

State of Transit In The Region

Prioritization Guidelines

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Why Now?

- n **July 28, 2010, Regional Council:**

- Approved of the Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP contingent on a finding of conformity. . . and that the programming of preventive maintenance be reviewed for potential amendments/administrative modifications no later than December 2010

- n **The region has programmed almost \$30 million of federal funds in the 2011-2015 TIP for regional preventative maintenance.**

- Placeholder with the understanding that prioritization guidelines for federal funds would be established in the future.

- n **Regional Prioritization Guidelines developed in early 2000's by RPTA and ARRA guidelines approved by MAG Dec 2009**

- Out of date and not applicable at times



Purpose



- n Provide background information and help gain an understanding of the state of transit in the region



- n Policy direction to develop regional prioritization guidelines for programming federal funds



State of Transit

Today's Presentation:

- Governance – Who does what?
- Regional Prioritization Guidelines – developed by RPTA

Next Month – Customer Based

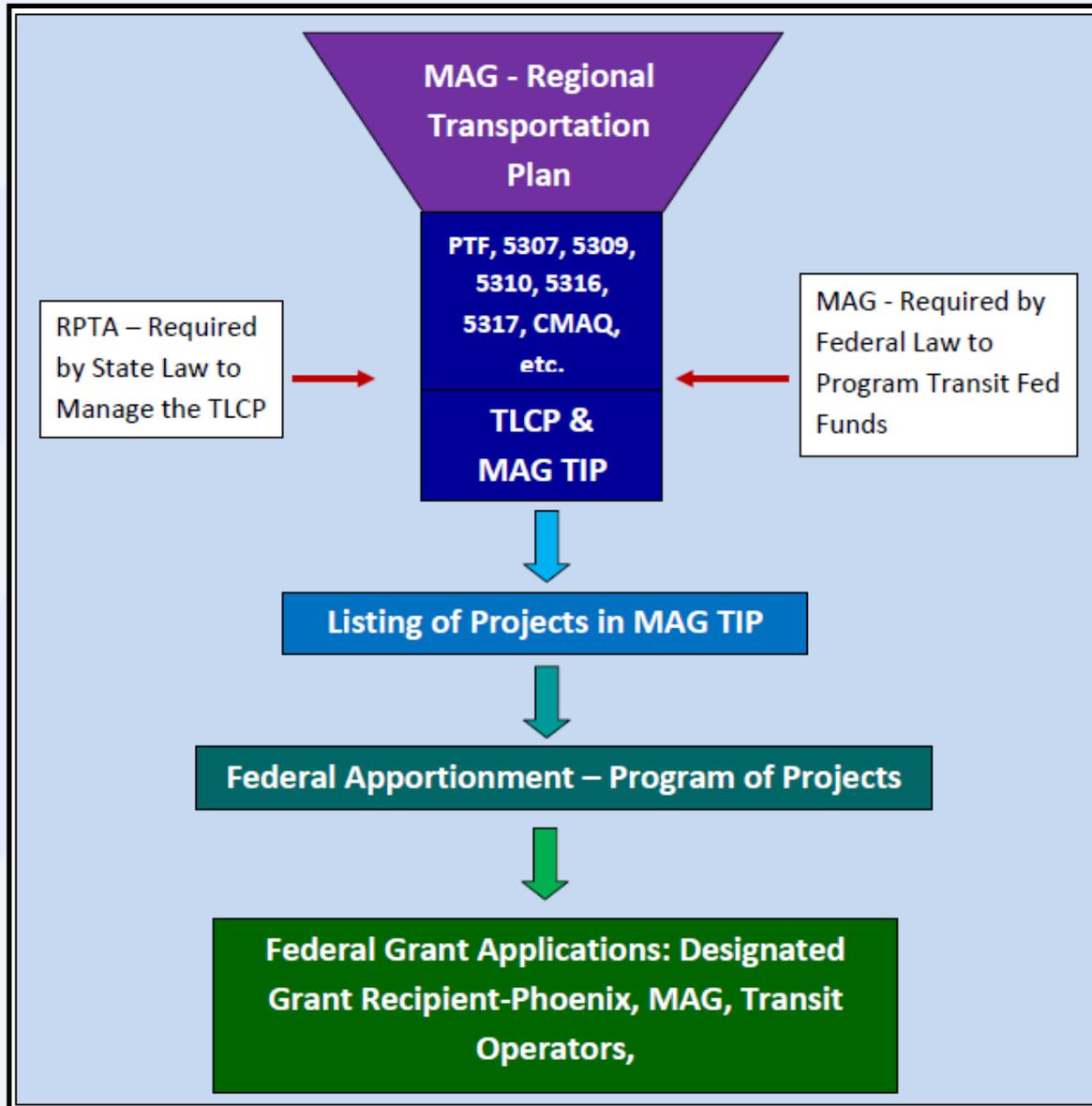
- History of Transit funding
- Prop. 400 Revenues
- How do we compare?
- The highs and lows of transit in the region



Governance

Who does what?

Federal Fund – Programming Responsibilities





Federal Fund – Programming Responsibilities

Type of Federal Fund	Programming Agency
5307	MAG
5309 - New Starts	Discretionary Ear Marks
5309 - Rail & Fixed Guideway Modernization (FGM)	MAG
5309 - 5318	Discretionary Earmarks
5310	ADOT - Regional Coordination at MAG through the MAG Elderly & Persons w/ Disabilities Transportation Committee
5311	ADOT
5316	City of Phoenix
5317	City of Phoenix
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)	MAG



Governance

Senate Bill 1063, enacted April 2010:

- Defines the responsibilities of RPTA and MAG for implementing the public transportation element of the RTP
- MAG must approve substantial changes to the budget that materially affect the corridor performance or change corridor service
- MAG, in cooperation with state and local public transportation authorities and operators, must develop the public transportation element of the RTP

MOU – signed April 2010

- Replaces the 2007 Resolution
- Sets forth the basic structure for cooperative planning and decision making regarding transit planning and programming between MAG, RPTA, METRO, the City of Phoenix, and all participating local government agencies



Prioritization Guidelines



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(Refer to Handouts)

Old Guidelines

1.0 Provide Services and Improvements Required by Law.

2.0 Provide Replacement Equipment and Facilities for Existing Service.

- 2.1 Purchase replacement revenue fleet or parts.
- 2.2 Provide essential service support. *
- 2.3 Maintain existing operating and passenger facilities.
- 2.4 Purchase revenue fleet to replace contractor owned vehicles.
- 2.5 Capitalize cost of contracting for existing service.
- 2.6 Support service costs. *

3.0 Expand Service.

- 3.1 Purchase revenue fleet for regional service expansion.
- 3.2 Purchase revenue fleet for local service expansion.
- 3.3 Provide essential service support. *
- 3.4 Construct regional park-and-rides.

4.0 Passenger Enhancements.

- 4.1 Provide bus stop improvements.
- 4.2 Construct transit centers.

5.0 Other Desired Support Services.

- 5.1 Capitalize cost of contracting for service expansion.
- 5.2 Other support purchases.

* *Funding amount for preventative maintenance frozen*



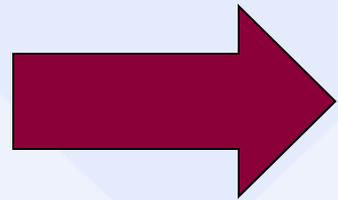
ADA Support

- n Federal 5307 – Allows 10% of allocation to be used for ADA Transit support including funding operations and preventative maintenance
- n Currently not addressed in programming guidelines
- n Should we include in prioritization?
- n Partially funded with Prop. 400



Freeze on Funding for Prev. Maintenance

- n Priorities 2.2, 2.6, & 3.3
- n In 2002, Technical Committee @ RPTA froze the funding for preventative at \$5.6 million.
- n Each year a 2% inflation = \$6,446,073 in 2009



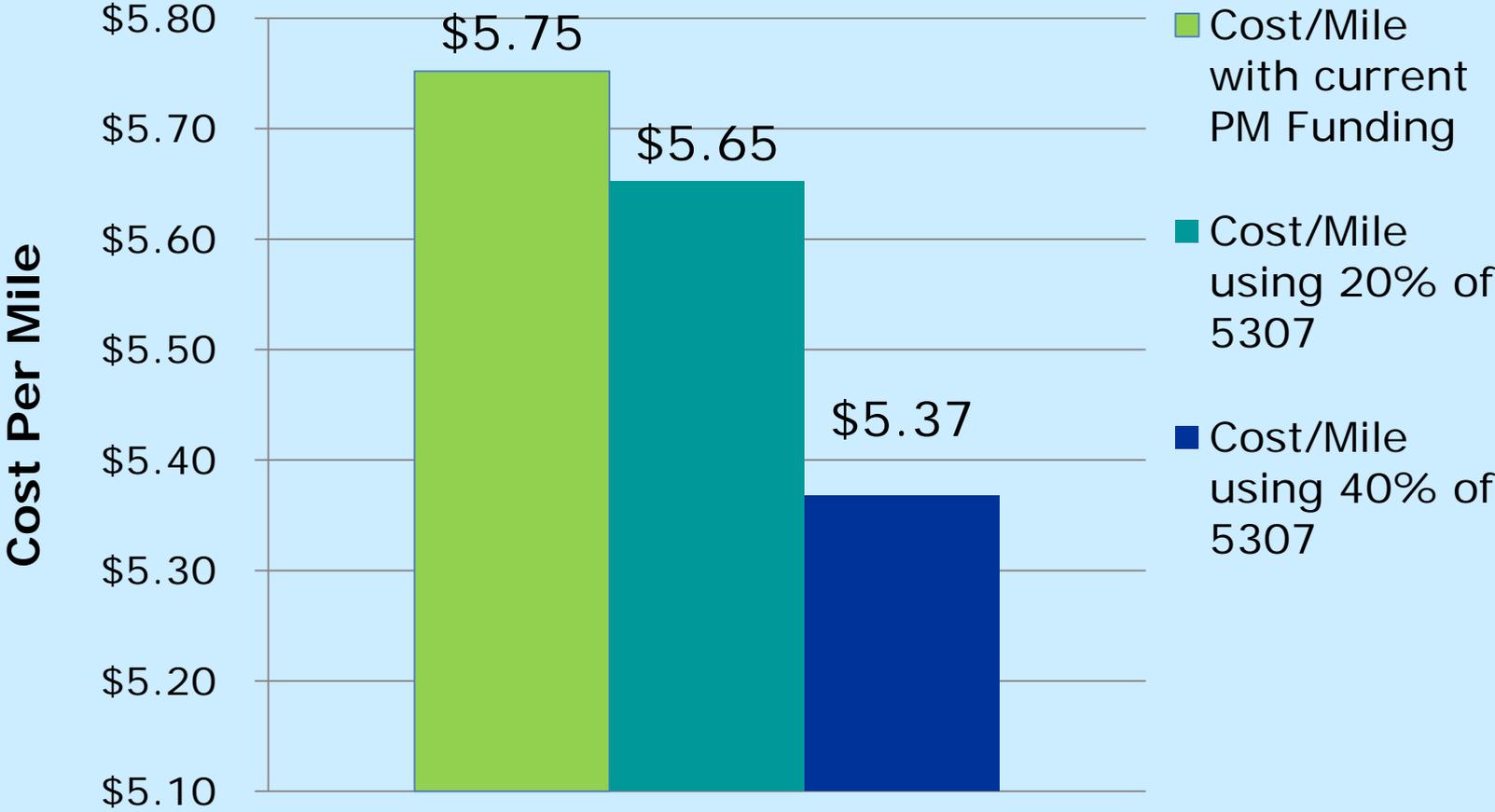
Allowed priorities
3.4 – Build park-and-rides and
4.2 – Build transit centers to receive funding



Preventative Maintenance

- n Federal 5307 – no limit
 - ▀ \$48.5 million apportionment
 - ▀ \$6.3 million for Prev. Maint.
- n 2009 – Estimate of total preventative maintenance costs in region - \$44 million
- n 2009 – 13% of 5307 funded preventative maintenance in the region

System Wide Fixed Route FY2009 Average Cost per Mile





Cause & Effect



n **New Guidelines**

- ∅ Modify/Amend Transit Projects in 2011-2015 MAG TIP
- ∅ Effect TLCP priority projects and funding of projects
- ∅ Transit Customers





Future Activities

September:

- Transit Operations Working Group
- TPC and RC Presentation
- Information from Operators Working Group presented at TRC

October:

- Information from Operators Working Group presented at Transit Committee, Management, TPC, and RC

Possible Transit Stakeholders Working Group



Information & Discussion

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QUESTIONS?