

Final Phase Input Opportunity Report

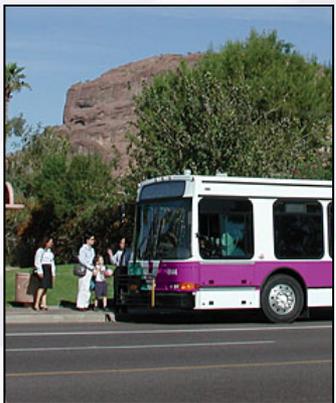
Management Committee

June 8, 2016



Four-Phase Process

- Early Phase
- Mid Phase
- **Final Phase**
- Continuous Involvement



Input Opportunities

- Small and large group presentations
- Committee meetings
- E-mail Correspondence
- Telephone
- Website
- Direct mailing
- Public Hearing





Publicity

Please Join Us!

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) will conduct a public hearing on the Draft 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan, Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Draft FY 2014 and 2015 Transit Program of Projects, and Draft 2014 MAG Conformity Analysis. The public hearing will also include the Draft 2013 MAG Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments.

For more information, or to arrange special disability accommodations, please contact Leila Gamiz, MAG community outreach specialist at 602-254-6300. Parking in the garage below the MAG building will be validated, and transit tickets will be provided to those who purchased a transit ticket to attend the meeting. To provide input via e-mail, send your comments to lgamiz@azmag.gov.



**Public Hearing on the MAG
Transportation Plan and
Programs, Conformity Analysis
and Prop. 400 Annual Report**

Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

**MARICOPA
ASSOCIATION of
GOVERNMENTS**
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix
Saguaro Room - second floor

Your participation is encouraged and appreciated.

- 4,000 postcards mailed to public involvement lists.
- Public notice in *The Arizona Republic*.
- Display ads in *The Arizona Republic* and *La Voz*.
- Meeting agendas.

Summary of Comments/Questions



- The maps do not recognize the projects and/or studies for the North/South Freeway, SR-24 extension, Phoenix to Tucson Rail, I-11 or Pinal County transportation plans.
- The National Transportation Act says when you go through a park, there are additional clearances that must be met.
- There are a lot of people making transit policy who do not use the system.
- Ordinances to control dust are in place for the protection of children and the elderly.



Summary of Comments/Questions



- I want to keep the disability community engaged so that we don't get put on the back burner.
- I am in full support of Scenario 1 (as presented to the MAG Transit Committee), as it permitted \$11.5 million to be allocated to ADA improvements over a five-year period.
- Scenarios 2 and 3 did not provide enough funding for needed transit improvements to inaccessible bus stops.
- New buses not useful if some of bus stops are inaccessible to passengers.



Summary of Comments/Questions



- While some bus stops are considered ADA compliant, some feature impediments to mobility devices, such as:
 - Steeper inclines.
 - Gravel on driveways.
 - Utility poles on the sidewalk.

- Bus stops need to have a wide enough sidewalk so wheelchair users can off-board without landing in gravel or tipping off the sidewalk.

- My concern is the (MAG Transit) committee almost voted for a plan that had no ADA improvement money.



Summary of Public Hearing Comments



- I'm still here because over 90,000 people who live in the Northwest Valley and Sun City West, Sun City, and Sun City Grand are still without any services, nor are we on your maps clear through 2035. The communities are completely left out of the process.



- We do have stakeholder meetings at all of them and we have talked with several members of the group that's over here in regard to what we need to do. But we still need circulators to go through our communities.

Summary of Public Hearing Comments



- One of the biggest problems is when I listen to Mr. (Valley Metro Representative Jorge) Luna talk about the average age of the rider on the bus at 35, I'm thinking of the number of senior communities that you have in the Northwest Valley who are not even counted because we have no services there.



- And we now have over 200,000 people living in the Surprise, Sun City West, Sun City Grand and Sun Cities areas that have absolutely no services.
- So I would appreciate it going forward, looking at the monies, we do pay our taxes, we do have Prop 400 monies that we were promised with services available that are not there yet.

Summary of Public Hearing Comments

- We do have a lot of good transportation. I have two daughters that benefit from the transportation in Tempe and downtown Phoenix. But none of us can benefit from that same transportation if we're in Surprise.
- So the Northwest Valley has very little available, and you already know that the Dial-a-Ride is wonderful and we are glad to have that, but there is no fixed route in our area.
- There was a little adjustment at the last meeting of the transportation committee about the transportation improvement to decide to still include some ADA bus stop improvement funds.



Summary of Public Hearing Comments

- We understand the concern about the amount of cost that it takes to do small projects. It let me know that we need to get with our cities to make sure they are spending their money, right?
- We need to see where we have bottlenecks. We're running not only light rail, but we've got new buses. They're very nice and air conditioned. I suggest that you try them. It's good for getting us quicker around the Valley if we would put in Bus Rapid Transit.
- What we need to do here at MAG is see if we are properly aligned or are we going to have to go with decreasing Prop 400 regional monies for this.





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- I am a friend of transit. I believe in multimodal, many modes of getting around. I'm asking this body and all of the bodies I go in front of to be part of the voluntary effort.
- Be part of multimodal, to cut down on congestion and pollution, not only in Maricopa County but in Pinal.
- What we need to do here at MAG is see if we are properly aligned or are we going to have to go with decreasing Prop 400 regional monies for this.
- Rapid transit is needed in South Phoenix.





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