



Executive Director's Report Regional Council



December 4, 2013





MAG Selected to Receive Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) Grant for the Intermountain West



- The Federal Highway Administration announced that MAG has been selected to receive a SHRP2 grant to expedite project delivery strategies.
- In round 2, 27 grants were announced nationwide. Only two Metropolitan Planning Organizations were selected.
- The project will be on behalf of the Western Regional Alliance and focus on the national significance of the Intermountain West as a key East/West and North/South trade corridor and how the Intermountain West can be globally competitive.



Transportation Management Area Planning Certification Review

2013 Planning Certification Review



November 12-14, 2013



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- The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration conducted a review of the MAG planning program on November 12-14, 2013.
- The primary purpose of a certification review is to formalize the continuing oversight and day-to-day evaluation of the planning process. A review is required every four years.
- The reviewers noted that many of the MAG programs were impressive.
- The federal review team noted that MAG will be recertified.



Transportation Poll Being Conducted

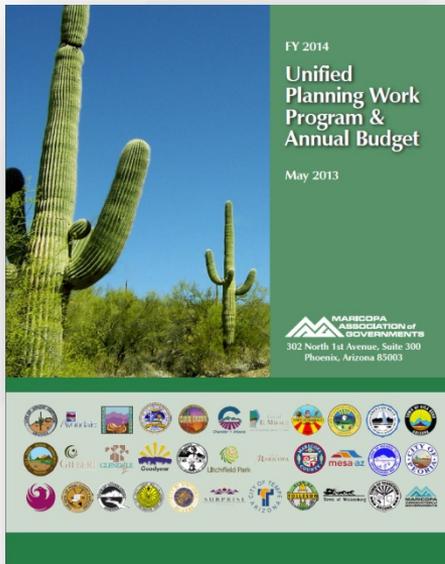


- MAG, working with WestGroup Research is preparing a transportation poll.
- An online focus group was conducted to assist in developing the poll instrument.
- A regional leaders discussion forum for Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) members was held.
- The draft Regional Transportation Survey was sent to the Regional Council and TPC for input.
- A stakeholder workshop was held at MAG on November 20th to receive additional input.
- The survey is being conducted and topline results are expected in January





MAG Fiscal Services Division Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award From Government Finance Officers Association

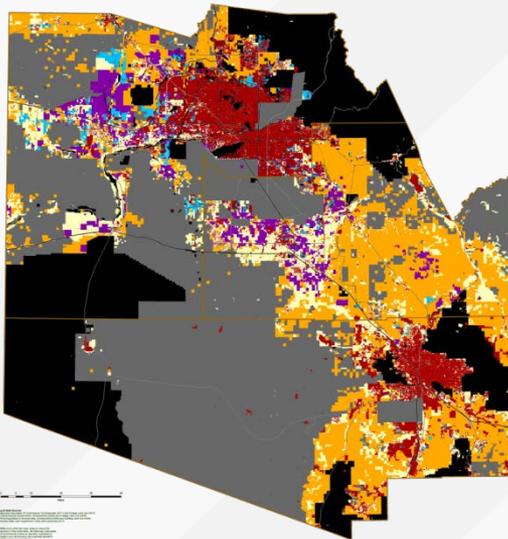


- Award represents the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.
- Budget documents must be rated “proficient” in all four categories (policy document, financial plan, operations guide & communications device).



JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A PLANNING PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ARIZONA SUN CORRIDOR



- **Wednesday, December 11, 2013**
 - Wild Horse Pass Hotel
 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Regional Updates.
- State Land Report.
- Phoenix Mart – Gateway to the Future.
- Update on Border Zone Extension.
- Contact Linda Priano at MAG.



Litchfield Park Underpass Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

You're Invited to 

A Ribbon Cutting for the Litchfield Park Underpass

WHEN Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 8:00 am
WHERE Wigwam Boulevard & Litchfield Road





Mayor Tibshraeny Named Municipal Leader of the Year



Featured in
American
City & County
Magazine



“For his tireless commitment to preserving the economic vision of Chandler while maintaining a close-knit community in the fast-growing region, American City & County magazine has chosen Jay Tibshraeny as its Municipal Leader of the Year.”



Age-Friendly Community Competition



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- All in the region are invited to nominate their community at www.Connect60Plus.com.
- Panel of national experts will evaluate the nominations.
- The winner will be recognized at the March 2014 conference.
- The deadline to apply is January 31, 2014.