

April 14, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Michael LeVault, Town of Youngtown, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 22, 2015
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next MAG Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. Supporting information is enclosed for your review. The meeting will include a working lunch.

Please park in the garage underneath the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 22, 2015**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Information.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of the March 25, 2015, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the March 25, 2015, meeting minutes.

ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS***5B. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement**

A status report is being provided on the remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement. To address new Federal Highway Administration procedures to minimize inactive obligations and to assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, we requested that street sweeper projects for FY 2014 CMAQ funding be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG by March 26, 2015. In addition, we are requesting that street sweeper projects approved for FY 2015 CMAQ funding on January 28 and February 25, 2015 be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG by January 28, 2016 and February 26, 2016, respectively. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS***5C. Appointment of the MAG Economic Development Committee Arizona Department of Transportation Member Position**

On October 27, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved the composition of the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC). The composition includes 18 MAG member agency positions that have one-year terms with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the MAG Regional Council. On April 3, 2015, a letter was received from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Director recommending Sintra Hoffman, ADOT Assistant Division Director/Public Affairs, serve as the ADOT representative on the EDC. This item is on the April 20, 2015, MAG Regional Council Executive Committee agenda. An update will be provided

5C. Approval of the appointment of Sintra Hoffman, ADOT Assistant Division Director/Public Affairs, as the Arizona Department of Transportation representative on the MAG Economic Development Committee.

on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Appointment of the MAG Economic Development Committee Transportation Industry Representative

On October 27, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved the composition of the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC). The composition includes twelve business member positions that have two-year terms with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and Regional Council. In September 2014, the EDC business member positions were approved by the Executive Committee and Regional Council, except for one transportation industry representative seat that remained vacant. One April 9, 2015, a letter of interest for the EDC transportation industry seat was received from Tony Bradley, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Arizona Trucking Association. This item is on the April 20, 2015, MAG Regional Council Executive Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Status Update on the June 30, 2014 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

The accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. An unmodified audit opinion was issued on March 18, 2015, on the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unmodified opinion on the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated a material weakness over internal controls for financial reporting due to the

5D. Approval of the appointment of Tony Bradley, President and Chief Executive Officer, Arizona Trucking Association, as the transportation industry representative on the MAG Economic Development Committee.

5E. Acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2014.

implementation of the new accounting system and the inability to reconcile accounts payable and retainage payable in a timely manner. A significant deficiency was identified not considered to be a material weakness for internal controls over major programs due to a change in federal compliance requiring DUNS numbers from subrecipients for the FY 2014 audit year. Both of these items have been addressed by MAG in order to resolve these issues. The Single Audit report had no repeat findings. The CAFR financial statements and related footnotes were prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) standards for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awards program. Management intends to submit the June 30, 2014, CAFR to the GFOA awards program for review. If awarded the certificate for the June 30, 2014, CAFR, this would be the agency's 17th consecutive award. On April 8, 2015, MAG Management Committee recommended acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2014. This item is on the April 20, 2015, MAG Regional Council Executive Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. USDOT TIGER Grant Round 7 - FY 2015

On April 3, 2015, the federal government issued a notice of funding availability (NOFA) for the seventh round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant funding. A total of \$500 million is available through a multimodal, merit-based, competitive grant program. There is a set aside of \$100 million for rural areas, which leaves \$400 million dedicated for projects in urban areas. The MAG region contains both urban and rural areas. MAG member agencies were requested to submit non-transit project suggestions by April 16, 2015 for the Regional

6. Information, discussion, and possible action.

Council to review and discuss. There is a required pre-application deadline of May 4, 2015; all projects that submit a final grant application by June 4, 2015 have to submit a pre-application. The MAG Regional Council is requested to review projects that were submitted and provide further direction. Information about the USDOT TIGER Grant was discussed with the MAG Management Committee on April 8, 2015, and project details will be discussed at the April 23, 2015 MAG Transportation Review Committee meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material and map.

7. 2015 MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

The 2015 MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan is a comprehensive update of the first Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP) approved by MAG in 2005. The new STSP establishes the regional vision, goals, objectives, strategies, countermeasures, and performance measures for making systematic improvements in transportation safety. The Plan was closely coordinated with Arizona's 2014 Strategic Highway Safety Plan that was developed by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Attachment One provides a summary of the overall Plan, highlighting the recommended 10-year implementation timeframe and the associated funding shortfall, based on a comparison of the cost to implement the Plan and all funds currently available for improving road safety in the MAG region. Also, included is a discussion on the disparity of the distribution of federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds to the MAG region, currently at \$1.9 million per year. A fair distribution of HSIP funds, based on criteria established in MAP-21, would result in a higher allocation to MAG, thus helping meet the funding shortfall. An overview of the Plan development process, resulting strategies, and key elements of the implementation plan, including the funding shortfall, will be provided by MAG staff. This item was discussed at the April 15, 2015, Transportation Policy Committee meeting. An update will be provided on

7. Information, discussion and possible action to approve strategies that would address the funding shortfall to implement the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan, including a modification to the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) suballocation to the MAG region to be initiated through a formal request from MAG to ADOT for a fair distribution of HSIP funds based on criteria identified in MAP-21.

discussion and any action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Briefing on the City of Phoenix Transportation Plan and Proposed Funding

At the March Regional Council meeting, the City of Phoenix requested that a briefing be provided at the next Regional Council meeting regarding the City of Phoenix Transportation Plan and funding that will be considered at the August 2015 ballot for Phoenix voters. The Plan was developed by the Citizens Committee on the Future of Phoenix Transportation.

9. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represents the budget document development to date. The elements of the budget document are approximately 65 percent complete. Staff will report on the comments from our federal transportation partners (Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration) who attended the Intermodal Planning Group meeting that was held on March 17, 2015. Final approval of the Draft MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is scheduled for the May meetings of the Management Committee, Executive Committee and Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information, discussion, and possible action.

11. Nominating Committee

Annually, the Chair of the MAG Regional Council appoints a five-member Nominating Committee from the Regional Council. In accordance with the approved MAG Regional Council Nominating Process, the Nominating Committee develops a slate of seven candidates. These candidates include a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, the Past Chair, and three members at-large. If the Past Chair is not a current member of the Council, the Nominating Committee nominates an additional at-large member. The past Chair of the Regional Council, if still a current member, serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is required to provide a balanced slate of officers. The slate of nominations is forwarded to all of the Regional Council members at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting in June. A report on the members of the Nominating Committee will be provided at the Regional Council meeting.

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 will be requested.

13. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be 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.

Adjournment

11. Announcement of the appointment of the members of the Nominating Committee by the Chair of the MAG Regional Council.

12. Information.

13. Information.

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

March 25, 2015
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown, Chair	Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park
* Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	* Mayor Christian Price, City of Maricopa
* Vice Mayor Robin Barker, Apache Junction	* Supervisor Denny Barney, Maricopa County Mayor John Giles, Mesa
# Mayor Kenneth Weise, Avondale	* Mayor Michael Collins, Paradise Valley Mayor Cathy Carlat, Peoria
Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye	Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix
Councilmember Mike Farrar, Carefree	Supervisor Todd House, Pinal County
Councilmember Dick Esser, Cave Creek	# Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek
# Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	* President Delbert Ray, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage	Mayor Sharon Wolcott, Surprise
* Mayor Tom Rankin, Florence	* Mayor Mark Mitchell, Tempe
* President Ruben Balderas, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Mayor Linda Kavanagh, Fountain Hills	* Mayor John Cook, Wickenburg
* Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	Mr. Roc Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
* Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community	Mr. Joseph La Rue, State Transportation Board
Mayor John Lewis, Gilbert	Mr. Jack Sellers, State Transportation Board
Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale	
Mayor Georgia Lord, Goodyear	
# Mayor Rebecca Jimenez, Guadalupe	

* 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 Michael LeVault at 11:35 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Gail Barney, Mayor Rebecca Jimenez, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, and Mayor Kenneth Weise joined the meeting by teleconference.

Chair LeVault welcomed back a returning member of the MAG Regional Council, Councilmember Dick Esser from Cave Creek. Councilmember Esser previously served as the Cave Creek representative on the Regional Council.

Chair LeVault noted that material for agenda item #9, Legislative Update, and an invitation to the “Stand Up 4 Transportation Day” event on April 9, 2015, were at each place.

Chair LeVault noted that hearing assisted devices were available from MAG staff. Chair LeVault 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. Transit tickets for those who purchased a transit ticket to attend the meeting and parking validation were available from staff.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair LeVault 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 LeVault recognized public comment from Mr. Howard May, who spoke about the 19th Avenue light rail extension. Mr. May expressed concern that some City of Phoenix staff members told him that some bus stops were not important, such as the one located at 6800 N. 19th Avenue where the Fry’s grocery store is located. He stated that a City of Phoenix policy committee made this decision and he figured there were other decisions made similar to this. Mr. May stated that more appropriately-placed bus stops nearby grocery stores and general merchandise stores are needed. He noted that people with disabilities might not shop at certain stores because they have to walk too far from transit stops. Mr. May added that the bus stops along McDowell Road in Avondale are spaced one-half mile apart, and the elderly and those with disabilities will get lost and then decide to shop elsewhere. Chair LeVault thanked Mr. May.

Chair LeVault recognized public comment from Ms. Dianne Barker, who stated that she was a resident of Phoenix. She said that she came to the meeting on her bicycle and that multimodal feels good. Ms. Barker stated that Phoenix traditionally has more transit than other cities in the region and is currently heading toward a transit election. She remarked that the transit system needs a total reform, and could perhaps include such elements as elevated transit. Ms. Barker stated that her mother is in her nineties and has no wrinkles, likely because she was not in the sun a lot. She said that her parents were of the Greatest Generation and her father was a pilot in World War II. Ms. Barker stated that this generation was an inflexible generation, and she added that her mother never used transit. Ms. Barker reported that

her mother won a dance contest at the age of five doing the Charleston. Chair LeVault thanked Ms. Barker.

Chair LeVault recognized public comment from Mr. John Rusinek, who spoke of his dust problems. He reported that on February 26, Neighborhood Services came to measure his outbuildings. Mr. Rusinek stated that this was the third time they had been out to measure his property, including one time when they did a full survey of his entire property. He stated that he asked the City of Phoenix meet with him and if they show him he is wrong, he will walk away. Mr. Rusinek stated that no one will meet with him, except he did get to meet with Councilman Sal DiCiccio once. Chair LeVault thanked Mr. Rusinek.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest to the MAG region. Mr. Smith stated that the Age-Friendly Conference and competitions will take place on May 6, 2015, at the Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus in Scottsdale.

Mr. Smith stated that the 2015 Homeless Street Count took place on February 24, 2015. He expressed his appreciation to the more than 400 volunteers who participated in the count. Mr. Smith stated that Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton and President Obama's Senior Policy Advisor on the White House Domestic Policy Council also participated in the count. He added that the results of the count are anticipated in May 2015.

Mr. Smith reported that Mr. Eric Anderson and Ms. Teri Kennedy from MAG worked jointly with ADOT to complete the reconciliation of the Regional Freeway and Highway Program. He noted that this resulted in \$12.1 million being credited back to the MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Smith stated that he will be signing an agreement to accept the funding.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG hosted the Intermountain West MPO/TMA/Transit meeting on March 5-6, 2015. The keynote speaker was Mr. Mark Muro from the Brookings Institution. Mr. Smith stated that the meeting focused on best practices in the Intermountain West and they learned much from the representatives from Utah. He said that Utah has what they refer to as a "culture of collaboration" and Wasatch Front has a Unified Plan for its area, which is a linear area similar to the Sun Corridor in Arizona. Mr. Smith added that the representatives from Utah were unable to attend the Intermountain West meeting because they were at their Legislature and got a tax increase passed. He stated that in Utah all of their political support is linked together and they add money for transportation – in Arizona, they take it away.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG has developed a new web viewer that focuses on elementary school achievement statewide for Read On Arizona sponsored by the Piper Charitable Trust. He noted that the viewer was demonstrated at Piper Charitable Trust on March 13, and he added that Chair LeVault and Councilmember Joanne Osborne spoke at the event. Mr. Smith explained that with the viewer, users can look at educational statistics down to the school level and the viewer demonstrates that some low income, high minority schools are sometimes great schools. Mr. Smith stated that the website will go

active in a few weeks. Chair LeVault expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Osborne for speaking at the presentation.

Mr. Smith stated that it has been a long time coming, and the South Mountain/Loop 202 Freeway Record of Decision has been announced. He noted that the South Mountain freeway has been on the map since 1985. Mr. Smith stated that ADOT is purchasing right-of-way, and he added that legal challenges are likely. He asked staff who worked on the project to stand and be recognized.

Chair LeVault thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Chair LeVault recognized public comment from Mr. Howard May, who commented on agenda item #6. Mr. May urged that bus and/or shuttle service continue in the area of construction for the Northwest Phase II light rail until it is completed. He suggested that rapid service between light rail stations might be an option because people do not like to transfer. Mr. May stated that Phoenix has a shuttle along the Red Line, which goes along 19th Avenue to Metrocenter and he added that he thought limited stops were beneficial. He said that a bus route heading farther north on 19th Avenue is part of the proposed new City of Phoenix transportation plan. Chair LeVault thanked Mr. May.

Chair LeVault recognized public comment from Ms. Dianne Barker, who stated that citizens like to see their representatives at the meetings. She expressed support for Mr. May and stated that transportation users are the ones who need to say what works and what does not. Ms. Barker said that the United States has a government because it has a citizenry. Ms. Barker stated that elected officials and government owe service to the citizens, and the citizens owe allegiance to the elected officials and government. Ms. Barker expressed support for the minutes. She stated that Mr. Rusinek's dust problem is within Rule 310 and that she had submitted a proposal to the City of Phoenix to solve his problem but has not heard back. Ms. Barker noted that the city manager signed a statement of commitment for equality. She stated that the failure of the city to not resolve Mr. Rusinek's complaint is age discrimination. Ms. Barker expressed support for regional coordination of transportation, such as traffic signal synchronization. Chair LeVault thanked Ms. Barker.

Chair LeVault asked members if they had questions or requests to hear a presentation on any of the Consent Agenda items. None were noted

Mayor Sharon Wolcott moved to approve Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, and #5E. Councilmember Michael Farrar seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the February 25, 2015, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the February 25, 2015, meeting minutes.

5B. MAG Public Involvement Progress Report

As part of its adopted public involvement process, MAG provides quarterly progress reports on public involvement activities to MAG policy committees for information and to convey input. MAG responds to all of the comments received as appropriate. The MAG public involvement process adheres to all federal requirements under the current federal transportation planning legislation and is dedicated to providing all of the region's residents and interested parties an opportunity to comment on transportation plans and programs.

5C. ADOT Red Letter Process

In June 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning, and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Four of the 54 notices received have an impact to the state highway system.

5D. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2015 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as Appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2015 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) were approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 29, 2014, and have been modified nine times. At this time, additional changes are needed. General project changes, and ADOT project changes to accommodate the proposed Design-Build-Maintain delivery method identified for the SR-202 Loop Corridor are included in Table A. The FY 2015 Arterial Life Cycle Program project changes are included in Table B. On February 26, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the requested changes in Tables A and B. On March 11, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the requested project changes. Project change requests added since the Management Committee took action were noted on the tables.

5E. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including the reprogramming of Arizona Department of Transportation State Route (SR) 202 Loop project segments into three master comprehensive listings to support a Design/Build/Maintain project delivery process, and Arterial Life Cycle Program projects. 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.

6. Revised Alignment Changes to the Tempe Streetcar Project and Phoenix - Northwest Phase II Light Rail Transit Extension

Ms. Eileen Yazzie, MAG staff, reported that Valley Metro, in coordination with the City of Tempe and City of Phoenix, is requesting approval of the revised Tempe Streetcar project alignment and budget, and the alignment modification and cost changes to the Phoenix Northwest - Phase II Light Rail Transit (LRT) Extension. Ms. Yazzie stated that the revised alignment changes to the Tempe Streetcar project and Phoenix - Northwest Phase II Light Rail Transit Extension project were recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and MAG Management Committee.

Ms. Yazzie said that the process needs to be started by March so that the Small Starts grant application for the Tempe Streetcar can be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) by the deadline in September 2015. Ms. Yazzie noted that the Phoenix Northwest Extension Phase II project is not in the process to submit an application to FTA, however, they are moving the alignment change forward at the same time as the Tempe Streetcar.

Ms. Yazzie stated that the opening dates are 2018 for the Tempe Streetcar and 2026 for the Phoenix Northwest Extension Phase II. She added that the Phoenix Light Rail Phase I project is currently under construction.

Ms. Yazzie described the original Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Tempe Streetcar as a 2.6-mile route on Mill Avenue to Southern Avenue. She said it was approved in November 2010 by the Valley Metro Rail Board and in December 2010 by the MAG Regional Council. Ms. Yazzie explained that following the approvals, the original LPA did not meet the FTA Small Starts criteria and in March 2013, the Tempe City Council directed that the LPA be reconfigured to more closely align with new federal criteria. Ms. Yazzie reported that in April 2013, the FTA approved the Tempe Streetcar to enter the project development phase, which was contingent upon reconfiguring the LPA. In June 2014, the Tempe City Council approved the revised LPA.

Ms. Yazzie stated that the revised LPA for the Tempe Streetcar project is three miles in length and retains the downtown loop along Mill Avenue, but begins at the Marina Heights development and curves around to Apache Boulevard, connecting with ASU and residential areas.

Ms. Yazzie noted that due to the revision in the Tempe Streetcar alignment costs are estimated to increase from approximately \$140 million to approximately \$177 million. She noted there is a funding gap of approximately \$23 million, and the City of Tempe is fully committed to finding new funding to fill this gap by next month in order to keep the project on schedule.

Ms. Yazzie stated that the original LPA for the Northwest Extension light rail project was approved in 2007 as a two-phase project. Phase I on 19th Avenue is currently under construction and ends just east of Interstate 17 (I-17). Ms. Yazzie stated that in 2013, Phoenix requested a reevaluation of the terminus to get to Metrocenter and in November 2014, the Phoenix City Council approved the revised LPA to cross over I-17. She noted that the revised LPA provides economic development opportunities and improved LRT access for trips originating west of I-17. Ms. Yazzie stated that the project cost is anticipated to increase approximately \$125 million, because it will need to cross a canal, a flood channel,

and the freeway. Ms. Yazzie stated that the City of Phoenix is working on identifying revenue streams to fill the funding gap.

Ms. Yazzie reviewed next steps. She stated that the City of Tempe's goal is to submit a financial commitment by April 2015. If approved, Tempe would submit a Small Starts application in September 2015. Ms. Yazzie stated that the Valley Metro Rail Board is anticipated to take action to approve its Transit Life Cycle Program, which includes the revised alignments and financial plans for these two projects, in May 2015. Ms. Yazzie stated that upon approval, the items would come back to MAG for approval of the air quality conformity analysis and amendments to the TIP and RTP.

Chair LeVault thanked Ms. Yazzie for her report and asked members if they had questions.

Mr. Roc Arnett asked if the motion was contingent upon Tempe identifying the \$23 million in funding. Ms. Yazzie replied that if Tempe could not secure the funding, the project would need to be delayed to a future year, due to the deadline for submittal of the Small Starts application in September. Mr. Arnett asked if it was prudent to include the contingency in the action. Ms. Yazzie replied that would be the decision of the Regional Council.

Chair LeVault recognized public comment from Mr. May, who indicated that he did not need more time to add to his previous comments.

With no further questions, Mayor Cathy Carlat moved approval of: (1) the revised alignment and cost changes to the Tempe Streetcar project and that the MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be amended subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis; and (2) the revised alignment and cost changes to the Phoenix - Northwest Phase II Light Rail Transit Extension project and that the MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan be amended subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis. Mayor Jackie Meck seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Liberty Utilities Palm Valley and Sarival Water Reclamation Facilities Service Area Expansion 2014

Ms. Julie Hoffman, MAG staff, reported on the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Liberty Utilities Palm Valley and Sarival Water Reclamation Facilities Service Area Expansion. She stated that the City of Glendale and Maricopa County have requested that the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan be amended to include the service area expansion for the Liberty Utilities Palm Valley and Sarival Water Reclamation Facilities.

Ms. Hoffman described the facilities as being located in the Goodyear Municipal Planning Area, and noted that they would expand their service area to serve portions of the Glendale Municipal Planning Area that includes unincorporated areas of Maricopa County. She reported that the facilities are identified in the MAG 208 Plan with reserve capacity to accommodate the service area expansion.

Ms. Hoffman stated that the project is located within three miles of nine jurisdictions: Avondale, El Mirage, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise, Youngtown and Luke Air Force Base.

She explained that these jurisdictions were requested to review the 208 amendment and indicate if they have any comments or no objections. Ms. Hoffman mentioned that letters indicating no objection have been received from these jurisdictions with some letters including conditions.

Ms. Hoffman indicated that the Cities of Goodyear and Litchfield Park requested that information be provided to clarify certain aspects of the project, such as the planned recharge site near Camelback Road and Bullard Road and the proposed sewer system, including the location of the new sewer lines. She noted that Liberty Utilities revised the draft document to include this information.

Ms. Hoffman stated that El Mirage, Youngtown, and Luke Air Force Base provided letters indicating no objection but wanted to make sure that this expansion would not impact the Base. The letters of no objection were contingent on no impact to the mission of Luke Air Force Base. Ms. Hoffman stated that Luke Air Force Base also requested the ability to comment on any new construction that Liberty Utilities undertakes as a result of this expansion, specifically how it would impact flying operations.

Ms. Hoffman stated that Liberty Utilities has indicated that the expanded collection area is outside the Luke Air Force Base flight path and will not affect flight operations. In addition, the reclaimed water recharge basins are being planned to not interfere with the operations of the Base. Liberty Utilities has indicated that they will provide the development plans to Luke Air Force Base to review to ensure there is no negative impact to the Base.

Ms. Hoffman then spoke on the 208 amendment schedule. On December 18, 2014, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee reviewed the 208 amendment and authorized the public hearing. On February 12, 2015, the Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted the public hearing. Immediately following the public hearing, the Committee recommended approval of the draft amendment with one member abstaining. Ms. Hoffman stated that on March 11, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval to the MAG Regional Council.

Ms. Hoffman stated that with approval by the MAG Regional Council, the amendment would then go to the State Water Quality Management Working Group on April 14th to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. MAG would then transmit the amendment to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, which would certify the amendment is consistent with the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan and State Water Quality Management Plan and submit the amendment to the Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

Mr. Dennis Smith noted that Pinal County, City of Maricopa, and Town of Florence abstain on votes on MAG 208 Water Quality Management Planning items because they are within the Central Arizona Governments 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

Mayor Jerry Weiers moved approval of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Liberty Utilities Palm Valley and Sarival Water Reclamation Facilities Service Area Expansion 2014. Mayor Tom Schoaf seconded, and the motion passed, with Supervisor Todd House abstaining.

8. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Ms. Becky Kimbrough, MAG staff, stated that the first draft of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was sent to members in the March agenda packet. She indicated that the elements of the budget document are about 60 percent complete. Ms. Kimbrough noted that the Work Program is approved by the Regional Council in May each year.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the draft Dues and Assessments were included in the January 2015 agenda packet, and the draft new projects were included in the February 2015 agenda packet. She added that both elements were incorporated into the draft Work Program. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the Work Program includes the project narratives, outcome measures and project objectives.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the FY 2016 MAG budget is more than \$2.4 million less than the FY 2015 budget, because there are fewer carry forward projects and fewer requests for new projects. She noted that the budget amount is subject to change until finalization in May.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies at the Intermodal Planning Group (IPG) meeting. She said that this year, the meeting occurred on March 17 and the Work Program received many good comments from the federal representatives and agency partners. Ms. Kimbrough stated that one of the positive comments was regarding MAG taking a proactive approach in meeting the economic development requirements in MAP-21 and the development of resources, such as the AZSmart Tool Kit, that would be helpful in the entire state, not just the MAG region.

Chair LeVault thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report. No questions from the Council were noted.

9. Legislative Update

Mr. Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. Mr. Pryor first addressed federal legislation regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed standards for ozone. He said that in December 2014, EPA published a proposed rule to strengthen the national ambient air quality standards for ozone from 75 parts per billion to 65-70 parts per billion. Mr. Pryor reported that the Arizona Legislature has been considering a Senate Concurrent Memorial urging the EPA to refrain from reducing the ozone and expressing that nine of the 11 counties in Arizona that are monitored for ozone would be out of compliance if the ozone standard is changed. Mr. Pryor noted that the MAG region does not meet the current standard of 75 parts per billion.

Mr. Pryor reported that on the national level, the House is considering Resolution 1388 legislation that would prohibit the EPA from setting a more stringent standard until most of the country complies with the current standard. Mr. Pryor noted that comments have been submitted by various agencies, including the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), which proposed a standard of 72 parts per billion – a number that is inconsistent with the proposed 75 parts per billion. He informed that MAG will continue to work with ADEQ on this issue and would bring any updates back to the Council.

Mr. Pryor then addressed state legislation. He noted that a copy of a letter was at each place from Associated General Contractors (AGC) Arizona Chapter dated March 13, 2015, regarding state budget impacts to infrastructure. He said that the letter that AGC had drafted was very effective in capturing these impacts. Mr. Pryor stated that the Highway Users Revenue Fund amount to the Department of Public Safety last year was approximately \$89 million and this year is approximately \$96 million. He expressed appreciation to AGC for the letter and keeping the focus of conversation on revenue.

Mr. Pryor addressed Senate Bill 1274, the ADOT Omnibus bill. He noted that the Regional Council received an update on this legislation at the February meeting. Mr. Pryor stated that SB 1274 contains a provision to transfer the staffing of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) to MAG; currently ADOT is responsible for staffing CTOC. Mr. Pryor stated that MAG staffing CTOC could create a conflict of interest because CTOC would no longer be independent of MAG.

Mr. Pryor explained that CTOC was created through legislation in 1994 and renewed in 2004 as part of Proposition 400 to provide citizen input/oversight on the MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mr. Pryor stated that in 2011, a performance audit on the RTP recommended that MAG provide staff support for CTOC. On December 13, 2011, MAG responded in the affirmative to this audit recommendation. However, in January 2012, during discussion, members of the Transportation Policy Committee expressed concerns about a potential transfer of CTOC to MAG. Mr. Pryor noted that also in February 2012, CTOC responded in a letter that they were not in favor of the audit recommendation. Since then, staffing of CTOC has remained at ADOT.

Mr. Pryor stated that SB 1274 has passed the Senate and since then has been in the House. He reported that on March 16, 2015, the MAG Executive Committee unanimously approved a position opposing the transfer of CTOC to MAG and strongly opposes any proposal to eliminate CTOC.

Mr. Pryor stated that on March 17th, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee met to hear the bill. He reported that Mr. Dennis Smith and the CTOC chair, Mr. Roc Arnett, spoke against the provision to change CTOC staffing. They emphasized the promise to the voters to have a separation of oversight duties apart from MAG. The bill passed the committee unanimously without the CTOC bill provision being removed. Mr. Pryor expressed appreciation to Mayor Lana Mook for signing in as opposed.

Mr. Pryor stated that SB 1274 was scheduled to be heard that day in the House Appropriations Committee. MAG signed in as opposed to the bill noting the issue with the CTOC transfer provision. Mr. Pryor indicated that following the Appropriation Committee meeting, Chair LeVault is prepared to sign a letter to Speaker Gowan outlining MAG's concerns about transferring CTOC to MAG and will be requesting an amendment to the bill on the House floor. He added that MAG staff also will be reaching out to the Intergovernmental Representatives for assistance as they prepare for the bill to be heard on the House floor.

Chair LeVault asked MAG's chances. Mr. Pryor replied that staff would continue the campaign to inform.

Mayor Linda Kavanagh asked the reason for including the transfer of staffing from ADOT to MAG. Mr. Pryor replied that this change in staffing originated with the 2011 Performance Audit.

Mr. Smith commented that the responsibilities were muddled when Proposition 300 passed in 1985, and the 1991 Performance Audit more clearly enumerated each agency's responsibilities. Most of the decision making on the half cent sales tax ended up at MAG. Mr. Smith stated that they pursued a vote on a tax in 1994 to replenish what had been lost in the recession, and even though the vote was unsuccessful, they worked with the Legislature to put CTOC in place in order to have citizen oversight. He noted that when he testified at the Legislature on SB 1274, he indicated that accountability was an important element of the publicity pamphlet and ballot for Proposition 400 presented to the voters. Mr. Smith remarked that Proposition 400 raises more than \$375 million per year. He indicated that Mr. Dave Berry expressed it best when he said at a Transportation Policy Committee meeting that there needs to be a separation of power. Mr. Smith stated that MAG has been unsuccessful in convincing ADOT and the House Transportation Committee of this. He stated that Senator Worsley and Representative Coleman are the bill sponsors and agree with MAG to include an amendment. He remarked that this is bad public policy because a deal was made with the voters in 2004 that there would be oversight of the Plan, and he had concerns that this would not pass the front-page test at The Arizona Republic.

Chair LeVault requested that the Regional Council be informed if they could assist in any way.

Mayor Jerry Weiers noted that the Omnibus bill includes numerous elements. He asked if they had been asked to remove only the portion regarding CTOC staffing. Mr. Pryor replied that this had been the request to date. He noted that MAG had no objections to any other provision of the bill.

Mayor Weiers remarked that a positive statement to say we support something with an element removed is sometimes takes on a different connotation than saying we oppose an element in a piece of legislation. He asked for clarification if MAG has stated its support of the legislation as long as the CTOC staffing provision removed.

Mr. Smith replied that he testified that MAG expressed support for the rest of the bill and that it just wanted to remove the one provision about MAG staffing CTOC.

Chair LeVault added that this was also conveyed to the Chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Mayor John Lewis stated that he watched the proceedings when Mr. Arnett and Mr. Smith testified and thought they presented a good case. He expressed that he was surprised to see the pushback and it seemed like the argument was not gaining any traction.

Mr. Smith stated that the common argument they are hearing is that cities staff their own committees with oversight provisions. He indicated that he thought it was a matter of scale and a promise to the voters. Mr. Smith noted that the bill sponsor in 1994 was Legislator Lela Steffey, who inserted the provision of a citizens transportation oversight committee. Mr. Smith added that the element of citizen oversight is something that will be needed if an extension of the sales tax is pursued.

10. 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 will be requested.

Mayor Greg Stanton stated that the City of Phoenix Council will be voting on its transportation plan later that day, and if it is in the affirmative, Phoenix could be pursuing a vote of the citizens in August. He offered that a briefing on what Phoenix is proposing could be provided to the Regional Council on a future agenda. Mayor Stanton remarked that the Plan could affect the future of transportation in the entire region.

Mayor Sharon Wolcott expressed that a briefing would be helpful.

Mr. Smith noted that a briefing on the Phoenix transportation plan would be agendized for the next Regional Council meeting.

11. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be 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.

Mayor Greg Stanton encouraged members to attend the Stand Up 4 Transportation event on April 9, 2015. Mayor Stanton stated that the event is being held to recommend that Congress continue to fund transportation. He said that the event includes a parade of transportation vehicles in downtown Phoenix that starts at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Stanton expressed that he would like as many Regional Council members as possible to participate in the event. He added that a press conference will follow the parade.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary



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April 14, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Dean Giles, Air Quality Planning Program Specialist

SUBJECT: STATUS OF REMAINING MAG APPROVED PM-10 CERTIFIED STREET SWEEPER PROJECTS THAT HAVE NOT REQUESTED REIMBURSEMENT

A status report is being provided on the remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement (see attached table). To address new Federal Highway Administration procedures to minimize inactive obligations and to assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, we requested that street sweeper projects for FY 2014 CMAQ funding be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG by March 26, 2015. In addition, we are requesting that street sweeper projects approved for FY 2015 CMAQ funding on January 28 and February 25, 2015 be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG by January 28, 2016 and February 26, 2016, respectively.

At the June 10, 2009 MAG Management Committee meeting, discussion took place on the implications of delaying the expenditure of MAG Federal Funds. In addition to projects listed in the Transportation Improvement Program, street sweepers were given as an example.

In some cases approved sweeper projects have taken up to three years to request reimbursement. The delay in requesting reimbursement for street sweepers results in obligated federal funds being carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Federal Highway Administration has expressed concern regarding the amount of obligated funds being carried forward in the Work Program. To assist MAG member agencies in tracking the purchase of approved sweepers, periodic updates will be provided on the status of the reimbursement requests.

The purchase of PM-10 certified street sweeper projects supports the measure "PM-10 Efficient Street Sweepers" in the Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. In addition, the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 includes PM-10 Certified Street Sweepers. Also, it is important to note that for the conformity analysis for the Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan, MAG only takes emission reduction credit for approved street sweeper projects that have received reimbursement.

If you have any questions, please call me at (602) 254-6300.

Attachments

**STATUS OF REMAINING PM-10 CERTIFIED STREET SWEEPER PROJECTS
THAT HAVE RECEIVED APPROVAL**

April 14, 2015

	Remaining Projects	CMAQ Allocated	Status
FY 2014 CMAQ			
Approved March 26, 2014			
To address new Federal Highway Administration procedures to minimize inactive obligations, we requested that the street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG by March 26, 2015.	Litchfield Park	\$225,516	The Elgin sweeper is in Phoenix and presently the dealer options are being installed. It is expected that we will receive delivery of the sweeper by the beginning of next week.
Total Remaining Project Costs		\$225,516	
FY 2015 CMAQ			
Approved January 28, 2015			
To address new Federal Highway Administration procedures to minimize inactive obligations, we are requesting that the street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG by January 28, 2016.	Phoenix (2)	\$441,872	
	Peoria	\$231,215	
	Goodyear	\$218,884	
	Surprise (3)	\$512,267	
Approved February 25, 2015			
To address new Federal Highway Administration procedures to minimize inactive obligations, we are requesting that the street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG by February 26, 2016.	Surprise (1)	\$214,750	
	Pinal County	\$223,473	
	Buckeye	\$222,863	
Total Remaining Project Costs		\$2,065,324	

MAG staff contact: Lindy Bauer or Dean Giles, (602) 254-6300

Director's Office

Douglas A. Ducey, Governor
John S. Halikowski, Director
Scott Omer, Deputy Director for Operations
Floyd Roehrich, Jr., Deputy Director for Policy
Dallas Hammit, Deputy Director for Transportation

April 3, 2015

Via email: DSmith@azmag.gov

Mr. Dennis Smith
Executive Director
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Dennis:

Due to the upcoming retirement of John Nelson, I am designating Ms. Sintra Hoffman to represent the Arizona Department of Transportation on the MAG Economic Development Committee. With her many years of experience in the areas of transportation and government, Ms. Hoffman is well qualified to represent the Department regarding economic development matters addressed by this committee. In the event her schedule does not allow her to attend the committee meetings, her backup will be Mr. Floyd Roehrich, Deputy Director for Policy.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



John S. Halikowski

cc: Sintra Hoffman, ADOT Assistant Division Director/Public Affairs
Dallas Hammit, ADOT Deputy Director for Transportation/State Engineer
Brent Cain, ADOT Deputy State Engineer/Urban Operations



April 9, 2015

Honorable Michael LeVault
Chair of the MAG Regional Council
302 N. 1st Avenue
Phoenix Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor LeVault:

I am writing today to express my interest in serving as the transportation industry representative on the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Economic Development Committee(EDC).

A little background on myself, I am the President and Chief Executive Officer for the Arizona Trucking Association. In this capacity, I advocate on behalf of the members of the Arizona Trucking Association and the trucking industry at the federal, state and local government levels on a wide variety of issues affecting the movement of goods and equipment. I have more than 16 years of experience in public policy, government relations, and public affairs. I have worked in all different levels of government, from working on the Senate Commerce Committee staff for Senator John McCain to working as a policy advisor to former Phoenix City Councilmember Maria Baier. Additionally, I hold a Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Arizona State University.

As I am sure you are aware, trucking is a vital component to Arizona's economic success. In 2013, the trucking industry in Arizona provided 102,230 jobs or one out of 21 in the state. Total trucking wages paid in Arizona exceeded \$4.5 billion, with an annual industry salary of \$44,184. As of April 2014, there were 9,070 trucking companies located in Arizona, most of them small, locally owned businesses. Trucks transport roughly 92 percent of total manufactured tonnage in the state. Additionally, trucks pay more than 45 percent of all taxes owed by Arizona motorists, despite trucks representing only 11 percent of the vehicle miles traveled. More than 85 percent of Arizona communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods. Needless to say that trucks and trucking are essential to the success of Arizona, its residents, and its economy.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602-850-6005 or via email at tbradley@aztrucking.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Bradley". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Tony Bradley

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

April 14, 2015

SUBJECT:

Status Update on the June 30, 2014 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

SUMMARY:

The accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on March 18, 2015, on the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance, with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unmodified opinion on the Single Audit. A material weakness was identified in the Single Audit for internal controls over financial reporting due to the implementation of the new accounting system and the inability to reconcile accounts payable and retainage payable in a timely manner. A significant deficiency was identified not considered to be a material weakness for internal controls over major programs due to a change in federal compliance for requiring DUNS numbers from subrecipients for the FY 2014 audit year. Both of these items have been addressed by MAG in order to resolve these issues. The Single Audit report had no repeat findings.

The CAFR financial statements and related footnotes were prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) standards for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awards program. Management intends to submit the June 30, 2014 CAFR to the GFOA awards program for review. If awarded the certificate for the June 30, 2014 CAFR, this would be the agency's 17th consecutive award.

A Fund Balance Policy was approved by the MAG Executive Committee in May 2014 in consideration of unanticipated events that could adversely affect the financial condition of MAG and jeopardize the continuation of necessary programs. Adherence to this policy will ensure that MAG maintains adequate fund balances and reserves. The targeted fund balance level per the policy states that MAG will maintain a minimum fund balance range in the General Fund between 20 percent and 25 percent of expenditures. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the General Fund balance is 18 percent of expenditures which falls below the acceptable policy range of 20 to 25 percent. The fund balance deficiency in FY 2014 is due to the reduction of dues and assessments between FY 2009 through FY 2014. Dues and Assessments were approved at the 100 percent level beginning in FY 2015.

Replenishment of the Fund Balance in the General Fund to the acceptable range of 20 to 25 percent is anticipated to be completed no later than FY 2017 through maintaining the member dues and assessments at their 100 percent level and maintaining the approximate same level of General Fund expenditures.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None has been received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: MAG is required by its By-Laws and federal regulations to have an audit performed for all major federal programs on an annual basis. The audit must be performed in compliance with the provisions described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP conducted the audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS), and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Government Audit Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the audit report indicates that MAG conducted its activities in conformance with the laws and regulations governing federal financial assistance programs and according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

POLICY: Pursuant to Article 12, Section 5 of the MAG By-Laws, the annual audit must be presented to the Regional Council.

ACTION NEEDED:

Acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2014.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

This item is on the April 20, 2015, MAG Regional Council Executive Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee.

On April 8, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2014.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Christopher Brady, Mesa, Chair
- Sonny Culbreth for Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
- # Matt Busby for George Hoffman, Apache Junction
- David Fitzhugh, Avondale
- Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye
- Gary Neiss, Carefree
- Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek
- Marsha Reed for Rich Dlugas, Chandler
- Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage
- # Charles Montoya, Florence
- Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Ken Buchanan, Fountain Hills
- Ernest Rubi, Gila Bend
- * Tina Notah, Gila River Indian Community
- Patrick Banger, Gilbert
- Jenna Goad for Dick Bowers, Glendale
- Brian Dalke, Goodyear
- # Rosemary Arellano, Guadalupe
- Gregory Rose, City of Maricopa
- Kevin Burke, Paradise Valley
- Susan Daluddung for Carl Swenson, Peoria
- Thomas Remes for Ed Zuercher, Phoenix
- Louis Andersen for Greg Stanley, Pinal County
- John Kross, Queen Creek
- * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Brad Lundahl for Fritz Behring, Scottsdale

Bob Wingenroth, Surprise
Andrew Ching, Tempe
Chris Hagen for Reyes Medrano,
Tolleson
Joshua Wright, Wickenburg
Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown

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Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

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Rebecca Kimbrough, MAG, (602) 254-6300

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

April 15, 2015

SUBJECT:

USDOT TIGER Grant Round 7 – FY 2015

SUMMARY:

On April 3, 2015, the federal government issued a notice of funding availability (NOFA) for the seventh Round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant funding. A total of \$500 million is available through a multimodal, merit-based, competitive grant program. There is a set aside of \$100 million for rural areas, which leaves \$400 million dedicated for projects in urban areas. The MAG region contains both urban and rural areas; please review the attached map, General Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Eligible 5310 Areas. The urban area of MAG is contained in the Phx-Mesa and Avondale-Goodyear UZAs. The rest of the region is considered rural.

Projects submitted to compete for TIGER funding are evaluated on how well they meet the five primary selection criteria: state of good repair, safety, economic competitiveness, quality of life, and environmental sustainability; and the two secondary selection criteria: innovation and partnership. Last year, the MAG Regional Council voted to support the City of Phoenix, South Central multimodal project for a regional TIGER grant submittal. The TIGER Round 7 application process has fast approaching deadlines. **The required pre-application is due on May 4, 2015. Final applications are due on June 5, 2015 and will not be accepted unless the pre-application is completed on time.** The application process also requires all projects to have a completed benefit-cost analysis according to federal guidance.

This round is similar to FY2014 in that there is consideration for projects that address the Ladders of Opportunity Initiative, which 'may increase connectivity to employment, education, services and other opportunities, support workforce development, or contribute to community revitalization, particularly for disadvantaged groups: low income groups, persons with visible and hidden disabilities, elderly individuals, and minority persons and populations.' Additionally, early TIGER grant application cycles had a priority emphasis on project readiness/federal obligation, but this round, projects have until September 30, 2017 to obligate. This means projects have to be ready to go with the federally required design, environmental, and right of way processes by June 2017.

The NOFA also states that TIGER project grant requests have to be at least \$10 million and no more than \$125 million (except in rural areas - \$1 million minimum). Additionally, projects submitted have to have a minimum 20 percent local match, and in the past it has been suggested by the USDOT to have a 35 – 60 percent local cost share to be competitive. The minimum total project cost must be \$12.5 million to meet match requirements. It is also to be noted that 'matching funds provided by an applicant will not be considered as matching funds if the source of those funds is ultimately a federal program.'

MAG requested member agencies to submit non-transit projects by April 16, 2015 to be discussed at the Regional Council on April 22, 2015. Projects submitted to MAG will be sent to Regional Council members prior to the meeting by April 20, 2015.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The support from MAG Regional Council for a TIGER application will demonstrate a unified regional action for the a project to move forward from the region. USDOT has reiterated the importance of regional support for TIGER applications.

CONS: Other capital projects that may be submitted are needed projects in the region.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: MAG will modify the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) if any agency receives TIGER funding for the project(s). The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2015, published April 3, 2015, can be found here:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/04/03/2015-07711/notice-of-funding-availability-for-the-department-of-transportations-national-infrastructure>.

POLICY: None.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information, discussion and possible action.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

This item was heard at the April 8, 2015 MAG Management Committee meeting.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Christopher Brady, Mesa, Chair
 Sonny Culbreth for Darryl Crossman,
 Litchfield Park
 # Matt Busby for George Hoffman, Apache
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 David Fitzhugh, Avondale
 Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye
 Gary Neiss, Carefree
 Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek
 Marsha Reed for Rich Dlugas, Chandler
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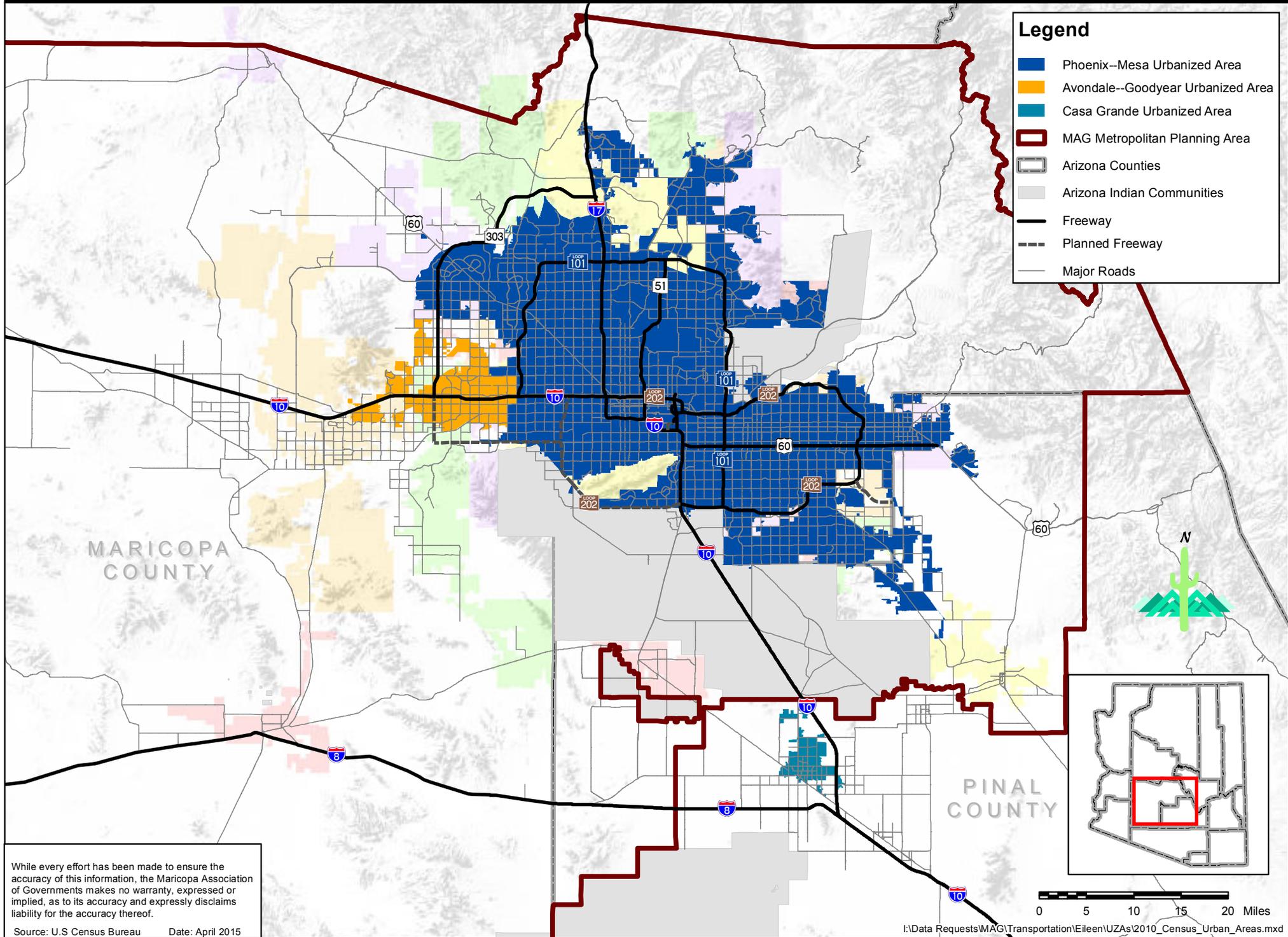
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Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

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2010 Census Urbanized Areas



Legend

- Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area
- Avondale--Goodyear Urbanized Area
- Casa Grande Urbanized Area
- MAG Metropolitan Planning Area
- Arizona Counties
- Arizona Indian Communities
- Freeway
- Planned Freeway
- Major Roads

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information, the Maricopa Association of Governments makes no warranty, expressed or implied, as to its accuracy and expressly disclaims liability for the accuracy thereof.

Source: U.S Census Bureau Date: April 2015

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

April 14, 2015

SUBJECT:

2015 MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

SUMMARY:

The Fiscal Year 2013 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2012, included a project to develop a comprehensive Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP, or Plan). The previous STSP was approved by MAG in 2005. A project to develop the new Plan is nearing completion. However, a funding gap related to resources required to implement the Plan has made it necessary to seek policy guidance before the Plan can be completed for MAG review and approval. Upon MAG approval, the new Plan would provide input to the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) from a transportation safety perspective. Some of the key tasks involved in the development of the STSP included:

- 1) Review the road system performance from a safety perspective
- 2) Establish the regional vision and goals for transportation safety
- 3) Identify key road safety Action Areas and appropriate performance measures
- 4) Recommend methodologies to identify and prioritize locations of high crash risk
- 5) Recommend strategies for:
 - (a) Incorporating safety considerations in the Regional Transportation Plan
 - (b) Incorporating safety enhancements in road infrastructure projects
 - (c) Improving safety via traffic operations and technology solutions
- 6) Recommend a process for monitoring and reporting on System Performance
- 7) Recommend an Implementation Plan for 2015-2025.

The Plan development was closely coordinated, to ensure consistency, with Arizona's 2014 Strategic Highway Safety Plan update that was developed by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Oversight and input to the development of the Plan was provided by a multi-disciplinary Transportation Safety Stakeholders Group that consisted of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee and representatives from key stakeholder agencies. The following agencies were represented in addition to MAG member agencies: the Federal Highway Administration, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Arizona AAA, and AARP, among others. Each of the tasks described above produced a technical memorandum that was made available for review and comment on the MAG website. Technical assistance for this effort was provided by Lee Engineering LLC and the Texas Transportation Institute.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input was received. Opportunities for public input was provided at MAG Transportation Safety Committee meetings where the Plan was discussed.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The Plan identifies key road safety issues in the region, appropriate strategies, resource needs and performance measures. It establishes a systematic data-driven approach for improving road safety for all road users in the MAG region.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: Recommended practices included in the Implementation Plan will require changes to applications for all projects programmed in the MAG TIP to include safety elements as an explicit project evaluation criteria for all TIP projects that have evaluation criteria as a means of prioritizing a list of projects. Exceptions to this practice are Transit Maintenance and Operations programs funded through the MAG TIP. This is a no-cost strategy to address safety for improving safer access for all modes in the MAG Planning Area. Implementation of this practice requires MAG staff and the Transportation Safety Committee to establish safety evaluation criteria in coordination with other MAG technical committees that provide oversight in programming projects in the TIP.

POLICY: The cost to implement the Plan over a ten-year timeframe is estimated to be \$78 million, or \$7.8 million annually. The total funds available for road safety improvements from all current funding sources is \$4.8 million per year. This reflects a funding gap of \$3 million per year. The \$4.8 million in available funds includes the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) suballocation to the MAG region in the amount of \$1.9 million. The state receives a total \$32.7 million in HSIP annually from the federal government. Use of HSIP funds require that safety improvement strategies must demonstrate the potential to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes and are directly linked to strategies included in the Arizona Strategic Highway Safety Plan (to which the MAG plan is aligned). Approximately sixty-nine (69) percent of the all crashes and about fifty (50) percent of all fatal crashes in Arizona occur in the MAG region. A regional strategy is needed to fund the Implementation Plan shortfall.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information, discussion and possible action to approve strategies that would address the funding shortfall to implement the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan, including a modification to the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) suballocation to the MAG region to be initiated through a formal request from MAG to ADOT for a fair distribution of HSIP funds based on criteria identified in MAP-21.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

This item was discussed at the April 15, 2015, Transportation Policy Committee meeting. An update will be provided on discussion and any action taken by the committee.

Updates were provided to the MAG Transportation Safety Committee at regular and special meetings throughout the 20-month development process. This stage in the development of the Plan requires input and guidance from MAG at the policy level. These would be incorporated in the Plan before initiating the formal MAG recommendation and approval process.

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April 15, 2015

SUMMARY

The **Strategic Transportation Safety Plan** (STSP or the Plan) is a comprehensive update of the first STSP approved by MAG in 2005. The new STSP establishes the regional vision, strategies, targets, and performance measures for making systematic improvements in transportation safety in the MAG Planning Area (MPA).

KEY ELEMENTS:

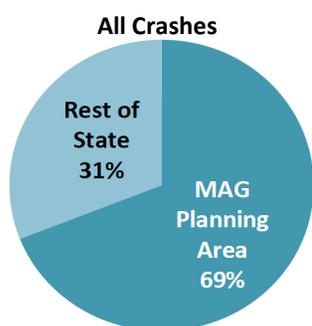
- Data-driven, multi-year comprehensive plan
- Establishes goals, objectives, and key action areas
- Multi-disciplinary approach of the four E's – Engineering, Education, Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Closely coordinated with Arizona's 2014 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

OVERSIGHT: Provided by the MAG Transportation Safety Stakeholders Group (TSSG), consisting of members of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee (TSC) and other key stakeholders.

DATA DRIVEN: A review of crash data, for the period of 2008-2012, was performed in an early task to identify crash types, patterns and trends to inform later planning tasks. There are significant differences in the crash occurrence in the MPA, which is mostly urbanized, and crashes statewide. This is reflected in the areas of focus, or Action Areas, identified in the Plan. Nearly 50 percent of all road deaths and nearly 69 percent of all crashes in

Arizona occur in the MPA.

Pedestrian deaths represent 21 percent of all road deaths. The MPA has a road fatality rate of 8.75 per 100,000 persons, second highest in comparison with fatality rates of nine other urban regions in the United States.



DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Consensus was reached by the TSSG on the following vision statement for all road users: **“Zero Deaths – Zero Injuries”**. Working towards this regional vision, the MAG TSSG established a regional target to reduce Fatalities and Serious Injuries in the region by 3 to 7 percent in the next five (5) years, from the base year of 2013. This is identical to the state's target in the Arizona SHSP and accommodates the uncertainty due to possible changes in population and vehicle miles traveled. The following six (6) Action Areas were identified for the Plan, based on a comprehensive review of the results from crash data analysis:

1. **Eliminate Death and Serious Injury from Impaired Driving**
2. **Eliminate Death and Serious Injury from Speeding and Aggressive Driving Behavior**
3. **Eliminate Death and Serious Injury Related to Intersections**
4. **Eliminate Death and Serious Injury for Vulnerable Road Users – Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and Persons with Disabilities**
5. **Eliminate Death and Serious Injury Involving Young Road Users**
6. **Improve Data Collection, Quality, Availability, Integration, and Analysis for Decision Making**

To address these Action Areas, a total of 39 strategies and eight (8) practices were identified and recommended as the Plan's overall approach to implementation. It is recognized that some strategies are already being addressed and a few others could be implemented with existing resources. The recommended strategies and practices provide the greatest opportunity for achieving the target of 3 to 7 percent reduction in deaths and serious injuries in five(5) years. The strategies and practices are described in Chapter 3 of the Draft Final Plan at: <http://www.azmag.gov/addons/MAG/download.asp?ID=21801>

VISION: “ZERO DEATHS - ZERO INJURIES”

April 15, 2015

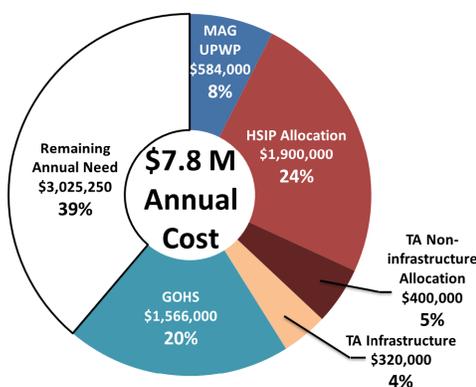
IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of this Plan would span ten-years from the MAG fiscal years 2016 through 2025. Implementing the strategies and practices in the Plan will, in some cases, require changes in investment priorities and/or organizational changes. None require legislative changes.

COST: Planning level unit costs were projected to generate a cost estimate of \$78 million for implementing this 10-year plan, at an annual average cost of \$7.8 million and would also include any local agency investments. Funds currently available is estimated at \$4.8 million, resulting in a funding gap of \$3 million annually.

The available resources include MAG Planning

funds, Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) annual allocation, Transportation Alternatives (TA) annual allocation, and Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) funding for education and enforcement strategies. The need to improve road safety is prominently identified in the MAP-21 legislation. The 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan identifies the goal of "System Preservation and Safety: Transportation infrastructure that is properly maintained and safe, preserving past investments for the future". Ensuring a safer transportation system in the future would require investments commensurate with the efforts necessary to address road safety in a comprehensive manner.



Since a regional strategy to address the funding gap of the Implementation Plan has policy implications, guidance will be sought from the Transportation Policy Committee and the Regional Council. The Draft Final Plan will be modified based on this guidance, followed by a recommendation of the modified Plan by the Transportation Safety Committee for formal approval by MAG.

Once the Plan is approved and implementation has commenced, MAG will produce an annual Transportation Safety Performance Report that includes: (1) Crash Statistics and Trends; (2) Performance in Comparison to the Safety Target; and (3) Summary of Road Safety Projects & Activities in each Action Area including their possible impact on road safety performance. The MAG Transportation Safety Committee will continue to provide oversight and guidance to transportation safety-related programs, projects and activities that address strategies identified in the Plan. Enhancements to these programs and projects may be made throughout the implementation phase, as required, to improve overall safety performance towards meeting the five-year target, as well as subsequent targets. This Plan will be updated on a 5-year cycle.

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MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

April 14, 2015

SUBJECT:

Discussion of the Development of the Fiscal Year 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

SUMMARY:

Each year staff develops the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Work Program is reviewed in the spring by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. The proposed budget information is being presented incrementally in parallel with the development of the budget (see Prior Committee Actions below for the presentation timeline of the budget). This presentation and review of the draft fiscal year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represent the budget document development to-date.

The MAG Management Committee reviewed the development of the Work Program and Annual Budget at its meetings on January 7, 2015, February 11, 2015, March 11, 2015, and April 8, 2015. The Regional Council reviewed the development of the Work Program and Annual Budget at its meetings on January 28, 2015, February 25, 2015 and March 25, 2015. The estimated dues and assessments, newly proposed projects and the first draft of the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget were presented at these meetings.

Each year new projects are proposed for inclusion in the MAG planning efforts. These new project proposals come from the MAG technical committees and policy committees and through discussions with members and stakeholders regarding joint efforts within the region. These projects are subject to review and input by the committees as they go through the budget process. The proposed new projects for FY 2016 were first presented to the MAG Management Committee, Executive Committee, and Regional Council at the February 2015 meetings. There are no changes to proposed new projects.

MAG is recommending that a proposed three percent increase be included for FY 2016 budgeted salaries and that any increases to individual MAG salaries be performance based. MAG does not have a merit step system. All MAG staff are at-will employees. MAG planning and modeling work is very complex and MAG is in competition with private consulting firms for the talent needed to perform this work. The annual performance evaluation is the only salary increase in place for MAG staff. Each MAG staff has an annual performance evaluation in June.

MAG is requesting the following staff positions for FY 2016:

- Assistant Director. In discussion with the Executive Committee it was indicated that due to the size and responsibility of the MAG organization, an Assistant Director position be added to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.
- Management Analyst I. This position is needed to assist with work in the Administration Division to provide support for the MAG Economic Development program, including international programs. The position would also assist Human Resources at MAG, which has grown over the past five years. Currently, one staff is supporting all of the Human Resource needs at MAG.

The Intermodal Planning Group meeting was held March 17, 2015. This meeting included a review and comments on the draft FY 2016 MAG budget by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and other related parties. Presentations were made by MAG, City of Phoenix, and METRO. These presentations were received very well by the

group and discussions among the group on the elements of the Work Program were positive. If any formal comments from this meeting are received, these will be brought to the committee.

In addition to the detailed MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, a summary budget document, "MAG Programs in Brief," is produced that allows our members to quickly decipher the financial implications of the MAG budget. The summary document includes the list of proposed new projects with summary narratives. The final "MAG Programs in Brief" will present any changes to staff positions and the budgeted resources needed to implement these items.

The information is considered draft and is subject to change as the budget continues through the review process.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: In January and February proposed new projects and dues and assessments were reviewed. In March, MAG presented a draft summary for the FY 2016 budget document, "MAG Programs in Brief." The draft project narrative as well as estimated funding allocations were also presented in March.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The draft MAG Dues and Assessments for FY 2016 have been prepared using the methodology that was approved by the MAG Regional Council.

POLICY: In accordance with the MAG Fund Balance Policy, should the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund ever drop below the minimum 15 percent range, MAG Regional Council can consider reducing expenditures to eliminate any structural deficit, or the MAG Regional Council can increase revenues or pursue other funding sources, or some combination of the two options. Should the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund ever exceed the maximum 25 percent range, the MAG Regional Council will consider such fund balance surpluses for use as a reduction to member dues and assessments and/or one-time expenditures that are nonrecurring in nature and which will not require additional future expense outlays for maintenance, additional staffing or other recurring expenditures.
None.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information and discussion.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

This item is on the April 20, 2015, Executive Committee agenda for information and discussion.

This item was on the April 8, 2015, MAG Management Committee agenda for information and discussion.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Christopher Brady, Mesa, Chair
Sonny Culbreth for Darryl Crossman,
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Matt Busby for George Hoffman, Apache
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Brian Dalke, Goodyear

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- Scottsdale
Bob Wingenroth, Surprise
Andrew Ching, Tempe
- # Chris Hagen for Reyes Medrano,
Tolleson
Joshua Wright, Wickenburg
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Sintra Hoffman for John Halikowski,
ADOT
Joy Rich for Tom Manos, Maricopa
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This item was on the March 25, 2015, Regional Council agenda for information and discussion.

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Mr. Jack Sellers, State Transportation Board |
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This item was on the March 16, 2015, Executive Committee agenda for information and discussion.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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This item was on the March 11, 2015, MAG Management Committee agenda for information and discussion.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Scott Butler for Christopher Brady, Mesa
- Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park,
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- Gloria Montes for David Fitzhugh, Avondale
- # Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye
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- * Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek
- Nachie Marquez for Rich Dlugas, Chandler
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- * Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai
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MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown, Chair
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This item was on the January 28, 2015, MAG Regional Council agenda for information and discussion.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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This item was on the January 12, 2015, MAG Regional Council Executive Committee agenda for information and discussion.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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This item was on the January 7, 2015, MAG Management Committee for information and discussion.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Christopher Brady, Mesa, Chair
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- # Matt Busby for George Hoffman, Apache Junction
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