

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

April 27, 2011
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park, Chair	* Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa Co.
Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe, Vice Chair	# Vice Mayor Scott Somers for Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa
* Councilwoman Robin Barker, Apache Junction	* Mayor Scott LeMarr, Paradise Valley
Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale	# Mayor Bob Barrett, Peoria
Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye	* Vice Mayor Thelda Williams, Phoenix
# Mayor David Schwan, Carefree	# Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek
Councilman Dick Esser, Cave Creek	* President Diane Enos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	# Mayor Jim Lane, Scottsdale
Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage	Councilwoman Sharon Wolcott, Surprise
* President Clinton Pattea, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
# Mayor Jay Schlum, Fountain Hills	# Mayor Kelly Blunt, Wickenburg
* Mayor Ron Henry, Gila Bend	Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown
* Governor William Rhodes, Gila River Indian Community	* Felipe Zubia, State Transportation Board
Mayor John Lewis, Gilbert	* Victor Flores, State Transportation Board
# Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	# Roc Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
Mayor Georgia Lord, Goodyear	
* Mayor Yolanda Solarez, Guadalupe	

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Attended by telephone conference call.

+ Attended by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Regional Council was called to order by Chair Thomas Schoaf at 5:08 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lana Mook led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Schoaf stated that Mayor Gail Barney, Mayor Bob Barrett, Mayor Kelly Blunt, Mayor Jim Lane, Mayor Jay Schlum, Mayor David Schwan, Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Roc Arnett, and Vice Mayor Scott Somers as proxy for Mayor Scott Smith were participating in the meeting by teleconference.

Chair Schoaf noted that materials for agenda items #5C, #5K, and #10 were at each place. These items had previously been transmitted to members.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Schoaf noted that public comment cards were available to members of the audience who wish to speak on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens are requested to not exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes is provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

Chair Schoaf recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who expressed appreciation for the transit tickets. She reviewed the top five most influential artists selected by *Rolling Stone* magazine. Ms. Barker reported that she sometimes gives the transit tickets she is reimbursed at MAG to people in need. Ms. Barker stated that soon after she gave her ticket to a woman, a man offered to help her get her bike off the bus. She stated that she was on light rail at 4:00 p.m., and it was standing room only. Ms. Barker stated everyone had a ticket when asked, contrary to what many people are saying that you can ride for free and do not have to buy a ticket. Ms. Barker noted that President Obama has asked citizens to live within the energy problem. She noted that Ben Bernanke had reduced the interest rate to zero, which weakens the dollar and results in higher oil prices, however, this is not a problem if the demand is not there. Ms. Barker wished everyone a Happy Rideshare. Chair Schoaf thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest to the MAG region. Mr. Smith stated that MAG received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. He noted that this is the 13th year MAG has received the award and commended Becky Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, and her staff for their efforts.

Mr. Smith reported that a draft license agreement for member agencies to use with the electric vehicle charging stations is being sent to MAG member agencies. He noted that Fredda Bisman, MAG General Counsel, along with the City of Phoenix attorney, worked on the review and finalization of the agreement.

Mr. Smith displayed March 2011 maps of residential properties foreclosed (18,781 units) and pending foreclosure (33,301), totaling 52,082 units. He noted that the previous version showed a total of 57,731 units, a reduction of about nine percent.

Mr. Smith updated the Regional Council on the Economic Development Committee (EDC). He noted that work is underway on a joint project with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) to create a website to help foster economic development. Mr. Smith noted that the draft website will be presented

to the EDC at next week's meeting. Mr. Smith reported that the MAG Chair and the EDC Chair gave presentations on the EDC to the Canadian Business Council, and Chair Schoaf has requested that a roundtable with Canadian business be planned as a future event. Mr. Smith stated that presentations were given at the April EDC meeting by an entrepreneurial business from Gilbert and by a former Motorola executive on the importance of doing business with Mexico. He stated that at the next EDC meeting, a Glendale business owner will speak on expanding existing business and competing with China. Mr. Smith stated that a visit by the Mexico SCT to the Valley is anticipated to discuss the new deep sea port at Punta Colonet. He indicated that in a planning teleconference meeting, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, CANAMEX, and Arizona-Mexico Commission representatives discussed holding an Intermountain West summit in January 2012. Mr. Smith noted that those on the teleconference were receptive to the idea of bringing in leaders from those areas to discuss forming an Intermountain West Corridor Coalition that could be competitive with the I-95 Corridor Coalition. Mr. Smith stated that they also discussed having outreach to the defense installations in the Intermountain West.

Mr. Smith noted that the grand opening of a 14-mile segment of Loop 303 will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on May 7, 2011. He noted that an announcement of the event was at each place. Mr. Smith noted that Governor Brewer will attend, along with MAG representatives, and Mayor Scruggs will speak on behalf of MAG.

Mr. Smith displayed a map of the MAG regional freeway system. He noted that the completion of this system was due to regional cooperation, which began with a subcommittee of elected officials in 1985 who brought the effort to the Regional Council. Mr. Smith reported that Jack DeBolske, former Secretary of MAG, was presented with a Transportation Legacy award at the Roads and Streets conference in Tucson. He noted that Mr. DeBolske was instrumental in implementing the regional freeway system.

Chair Schoaf thanked Mr. Smith for his report. No questions from the Council were noted.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Schoaf noted that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, #5J, and #5K were on the Consent Agenda. He noted that no public comment cards had been received. Chair Schoaf asked members if they had questions or requests to hear an item individually. None were noted. No public comment cards were received.

Vice Chair Hallman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Esser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the March 30, 2011, Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the March 30, 2011, meeting minutes.

5B. FY 2011 Section 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program Priority Listing of Applicants

The Regional Council, by consent, approved forwarding the priority listing of applicants for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The FTA provides Section 5310, Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program funding, to ADOT. These capital assistance awards support agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for older adults and for people who have a disability. The Councils of Governments, including MAG, prepare priority listings of applications for ADOT to be used when determining awards. Approximately \$3.9 million is available statewide for funding this year's projects. The priority listing of applicants for the FY 2011 Section 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program has been recommended by the MAG Ad Hoc Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee on March 29, 2011, and by the MAG Management Committee on April 13, 2011.

5C. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and FY 2011 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Plan, the FY 2011 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The fiscal year (FY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010 and have been modified with the last amendment approved in January 2011. Since January 2011, there have been requests from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) to modify projects in the program. The Transportation Review Committee agenda mailout included all ADOT projects. On March 30, 2011, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of the requested changes. Since the TRC took action, additional project change requests were received. The new attachment highlights the ADOT projects that are related to the Material Change Freeway policy. And the new attachment includes modifications to the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) project: Northern Parkway. All changes to Northern Parkway relate to an updated cost and work schedule. The fiscal balance for funds available for this project per year is maintained. These adjustments are necessary for the project to move forward for federal funding and advertisement. On April 25, 2011, revised material was transmitted to the Regional Council regarding project MMA10-009CZ. Since that time, it has become necessary to modify the year for project MMA11-106CZ from 2012 to 2011. Both changes were bolded and highlighted and appear on page 5 of the Project Change table. All of the projects to be amended and modified may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and an administrative modification does not require a conformity determination.

5D. Interim Closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 MAG Federally Funded Program

The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 Closeout Process is underway. To defer a project from FFY 2011 to a later year, MAG member agencies must complete and submit a deferral notification form, and, depending on the number of times previously deferred, submit a justification letter. The deadline to

notify MAG of project deferrals is ongoing; however, MAG staff preferred member agencies report project deferrals for a first analysis by Friday, April 15, 2011. It was also requested that member agencies submit project requests to utilize these unused FFY 2011 funds. The deadline to submit projects requests for closeout was April 14, 2011; late project submittals are not allowed.

5E. Road Safety Assessments at Intersections

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the list of 23 intersections, prioritized based on MAG Crash Risk Rank, for performing Road Safety Assessments. Each year more than 60,000 crashes occur on the local and arterial street system in the MAG region. About half of these crashes occur at intersections. They result in a total of nearly 30,000 injuries and fatalities each year. The MAG Transportation Safety Committee (TSC) has recommended Road Safety Assessments (RSAs) as a regional initiative to help identify and address safety issues at intersections. Based on a prior MAG action, a total of \$398,000 is available for conducting RSAs, utilizing qualified MAG on-call consultants, and with assistance from the Arizona Department of Transportation's RSA Program. The MAG TSC recommended a list of 23 intersections for the first cycle of RSAs to be performed. It was also recommended that RSAs be prioritized using the MAG Rank based on intersection crash risk, in case the funds available are insufficient to address all locations. The recommendation was generated considering: (1) intersections nominated by MAG member agencies from the MAG Top 100 list of high crash risk intersections, and (2) intersections nominated by MAG member agencies based on crash history or observed safety/risk concerns. The list of 23 intersections, prioritized based on MAG Crash Risk Rank, for performing Road Safety Assessments, was recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Safety Committee on March 22, 2011, the MAG Transportation Review Committee on March 30, 2011, and the MAG Management Committee on April 13, 2011.

5F. MAG Complete Streets Guide

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the MAG Complete Streets Guide. The FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2008, included \$75,000 for the development of the MAG Complete Streets Guide. The Guide provides a process for integrating bicycle and pedestrian facilities as institutionalized components of streets. The MAG Complete Streets Guide was recommended for approval by the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee on February 15, 2011, the MAG Transportation Review Committee on March 30, 2011, and the MAG Management Committee on April 13, 2011.

5G. Revised Approach for MAG Design Assistance Program

On February 17, 2011, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representatives and MAG staff met to discuss the MAG Design Assistance Program. FHWA representatives expressed concerns that the current program, which allowed designs for bicycle and pedestrian projects to be completed up to 95 percent, had to be changed since the design process went beyond what is allowed under federal guidelines. FHWA further asserted that there was a lack of federal oversight of the design process which at times preceded the environmental work. FHWA affirmed the value of the program but stated that the MAG Design Assistance Program can only support projects through the Scoping Phase (less than 15

percent). Since the inception of the program in 1996, approximately \$2.5 million has been spent on designs which resulted in \$23.3 million in constructed bicycle and pedestrian projects. MAG staff has revised the Design Assistance program accordingly. The process will remain the same for member agencies but future emphasis will be on scoping projects for design and construction funding through the Arizona Department of Transportation - Transportation Enhancement Funds, the Safe Routes to School program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program.

5H. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report

A status report on the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) for the period between October 2010 and March 2011 addresses ALCP project work, the remaining Fiscal Year 2011 ALCP schedule, program deadlines, revenues, and finances.

5I. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

A status report was provided on the remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement. To assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, MAG is requesting that street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement be requested by the agency within one year plus ten calendar days from the date of the MAG authorization letter.

5J. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments conducted consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including Arizona Department of Transportation projects on Interstate-17, State Route 87, State Route 303 and Maricopa County projects on Northern Parkway. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments were requested by April 22, 2011.

5K. Appointment of Vice Mayor Thelda Williams to Serve as the Central City Elected Official on the Transportation Policy Committee and the Economic Development Committee

The Regional Council, by consent, appointed Vice Mayor Thelda Williams to serve as the Central City elected official on the Transportation Policy Committee and the Economic Development Committee. The composition of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), established by the Regional Council on April 24, 2002, includes elected officials from the seven largest cities/towns and the Central City (Phoenix). The composition of the Economic Development Committee (EDC), established by the Regional Council on October 27, 2010, includes elected officials from 12 MAG member agencies, including a representative of the Central City. On April 21, 2011, Councilwoman Peggy Neely, the Central City elected official on the TPC and the EDC, announced her resignation from the Phoenix City

Council. The Mayor of the City of Phoenix has requested that Vice Mayor Thelda Williams be appointed to fill the Phoenix seats on the TPC and EDC. The appointment of Vice Mayor Thelda Williams as the Central City elected official to the TPC and EDC by the Regional Council was requested.

6. Multimodal Transit System Tour Travel Costs - MAG Region Peer Cities

Marc Pearsall, MAG Transit Planner, reported on recent activities related to the multimodal transit tour of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) system for public and private regional leaders. He stated that purpose is to provide an informational tour for regional leaders and policy makers to learn about the benefits of a multimodal transit system. Mr. Pearsall reported that the tour is envisioned for a Thursday and Friday some time in the Fall and attendees will look at interconnectivity of transit modes in an urban core during peak hour traffic.

Mr. Pearsall stated that the cost on each individual's end, is estimated at about \$500 to \$700. He indicated that the UTA staff are researching rooms at a downtown Salt Lake City hotel. Mr. Pearsall reviewed the possible schedule: a Thursday evening reception, the next morning, begin the tour after a continental breakfast, an informational luncheon, and departure Friday afternoon.

Mr. Pearsall summarized highlights of the UTA system, which include commuter rail, light rail, and bus rapid transit. He noted that he would be contacting members later in the summer to gauge the level of interest in the tour. Chair Schoaf thanked Mr. Pearsall for his report. No questions from the Council were noted.

7. Regional Freeway and Highway Program Update

Bob Hazlett, MAG Senior Engineer, provided an update on the status of the Regional Freeway and Highway Program. He stated that in October 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved a Tentative Scenario to balance the Regional Freeway and Highway Program and to incorporate it into the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update and the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, with the understanding that due to the present cost and revenue uncertainties that this represents a placeholder and the program would be reevaluated in 18 months. Mr. Hazlett stated that as this 18-month period approaches its conclusion, he was providing an update on recent activities in delivering the Regional Freeway and Highway Program, similar to the presentation he gave to the Transportation Policy Committee in March.

Mr. Hazlett displayed a graph that showed Proposition 400 sales tax collections have started to increase, although not significantly. He pointed out the deficit between the 2003 forecast for Proposition 400 sales tax and the 2010 forecast. Mr. Hazlett then spoke about the cash flow deficit by year and said that between revenue and expenditures, there are significant cash flow issues in 2015 to 2016 that they are trying to address with the Regional Freeway and Highway Program with ADOT.

Mr. Hazlett stated that even with the recession, there have been some amazing accomplishments with Proposition 400. He stated that approximately 150 HOV lane miles and approximately 100 general

purpose lane miles have been added, in addition to the 20 miles added through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Mr. Hazlett stated that 85 HOV lane miles and 135 general purpose lane miles are under construction, mostly on Loop 303. He noted that about 500 lane miles of freeways will have been completed by the 2015 timeframe.

Mr. Hazlett reported on the Interstate 10/Papago Freeway in the West Valley. He said that the improvements are almost complete – the application of rubberized asphalt remains to be done – and there will be six-plus lanes from Loop 101 to Verrado Way, a distance of about 14 miles. Mr. Hazlett remarked that the residents are very excited about the completion of this project. He stated that a couple of traffic interchanges will be constructed about the 2015 timeframe and additional capacity will be added in conjunction with the South Mountain Freeway.

Mr. Hazlett reported on the Interstate 10/Maricopa Freeway to the East Valley. He noted that the ADOT cost opinion is a little higher than the 2009 Tentative Scenario, but staff is working with ADOT to keep those costs in line. Mr. Hazlett stated that the EIS for the section from the Pecos Stack (at Loop 202/Santan-South Mountain) to the Mini Stack (junction with SR-51 and SR-202L/Red Mountain) on Loop 202 is almost ready for public review. Mr. Hazlett noted that the West Sky Harbor Access project might need to be deferred due to Phoenix Aviation's construction capabilities by 2014.

Mr. Hazlett reported on the Interstate 17/Black Canyon Freeway. He said there are now six-plus lanes from Loop 101 to Anthem Way and HOV lanes to SR-74. He stated that the segment from the Interstate 10 split to the Loop 101/Agua Fria Stack is under study, which is expected to be completed in three to four years, and he added that this is being done in concert with the Central Phoenix Framework Study. Mr. Hazlett stated that approximately \$1 billion has been identified for the project, but which improvements that can be accomplished in this corridor are still being studied.

Mr. Hazlett reported on US-60/Grand Avenue. He stated that improvements in the segment from 83rd Avenue to Loop 101 are completed and the segment from Loop 101 to Loop 303 is underway and expected to be completed this summer. Mr. Hazlett stated that these improvements are adding a lot of capacity to Grand Avenue. He stated that some traffic interchange locations are still under study and ADOT is still working on determining an economical traffic interchange design for the Bell Road intersection.

Mr. Hazlett reported on US-60/Superstition Freeway, by saying that improvements identified in the first phase of the RTP for the corridor are completed. He advised that work remaining includes additional lane widening from Crismon to Meridian. Mr. Hazlett stated that a traffic interchange at Meridian is under study, but issues with the close proximity of the CAP canal at this location are being encountered.

Mr. Hazlett reported on US-93 in Wickenburg by saying that all improvements, including the Interim Wickenburg Bypass and roundabouts at the US-60 and Tegner Street intersections, are open to traffic.

Mr. Hazlett reported on SR-24/Gateway Freeway (formerly SR-802). He advised that bids are about to be taken by ADOT for the first segment of SR-24 between Loop 202 and Ellsworth Road.

Mr. Hazlett reported on SR-30 (formerly SR-801). He said that construction on this corridor was deferred, but environmental studies are underway and expected to be completed by 2015.

Mr. Hazlett reported on SR-51/Piestewa Freeway. He noted that the first phase improvements of the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and Direct HOV (DHOV) ramps to/from Loop 101 on the East are completed and open to traffic. Mr. Hazlett stated that the addition of one general purpose lane between Shea Boulevard and Loop 101 has been deferred to Phase Five of the RTP.

Mr. Hazlett reported on Loop 101/Agua Fria. He stated that this is probably the largest freeway construction project underway in the Valley. Mr. Hazlett stated that the HOV lanes between Interstate 10/Papago and SR-51 are currently under construction and scheduled for completion this Fall. He noted that this is a very ambitious construction schedule – 31 miles of HOV lanes in both directions. Mr. Hazlett noted that the first segments between Interstate 17 and SR-51 and Glendale Avenue to Interstate 10 are scheduled for opening in advance of the NFL football season in Glendale. Mr. Hazlett stated that the additional general purpose lanes and DHOV ramps at the Interstate 10 and Interstate 17 system traffic interchanges have been delayed to Phase Five of the RTP.

Mr. Hazlett reported on Loop 101/Pima Freeway. He noted that design efforts are underway for an additional general purpose lane between Shea Boulevard and Loop 202/Red Mountain. Mr. Hazlett mentioned that planning is underway for the additional general purpose lane between Interstate 17 and Shea Boulevard with construction slated to be completed in 2025.

Mr. Hazlett reported on Loop 101/Price Freeway. He noted the opening of HOV lanes in the corridor and that planning is underway for an additional general purpose lane in the corridor between Loop 202/Red Mountain and Loop 202/Santan.

Mr. Hazlett reported on the SR-143/Hohokam Freeway. He stated that the improvements are underway at the Sky Harbor Boulevard/SR-202S traffic interchange and that the improvements will be completed in mid-2012. Mr. Hazlett added that this project is making use of the funds originally programmed for the former SR-153/Sky Harbor corridor (now 44th Street in Phoenix). He stated that the project will add some directional ramps and access to Sky Harbor Airport.

Mr. Hazlett reported on the Loop 202/Red Mountain Freeway. He stated that the general purpose lane in the corridor between the Interstate 10/SR-51 Mini-Stack traffic interchange and Loop 101/Pima-Price is completed. He added that this project also included widening a mile-long bridge and improving interchanges. Mr. Hazlett noted that the HOV lane extension from Loop 101 to Gilbert Road has opened. Mr. Hazlett noted that planning is underway for the addition of a general purpose lane from Loop 101 to Gilbert Road, as well as for extending HOV lanes from Gilbert Road to US-60/Superstition.

Mr. Hazlett reported on Loop 202/Santan Freeway. He stated that the HOV lane improvements between Interstate 10/Maricopa and Gilbert Road, including direct HOV ramps to/from Interstate 10 on the west and to/from Loop 101 on the north, are under construction and projected for completion by the end of 2012. Mr. Hazlett noted that the planning for extending the HOV lanes east of Gilbert Road to US-60/Superstition is underway with construction identified in 2022.

Mr. Hazlett reported on Loop 202/South Mountain Freeway. He discussed how the EIS study efforts are still underway and that ADOT hopes to complete the document in 2012. Mr. Hazlett noted that the Gila River Indian Community has not yet decided whether to allow study of an alignment on Community land. He said that parallel efforts are underway to obtain a Record of Decision on the EIS in 2012, whether the alignment is located on the Community or along Pecos Road in Ahwatukee.

Mr. Hazlett reported on Loop 303. He presented pictures of the pending opening of the interim four-lane corridor from Happy Valley Road to Interstate 17, and he noted that ADOT is anticipating opening the roadway on May 7, 2011. Mr. Hazlett reported that this area includes significant rolling topography. Mr. Hazlett noted that ADOT will be going out to bid in June for the segment from Interstate 10/Papago to US-60/Grand Avenue to improve the corridor to a six-lane freeway from two lanes. He noted that construction on this segment is anticipated for 2011 to 2015. Mr. Hazlett noted that the environmental assessment for the segment south of Interstate 10 even though construction of this segment has been deferred. He stated that work continues on locating the future traffic interchange for Loop 303 and SR-30.

Mr. Hazlett reported on SR-85. He stated that the current construction project for widening to four lanes from MC-85 to Interstate 10/Papago is underway and almost complete. This will result in a four-lane SR-85 for the majority of the corridor between Interstate 8 in Gila Bend and Interstate 10 in Buckeye. Mr. Hazlett advised that ADOT's cost opinions for the corridor exceed the Tentative Scenario program amount, and staff is working with ADOT about keeping the costs down.

Mr. Hazlett reported on SR-88/Apache Trail by saying that this corridor is still being looked at.

Mr. Hazlett stated that there is still about \$200 million deficit in \$9.5 billion program and staff are working on cost savings options. He did note that some project costs are not yet available because a number of projects are under study: Interstate 10/Maricopa local/express lanes, the Interstate 17 from the split to Loop 101, and Loop 202/South Mountain Freeway, however, the project costs seem to be within the cost opinions.

Mr. Hazlett stated that due to the cash flow issue, construction for the I-10/Maricopa local express lanes could be delayed, although work could continue on the environmental work. He said that another option is perhaps packaging I-10 and I-17 into a managed lanes public-private-partnership, and examine the cash flow for the quiet pavement preservation program. Chair Schoaf thanked Mr. Hazlett for his report and remarked that was impressive to cover so much information in a relatively short period of time.

Vice Chair Hallman stated that in light of budgetary restrictions, discussion of setting priorities is needed. He stated that real choices will have to be addressed by the Regional Council, on such things as proceeding on construction of the Maricopa Freeway or on the South Mountain. Vice Chair Hallman stated that MAG policy makers need to have the discussion how to prioritize projects for the best interest of the region. He stated that Dennis Smith had a good idea to incorporate the analysis from the Economic Development Committee to put funding on the transportation system where the most economic development value would be derived, which in turn, generates more money so that more projects can be done.

8. Update on the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10

Lindy Bauer, MAG Environmental Director, stated that the Maricopa County Air Quality Department has prepared the Revised 2008 Annual PM-10 Emissions Inventory that would be used as the basis for the new PM-10 plan. She noted that under the Clean Air Act, a new inventory must be prepared every three years.

Ms. Bauer displayed a chart of the Revised 2008 Annual PM-10 Emissions Inventory that identifies the sources of PM-10, and she noted that the largest source at 24 percent is unpaved roads. She stated that a 2009 inventory estimates that there are approximately 1,884 miles of unpaved roads in the nonattainment area, of which 613 are public unpaved roads and 1,271 are private unpaved roads. Ms. Bauer advised that the Constitution prohibits putting public money on private unpaved roads for paving. She pointed out that a source can be a sliver of the total, but if it is close to the monitor, it can cause the monitor to go over. A source can be a big piece, but if control measures are in place and dust is not being kicked up, it will not be a problem.

Ms. Bauer stated that Maricopa County originally prepared the 2008 PM-10 Emissions Inventory in June 2010 and it contained 73,400 tons of emissions. She noted that since June 2010 there have been changes in methodologies, new models, and new information from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for example, EPA way over-estimated the amount of paved road dust (AP-42 factor). Ms. Bauer stated that this has helped decrease the emissions and we are now looking at 48,148 tons of emissions in the nonattainment area as the foundation for the plan.

Ms. Bauer then addressed the schedule for completing the new Five Percent Plan for PM-10. She stated that the 2008 PM-10 Emissions Inventory has been completed on time, and will be the foundation for the new PM-10 Plan. She said that they expect to have a document ready for public review by October 2011, have a hearing in November 2011, and taken for approval to the MAG committees in January 2012, in order to submit the plan to EPA the end of January 2012. Ms. Bauer stated that the County will need to quality assure the monitor data by May 2012 and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is preparing exceptional events documentation for 2009.

Ms. Bauer stated that it is prudent to prevent any exceedances of the standard at the monitors because the region has a chance to have three years of clean data at the monitors. She explained that the EPA has a Clean Data Policy. Ms. Bauer noted that 2009 might be a clean year, 2010 was a clean year, and if 2011 is a clean year, the region will have three years of clean data and will be in attainment of the standard. She said that EPA could then issue a Finding of Attainment and the region would be relieved of some of the Clean Air Act requirements, such as five percent reductions in emissions, as long as the region stays clean at the monitors. Ms. Bauer stated that the region could then pursue a maintenance plan.

Ms. Bauer then reported on dust prevention activities underway. She reported that the City of Phoenix has created a Dust Reduction Task Force, which has developed short term goals and is working on long term goals. Maricopa County is working on upgrades to provide "near real time" monitor data that everyone will be able to watch. She noted that MAG is producing a PM-10 prevention video, which is

expected to be completed by May 15, 2011. Ms. Bauer stated that the Maricopa County departments continue to mobilize to prevent dust. She stated that MAG has developed a Rapid Response Action Plan Template and Tool Kit that was customized and sent out to each jurisdiction. Ms. Bauer noted that the packet included land use maps, pictures of monitors, and a dust brochure.

Ms. Bauer stated that MAG held a second workshop on April 21, 2011, where presentations were given by the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County. She said that attendees discussed that many times they do not have the authority to interface with other jurisdictional departments and that leadership from city management is needed to engage all necessary departments to help make the Rapid Response Action Plan successful. She stated that ADEQ will send the Maricopa County Dust Control Action Forecast five days in advance, instead of three days in advance, and business and industry associations are notifying members when high winds are forecasted.

Ms. Bauer stated that on April 20, 2011, the Legislature passed HB 2208, which was primarily an agriculture bill, but was amended to include provisions to prevent PM-10 exceedances. She explained that ADEQ is required to disseminate the Dust Control Action Forecast and identify low, moderate, and high risk days for PM-10. Ms. Bauer stated that entities that have a permit from Maricopa County or the state will be required to implement dust control measures the day before high winds are forecasted. She stated that entities that are regulated by the County but do not have a permit will be required to implement best management practices, and if it is found they are not implementing dust management practices, they would have to get a Dust Action General Permit. Ms. Bauer also noted that ADEQ and other government agencies are required to develop a communications plan to educate those entities on their new responsibilities. Chair Schoaf thanked Ms. Bauer for her report.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Bauer to comment on *The Arizona Republic* article on the quality of our air and the progress that has been made.

Ms. Bauer stated that there were some inaccuracies in *The Arizona Republic* article. She stated that the Lung Association was looking at the MSA, which includes all of Maricopa and Pinal counties. Ms. Bauer advised that Pinal County has a monitor (the Cowtown monitor adjacent to a feedlot) with some of the highest readings in the country for PM-10 and the area around that monitor was just designated a nonattainment area for PM-2.5. Ms. Bauer stated that the MAG region has always been in attainment for PM-2.5, and hopefully, at the end of the year the region will have three years of clean data and will attain the standard for PM-10. She reported that the region has met the standard for one-hour ozone and EPA has redesignated the MAG region for attainment. Ms. Bauer reported on the eight-hour ozone standard: for the .08 (ppm), the MAG region has not had any violations since 2004; for the .075 ppm, last summer there was one violation at a monitor, but the concentrations continue to decline. She advised that EPA intends to tighten the ozone standard at the end of July and we will need to see where that takes us. Ms. Bauer stated that this region has had no violation of the carbon monoxide standard since 1996 and the EPA has classified the MAG region as in attainment.

Mayor Lewis asked if a followup article would be written to clarify the facts. Mr. Smith replied that a possible My Turn article from one of the Regional Council members could be written. He noted the

foreclosures and remarked that the region is working very hard on economic development and then an article like this one appears that really is not factual for this region and needs to be corrected.

Chair Schoaf commented that the challenge will be getting the My Turn article to appear on the front page.

Mayor Mook asked the number of monitors in Maricopa County. Ms. Bauer replied that for PM-10, the pollutant of most concern, there are 17 monitors in the nonattainment area and one monitor outside the nonattainment area, in Buckeye.

Chair Schoaf commented that having a clean 2011 is incredibly important to this region, and any efforts by individual jurisdictions to accomplish that would be beneficial to the entire region.

Mr. Smith noted that the technical staff who attended the workshop were concerned that there are barriers and they do not have the authority to engage other divisions in their jurisdictions. He stated that they are asking for assistance by Regional Council members and leadership to help in this area.

9. Development of the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Becky Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, reported on the development of the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. She stated that each January the budget review process begins with the presentation of the proposed dues and assessments. Ms. Kimbrough stated that for FY 2012 MAG staff is proposing that the dues and assessments be maintained at 50 percent. She noted that the 2010 Census population was finalized and the Dues and Assessments draft was updated to include the population numbers.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the draft proposed projects were brought forward in February. In March, the draft MAG work program with narrative and the allocation tables with financial information by division was delivered.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that revisions to the work program since the March mailout were included in the April agenda packet, and were listed on the cover pages. Ms. Kimbrough stated that most of the revisions were made to update project narratives. She noted the addition of a project titled "Support Citizen Engagement" in the amount of \$25,000, to provide additional information regarding Title VI populations with regard to transportation planning.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that new staff positions are requested in the draft FY 2012 budget: Intelligent Transportation Systems and Safety Engineer to provide continuing technical support in the program areas of Transportation Safety and Intelligent Transportation Systems; a Transportation Engineer to support the MAG regional travel forecasting model; and a GIS and Socioeconomic Research Analyst to assist with the increased needs for current data, research, analysis and Geographic Information System support to member agencies and MAG staff. Ms. Kimbrough stated that four interns also are included in the proposed budget. She noted that the number of interns may vary throughout the year depending

on the number of projects and potential for intern assistance. Ms. Kimbrough advised that the FY 2012 draft budget does not include any projected salary increases for MAG staff for FY 2012.

Ms. Kimbrough noted that additional resources might be needed for the Economic Development Committee, potentially in the form of interns, associates, or an employee, and for website development assistance.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the Intermodal Planning Group meeting was held March 29, 2011, at the MAG offices. She explained that at the meeting the draft FY 2012 Work Program was reviewed by MAG's federal, state and local partners. Ms. Kimbrough stated that any formal comments that are received will be brought to the Regional Council.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that next month, staff will be presenting the final draft 2012 Work Program for approval. Chair Schoaf thanked Ms. Kimbrough for the excellent job on drafting the budget. No questions from the Regional Council were noted.

10. Nominating Committee

Chair Schoaf noted that a memorandum, previously transmitted by email and also at each place, announced his appointments to the 2011 Nominating Committee. The MAG Nomination Process provides for the Chair of the Regional Council to appoint a five-member Nominating Committee at the April Regional Council meeting. The Past Chair of the Regional Council, if still a current member of the Council, will serve as committee Chair. If the Past Chair of the Regional Council is not a current member of the Council, the Chair also appoints the Nominating Committee Chair.

The Nominating Committee is charged with developing a slate of officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, the past Chair, and three at-large members. If the Past Chair is not a current member of the Council, the Nominating Committee nominates an additional at-large member. The Nomination Process requires that the Committee provide a balanced slate of candidates. These nominations are forwarded to all Regional Council members at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting in June.

Chair Schoaf stated that Mayor Elaine Scruggs, a Past Chair of the Regional Council, had agreed to chair the committee. The other members of the Nominating Committee include Mayor Jackie Meck, Councilmember Dick Esser, Mayor Jay Schlum, and Mayor Georgia Lord.

Chair Schoaf requested that those interested in serving should direct their responses to Mayor Scruggs, and those with questions could contact Mayor Scruggs, Dennis Smith, or himself. He reminded members that Executive Committee appointments are personal appointments, not jurisdictional appointments. Chair Schoaf stated that the Nominating Committee traditionally meets in May and recommends a slate of officers that is forwarded to Regional Council members in June. He noted that the elections are held at the annual June meeting, which this year might be held by teleconference due to the building remodel. Chair Schoaf stated that the transfer of the gavel is planned to take place at the July meeting, but the location is still to be determined.

11. Legislative Update

No report.

12. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

No requests for future agenda items were noted.

13. Comments from the Council

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

No comments from the Regional Council were noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Esser moved, Mayor Meck seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary