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To: MAG Human Services Community Initiatives Committee

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Subject: Update on the FY 2016 Section 5310 Central Valley Mobility Management Recommendation

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program funding, to support projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, unavailable, or inappropriate. Every year MAG coordinates the FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program competitive application process for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area (UZA). During the FY 2016 competitive application cycle, a mobility management project request was not submitted to cover the Central Valley.

Mobility management projects provide support for regional human services transportation coordination efforts. Activities include engaging service providers in coordination planning for the population of older adults and people with disabilities community. On May 24, 2016, the MAG Elderly and Person with Disabilities Transportation (EPDT) Ad Hoc Committee recommended funding available for a supplemental call for projects for a Central Valley Mobility Management in the Phoenix-Mesa UZA. On June 22, 2016, the MAG Regional Council approved the availability of funding for a mobility management position for the Central Valley to ensure the continuation of regional support for human services transportation coordination efforts, as federally required.

On September 29, 2016 the MAG EPDT Ad Hoc Committee met to review and evaluate applications. The MAG EPDT Ad Hoc Committee recommended Gompers Habilitation Center as the recipient of the Central Valley Mobility Management project. On October 5 2016 the MAG Management Committee approved the recommendation. On October 26, 2016 the MAG Regional Council approved Gompers Habilitation Centers as the Central Valley Mobility Management in the Phoenix-Mesa UZA. The region now has four mobility management representation covering the areas in the East, West, Central, and Northeast Valley.

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