

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

May 22, 2013
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale, Chair	* Mayor Yolanda Solarez, Guadalupe
# Vice Mayor Alex Finter for Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa	Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park
# Councilmember Robin Barker, Apache Junction	Mayor Christian Price, City of Maricopa
Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye	* Supervisor Steve Chucuri, Maricopa County
# Mayor David Schwan, Carefree	# Mayor Scott LeMarr, Paradise Valley
Councilmember Dick Esser, Cave Creek	Councilmember Cathy Carlat, Peoria
# Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	* Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix
Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage	# Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek
Mayor Tom Rankin, Florence	* President Diane Enos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* President Clinton Pattea, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale
Mayor Linda Kavanagh, Fountain Hills	* Mayor Sharon Wolcott, Surprise
* Mayor Ron Henry, Gila Bend	Mayor Mark Mitchell, Tempe
* Governor Gregory Mendoza, Gila River Indian Community	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Mayor John Lewis, Gilbert	Mayor John Cook, Wickenburg
Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale	Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown
Mayor Georgia Lord, Goodyear	Victor Flores, State Transportation Board
	Joseph La Rue, State Transportation Board
	* Roc Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Attended by telephone conference call.

+ Attended by videoconference

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Regional Council was called to order by Chair Marie Lopez Rogers at 11:35 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Gail Barney, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Mayor David Schwan, Councilmember Robin Barker, and Mayor Scott LeMarr joined the meeting via teleconference.

Chair Rogers recognized officials in attendance at the meeting. From the City of Maricopa: Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Peggy Chapados, City Manager Brenda Fischer, Development Services Director Bob Goodhue, and Assistant to the City Manager Paul Jepson. From the Town of Florence: Mayor Tom Rankin, who is also the Chair of the Central Arizona Governments.

Chair Rogers noted that on May 15, 2013, the Transportation Policy Committee recommended approval of the project changes listed in Table D of agenda item #5B, and of supporting the submittal of the Tempe Street Car and South Phoenix Transit Facility Refurbishment projects for a regional TIGER grant in agenda item #5D. Chair Rogers stated that a report announcing the recommendation of the 2013 Nominating Committee for agenda item #12 was at each place.

Chair Rogers requested that members of the public who would like to comment fill out a blue public comment card for the Call to the Audience agenda item, or a yellow public comment card for Consent Agenda items or items on the agenda for action. Parking validation and transit tickets for those who used transit to attend the meeting were available from staff.

Chair Rogers noted that this was the last Regional Council meeting for Councilmember Dick Esser, whose term on the Cave Creek Town Council ends next month. She presented Councilmember Esser with a Resolution of Appreciation and expressed that she and MAG would miss him. Councilmember Esser received a round of applause.

Councilmember Esser thanked everyone for the Resolution. He said that in 1960, he did work for the Wilbur Smith report, which was a master plan for Maricopa County. Councilmember Esser stated that many years ago the political subdivisions in this region did not get along, but what evolved is what we have today – the MAG organization. Councilmember Esser stated that it was an honor and a privilege to work with the MAG member agencies and to watch the organization grow. He said that his father always told him being a public servant was a very high calling. Councilmember Esser stated that the people around the MAG table are unselfish and give of themselves and their time, attending hundreds of meetings to work on issues. He stated that Dennis Smith and MAG staff are the glue that holds the effort together and they are really good people. Councilmember Esser expressed that MAG staff will help with a problem any time they are asked. He said that it has been a pleasure to serve, and he applauded the Regional Council. Councilmember Esser received another round of applause.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Rogers noted that the Call to the Audience provides an opportunity 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 Rogers recognized public comment from John Rusinek, who distributed material. He reported that he went to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality who referred him to the Ombudsman. Mr. Rusinek reported his past problems with the dust proofing done on a driveway next to his house that he said was done incorrectly three times. He then read from the ordinance that is used in controlling dust on driveways and parking. Mr. Rusinek stated that his problem has been ongoing for eight years and no one will help him. Chair Rogers thanked Mr. Rusinek for his comments.

Chair Rogers recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who stated that she was sorry Mayor Stanton was not at the meeting because he missed a terrific presentation at the Phoenix Convention Center. She spoke very positively that all of the details for the South Mountain public hearing were done very well, except there should be more directions for drinking fountains and bathrooms. Ms. Barker stated that the big culprit for freeway traffic congestion is the Broadway Curve and she urged multimodalism and looking at things holistically. Chair Rogers thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Rogers recognized public comment from Marvin Rochelle, who said that he thought MAG does an excellent job on all of its efforts, and works out problems. Mr. Rochelle expressed that he felt once completed, the SkyTrain at Sky Harbor Airport will make the region a friendlier place for visitors. Chair Rogers thanked Mr. Rochelle for his comments.

Chair Rogers recognized public comment from Pat Vint, who stated that he was told to sit down the last time he was at MAG. He remarked that no Phoenix representative was at the Regional Council meeting. He stated that Councilman DiCiccio voted against a \$137 million pay raise and bonus for city employees that the citizens will have to pay. Mr. Vint stated that he has been in the Valley for 60 years, in business for 57 years and took the oath when he joined the service to protect this country from all enemies, foreign or domestic. He said that this country now has more domestic enemies than could have been imagined. Mr. Vint stated that soldiers are sent to foreign countries only to be blown up. The public is then told that this nut we have in the White House cares about them, but he does not because he is a Muslim and admits it. Mr. Vint stated that he was sorry if this is not under MAG's jurisdiction, and people tell him he cannot discuss politics or religion. He said that more people die in the name of politics and religion. Mr. Vint stated that it would be a wonderful world if public servants did their jobs, but some try to hurt the citizens. When mistakes are made the citizens get hurt and he was (expletive) tired of it. Mr. Vint stated that he has been paying taxes for years but all he gets is a kick in the butt. He asked if anyone was listening and who was representing the city of Phoenix. Chair Rogers noted that the Phoenix City Council had a meeting and that was the reason Phoenix was not present at MAG. Mr. Vint replied, "To (expletive) with that." He said that he calls Phoenix DIP city (disaster in progress). Chair Rogers thanked Mr. Vint for his comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest to the MAG region. He noted that more than 200 people attended the Connecting Caring Communities Conference on May 14, 2013. Mr. Smith reported that the conference included a national initiatives panel. He stated that the book published for the event was dedicated to Carol Kratz, a former MAG staff member who now works at the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, and who has dedicated her life to human services. Mr. Smith

acknowledged MAG Human Services Manager Amy St. Peter, who did an outstanding job organizing the event.

Mr. Smith stated that the South Mountain Freeway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public hearing was held on May 21, 2013. He noted that the Draft EIS is available for a 90-day review. Mr. Smith stated that the Federal Highway Administration and the Arizona Department of Transportation will respond to comments from the public hearing and issue a final EIS in early 2014 and a record of decision in mid-2014. Mr. Smith reported that following the record of decision, a 150-day period is provided for the record of decision to be contested. He advised that any litigation could result in delay of construction.

Mr. Smith announced that the City of Obregon, Mexico, is interested in MAG visiting their region to discuss future collaboration. He said that activities could include a reception, tour of the Port of Guaymas, and tour of the historic city.

Mr. Smith stated that the Annual Regional Council meeting is June 19, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., which will be followed by a networking reception and the Passing of the Gavel ceremony at 5:30 p.m. He stated that members of the MAG Regional Council, Transportation Policy Committee, Economic Development Committee, and Management Committee have been invited. Mr. Smith noted that the Executive Committee is requesting that the invitation be forwarded to city councils and business leaders.

Chair Rogers thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Rogers noted that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, and #5F were on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Rogers asked members if they had questions or requests to hear a Consent Agenda item individually. None were noted.

Chair Rogers recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who commented on agenda item #5D. She said that a previous TIGER grant went to Tucson for its streetcar project. Ms. Barker stated that she agreed with Joseph Ryan that the companies that manufacture vehicles for public transit should have a presence in the United States. Ms. Barker stated that we should have had a proposal for the Broadway Curve and we should have a high speed train to Tucson. She said that she is tired of hearing about the rollover accidents on freeways, which are not “free,” they cost money. Every time a road is built it is behind the curve because it is inefficient by the time it is built. Ms. Barker commented on agenda item #5F, by saying that she supported regulations for air quality. She noted the lawsuit filed by the Center for Law in the Public Interest against EPA for not taking action on MAG’s plan and she looked forward to seeing the resolution. Ms. Barker stated that she wanted to do more to not pollute. Chair Rogers thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Rogers recognized public comment from Mr. Vint, who commented on the dust problem caused by light rail. He stated that light rail has destroyed Phoenix because it runs down the middle of many

arterial streets. Mr. Vint expressed his support for elevated rail that would be faster than light rail. He stated that the city of Phoenix does not care and does not have a representative here today, and they never think until it is too late. Mr. Vint stated that the meeting the day before was to correct things the staff did wrong, but how are you ever going to accomplish anything if all you are doing is correcting mistakes? He said they ought to think first and consult with someone who has actually run a business. Mr. Vint stated that he could find no one at the city of Phoenix who has actually run a business and they all have to back up to accept their paychecks because they are ashamed to accept money for the job they did. Chair Rogers asked Mr. Vint to keep his comments to the PM-10 air quality item. Mr. Vint stated that was OK, he got to say what he wanted this time. Chair Rogers thanked Mr. Vint for his comments.

Chair Rogers recognized public comment from Mr. Rochelle, who commented on agenda item #5C. He urged changing the proposed route at 51st Avenue or 55th Avenue to SR-85, which would keep pollution away from the Valley and from the monitor at 43rd Avenue. Mr. Rochelle stated that he hoped light rail would soon be constructed to the sporting arenas and shopping centers in Glendale. He pointed out that this is a fast-growing area and light rail is needed as soon as possible. Chair Rogers thanked Mr. Rochelle for his comments.

With the conclusion of public comment period, Chair Rogers called for a motion to approve Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, and #5F. Councilmember Esser moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mayor LeVault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the May 1, 2013, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the May 1, 2013, meeting minutes.

5B. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the amendments and administrative modifications to the fiscal year (FY) 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010, and have been modified twenty four times, with the last approval on March 27, 2013. Since then, there is a need to modify projects in the programs. Table D lists proposed administrative corrections and project changes in the Highway programs. These modifications include deferrals, advancements, project modifications, new projects, and financial updates. Table D was recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on April 25, 2013, by the MAG Management Committee on May 8, 2013, and by the MAG Transportation Policy Committee on May 15, 2013.

5C. Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, accepted the Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study short-, mid-, and long-range findings and recommendations. The FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work

Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, included the Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study. The study was launched in October 2011 to investigate what a future transit system for the Southwest Valley area would look like. The study area includes portions of the cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Phoenix, and Tolleson, the town of Buckeye, and unincorporated portions of Maricopa County. Valley Metro is also a participant in the study. The study identified opportunities and strategies for improving the existing transit service in the Southwest Valley and developed a short-, mid-, and long-range local transit plan that effectively provides circulation within the Southwest Valley and also connects to the regional transit system. The Transit Committee and the Transportation Review Committee both recommended acceptance of the study in April 2013. The MAG Management Committee recommended acceptance on May 8, 2013.

5D. TIGER Grant

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved support for the Tempe Street Car and South Phoenix Transit Facility Refurbishment for a regional TIGER grant submittal. On April 26, 2013, the federal government issued a notice of funding availability (NOFA) for the fifth Round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grants. In order for projects to be competitive for the \$353 million to urban areas, projects must have a minimum 20 percent local match, already be in the federal project development process, and meet the five primary selection criteria: state of good repair, safety, economic competitiveness, livability, and environmental sustainability. In working with Valley Metro and MAG member agencies, the MAG region has identified two projects that can meet the federal requirements and compete for TIGER funding: the Tempe Street Car and South Phoenix Transit Facility Refurbishment. Grants are due to the federal government by June 3, 2013. On May 15, 2013, the Transportation Policy Committee recommended support of the projects for a regional grant submittal.

5E. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting 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 projects funded by federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Rail Grade Crossing, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Safe Routes to School, and Transportation Alternatives. 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.

5F. Update on the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10

On April 19, 2013, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed approval of several statutes included in the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 that regulate PM-10 emissions from fugitive dust sources. The statutes include measures for targeting unpaved roads, alleys and shoulders; leaf blower restrictions; restrictions for parking, maneuvering, ingress and egress areas and vacant lots; requirement for certified street sweepers; dust control training; and onsite dust control coordinators. The

EPA review of the 17 packages of documentation for the remaining 26 exceptional event days in 2011 and 2012 is in progress. On April 30, 2013, the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona against EPA for failure to take action on the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 by February 14, 2013. The Center is requesting that the Court order EPA to promulgate a Federal Implementation Plan.

6. Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Update, Approval of the Amendment to the MAG By-Laws and New Members Within the MPA Boundary in Pinal County and Issuance of New Member Certificates

Dennis Smith reported on the new Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary for MAG. He noted that the new MPA Boundary is in compliance with federal regulations to encompass the existing urbanized area and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period. Mr. Smith displayed a map of these areas and a map of the final MPA Boundary from the Governor.

Mr. Smith stated that on February 27, 2013, the Regional Council approved a 15 day-review period for the Amendment to the MAG By-Laws. He noted that the Regional Council is being requested to approve the Amendment to the By-Laws and the resolutions to join MAG by the Town of Florence and the City of Maricopa. Mr. Smith advised that he had given a presentation to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors last week. He spoke to Pinal County staff and a Resolution is currently being developed and could be ready for the June Regional Council meeting. Mr. Smith stated that the third part of action today would be to issue new member certificates. He advised that Fredda Bisman, MAG General Counsel, was present at the meeting to answer any questions.

Chair Rogers thanked Mr. Smith and asked if there were questions.

Mayor Schoaf stated that a number of Regional Council members met with legal counsel and staff to ensure the MAG By-Laws would be amended as necessary to include cities, towns, or areas, but without negative impacts. Mayor Schoaf stated that he thought the By-Laws had been adjusted to accommodate a very easy transition for everyone.

Mayor Schoaf moved adoption of the amendment to the MAG By-Laws. Mayor Mook seconded. Chair Rogers asked if there were questions on the motion. None were noted. No public comment cards had been received. With no further discussion, the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Schoaf moved to approve the resolutions to join MAG by the Town of Florence and the City of Maricopa. Mayor LeVault seconded. With no questions, the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rogers then presented membership certificates to Mayor Tom Rankin from the Town of Florence and to Mayor Christian Price from the City of Maricopa. Mayor Rankin and Mayor Price then joined their fellow Regional Council members at the table. Chair Rogers invited them to say a few words.

Mayor Price expressed appreciation on behalf of the City of Maricopa to the Regional Council and said he thought this new partnership would be advantageous for everyone.

Mayor Rankin expressed his appreciation to the Regional Council for allowing the Town of Florence to become members of MAG. He said that with the growth in the Santan area, the Town feels membership in MAG is important and will do all it can to help. Mayor Rankin, as Chair of Central Arizona Governments (CAG), added that CAG will continue its cooperative efforts with MAG.

7. Maricopa Association of Governments Agency Performance Review Questionnaire

Audrey Skidmore, MAG Information Technology Manager, provided a report on the recently conducted performance review questionnaire. She stated that 829 invitations to take the survey were sent to member agencies, federal agencies, other COGs/MPOs, state agencies, cities and counties outside of MAG, and other stakeholders, and 370 responded. Ms. Skidmore stated that the list of invitees was developed by the MAG Division Managers with input from the Executive Committee.

Ms. Skidmore stated that the survey first asked respondents their level of involvement and experience with MAG and the importance of each of the MAG program areas. The questions asking about MAG's effectiveness in meeting changing needs and opportunities, collaborating with other entities, and as a forum to work on regional issues showed a large majority indicated answers of "strong yes" and "yes."

Ms. Skidmore stated that the respondents indicated positively that MAG exercised and stayed within an appropriate role and function in the region, and remained apolitical. When asked about MAG's receptiveness to new ideas and requests for assistance from its member agencies, the majority of respondents indicated answers of "strong yes" and "yes," and none answered "strong no."

Ms. Skidmore reported that the survey showed that a majority of respondents felt that MAG takes seriously stakeholder perceptions of the organization and amends its processes and procedures over time to adjust to changes. She also noted that based on MAG's publications, reports, Internet material, presentations, and participation in meetings, almost all of the respondents indicated that MAG communicates effectively. Ms. Skidmore stated that the majority indicated positive or neutral when asked if MAG works effectively with local media.

Ms. Skidmore said that respondents were asked if there is sufficient understanding in the community for what MAG does. She said that there was possibly not as strong a yes response because MAG tries to put forward its member agencies rather than itself. When asked if MAG is an important resource in the region and had earned a positive reputation as a partner in regional issues, almost all of the respondents indicated a "strong yes" or "yes."

Ms. Skidmore stated that one of the questions asked if MAG had been successful in seeking out program support from non-governmental sources and in containing costs of its services. She said that although about one-third of respondents answered in the positive, people did not feel they had enough knowledge of this aspect to answer, hence a majority replied "neutral" and "no opinion/undecided."

Ms. Skidmore displayed a graph showing MAG's relationships with various entities, including local elected officials, member agency staff, Native American Indian communities, state agency staff, federal

agency staff, state legislators and staff, congressional staff, nonprofit agencies, community groups, was in the “good” range.

Ms. Skidmore stated that the survey revealed that the quality of MAG’s data is considered “high” and “moderately high.” She noted that one of the strongest positive responses was to the question asking respondents to rate the competence of MAG staff. Ms. Skidmore stated that respondents were positive when asked if successful in empowering its staff to conceive, design and pursue the development of new programs and ideas, including potential revenue sources.

Ms. Skidmore stated that most respondents felt MAG was effective in facilitating a solution between member jurisdictions on one hand and state and/or federal agencies and that MAG takes the appropriate level of initiative in becoming involved in new issues and in developing new programs and services.

Ms. Skidmore stated that most respondents felt that MAG is program-driven, followed by board-driven. The leadership of MAG as an organization was rated good to excellent by more than three-quarters of the respondents. Overall, MAG's effectiveness at serving the region as a council of governments and metropolitan planning organization was rated similarly. She noted that 43 respondents also submitted written comments, for example, on the MAG committee process, communications, and praise for the organization and staff.

Chair Rogers thanked Ms. Skidmore for her report and asked if there were questions.

Mayor Kavanagh asked if there was an opportunity for survey respondents to provide a reason why they chose a “no” response. Ms. Skidmore replied that there was a section at the end of the survey where people could add comments. Mayor Kavanagh stated that even though there were not many “no” responses, it might be beneficial to know the reason a “no” was selected.

Chair Rogers noted that the survey mentioned that more understanding of MAG is needed and that is why the Executive Committee thought that city councils and business representatives could be invited to the Passing of the Gavel ceremony that will take place following the June 19 Regional Council meeting. Chair Rogers noted that Mayor Kavanagh brought up a good point to add a comment section after each question.

8. Approval of the Draft FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Member Dues and Assessments

Becky Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, reported on the development of the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, which was being presented for approval. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the budget was presented incrementally to the Management Committee, Regional Council Executive Committee, and Regional Council beginning in January 2013. Ms. Kimbrough noted that any adjustments or changes to the budget were presented to these committees. She said that the budget was also presented in April at the Intermodal Planning Group meeting to a group of federal partners and stakeholders.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that last month, the budget update included new positions and discussions of the changes that would be required when a new planning boundary was established and new members approved, including the dues and assessments and some project narratives.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the draft FY 2014 draft Work Program and Annual Budget reflects a slight increase overall of 4.28 percent, without including the carryforward project estimates. Ms. Kimbrough stated that each year, the budget is submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association for the Distinguished Budget Presentation award. She noted that this will be the 15th consecutive year for submission and award winners will be notified in January 2014.

Chair Rogers thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report and asked if there were questions.

Mayor Schoaf stated that when the economic crisis hit the Valley, the MAG dues and assessments were calculated at 50 percent of the rate charged in 2009 in acknowledgment of the difficult economic times. He said that MAG used reserve funds to make up the difference. He explained that this year, for the development of the FY 2014 Work Program, the Executive Committee discussed that they believed that most agencies had begun recovering financially and it might be possible to calculate the dues and assessments at a 75 percent rate with a goal of reaching 100 percent. Mayor Schoaf stated that this would allow the reserve funds to then return to their historic levels. He stated that since then, it has been revealed that for some member agencies, returning to the 75 percent level is problematic and they are still in financial difficulties and feel they cannot support a 75 percent level. Mayor Schoaf stated that staff has looked at staying at a 50 percent level would be all right for one more year, but would need to go to 100 percent next year so that the dues and assessments average out to 75 percent over the next two years. Mayor Schoaf stated that the reserve funds will return to the usual level and this is a financially sound option.

Mayor Schoaf moved approval of the Draft FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments, with the member dues and assessments rate set at 50 percent of the amount charged in 2009 with the understanding that the rate will be at 100 percent for FY 2015. Councilmember Esser seconded.

Chair Rogers asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Lewis asked for clarification that the motion included a 100 percent rate for FY 2015.

Mayor Schoaf stated that it was part of the motion to the extent that the Regional Council cannot commit itself for the future, but by taking this action and recognizing that some agencies still have financial difficulties, but if the rate is not returned to 100 percent, MAG's flexibility will be reduced significantly. He said it was an action he felt was fiscally sound, but everyone should be aware of the implications of taking such an action.

Mayor Lewis stated that the vote is to go to 50 percent of the rate charged in 2009 for the dues and assessments and MAG will look at going to 100 percent next year. Mayor Schoaf replied that was correct.

Mayor Lane asked if this was part of the motion. He noted that it could be a consideration but it is not an enforceable component. He had another question that new members would require additional changes to the dues and assessments, which are not included in the draft before the Regional Council. Mayor Lane asked if the consequences were known. Ms. Kimbrough replied that the dues and assessments are calculated on population, and the addition of new members would reduce the dues and assessments to current members.

Mayor Lane commented that member agencies could end up paying even less than the 50 percent rate. Ms. Kimbrough replied this was correct, and added that she was using the population control total for Maricopa County, which also changed the amount. She advised that the changes would not be major.

Mayor Lane asked Mayor Schoaf, as maker of the motion, to say that the change to 100 percent is a future consideration and subject to adjustments that are forthcoming. Mayor Schoaf stated that it is subject to adjustment going forward – for one, the two new member agencies, but the main concern is that we are agreeable as a body to set the dues and assessments back to a 50 percent rate for one year as a policy matter.

Mr. Smith stated that in discussions with Pinal County, they are aware that they are included in the MAG dues and assessments and expect to be at MAG as members at the June meeting. He added that the draft sent to ADOT and the federal government would include Pinal County.

With no further discussion, the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

9. Update on MAG Socioeconomic Projections

Anubhav Bagley, MAG Information Services Manager, provided an update on the MAG socioeconomic projections. In accordance with Executive Order 2011-04, MAG works with state agencies on the development of socioeconomic projections. These projections are done every three to four years. Mr. Bagley stated that MAG is required to use the county projections as control totals to develop sub-regional projections.

Mr. Bagley stated that the sub-county projections are used as input to the transportation and air quality models. MAG, other councils of governments, universities, and state agencies are members of the Council for Technical Solutions that works with the State Demographer's Office in the preparation of county projections. He said that the county level projections were approved by the Regional Council in December 2012.

Mr. Bagley stated that the Maricopa County population was approximately 3.8 million in 2010 and is projected to be 6.1 million in 2040. Employment was 1.7 million in 2010 and is projected to be 3.1 million in 2040. Mr. Bagley noted that this is a decrease from the last set of projections done in 2007 and is about a decade lower.

Mr. Bagley explained the projections process and timeline, which began in 2011. Land use plans, data sets, housing, development projects, and employment data are fed into the projections. He said that the

MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) reviews the data, assumptions and the model. Mr. Bagley stated that they are using a new model AZ-SMART that is based on UrbanSim, a nationally used model.

Mr. Bagley said that the region was divided into three sub-regional zones: Central, East, and West. He displayed charts of resident population change by sub-region, by decade. Mr. Bagley noted that the biggest change in terms of total population is the West Valley, amounting to approximately 1.1 million over 30 years. He noted that Central region holds its share at about 700,000 and the East Valley about 560,000. Mr. Bagley stated that buildout in the East Valley is reached about 2030, and most of the growth could be attributed to redevelopment projects. He added that growth in the Central Valley also is attributed to redevelopment.

Mr. Bagley then discussed the share of resident county population. Currently, the West share is about 24 percent, East is 37 percent, and Central is 39 percent. Mr. Bagley stated that the 2040 projection points to a fairly evenly split distribution of 32 percent West, 32 percent East, and 39 percent Central.

Mr. Bagley then reported on employment change. He said that the East will see more jobs, at about 490,000, Central at about 450,000, and West at 450,000. Mr. Bagley stated that it in terms of employment share, the East and Central regions remain the largest, but the West does increase its share from 14 percent to 22 percent, with the East and Central Valleys losing some share.

Mr. Bagley reported on the MAG review with member agencies and the POPTAC to-date and said the POPTAC will consider the population, housing and employment numbers by Municipal Planning Area and Regional Analysis Zone on May 28. The committee's recommendation will come before the Management Committee and Regional Council in June. Mr. Bagley stated that they will then do annual population projections of the incorporated area, which is a new requirement per Executive Order, and bring them back in August. He noted that the Pinal County numbers have been developed and are under review.

Chair Rogers thanked Mr. Bagley for his report. No questions from the Council were noted.

10. Legislative Update

Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. Mr. Pryor first reported on state legislative issues. He said that the FY 2015 budget proposed by the Senate includes budget sweeps from the Highway User Revenue Fund in the amount of \$119 million and from the State Highway Fund in the amount of \$6.7 million. Mr. Pryor stated that staff will be monitoring this and report back as necessary.

Mr. Pryor stated that MAG is a member of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors in Washington, D. C. The Coalition tracks freight issues, usually with a focus on seaport freight. Mr. Pryor stated that with the new federal transportation funding legislation, MAP-21, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has taken an interest in land ports. He noted that the Coalition's staff heard about MAG's work on trade between the U.S./Mexico and requested MAG and

the Kootenai MPO in Idaho to develop a report on infrastructure opportunities and issues between the United States, Mexico, and Canada. He stated that Tim Strow is the MAG staff person working on the report. Mr. Pryor stated that the goal is to submit the report to the Coalition, who will roll it up into a larger report and submit it to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Chair Rogers thanked Mr. Pryor and asked members if they had questions.

Mayor Kavanagh asked the proposed HURF sweep this year compared to last year. Mr. Pryor replied that he did not have last year's number available, but could do some research.

11. 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 agenda items were noted.

12. 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.

Chair Rogers called on Mayor Schoaf, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to provide a report on the MAG Nominating Committee recommendation.

Mayor Schoaf thanked the other Nominating Committee members: Mayor Jackie Meck, Town of Buckeye; Mayor John Lewis, Town of Gilbert; Mayor Georgia Lord, City of Goodyear; and Mayor Mark Mitchell, City of Tempe. He reported the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee: Chair, Mayor Scott Smith, City of Mesa; Vice Chair, Mayor Michael LeVault, Town of Youngtown; Treasurer, Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane, City of Scottsdale; At-Large Members, Mayor Greg Stanton, City of Phoenix; Mayor Gail Barney, Town of Queen Creek; and Mayor Lana Mook, City of El Mirage; and Past Chair, Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, City of Avondale.

Mayor Schoaf stated that the recommendation will be considered by the Regional Council in June. He spoke of the MAG Subcommittee to Review the Committee Operating Policies and Procedures will meet next month to discuss the impacts of the new members and also to see if any improvements could be made to the Nominating Committee process.

Chair Rogers expressed her appreciation to the Nominating Committee for their service.

Chair Rogers suggested that a letter on the Regional Council's behalf be written to Governor Brewer thanking her for her actions regarding the MAG Planning Boundary.

Chair Rogers noted that the next Regional Council meeting is the Annual Meeting on June 19, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. She noted that the meeting start time was changed from noon. Chair Rogers stated that the meeting will be followed by a Passing of the Gavel ceremony and a reception. On May 20, 2013, an email was sent to members regarding the event and a memorandum that includes the details will also be mailed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Schoaf moved, Mayor LeVault seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Chair

Secretary