

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
November 18, 2015
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair | Kari Kent for Christopher Brady, Mesa |
| Tom Remes for Ed Zuercher, Phoenix | Dawn Marie Buckland for Kevin Burke,
Paradise Valley |
| Matt Busby for Bryant Powell,
Apache Junction | Carl Swenson, Peoria |
| Jessica Blazina for David Fitzhugh, Avondale | # Louis Andersen for Greg Stanley, Pinal
County |
| Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye | John Kross, Queen Creek |
| * Gary Neiss, Carefree | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community |
| Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek | Brad Lundahl for Fritz Behring, Scottsdale |
| Marsha Reed, Chandler | # Bob Wingenroth, Surprise |
| Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage | Andrew Ching, Tempe |
| # Jess Knudson for Lisa Garcia, Florence | Reyes Medrano, Jr., Tolleson |
| Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort
McDowell Yavapai Nation | Joshua Wright, Wickenburg |
| # Grady Miller, Fountain Hills | Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown |
| # Ernest Rubi, Gila Bend | Sintra Hoffman for John Halikowski,
ADOT |
| * Tina Notah, Gila River Indian Community | Tom Manos, Maricopa County |
| Patrick Banger, Gilbert | Wulf Grote for Steve Banta, Valley
Metro/RPTA |
| Brent Stoddard for Dick Bowers, Glendale | |
| Brian Dalke, Goodyear | |
| * Rosemary Arellano, Guadalupe | |
| * Gregory Rose, City of Maricopa | |

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Management Committee was called to order by Chair Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, at 12:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Louis Andersen, Mr. Jess Knudson, Mr. Grady Miller, Mr. Ernest Rubi, and Mr. Bob Wingenroth joined the meeting via teleconference.

Chair Crossman noted that at each place were a revised summary transmittal and revised agenda, which were updated to reflect changes to agenda item 5H.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Crossman recognized public comment from Mr. John Rusinek, who said that he had been escorted out of an air quality meeting at the Pera Club by two women and a boy. Mr. Rusinek stated that one of the women grabbed his arm when she was escorting him out and he twice asked her not to do that. He said that this is what happens when citizens try to hear what is going on. Mr. Rusinek passed around his photographs of the driveway next door and a letter on violations. Chair Crossman thanked Mr. Rusinek.

Chair Crossman recognized Ms. Dianne Barker, who stated that she was a downtown Phoenix resident and Buckeyes fan. Ms. Barker noted how she has been helping Mr. Rusinek, who is a veteran, a taxpayer and Phoenix resident of 50 years. She stated that Mr. Rusinek speaks within the jurisdiction of MAG. Ms. Barker commented that senior residents desire to be served. Ms. Barker stated that she and Mr. Rusinek had attended a Maricopa County Board of Supervisors meeting. She indicated that she had written a letter to Board Chair Chucuri for Mr. Rusinek and what they want is enforcement of zoning regulations on the driveway next door to Mr. Rusinek. Ms. Barker stated that she has also communicated this to Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton. She said they have an attorney who protects non-performance. Ms. Barker said they stated they have answered 13 violations in ten years and will continue active enforcement. She stated that the Maricopa County pollution department under the Board of Supervisors is the main enforcer for air quality and MAG has a role. Ms. Barker stated that according to ADEQ, the City of Phoenix is in compliance and has discretion in passing ordinances and neighborhood preservation is the higher standard. She said they put it off on a zoning guy and are using street ordinances as a guide for a single family residence. Ms. Barker stated that this should not happen and they need a neutral advocate or ombudsman. She noted that they have not received a response from MAG. Chair Crossman thanked Ms. Barker.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest to the MAG region. He stated that MAG recently organized a press conference on "Lifesaving Lethality Assessments," on October 16, 2015, at the Banner Simulation Training Facility in Mesa. Mr. Smith explained that a series of questions are asked in a Lethality Assessment for personnel to determine if a person is a victim of domestic violence. He stated that the Lethality Assessments were developed through the leadership of the Cities of Glendale, Phoenix, and Scottsdale, and he noted that all MAG cities except two are currently implementing them.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG staff recently met with Mr. Keiichi Koshiyama, Senior Economist with the Institute for International Economic Studies at Toyota, and staff from the Pima County Economic Development Department and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. He stated that Japan is Arizona's largest foreign direct investment partner. Mr. Smith stated that MAG staff

drafted material on Japan and additional fact sheets will be developed for other foreign direct investment partners.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG staff members presented the Read On Arizona early literacy map viewer for elementary schools at the Race to the Top workshop in Washington, D.C. He noted that Pew Research developed a slide of the most return on investment in pre-school education. Mr. Smith stated that MAG staff developed additional slides and identified daycare deserts -- places that do not have adequate early childhood education. He remarked that we are missing out on training some of the future workforce. Mr. Smith stated that this material could be presented at a future Management Committee meeting.

Mr. Smith announced that a public hearing on the Draft 2015 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400 will take place on November 19, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., in the MAG Saguaro Room. He said that everyone is invited and he requested that any comments be submitted to Mr. Jason Stephens, MAG staff.

Mr. Smith stated that the Tourism and Shopping Initiative to expand the tourism and shopping zone for Mexican Nationals to statewide from 75 miles has been supported by the Intertribal Council and all but one of the planning agencies in Arizona. He noted that tourism is Arizona's number one economic engine and extending the zone could have an impact of approximately \$181 million per year in the state. Mr. Smith stated that there is a meeting on this topic this Friday with the Governor's staff and key stakeholders. In addition, there will be a meeting with the joint field command in Tucson to work with the Congressional Delegation. Mr. Smith advised that any change to the zone would require the approval of Homeland Security.

Mr. Josh Wright was applauded on the recent addition to his family.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Crossman stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, and #5H were on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Crossman asked members if they had questions or requests to hear a presentation on any of the Consent Agenda items.

No questions were noted.

Chair Crossman called for a motion to recommend approval of Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, and #5H.

Mr. Stephen Cleveland moved, Ms. Jeanne Blackman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the October 14, 2015, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved the October 14, 2015, meeting minutes.

5B. Don't Trash Arizona Litter Prevention and Education Amendment to Extend Contract for an Additional Year

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval to extend the consultant contract with Fingerpaint Marketing, Inc., for the first one-year option for the Litter Prevention and Education Program, and to amend the contract to include the \$300,000 budgeted in the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for litter prevention and education efforts. It costs our region more than \$3 million every year to pick up litter from our regional freeway system. Proposition 400 includes funding for a litter prevention and education program designed to increase awareness of the health, safety, environmental and economic consequences of freeway litter and ultimately change the behavior of offenders. The Don't Trash Arizona Litter Education and Prevention program is implemented by MAG in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). On November 17, 2014, the Regional Council Executive Committee approved the selection of Fingerpaint Marketing, Inc. (formerly known as Olson Communications, Inc.), as the consultant to design and implement the FY 2015 Litter Prevention and Education Program. Under terms of the contract, MAG may, at its option, offer to extend the period of this agreement up to a maximum of two (2), one (1) year options, based on consultant performance and funding availability. Based on the ongoing success of the program, staff recommends extending the contract with Fingerpaint Marketing, Inc., for the first year option for the Litter Prevention and Education Program, and to include the \$300,000 budgeted in the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for litter prevention and education efforts.

5C. 2015 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

Proposition 400 was approved by the voters of Maricopa County in November 2004, and authorized the extension of a half-cent sales tax for use on transportation projects in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. A.R.S. 28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on projects included in Proposition 400, addressing factors such as project status, funding, and priorities. The 2015 Annual Report is the 11th report in the series and covers the status of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and public transit.

5D. Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2016 CMAQ Funding

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2016 CMAQ funding and retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2016 CMAQ funds that may become available due to closeout or additional funding received by this region. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contain \$1,530,113 in FY 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

Improvement (CMAQ) funding to encourage the purchase and utilization of PM-10 Certified Street Sweepers. On October 22, 2015, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) recommended a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2016 CMAQ funding. Prior to the AQTAC recommendation, the MAG Street Committee reviewed the proposed street sweeper applications on October 13, 2015, in accordance with the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures.

5E. Proposed 2016 Revision to the 2015 Edition of the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee has completed its review of proposed revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction. These revisions have been recommended for approval by the committee and have been reviewed by MAG member agency Public Works Directors and/or Engineers. It is anticipated that the 2016 Revision to the 2015 Edition will be available for purchase in early January 2016. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

5F. Maricopa and Pinal County Resident Population and Employment Projections

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Maricopa County and Pinal County resident population and employment projections for 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, and 2050 provided the Maricopa County and Pinal County control totals are within three percent of the final control totals. According to Executive Order 2011-04, the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) is responsible for preparing an official set of population projections for Arizona and each of its counties. ADOA has prepared a set of draft resident population projections for Maricopa and Pinal Counties consistent with the 2015 Population Estimates. MAG has also developed draft employment projections which are consistent with the ADOA population projections. Because there may be changes to the State and county projections totals by ADOA, on November 10, 2015, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) recommended approval of the draft ADOA 2015 to 2050 population projections for Maricopa County and Pinal County; and the draft 2015 to 2050 employment projections for Maricopa County and Pinal County provided the Maricopa County and Pinal County control totals are within three percent of the final control totals. The projections are for 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, and 2050. They will be used as the control totals from which MAG will develop a set of sub-regional projections that will be brought to the Management Committee and Regional Council in 2016. The Pinal County control totals will be presented to the Central Arizona Governments Regional Council.

5G. Approval of the Draft July 1, 2015 Municipality Resident Population Updates

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the draft July 1, 2015 Municipality Resident Population Updates for MAG Member Agencies provided that the Maricopa County and Pinal County control totals are within one percent of the final control total. MAG staff has prepared draft July 1, 2015 Municipality Resident Population Updates for MAG Member Agencies. The Updates, which are used to prepare budgets and set expenditure

limitations, were prepared using the 2010 Census as the base and updated with housing unit data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies. Since there may be changes to the Maricopa County and Pinal County control totals by the Arizona Department of Administration, on November 10, 2015, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of these draft Updates provided that the County control totals are within one percent of the final control total. The Pinal County control total and sub-county figures will be presented to the Central Arizona Governments Regional Council.

5H. Amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Approve the Addition of a Regional Transportation Planning Project for the Maricopa County Region

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the addition of the narrative for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning grant to continue land use planning along the proposed Tempe Streetcar project to the FY 2016 Total Regional Planning Funds section of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2014, identifies planning projects for the Maricopa County Region as required by Federal regulation 23 CFR 450.308 (c) that includes a discussion of the planning priorities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with funds provided under title 23 U.S.C. and title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 are required to be documented in the unified planning work program. Valley Metro received a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning grant to continue land use planning along the proposed Tempe Streetcar project. The effort will include preparing a strategic plan that will identify long term opportunities for TOD as well as an implementation program. The work will be done by City of Tempe with support from Valley Metro and is funded with \$250,000 by the FTA Grant and \$75,000 through local funds. The FTA has indicated that this project needs to be included in the narrative of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget appendix under FY 2016 Total Regional Planning Funds.

6. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Central Buckeye Wastewater Treatment Plant Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Discharges to the Roosevelt Canal and Buckeye Canal

Ms. Julie Hoffman, MAG staff, reported on the City of Buckeye request for a MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Central Buckeye Wastewater Treatment Plant Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Discharges to the Roosevelt Canal and Buckeye Canal.

Ms. Hoffman stated that the facility has a current capacity of 4.5 million gallons per day and is identified in the MAG 208 Plan with an ultimate capacity of 45.8 million gallons per day. She explained that effluent is currently disposed of through reuse and discharge to a lateral of the Buckeye Canal located adjacent to the facility.

Ms. Hoffman stated that the purpose of this amendment is to add additional Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System discharge points for the Central Buckeye Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Roosevelt Canal and the main Buckeye Canal. The primary discharge point would be to the Roosevelt Canal. Ms. Hoffman stated that by discharging to the Roosevelt Canal, the City will receive Long Term Storage Credits that can be used to maintain its 100-year Assured Water Supply. She said that constructing the pipeline from the Central Buckeye Wastewater Treatment Plant up to the Roosevelt Canal will also provide the City with additional opportunities for reuse and recharge.

Ms. Hoffman stated that the discharge to the main Buckeye Canal would be a contingency discharge. In addition, the methods of effluent disposal currently identified in the MAG 208 Plan will continue to remain options, including the discharge to the lateral of the Buckeye Canal located adjacent to the facility.

Ms. Hoffman stated that unincorporated Maricopa County is located within three miles of the project and the County has submitted a letter indicating that the project does not conflict with County plans for the area and it is acceptable.

Ms. Hoffman stated that on October 1, 2015, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee authorized a public hearing be conducted on the 208 amendment. She said that the public hearing was held November 17th and no public comments were received. Immediately following the public hearing, the Water Quality Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the 208 amendment to the MAG Management Committee.

Ms. Hoffman stated that with a recommendation by the MAG Management Committee, it is anticipated that the MAG Regional Council will take action on the amendment at its December 16th meeting. The amendment would be transmitted to the State Water Quality Management Working Group for its January 5th meeting and then be submitted to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. By mid to late January, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality would certify that the amendment is consistent with the MAG 208 Plan and submit it to Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

Chair Crossman thanked Ms. Hoffman for her report and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Stephen Cleveland expressed his appreciation for everyone's support and said that he looked forward to a yes vote on the amendment.

Chair Crossman noted that no public comment cards had been received.

Chair Crossman noted that Pinal County, the Town of Florence, and the Cities of Apache Junction and Maricopa abstain on matters that are exclusive to the Maricopa County Boundary defined by State Law or through a planning designation by a Governor's Executive Order, including Section 208 Water Quality Management Planning. He added that these agencies participate in the Central Arizona Governments 208 water quality management planning process.

With no further questions, Mr. Brian Dalke moved to recommend approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Central Buckeye Wastewater Treatment Plant Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Discharges to the Roosevelt Canal and Buckeye Canal. Mr. Stephen Cleveland seconded, and the motion passed, with Mr. Louis Andersen, Mr. Matt Busby, and Mr. Jess Knudson abstaining.

7. Streamlining of the MAG 208 Plan Small Plant Review and Approval Process

Ms. Julie Hoffman, MAG staff, reported on streamlining of the MAG 208 Plan Small Plant Review and Approval Process. Ms. Hoffman noted that in August 2015, she presented to the Management Committee the proposal for streamlining the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Process, which is the amendment process. She indicated that MAG shares the importance of economic development for the region with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and agreed to work cooperatively with them on streamlining options for the process that do not jeopardize its integrity. Ms. Hoffman stated that the Proposal for Streamlining the 208 Water Quality Management Plan Process was approved by the MAG Regional Council on August 26, 2015.

Ms. Hoffman stated that the Stakeholder Group for 208 Streamlining recommended that corresponding changes be made to the MAG 208 Plan Small Plant Review and Approval Process. She explained that this is a shortened process for wastewater treatment plants 2.0 million gallons per day or less with no discharge. Ms. Hoffman stated that the Stakeholder Group that evaluated the 208 Process and recommended the corresponding changes included representatives from MAG member agencies – Buckeye, Glendale, Phoenix, Queen Creek and Maricopa County; private utilities – EPCOR and Liberty Utilities; homebuilders; and ADEQ. A representative from the Governor’s Office was also invited to participate.

Ms. Hoffman stated that by making the corresponding changes as recommended by the Stakeholder Group, the Small Plant Review and Approval Process has been streamlined and shortened from approximately 12 to 17 months to approximately six months. This represents a 50 to 65 percent reduction in the overall timeline for a Small Plant Review and Approval. Ms. Hoffman noted that just like the amendment process, improvements were made throughout the Small Plant Review and Approval Process including at the local level before an application is provided to MAG, the MAG Process at the regional level, and the ADEQ Process from the point in which the approved application is submitted to ADEQ from MAG.

Ms. Hoffman stated that on the MAG member agency portion of the process, the improvements made provide clarity, assistance to the business community, and a shortened time frame. First, the applicant would contact the jurisdiction in which the facility would be located to discuss the need for the Small Plant Review and Approval. If required, the applicant would draft the small plant document and submit it to the jurisdiction. Ms. Hoffman stated that the jurisdiction in which the facility would be located would have 60 days to determine the application complete. Once determined complete, the jurisdiction would have a 60 day deadline to review the small plant and submit the document to MAG. At the end of the 60 day review period, the application will come to MAG and be considered through the Small Plant Review and Approval Process.

Ms. Hoffman stated that during the 60 day review period, the jurisdiction where the facility would be located would conduct a workshop with jurisdictions within three miles of the Small Plant Review and Approval to inform them of the facility and request letters of no objection, support, or comment. The jurisdiction in which the facility would be located would also provide updates to MAG staff on these timelines so MAG knows when the Small Plant will be coming to MAG. Ms. Hoffman added that the applicant would identify and contact any private utilities within three miles of the Small Plant Review and Approval to make them aware.

Ms. Hoffman stated that improvements on the MAG portion of the process include changes that provide clarity, transparency, and a shortened time frame. She stated that a pre-application packet has been developed that includes a business friendly fact sheet with a step-by-step description of the Small Plant Review and Approval Process; tables on the guidelines or criteria to be addressed in the Small Plant Review and Approval document; and links to previously approved Small Plant Review and Approvals to use as an example.

Ms. Hoffman stated that improvements on the ADEQ portion of the process include changes that provide parallel processing, concurrent reviews, and a shortened time frame. She noted that ADEQ has indicated that they could issue a conditional Aquifer Protection Permit that would allow for parallel processing and concurrent reviews with the Small Plant Review and Approval Process. Ms. Hoffman stated that this is a significant change. She explained that previously, ADEQ would not proceed with reviewing the small plant until it was approved through the Small Plant Review and Approval Process. Now the Small Plant Process and Aquifer Protection Permit process can occur in parallel. Ms. Hoffman stated that ADEQ has also indicated that within 15 days of receiving the Small Plant Review and Approval from MAG, they will make their certification decision.

Ms. Hoffman addressed next steps. She said that the Small Plant Review and Approval Process, as with the amendment process, will be evaluated annually to determine if additional improvements are necessary. Ms. Hoffman noted that these are corresponding changes to the Small Plant Review and Approval Process as recommended by the Stakeholder Group for 208 Streamlining.

Chair Crossman expressed his appreciation to MAG and the stakeholders for conducting this process and reaching a great solution.

Mr. Cleveland extended his compliments to staff and stakeholders who participated in the streamlining process. He said that it took a lot of time to develop a simplified process to reduce lag time and redundancy and make the process concurrent instead of consecutive. Mr. Cleveland remarked that the streamlined process is a great compromise for both public and private interests. He added that he hoped the process could be implemented before someone tries to effect a change at the Legislature, etc. He indicated that he thought we need to be prepared for addressing that.

Mr. Cleveland asked the maximum size considered part of the Small Plant Review and Approval Process. Ms. Hoffman replied that it applies to small plants of 2.0 million gallons per day or less

that do not have a discharge. She added that the majority of changes to the MAG 208 Plan are amendments.

Mr. John Kross expressed his appreciation and echoed Mr. Cleveland's comments on allowing a chance for the process to be implemented. He said that one of the aspects of the streamlined process is the Annual Review of the prior year, which he would like to be able to evaluate because the review could indicate additional opportunities for streamlining. Mr. Kross stated that there is considerable merit to proceeding and allowing the streamlining effort time to gain momentum.

Mr. Reyes Medrano, Jr., echoed Mr. Cleveland's and Mr. Kross's comments. He also expressed his appreciation for the efforts to develop the streamlined process and thanked Ms. Hoffman for walking them through the process. Mr. Medrano said that they are firm believers in parallel processes and they plan to support the Streamlining of the MAG 208 Plan Small Plant Review and Approval Process. Mr. Medrano noted that Tolleson experienced an issue last year. He stated that the proper notifications were met, however, Tolleson found out about the issue later since their staff had not attended the Water Quality Advisory Committee meeting at the time. Mr. Medrano said that one possible change to discuss potentially during the Annual Review could be expanding the notification radius of three miles. Mr. Medrano stated that Avondale and Phoenix are the only cities within three miles of Tolleson. He thanked MAG for ensuring that the cities' voices remain a strong, significant piece of the process.

Chair Crossman noted that no public comment cards had been received.

Chair Crossman noted that Pinal County, the Town of Florence, and the Cities of Apache Junction and Maricopa abstain on matters that are exclusive to the Maricopa County boundary defined by state law or through a planning designation by a Governor's Executive Order, including Section 208 Water Quality Management Planning. He added that these agencies participate in the Central Arizona Governments 208 water quality management planning process.

Mr. John Kross moved to recommend approval of the Draft Proposal for Streamlining the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Small Plant Review and Approval Process. Mr. Stephen Cleveland seconded, and the motion passed, with Mr. Louis Andersen, Mr. Matt Busby, and Mr. Jess Knudson abstaining.

8. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

Mr. Dean Giles, MAG staff, provided a status report on the Fiscal Year 2015 PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement. He noted that a list of these sweepers was included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Giles stated that based on responses from member agencies, the procurement process for FY 2015 PM-10 certified street sweepers is underway. He noted that the City of Buckeye has received reimbursement and the City of Goodyear has requested reimbursement.

Mr. Giles stated that member agencies are requested to purchase their sweepers, and then submit their reimbursements within one year of authorization. He noted that this is to meet Federal Highway Administration requirements to minimize inactive obligations and reduce federal fund carry forward in the MAG Work Program.

Mr. Giles reviewed the requirements for disposing of old CMAQ funded sweepers. He stated that approval from the Arizona Department of Transportation is required prior to disposal of CMAQ funded street sweepers. Mr. Giles noted that recently, MAG was notified that a sweeper had been disposed of without obtaining approval first. He indicated that this procedure is sometimes not communicated when there are changes in staff.

Mr. Giles noted that there are approximately 120 CMAQ funded street sweepers in the MAG region, and this requires extensive reporting at MAG. He said that they are looking at possibly providing decals that could be placed on sweepers to serve as reminders of the process for proper disposal of the sweepers. In addition, MAG is planning a workshop for fleet managers in the near future.

Chair Crossman thanked Mr. Giles for his report. He noted that the City of Litchfield Park notes the disposal process on the sweeper's vehicle title as a reminder.

Mr. Cleveland suggested informing member agencies of the useful life of a sweeper to remind them they are nearing a disposal period. He asked if a sweeper lasts more than 100,000 miles. Mr. Giles replied that in many cases, sweepers do not reach 100,000 miles. He said that useful life is approximately eight years. Mr. Giles stated that the MAG Street Committee made a recommendation that useful life was 96,000 miles, or 12,000 hours. He added that the Regional Council approved this.

9. International Businesses in Arizona

Mr. Anubhav Bagley, MAG staff, provided an update on international businesses in Arizona. Mr. Bagley explained that MAG has been analyzing data related to international connections. He said that the Arizona international connection information is very important because foreign direct investment generates a large amount of capital. Mr. Bagley reported that jobs in the export sector generate 18 to 20 percent higher wages. He said that this can be a strategy in moving our economy forward.

Mr. Bagley stated that staff is asked many times, "What is the international presence in Arizona?" He indicated that the MAG Employer Database is Maricopa County data only, however, MAG staff was able to gain access to information from Dunn and Bradstreet and some other local agencies to expand these data.

Mr. Bagley stated that approximately 85,000 jobs have been generated by the 683 international parent companies representing 50 countries in Arizona. These parent companies own approximately 1,000 different businesses at approximately 3,000 locations. Mr. Bagley reported

that the most international businesses in Arizona are from Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, France, and Mexico, in that order.

Mr. Bagley indicated that the number one industry sector cluster for these businesses is retail, followed by business services, transportation and distribution. He noted that MAG has detailed information on each of the international businesses by address or jurisdiction.

Mr. Bagley stated that Maricopa County accounts for 75 percent of international businesses in Arizona, with approximately 62,000 jobs in 570 parent companies. He that the business sectors are different in Maricopa County than those in Pima County. Mr. Bagley stated that the countries with the largest presence in Maricopa County are Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, and France, in that order.

Mr. Bagley reported that European companies in Arizona are the largest sector of jobs, accounting for approximately 43,000 jobs generated by international companies. North American countries, primarily Canada and Mexico, have generated approximately 28,000 jobs in Arizona, and Asian countries have generated approximately 10,600 jobs in Arizona.

Mr. Bagley stated that MAG staff also looked at innovation and entrepreneurship of international companies through the Global Innovation Index, which was developed by Cornell University. He said that the top ten international companies in the Index have a presence in Arizona. He said that Switzerland is the number one country in the Index.

Mr. Bagley stated that cities from 11 international countries and 49 cities in Arizona participate in the Sister Cities program. Mr. Bagley stated that one new element is taking the Sister Cities program beyond cultural ties and expanding it to economic ties. He noted that Alana Chavez Langdon, MAG staff, is working on these connections and evaluating where we could be participating.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG could conduct research and develop materials for the Sister Cities program for member agencies. In addition to the cultural focus, there could be a focus on business.

Mr. Bagley stated that the “International Companies in Arizona” data and a 77-page report are available in the resource section on www.ConnectBIEN.com. He noted that he could forward the link to the website to committee members.

Mr. Bagley discussed next steps, which includes gathering economic development teams and international experts to review the international business data set, explore the needs and efforts for expanding data to include additional key information, and discussing the development of specific international strategies.

Chair Crossman thanked Mr. Bagley for the report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

10. Legislative Update

Mr. Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, stated that federal transportation legislation, MAP-21, expires November 20, 2015, however, an extension through December 4, 2015 is expected. Mr. Pryor stated that a conference committee met November 18, 2015, and a five to six year reauthorization with no major changes at this time are anticipated. He noted that the House and Senate have passed their own versions of reauthorization. Mr. Pryor stated that MAG worked aggressively on legislation with national associations and he thanked member agency elected officials for their outreach to the Congressional Delegation, in particular, on the Wicker/Booker and the Davis/Titus amendments, which, unfortunately, did not make it into the legislation. He noted that these amendments would have increased the Surface Transportation Program funding to urban areas like MAG.

Mr. Pryor stated that a last minute amendment on Interstate 11 has been proposed. He noted that this amendment is of great interest to the Arizona Department of Transportation, stakeholders in Nevada, and development groups in the Interstate 11 corridor. Mr. Pryor stated that a congressional conference committee began their work that morning on the exemption of fiscal restraint language currently in surface transportation legislation. He noted that this is being proposed as pilot program.

Mr. Pryor stated that timing appears to be the biggest challenge. He indicated that letters of support for the pilot program were sent by ADOT Director John Halikowski on November 17, 2015, and by Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers, Chair of the MAG Transportation Policy Committee, on November 18, 2015. Mr. Pryor indicated that he would report back on this issue as needed.

Mr. Dennis Smith stated that ADOT is currently proceeding with a Tier I analysis for the Interstate 11 corridor. The landowners in the Interstate 11 section between Interstate 10 and Wickenburg are interested in a Tier II analysis that would provide a centerline for the facility. A Tier II analysis is not possible due to a federal requirement that requires that funding for the facility be reasonably available in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment that Mr. Pryor noted would have made an exception for the Interstate 11 project to proceed with a Tier II analysis that would have made it possible for the land owners to make right-of-way donations.

No questions for Mr. Pryor were noted.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting were requested.

Mr. Cleveland stated that he would like a report and further discussion on the Read On Arizona topic. He added that economic development and city staff could be invited to hear the presentation.

Mr. Smith noted that this item would also be on a future MAG Economic Development Committee agenda.

Ms. Sintra Hoffman stated that staff could present an update on the Tier I and Tier II processes for Interstate 11.

12. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management 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.

Chair Crossman noted that the next Management Committee meeting will be January 6, 2016. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Chair

Secretary