focus on infrastructure is important as we continue to work on projects of regional significance such as Interstate 11. My company, El Dorado Holdings, has taken a lead role on this, working with MAG, ADOT and the I-11 coalition to advance the Environmental Impact Study that commenced in May of this year. Of note, I am also responsible for transportation matters for the AZ Chamber of Commerce in my role as a board member with that organization. My participation and collaboration with EDC, the Chamber and other stakeholders will help drive this project and other matters of regional infrastructure forward.

Finally, El Dorado Holdings officers serve on many community organization boards, including as mentioned the AZ Chamber, the Arizona Mexico Commission, The Canada-Arizona Business Coalition, Westmarc, the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance, Pinal Partnership and others. This helps us to understand and continue to support MAG and the EDC's regional approach. I look forward to continuing to serve with the EDC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Jim Kenny

James F. Kenny
President, El Dorado Holdings

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August 29, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton
MAG Regional Council Chair
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Reappointment to the MAG Economic Development Committee

Dear Mayor Stanton:

It has been an honor to serve on the Economic Development Committee of the Maricopa Association of Governments over the past several years. I would like to request reappointment to this Committee, as it deals with many issues being addressed by the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to continuing my service on this valuable Committee.

Sincerely,

Todd Sanders
President/CEO

Melissa Bettis

From: Sandra Watson <SandraW@AZcommerce.com>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2016 4:47 PM
To: Denise McClafferty
Cc: Melissa Bettis
Subject: Reappointment to Economic Development Committee

August 26, 2016

Mayor Greg Stanton
MAG Regional Council Chair
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Reappointment to Economic Development Committee

Dear Mayor Stanton,

Please accept this letter of interest for my reappointment to MAG's Economic Development Committee.

I have appreciated being able to serve during the committee's over the years.

Thank you for your consideration.

My best,
Sandra