Agenda Item #5C

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:
May 3, 2011

SUBJECT:
Update and Review of Project Deferral Requests for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 MAG Closeout

SUMMARY:
By April 28, 2011, member agencies submitted requests to defer or delete federal funds from projects for approximately $14.5 million.

The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 Closeout process is following the Draft FY 2009 MAG Programming Principles. Please review the attached memorandum that explains the process, the requirements for requesting a project deferral, and outlines the number of requested project deferrals. The attached table provides specific details about the project deferral requests, and there are five deferral justification letters for projects that were requesting to be deferred for a second time or more.

The deadline for member agencies to submit requests for projects that can utilize these funds by the end of the federal fiscal year was April 14, 2011.

PUBLIC INPUT:
There was no public comment at the April 28, 2011, Transportation Review Committee meeting.

PROS & CONS:
PROS: Approval of these recommendations will allow for additional and accelerated transportation projects to be funded in the MAG region.

CONS: There is no guarantee that sufficient funds will be available in the following fiscal year to cover any or all of the deferred projects. Uncertainty over the reauthorization of the federal legislation makes this problem more acute.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
TECHNICAL: Action to close out the FFY 2011 MAG federally funded program is needed to ensure that all MAG federal funds are fully used in a timely and equitable manner. These actions may include any necessary amendments or administrative adjustments to the FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP to allow the projects to proceed.

POLICY: Previously adopted MAG policies on the allocation of uncommitted and redistributed federal funds to projects have been followed.

ACTION NEEDED:
Recommend approval of a list of projects to be deleted from the TIP or deferred from FFY 2011 to FFY 2012 or later and make the necessary amendments and modifications to the FY 2011-2015

MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as necessary to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Transportation Review Committee: On April 28, 2011, the TRC unanimously recommended approval of a list of projects to be deleted from the TIP or deferred from FFY 2011 to FFY 2012 or later and make the necessary amendments and modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as necessary to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Peoria: David Moody
ADOT: Kwi-Sung Kang for Steve Hull
Avondale: Sue McDermott for David Fitzhugh
Buckeye: Jose Heredia for Scott Lowe
Chandler: Dan Cook for Patrice Kraus
El Mirage: Lance Calvert
Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel
Gila Bend: Eric Fitzer
* Gila River: Doug Torres
* Gilbert: Tami Ryall
Glendale: Terry Johnson
Goodyear: Cato Esquivel
Guadalupe: Gino Turrubiartes
Litchfield Park: Paul Ward for Woody Scoutten
Maricopa County: John Hauskins
Mesa: Scott Butler
Paradise Valley: Bill Mead
Phoenix: Rick Naimark
* Queen Creek: Tom Condit
RPTA: Bryan Jungwirth
Scottsdale: Dave Meinhart
Surprise: Bob Beckley
Tempe: Greg Jordan for Chris Salomone
Valley Metro Rail: John Farry
* Wickenburg: Rick Austin
Youngtown: Grant Anderson for Lloyce Robinson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

* Street Committee:
* ITS Committee: Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County
* Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee: Katherine Coles, City of Phoenix
* Transportation Safety Committee: Julian Dresang, City of Tempe

* Members neither present nor represented by proxy.
+ - Attended by Videoconference
# - Attended by Audioconference

CONTACT PERSON:

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May 3, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Eileen O. Yazzie, Transportation Programming Manager

SUBJECT: FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 CLOSEOUT - DEFERRAL REQUESTS

The Closeout process for MAG region federal funds in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2011 is underway. MAG member agencies were requested to notify MAG, beginning March 2011, of federally funded projects that will not obligate by the end of the FFY 2011 (September 2011), and are requesting to be deferred to another year in the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). It was asked that member agencies make a best effort to complete and submit the Deferral Request Form and Deferral Justification Letter by April 15, 2011. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of this item on April 28, 2011.

As of April 19, 2011, there are seven projects that requested the project deferral for the first time, eight requests to remove federal funds from programmed projects, and six projects that requested deferral for a second time or more totaling approximately $11 million. Please see the attached table for details about these requests. Per the Draft fiscal year (FY) 2009 MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles, if a member agency is requesting a project to be deferred a second time or more, a member agency must complete and submit both a Deferral Request Form and Deferral Justification Letter. Please see the attached deferral justification letters that were submitted for the projects requesting to be deferred for a second time or more.

MAG staff recognizes that agencies may defer projects at a later time due to continuous work to obligate the project by September 2010 and will work with member agencies until the end of the federal fiscal year for additional deferrals.

DRAFT FY 2009 MAG FEDERAL FUND PROGRAMMING PRINCIPLES

The 2010 Closeout process will follow the Draft FY 2009 MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles (Principles) allowing member agencies a one time project deferral without justification. For the first time deferral request, a member agency just needs to complete and submit the Deferral Request Form. If a member agency is requesting a project to be deferred a second time or more, a member agency must complete and submit both a Deferral Request Form and Deferral Justification Letter. The MAG Committee Process will recommend approval of the projects to be deferred and stay in the MAG TIP.

Per the Draft Principles:

1. If a project is requesting to be deferred for the second time or more, the sponsoring

agency for the project will submit a justification letter explaining why the project should remain in the MAG Federal Fund Program.

a. The sponsoring agency for the project will submit a justification letter to MAG with the deferral notification that will be taken through the MAG Committee Process, beginning at TRC.
    i. If the justification is approved the project would remain in the program.
    ii. If the justification is not submitted or not approved, the project would be removed from the program.

SUBMITTAL OF PROJECTS

The deadline for member agencies to submit projects for use of Closeout funds was April 14, 2011. The primary criterion for the projects submitted for Closeout funding is that they must be able to utilize funds by the end of the federal fiscal year. This means that the projects submitted must be sufficiently developed for ADOT Local Governments staff to recommend that projects are ready to be authorized by the federal authorities. MAG staff will review the projects submitted for Closeout funds with ADOT to ensure that the projects can be obligated before the end of FFY 2011. It is expected that the TRC will review the funds available and may discuss preferences for how the available funds should be targeted at its May 2011 committee meeting.

The CMAQ analysis of projects submitted for Closeout will be completed by the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee in May, and it is expected that TRC action on the interim list of Closeout projects will occur at the May committee meeting, with Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council action taking place in June, 2011.

Information regarding the FFY 2011 Closeout is available electronically on the MAG website at http://www.azmag.gov/Projects/Project.asp?CMSID2=1140&MID=Transportation, at the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) webpage. If there are any questions regarding the Closeout process, or the submittal of projects, please call Eileen Yazzie at 602-254-6300.

Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Closeout - Requests to Defer Projects, Remove Federal Funds/Delete Projects

Requests to Defer Projects - First Request

Per the Programming Principles, 'Member agencies are allowed a one time deferral without justification.'

Agency	Year	ID	Location	Work	Length	Funding	FedCost	LocCost	Total	FY11 Closeout Request	To what year	Just Memo
ADOT	2011	DOT08-6C38	202 (Santan Fwy): Lindsay Rd to Gilbert Rd	Design and construct multi-use paths	1.0	CMAQ	$ 471,500	$ 28,500	$ 500,000	Defer	2013	1st time defferal
El Mirage	2011	ELM11-801	Downtown El Mirage	Paving existing unpaved alleys	1.7	CMAQ	$ 503,000	$ 41,485	$ 544,485	Defer	2013	1st time defferal
Goodyear	2011	GDY11-713	Citywide	Implement traffic signal system, including installation of ITS backbone and communications equipment	-	CMAQ	$ 700,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,700,000	Defer	2013	1st time defferal
Peoria	2011	PEO11-702	Various locations	Design and construct extension to fiber optic backbone and install CCTV cameras	-	CMAQ	$ 700,000	$ 500,000	$ 1,200,000	Defer	2012	1st time defferal
Phoenix	2011	PHX10-845	Salt River: 24th Street to I-10/Tempe Drain	Construct Multi-use path	-	CMAQ	$ 801,606	$ -	$ 801,606	Defer	2012	1st time defferal
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	2011	SRP11-801	Mesa Dr: Chaparral Rd to McDonald Dr and McDonald Road: Center to Olive Street	Pave Unpaved Road	1.7	CMAQ	$ 773,483	$ 54,314	$ 827,797	Defer	2013	1st time defferal
Tempe	2011	TMP11-701	University Dr: Priest Dr to SPRR	Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities	1.0	CMAQ	$ 1,100,000	$ 5,425,080	$ 6,525,080	Deferral	2012	1st time defferal

Requests to Defer Projects - Second Time or More

Per the Programming Principles, 'If a project is requesting to be deferred for the second time or more, a deferral justification letter is to be submitted.' Please see attached letters.

Agency	Year	ID	Location	Work	Length	Funding	FedCost	LocCost	Total	FY11 Closeout Request	To what year	Just Memo
Goodyear	2011	GDY13-902	Various locations	Purchase and Install fiber optic branch cables, dome cameras and associated equipment	4.8	CMAQ	$ 206,304	$ 200,000	$ 406,304	Defer	2013	Yes
Mesa	2011	MES08-603	Dobson Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Route Improvements (Broadway Road to Main Street)	Construct a bicycle & pedestrian route along Dobson Rd. & upgraded on both side of the street to provide safer pedestrian and bicycle routes.	0.5	CMAQ	$ 1,082,739	$ 388,961	$ 1,471,700	Defer	2012	Yes

Agency	Year	ID	Location	Work	Length	Funding	FedCost	LocCost	Total	FY11 Closeout Request	To what year	Just Memo
Phoenix	2011	PHX09-624	Various locations	Construct regional ITS fiber optic backbone, phase B-1	30.0	CMAQ	$ 665,000	$ -	$ 665,000	Defer	2012	Yes
Phoenix	2011	PHX09-872	Various locations	Pave unpaved roads	3.0	CMAQ	$ 1,050,000	$ 450,000	$ 1,500,000	Defer	2013	yes
Surprise	2011	SUR11-714C	Bell Rd: US-60 (Grand Ave) to 114th Ave	Construct a multi-use path	2.5	CMAQ	$ 325,000	$ 500,000	$ 825,000	Split project & Defer	2012	Yes
Surprise	2011	SUR11-714R	Bell Rd: US-60 (Grand Ave) to 114th Ave	Acquire right of way for multi-use path	2.5	CMAQ	$ 500,000		$ 500,000	Split project	2011	Yes
					TOTAL DEFERRAL		$ 8,378,632					
					ITS Total		$ 2,271,304					
					Bike/Ped Total		$ 3,780,845					
					AQ/Paving Total		$ 2,326,483					

Requests to Remove Federal Funds from the Project/Delete Project

Agency	Year	ID	Location	Work	Length	Funding	FedCost	LocCost	Total	FY11 Closeout Request	To what year	Just Memo
Glendale	2011	GLN07-779	Various Locations: Camelback Rd, Litchfield Rd, Olive Ave, Greenway Rd, 83rd Ave, 75th Ave	Pave dirt shoulders	5.2	CMAQ	$ 133,035	$ 133,035	$ 266,070	Delete Project		
Goodyear	2011	GDY07-302	Various Locations (Goodyear Pave Dirt Road Program)	Pave dirt road	1.0	CMAQ	$ 449,600	$ 384,400	$ 834,000	Delete Project		
Mesa	2011	MES08-602R	Lewis St: First St to Main Library	Construct pedestrian improvements	0.1	CMAQ	$ 253,673	$ 83,717	$ 337,390	Delete Project		
Mesa	2011	MES11-701	MCC Connector: Library to Centennial Center	Design and construct Town Center pathway extension	0.1	CMAQ	$ 269,658	$ 115,568	$ 385,226	Delete Project		
Scottsdale	2011	SCT10-616	McDowell Rd: Scottsdale Rd to Pima Rd	Construct smart corridor traffic control system	2.0	CMAQ	$ 350,000	$ 350,000	$ 700,000	Delete Project		
MAG	2011	MAG11-701	Regionwide	Regionwide bicycle safety education program	0	CMAQ	$ 20,000	$ 8,500	$ 28,500	Delete Project		
MAG	2011	MAG11-706	Regionwide	Regional rideshare and telework program	0	CMAQ	$ 274,565	$ -	$ 274,565	A minor project revision is needed to revise amount shown in TIP due to availability of carry-forward funds. Reduce Amount from $660K to $274,565.28. This frees up $385,434 for programming.		

Agency	Year	ID	Location	Work	Length	Funding	FedCost	LocCost	Total	FY11 Closeout Request	To what year	Just Memo
MAG	2011	MAG11-707	Regionwide	Trip reduction program	0	CMAQ	$ 217,500	$ -	$ 217,500	A minor project revision is needed to revise amount shown in TIP due to availability of carry-forward funds. Reduce Amount from $910K to $217,500. This frees up $692,500 for programming.		

TOTAL Available funds from DELETION	$ 2,553,900
ITS Total	$ 350,000
Bike/Ped Total	$ 543,331
AQ/Paving Total	$ 1,660,569

For Information Only - Additional Information is Requested

Agency	Year	ID	Location	Work	Length	Funding	FedCost	LocCost	Total	FY11 Closeout Request	To what year	Just Memo
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	2011	FTM09-903C	Various Locations on Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Construct Pave dirt road	2.5	CMAQ	$ 375,000	$ 24,000	$ 399,000	Combine, Change Project Locations, Defer, and Delete some CMAQ funding. More information is needed - no action at this time.		
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	2011	FTM11-801	Hiawatha Hood Rd, SR-87 to 3 miles north	Pave Unpaved Road	2.7	CMAQ	$ 936,731	$ 56,622	$ 993,353			
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	2011	FTM11-802	Mustang Way, 1.5 miles north of Fort McDowell Rd, 4 miles north to the northern boundary (Rio Verde)	Pave Unpaved Road	4.0	CMAQ	$ 1,187,709	$ 71,792	$ 1,259,501			
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	2011	FTM13-901	Various Locations on Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Paving dirt roads	4.7	CMAQ	$ 700,000	$ 1,650,000	$ 2,350,000			
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	2012	NEW	Various Locations: Hiawatha Hood Rd (central and south), Harquahala Rd, Ironwood Rd, Sha Hee Rd, Gu Mah Rd, Fort Loop Rd and Rodeo Rd (north)	Pave Unpaved Road	4.7	CMAQ	$ 2,357,500	$ 142,500	$ 2,500,000	New proposed project		

John F. Fischbach
City Manager

April 11, 2011

Maricopa Association of Governments
Attention: Eileen Yazzie
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Subject: **Deferral Justification – GDY 13-902**
Various Locations
Purchase and Install Fiber Optic Branch Cables, Dome Cameras, and Associated Equipment

Dear Ms. Yazzie:

The City of Goodyear is requesting to defer the following project for one year:

MAG TIP Number GDY 13-902
Federal Cost: $206,304
Local Cost: $200,000

This project was originally programmed in 2009, and has previously been deferred to 2011. In 2010, this project was changed through the MAG process in order to utilize this funding to provide a greater transportation benefit to the same area of the City. The Regional Council approved this project change on July 28, 2010. Based on this approval date and the typical eighteen months that is required to progress a project through the ADOT Local Government process, this project needs to be deferred to 2012.

A TRACS number for this project has been obtained from ADOT, a kick off meeting has been held, and the project assessment has been submitted and is currently under review by ADOT. It is anticipated that this project will be obligated by FHWA in late 2011.

We appreciate your consideration in allowing us to defer this project for an additional year. If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact Luke Albert at 623-882-7519 or luke.albert@goodyearaz.gov.

Sincerely,

John F. Fischbach
City Manager

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Reference: Justification Letter
Dobson Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Route Improvements
(Broadway Road to Main Street)
Federal Aid No. CM-MES-0(214)A
TRACS No.: 0000 MA MES **SS871** 01C
City of Mesa Project No. 06-008-001
MAG TIP No. **MES08-603**

The City of Mesa requests the deferment of Dobson Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Route Improvements, a FY 2011 CMAQ funded project ($1,082,739 CMAQ).

Mesa requests this project be deferred to FY 2012. This is the third time the project will be deferred. The reason for this request is as follows:

Mesa had received guidance that Right-Of-Way (ROW) acquisition did not need to follow the federal process if no federal funds were going to be used for acquisition. However in early 2011 ADOT Local government informed Mesa that if federal funds were going to fund any portion of the project, even just construction, that the ROW federal process had to be followed. Therefore, the ROW acquisition process had to be re-started.

Project schedule:

1. Mesa submitted the environmental documentation to ADOT for review on January 2011. Mesa has not yet received comments.
2. Mesa reviewed the 95% design plans on February 2, 2011.
3. ADOT informed Mesa that, although real estate was not going to be acquired with federal monies, the acquisition had to follow FHWA guidelines. ROW clearance is estimated to be obtained by September or October 2011.
4. PS&E is almost completed, with only minor coordination left to do.
5. The preliminary construction cost estimate, developed in the 95% design plan is $1,395,855.89.
6. Mesa anticipates starting construction of the project in January 2012.

If you have project specific questions, please call Maria Angelica Deeb, P.E., M.S., M.E.P., City of Mesa's Transportation Program Manager ((480) 644-2845; Maria.Deeb@mesaaz.gov)

Sincerely,

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City of Phoenix
STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

April 13, 2011

Ms. Eileen Yazzie
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Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Deferral Justification Letter for PHX09-624 (Phoenix Regional ITS Fiber Optic Backbone)

Dear Ms. Yazzie:

The City of Phoenix is requesting deferral of the above project which is located within various areas throughout the city. This project proposes construction (phase B-1) of a regional ITS fiber optic backbone. Originally programmed in the TIP for FY 2009, this request would defer the project for a third time to FY 2012. The estimated total cost of this project is $665,000 with the entire amount coming from federal funds. The City of Phoenix has committed $250,000 in local funds for the design and required clearances necessary for this project to proceed.

The primary reason for this deferral request is to ensure adequate time to complete Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS & E) packages so that the accompanying federal authorization can be secured. During the past 2 years, the City of Phoenix has encountered extreme fiscal and staffing reductions which have created an unusual number of challenges in moving this project forward. The reduction in AHUR funds have necessitated resource and priority adjustments within our organization. The recent completion of the State budget session has clarified our fiscal situation and allows us to commit funds this fiscal year to complete the design and associated requisite clearances to obtain the Federal Construction Authorization for next fiscal year. In preparation for this project, the City is selecting an engineering consultant and has a contracting mechanism in place to complete the PS & E and necessary clearances. Our staffing assignments have been made to ensure adequate resources will be in place for the duration of this project.

Due to the project's regional significance, the City remains committed to submitting a construction obligation package to ADOT as soon as possible and to advertise/bid for construction in late fall 2011.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request. Feel free to contact Shane Silsby at (602) 534-7105 or at shane.silsby@phoenix.gov if further questions arise.

Sincerely,

Wylie Bearup, PE, PhD
Street Transportation Director

Cc: Shane Silsby
Marshall Riegel
Tom Godbee
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City of Phoenix
STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

April 15, 2011

Ms. Eileen Yazzie
Transportation Programming Manager
Maricopa Association of Governments
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Phoenix, Arizona 85003

RE: Pave Unpaved Roads, Various Locations
TIP No. PHX 09-872

Dear Ms. Yazzie:

In 1999, the City of Phoenix identified all city-owned unpaved roads and applied asphalt treatment (approximately 70 miles). Since that time, we continue to review existing Rights-of-Way, and as "new" roads are identified, they are scheduled for stabilization with asphalt, rock or other treatment. As a result of these ongoing efforts, we have not been able to identify roadways for project PHX 09-872, Pave Unpaved Roads.

The City has been focusing efforts on re-scoping this project and has identified a project area in the Garfield district bounded by Washington Street and I-10, 7th Street to16th Street that has nearly five miles of unstabilized and previously stabilized alleys. Traffic counts conducted on various alleys in this area in March 2011 showed average daily traffic values up to 150 vehicles per day on select alleys. Due to these traffic volumes, an asphalt surface is required for dustproofing purposes as opposed to the Fractured Aggregate Surface Treatment typically utilized for alley dustproofing.

The City of Phoenix is requesting deferral to Fiscal Year 2012 for project number PHX 09-872, Pave Unpaved Roads, Various Locations to allow for the re-scoping of this project within the Garfield district. This project was originally programmed in Fiscal Year 2009 and has $1,050,000 Federal CMAQ funding and $450,000 local funding for a total project amount of $1,500,000. This project has been deferred twice while the City worked on identifying locations.

This project has not been submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Local Government Section to begin the obligation process since it is still in the scoping phase. We propose the following project schedule to allow for obligation of this project in Federal Fiscal Year 2012, with the cooperation of our partners at ADOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA):

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Date	Action
July 2011	Submit Project Assessment and Environmental Clearance Documentation to ADOT
July 2011 to December 2011	Prepare Utility and Right-of-Way Clearances (internal for City of Phoenix)
February 2012	Obtain Condensed Environmental Clearance
March 2012	Submit Construction Obligation Package to ADOT
April 2012	Advertise Project
May 2012	Bid Project
Summer 2012	Award and Construction Project

As you can see, we have left some leeway in the schedule in case it's needed to provide obligation prior to September 30, 2012 (the end of the federal fiscal year).

We appreciate your consideration of this deferral request. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me at 602-262-6136.

Sincerely,

Wylie Bearup, PE, PhD
Director, Street Transportation Department

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April 14, 2011

Mr. Steve Tate
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Re: 2011 MAG Deferral/Closeout Requests

Dear Mr. Tate,

The following is a synopsis of the enclosed Project Request Forms for Federal FY2011 Closeout from the City of Surprise:

- The City is requesting to defer $325,000 from TIP# SUR11-714C from FY2011. The project will construct a multi use path along Bell Road from Grand Avenue to the East City Limits. The total CMAQ project funding is $825,000. The balance of $500,000 will be utilized for Right of Way (ROW) acquisition. Pursuant to this request we have contacted Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to determine the requirements for utilizing the funds for ROW acquisition. An application will be submitted to ADOT for the approval of the purchase of ROW using federal funds. The project design and environmental process started in October and is expected to be complete in June for ADOT review. Once environmental clearance is obtained, ROW acquisition will commence. It is expected the acquisition will consist of 2 acres of land (approximately 47 parcels) along the south side of Bell Road from Grand Avenue to the East City Limits. It is possible this project may have to be deferred to FY2013 due to possible ROW challenges.
- The City is requesting 70% federal / 30% local funding for a NEW Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategic plan with a total cost of $150,000. This document will develop the City's ITS plan for future deployment of ITS infrastructure. Furthermore, it will ensure compatibility to the existing ITS infrastructure within the City of Surprise and the continued coordination with other regional agencies. The City has a recently ADOT approved federal RFQ that will allow the City to select a consultant and obligate the funds within a month, rather than the typical federal advertisement.
- The City is requesting 70% federal / 30% local funding for a NEW Bike and Pedestrian strategic plan with a total cost of $150,000. This document will

develop the City's bike and pedestrian plan for future deployment and implantation in future planning areas. This document will ensure compatibility and correction to the existing bike and pedestrian improvements already constructed in the developed areas of the City. The City has a recently ADOT approved federal RFQ that will allow the City to select a consultant and obligate the funds within a month, rather than the typical federal advertisement.

We appreciate your assistance in these requests and look forward to continued partnership with MAG. Please call Nick Mascia, PE, PTOE, at 623-222-6140 or Suneel Garg, PE, at 623-222-6130 should you have any questions on this submittal.

Sincerely,

Mark Coronado
Interim City Manager

CC Robert Beckley