



Executive Director's Report

We speak most often at MAG about our key responsibilities such as transportation and air quality. But MAG also plays a significant role in many human services issues that cross city boundaries. At our September meeting, our elected officials came together to acknowledge the critical issue of domestic violence and to sign a resolution of support for recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

We have talked about the toll domestic violence takes on families, with 40 percent of respondents in a MAG survey saying they personally knew someone who has experienced domestic abuse. We have talked about the toll it takes in terms of resources for law enforcement and the courts, with the region spending \$18-\$26 million a year addressing domestic violence through the criminal justice system. We have heard from the City of Maricopa that 67 percent of the city's aggravated assault cases involve domestic violence. We know it has to stop. And that continues to be a MAG mission.

The MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council was formed in 1999 to provide a forum for communication and action to effectively address, prevent, and eradicate domestic violence. The Council has been responsible for numerous successes, such as developing standard protocols cities can use when arresting and prosecuting offenders. At the Regional Council meeting, Regional Domestic Violence Council Chair Robin Barker discussed the successes of the Council, but noted that there is still much work to be done. More than 100 Arizonans lost their lives in domestic violence related incidents last year.

Shortly after our Regional Council meeting, we held a news conference in which we discussed technology safety for abuse victims. Phoenix Mayor and MAG Chair Greg Stanton, who also has been a strong advocate for domestic violence awareness, noted that abusers continue to evolve, finding new ways of hacking, stalking, and tracking their victims.

I am gratified that MAG is working diligently to address this vital issue. It was inspiring to see our Regional Council members arrive at the meeting wearing the color purple: a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending violence. We have seen amazing photos of the 22 MAG member agencies

who have joined the effort by lighting their municipal buildings, lawns, or other landmarks purple. Standing together, we will continue to work toward ending domestic violence.

For more information, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, (602) 254-6300.

Meeting Report for Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Action Items



Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resolution

As noted above, domestic violence calls are among the most frequent, dangerous, and costly calls law enforcement responds to throughout the region. There were 107 domestic violence related deaths in Arizona last year. The MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council has worked on many initiatives to ensure a regional response to domestic violence. Recent efforts include the Protocol Evaluation Project, which seeks to address how domestic violence abusers are arrested and prosecuted. This saves lives, time, and resources. Apache Junction Vice Mayor Robin Barker, MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council Chair, provided an overview of the Council's efforts and the importance of domestic violence awareness. Following her presentation, the Regional Council approved a resolution expressing support of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

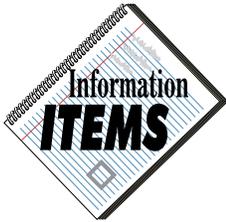
For more information, please contact Amy Robinson, MAG Human Services Planner, (602) 254-6300.

Proposed Changes to the MAG By-Laws

The Regional Council heard an update on needed amendments to the MAG By-Laws. Staff reported that in May, a Final Rule was posted in the Federal Register outlining the provisions for transit representation on the MAG Regional Council, which is our Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) board. The Final Rule is consistent with MAG's submitted comments from 2014 that one representative be allowed to serve in two roles: as the transit representative and as a representative of a member agency. In order to comply with the Final Rule, the MAG By-Laws needed to be amended.

Staff also proposed a technical amendment to the By-Laws. With the passage of Proposition 400, the range of issue areas for the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) has broadened beyond the regional freeway system to the larger Regional Transportation Plan. A technical amendment to the MAG By-Laws was requested to more accurately reflect the role of CTOC. The Regional Council approved the amendments and to initiate the By-Laws amendment process, which includes a 15-day public review period.

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Information Items

Discussion of the CenturyLink Proposal for 9-1-1 Managed Services

Staff provided an update on a proposal regarding managed services for 9-1-1 in the MAG region. CenturyLink provided information about its proposal at a joint meeting of the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team and the MAG Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers Group. Staff noted that the unsolicited CenturyLink proposal was brought to the Arizona Department of Administration as a potential solution to address a statewide funding issue, technology changes, decaying infrastructure, and growing populations.

Staff noted that the revenue from the 9-1-1 Service Fee on each phone line has declined over the years. The current rate, now at 20 cents per line, is one of the lowest 9-1-1 taxes in the nation. Additionally, the fund has been subject to sweeps of more than \$53 million in the past 13 years. The Maricopa Region generates 67 percent of revenue statewide.

The managed services proposal was discussed by MAG committees, which recommended that the proposal be brought through the existing regional process at MAG. In addition, the MAG Management Committee approved forming a 9-1-1 Managed Services Proposal Study Committee to review the technical, financial and policy implications of the proposal. The study committee will develop a comparative analysis and report back to the Regional Council.

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Next Meeting

Please note that the next meeting of the MAG Regional Council will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. at the MAG offices, 302 N. 1st Avenue, Phoenix, second floor, Saguaro Room. Agenda items are expected to include an update of the rebalancing of the Regional Freeway and Highway Program and on the ozone boundary designations.

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