September 22, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 30, 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
September 30, 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.	3. Information.
4.	Executive Director's Report The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. Information.
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 (*).	5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A.	Approval of the August 26, 2015, Meeting Minutes	5A. Review and approval of the August 26, 2015, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes $400,000 for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Assistance Program. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for the preliminary design portion of a bicycle or pedestrian project. Thirteen project applications were submitted by member agencies for the program. On July 21, 2015, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed and ranked applications, and voted to recommend approval of the seven top ranked projects for the Design Assistance Program. These seven top ranked projects for the Design Assistance Program were recommended for approval on August 27, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and on September 9, 2015, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Approval of funding the seven top ranked projects for the Design Assistance Program.

*5C. MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Guidelines

The FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2013, included $75,000 to develop an off-street bicycle network wayfinding guide and brand name. The Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines project, completed in May 2015, includes brand standards, wayfinding tools, wayfinding guidelines, and an implementation approach. The Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines final report was recommended for acceptance on May 26, 2015, by the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, on August 27, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee, and on September 9, 2015, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Acceptance of the MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines final report.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5D. MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program

Each year, the MAG Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five-year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and enables MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund. The MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program were recommended for approval on August 13, 2015, by the MAG PSAP Managers Group, on September 1, 2015, by the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team, and on September 9, 2015, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Approval of the MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. Request for Second Deferral of the City of Phoenix Multiuse Path Project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal

The City of Phoenix has requested to defer its Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 multiuse path construction project on the Grand Canal near Indian School Road and 16th Street. This project was previously deferred from FY 2014 to FY 2015 and is identified in the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as PHX14-101. The MAG Federal Programming Guidelines require approval through the MAG Committee process for a second deferral of a project. To receive a second deferral, the project sponsor, in presentations before MAG committees, must establish that the cause of the project deferral was beyond the control of the project sponsor and that the sponsor has identified the problem causing the delay, continues to provide financial and staff commitment to the project, and has a plan and

6. Approval of a second deferral by the City of Phoenix from FY 2015 to FY 2017, for the multiuse path project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal, TIP listing PHX14-101.

schedule for addressing the problem and completing the project. The second deferral by the City of Phoenix from FY 2015 to FY 2017 for the multiuse path project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal was recommended for approval on August 18, 2015, by the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, on August 27, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee, and on September 9, 2015, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Resolution of Structural Issues With Using Special Census Numbers to Distribute State Shared Revenues

In April 2015, issues involving the population numbers to distribute state shared revenues were discussed. Historically, since the 1970's state shared revenues have been distributed using decennial or special census population numbers. State estimates have not been used due to accuracy issues using state population numbers. Due to Arizona being one of the fastest growing states in the nation, since 1975 a regional special census has been conducted in 1975, 1985, 1995 and a census survey was conducted in 2005. Following the 2005 census survey, the Bureau of the Census notified MAG that a survey could no longer be conducted. The Bureau also provided cost estimates for conducting a door to door census, ranging in cost from $65 million to $70 million. The Bureau also noted that approximately 35,000 enumerators would need to be hired to conduct a door to door census. Due to the cost and the inability to hire the enumerators to conduct a special census in 2015, it was determined that a regional special census would not be possible. Although a regional special census was not contemplated, Arizona state statutes provide that individual cities could work with the Bureau and conduct their own special census. To provide a better way to distribute state shared revenues, cities are exploring legislation using either state estimates that are subject to improvement, or federal estimates to allocate the funding. This would provide all of the cities in Arizona a yearly number and avoid the

7. Approval of establishing a special projects fund at MAG to reimburse the seven cities in the MAG region that contracted to conduct a special census in 2015 for 50 percent of their special census costs, estimated at $8,139,341, spread over approximately a five-year period.

sharp adjustments needed every five years. To find an equitable solution for the seven cities that are proceeding this year with a special census, it is being proposed that these cities in the MAG region receive 50 percent of their costs incurred and that a special fund be created at MAG for reimbursement purposes. The seven special census cities would use these funds over approximately a five-year period. On September 9, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of establishing a special projects fund at MAG to reimburse the seven cities in the MAG region that contracted to conduct a special census in 2015 for 50 percent of their special census costs, estimated at $8,139,341, spread over approximately a five-year period. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Update on the ADOT Passenger Rail Study: Tucson to Phoenix

Staff from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will present the next step of the Passenger Rail Corridor Study: Tucson to Phoenix. ADOT plans to publish the Tier 1 draft environmental impact statement for review. This update will provide an overview of the technical and environmental analysis, as well as agency and public feedback on the proposed rail corridor. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Information and discussion.

9. Regional Response to Domestic Violence

Domestic violence calls are among the most frequent, dangerous, and costly calls law enforcement responds to throughout the region. The MAG Protocol Evaluation Project has coordinated a regional response to domestic violence through the criminal justice system since 2010. This saves lives, time, and resources. New partnerships with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and Maricopa County Sheriff's Office propose to enhance the process to transfer domestic violence cases among Maricopa County and municipalities. Each year, cases are transferred between the County and municipalities when determining if the case will be

9. Approval of the 2015 resolution supporting October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

tried as a felony by the County or by municipalities as a misdemeanor. With funding from the Governor's Office for Youth, Faith, and Families through a Services, Training, Officers and Prosecution (STOP) grant, this project will assess the process currently used to transfer domestic violence cases, identify challenges and gaps, and develop strategies to improve the process. All cities, towns, and Native American Communities are invited to partner on the project and to support events and a resolution supporting October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative items of interest.

10. Information, discussion and possible action.

11. House Bill 2617 Update

An update will be provided on House Bill (HB) 2617 and the possible ramifications to the diversion of Proposition 400 sales tax funds for transportation to the Arizona Department of Revenue. Provisions in HB 2617 would direct per year, $2,582,396.84 from MAG and approximately $498,892 from the Pima Association of Governments. The Regional Council may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session for discussion with MAG's attorneys for legal advice regarding HB 2617, and to consider MAG's position and instruct its attorneys regarding possible action. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2) (3) and (4). The Regional Council Executive Committee will discuss HB 2617 at a special committee meeting on September 25, 2015.

11. Information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session for discussion with MAG's attorneys for legal advice regarding HB 2617.

12. Possible Action on the Legislative Update

The Regional Council may reconvene the regular meeting to consider taking action regarding HB 2617.

12. Information, discussion and possible action regarding HB 2617.

13. 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. Information.

14. 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

14. Information.

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 2015
MAG Office
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

* 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 W.J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale, at 11:33 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Gail Barney, Mayor Rebecca Jimenez, Mayor Mark Mitchell, Mayor Christian Price, Mayor Tom Schoaf, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, and Mayor Kenneth Weise joined the meeting by teleconference.

Chair Lane noted that hearing assisted devices were available from MAG staff. He 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 were available for those who purchased a transit ticket to attend the meeting.

Chair Lane noted that at each member's place and on the tables on each side of the room were copies of the addendum to the agenda, item #13, which had been transmitted previously. Additionally, updated material for agenda item #10 was at each place.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Lane 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 Lane recognized public comment from Ms. Dianne Barker, of Phoenix District 7, who remarked that her mayor was not at the meeting. Ms. Barker stated that she attended the victory party the night before and she recounted a conversation she had with another party attendee about using transit to attend the event. She noted that there were many cars parked at the party location. Ms. Barker expressed her disappointment that only 13 percent of registered Phoenix voters cast their ballot on August 25, although having an election during hot weather can negatively impact turnout. She stated that she would keep the oath she takes as transit commissioner to ensure that this region has the best transportation possible. Ms. Barker urged Regional Council members to encourage voter participation. Chair Lane thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Lane recognized public comment from Mr. John Rusinek, who spoke of his dust problem. Mr. Rusinek first spoke of Arizona statutes for air quality that include enforcement and stabilization of driving and parking surfaces for areas of 3,000 square feet and more. He noted that the house lot next door to him is 6,000 square feet and four to five vehicles, which can be seen from the street, are usually parked there. Mr. Rusinek asked who will enforce the dust ordinances. He reported that Maricopa County has informed him that it cannot enforce ordinances and cannot go on the property, even with his permission. Chair Lane thanked Mr. Rusinek.

Chair Lane recognized public comment from Mr. Marvin Rochelle, who said he has been in the Valley since 1944. He expressed his appreciation that Phoenix voters passed Proposition 104, and he hoped the rest of the Valley jurisdictions would do the same in order to have a better transportation system for the visually impaired and those with disabilities. Mr. Rochelle noted that the region almost had a paratransit system in 2008, but then the economic downturn occurred and it was dropped. He stated that

there will soon be regional meetings on a paratransit system. Mr. Rochelle expressed his agreement with Ms. Barker's statement regarding the weather at election time impacting voter turnout. Chair Lane thanked Mr. Rochelle.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest to the MAG region. Mr. Smith extended MAG's appreciation to ADOT, and specifically to Mr. Reza Karimvand and his team, for their efforts that resulted in an increase in the number of hours and days when electronic message boards will transmit messages to drivers on Valley freeways. He stated that ADOT now has 82 overhead message boards, which will display messages seven days per week to drivers on such things as commute times and crashes. Mr. Smith added that technology is a key element for our transportation system.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG will be conducting the MAG Household Travel Survey of 7,000 households regarding their travel. He noted that the survey will be conducted in Maricopa, Pinal, and portions of Yavapai and Gila counties. Residents who choose to participate will be asked to provide details of the travel patterns of those living in the household.

Mr. Smith acknowledged the efforts of MAG staff member Alana Chavez-Langdon for her work on the many Mexico initiatives being planned by MAG. Events have included a trade mission to Hermosillo and Guaymas, Mexico, on June 3-5, 2015, attended by elected officials, economic development staff, and business representatives; a Senate Economic Stimulus Forum discussing the Port of Guaymas; and a visit by the Mexicali, Baja, Industrial Development Authority. Mr. Smith noted that Mexicali is home to medical and aerospace industries and they expressed an interest in working with MAG. He added that he did not believe Mexicali has a sister city in the Valley.

Mr. Smith stated that a press conference and signing ceremony celebrated the partnership between the Building an International Economic Network partners and CANACINTRA on August 20, 2015, at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns conference. Mr. Smith noted that CANACINTRA is the chamber of commerce in Mexico and consists of approximately 50,000 members. Also at the League conference, Arizona officials met with CANACINTRA officials to discuss streamlining the border checkpoint to move trade. Mr. Smith noted that ADOT is planning a meeting on this in the fall.

Mr. Smith stated that the new extension of light rail in downtown Mesa opened on August 22, 2015. He reported that Mayor John Giles stated in his address to those attending the event that light rail was transformative for Mesa. Mr. Smith recalled that prior to the Proposition 400 election, Representative Gary Pierce, on a visit to Plano, Texas, asked the city manager what he thought of light rail. The city manager informed Representative Pierce that they had many redevelopment plans for their downtown, but none worked until light rail was constructed.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG, in partnership with Read on Arizona and the Virginia Piper Foundation, produced an educational viewer of preschool through grade three. He explained that the viewer displays education test scores and demographics for public and charter grade schools throughout Arizona. He stated that the viewer website was unveiled August 25, 2015. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Ralph Smith, Sr. Vice President of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Managing Director for the Campaign for

Grade-Level Reading, stated that the word transformative is used frequently, but transformative really applies to the education map viewer. Mr. Smith acknowledged the contributions of MAG staff member Verne Wolfley in developing the viewer. He noted that the information included on the viewer is very useful in writing grants.

Mr. Smith stated that the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2014 has been presented to the MAG Fiscal Services Division by the Government Finance Officers Association. He noted that MAG is one of very few Councils of Governments to do a CAFR, and it is not required by the federal government. Mr. Smith commended Ms. Becky Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, and her staff.

Mr. Smith noted that September 9, 2015, marks the 30th anniversary of the 9-1-1 system in the MAG region. He said that an event to celebrate this milestone is being planned and invitations will be sent out when the details have been finalized.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Chair Lane recognized public comment from Ms. Dianne Barker, who stated that she attends and speaks at public meetings because she fears the loss of freedom of speech. Ms. Barker stated that she could not speak to the Meeting Minutes because she was not present at the June meeting. She submitted for the record her letter to staff at Maricopa County regarding conformity. Ms. Barker expressed her concerns that no one is going to regulate the law in regard to Mr. John Rusinek's dust complaints. She also expressed concerns that the public does not participate. She recounted how she cleans bus stops while waiting for the bus, and elected officials should encourage their constituents to participate. Chair Lane thanked Ms. Barker.

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

Mayor Michael LeVault moved to approve Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, and #5G. Councilmember Dick Esser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the June 24, 2015, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the June 24, 2015, meeting minutes.

5B. 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 January 1, 2015, to June 30, 2015. Seven of the 87 notices received have an impact to the state highway system.

5C. MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, accepted the MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report. The MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines & Procedures were first approved by the MAG Regional Council on October 26, 2011, and were updated by the Regional Council on June 24, 2015. They outline the requirements for local agencies to submit information on the development and status of their federally funded projects. The Project Development Status Report focuses on projects funded with suballocated Federal Highway Administration funds (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement, Highway Safety Improvement Program, regionwide Transportation Alternatives, and Pinal County Surface Transportation Program). These projects are programmed to obligate in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 and 2017. The Status Report was recommended for acceptance by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on July 23, 2015, and by the MAG Management Committee on August 5, 2015.

5D. Programming of Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School Projects in FY 2016-2017

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the list of six projects, in the amounts shown in the handout provided, with a total budget of $305,650 in FY 2016 and a budget of $50,000 in FY 2017. Through prior MAG action, a total of $400,000 in Transportation Alternatives funds is set aside each fiscal year for Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure projects. A call for qualifying projects was issued in March 2015 to program $400,000 in FY 2016, and $463,707 in FY 2017 (includes $63,707 moved to FY 2017 from an earlier year). Six project applications requesting a total of $305,650 in FY 2016 and one project application for $50,000 in FY 2017 were received. On July 21, 2015, the Transportation Safety Committee conducted a technical review and evaluation of the project applications and recommended approval of a list of projects. The list of projects was recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on July 23, 2015, and by the MAG Management Committee on August 5, 2015. Available Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School funds exceed the amounts needed to program the recommended projects for FY 2016 and FY 2017. Remaining Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School funds will be programmed as part of the MAG Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects announced in August 2015.

5E. Programming of Road Safety Projects in FY 2016-2018

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved a list of safety projects to be funded with the available Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds suballocated to MAG in FY 2016-2018. The state of Arizona receives nearly $42 million in federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds each fiscal year for road safety improvements. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has been suballocating $1.9 million in HSIP funds to the MAG planning area for qualifying projects. In May 2015, ADOT announced a new process for programming HSIP funds that stipulates FY 2018 as the last year of HSIP suballocation to MAG (and all other Arizona Councils of Governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations). The new HSIP process also requires that MAG forward the list of recommended projects and project applications to ADOT by July 31, 2015, for ADOT to begin

reviewing them to determine eligibility for HSIP. Through prior action, MAG had programmed all suballocated HSIP funds through FY 2017 for safety projects. However, due to project eligibility and schedule changes, some HSIP funds are now available in FY 2016 and 2017. In consultation with ADOT, MAG issued a call for projects to program HSIP in the following amounts: $323,000 in FY 2016, $257,054 in FY 2017, and $1.9 million in FY 2018. In response, five project applications were received from three member agencies for implementing two systemic improvements and three spot improvements. On July 21, 2015, the Transportation Safety Committee conducted a technical review and evaluation of the project applications and recommended a list of safety projects to be funded with the available Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds suballocated to MAG in FY 2016-2018. The list of projects was recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on July 23, 2015, and by the MAG Management Committee on August 5, 2015.

5F. 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 are requesting that street sweeper projects for FY 2015 CMAQ funding be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG within one year from the date of the MAG authorization letter.

5G. 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 Arizona Department of Transportation and other miscellaneous 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. Streamlining of the 208 Water Quality Management Plan Process

Ms. Julie Hoffman, MAG staff, provided a report on the streamlining of the 208 Water Quality Management Plan Process. She noted that in September and December 2014, she reported to the Regional Council on efforts by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to streamline the 208 Water Quality Management Plan Process. She noted that ADEQ had been working with the State Water Quality Management Working Group, which includes representatives from the councils of governments across the state, who had expressed concern with the ADEQ streamlining approach that would result in the issuance of permits for wastewater treatment facilities without first going through the 208 Process and receiving Regional Council approval.

Ms. Hoffman stated that during her reports in September 2014, the members of the Management Committee and Regional Council also expressed concern with the ADEQ streamlining approach. She indicated that on October 1, 2014, MAG staff met with the ADEQ director and discussed the concerns of the MAG member agencies. The ADEQ director indicated that ADEQ is committed to reducing its permitting time and being more responsive to its customers, the regulated community.

Ms. Hoffman stated that there was a lot of common ground discussed at the meeting. MAG shares the importance of economic development for the region with ADEQ and agreed to work with ADEQ on streamlining options that would not jeopardize the integrity of the 208 Process. Ms. Hoffman stated that the goal of this streamlining effort was to make the 208 Process more efficient and the region more globally competitive.

Ms. Hoffman stated that MAG was designated by the Governor as the Regional Water Quality Management Planning Agency for Maricopa County in accordance with Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. It is in this capacity that MAG prepares the 208 Water Quality Management Plan. Ms. Hoffman noted that the MAG 208 Plan only applies to Maricopa County.

Ms. Hoffman stated that there are two major elements of the MAG 208 Plan: the Point Source element and the Nonpoint Source element. She explained that the Point Source element describes the preferred wastewater treatment system to serve the wastewater treatment needs of the region over a twenty-year planning period. The Nonpoint Source element primarily describes the regional surface and groundwater quality, and the federal and state program activities designed to control nonpoint source pollution.

Ms. Hoffman stated that there are a number of permits and approvals linked to the MAG 208 Plan and it is the key guiding document used by ADEQ and Maricopa County in granting permits for wastewater treatment plants in the MAG region. Ms. Hoffman stated that consistency is required for Aquifer Protection Permits and Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits issued by ADEQ and for the Approval to Construct issued by the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department.

Ms. Hoffman stated that a small Stakeholder Group was formed for evaluation of the 208 Process. The MAG member agencies on the Stakeholder Group included representatives from the West Valley, East Valley, the central city and Maricopa County. The Stakeholder Group also included representatives from private utilities, the homebuilders, and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Representatives included Roger Klingler from the City of Buckeye, Javier Setovich from the City of Glendale, Brandy Kelso from the City of Phoenix, John Kross from the Town of Queen Creek, Dale Bodiya from Maricopa County, Troy Day from EPCOR, Bhaskar Kolluri from Liberty Utilities, Spencer Kamps from the Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona, Ray Jones, a consultant used by the homebuilders on water issues whom the homebuilders requested be included in the group, and Trevor Baggiore, Linda Taunt, Debra Daniel, Edwina Vogan from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

Ms. Hoffman stated that five stakeholder meetings were conducted where the group evaluated the entire 208 Process, streamlining from the point in which the applicant contacts the jurisdiction in which the facility would be located, until approval by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ms. Hoffman stated that a proposal has been developed that identifies the streamlining efforts of the Stakeholder Group. And these streamlining efforts identified in the proposal have shortened the 208 Process from approximately 18 to 24 months to approximately nine months – a 50 to 63 percent reduction in the overall timeline for a 208 amendment.

Ms. Hoffman stated that as part of the streamlining process, improvements have been made to the local process (before an amendment is submitted to MAG), to the MAG process (at the regional level), and to the ADEQ process (from the point in which the approved amendment is submitted to ADEQ from MAG). She noted that these improvements are identified in the proposal.

Ms. Hoffman stated that MAG developed two business-friendly fact sheets that describe when an amendment is required or not required and a step-by-step description of the 208 Process. She noted that MAG also developed two streamlined 208 amendment checklists that only require information that would be pertinent to each specific type of amendment. Ms. Hoffman added that other areas of the country were contacted and a white paper was prepared describing their 208 processes.

Ms. Hoffman stated that the Stakeholder Group also thoroughly reviewed the 208 planning approach used in SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) and Yuma County. ADEQ staff provided two presentations to the Stakeholder Group on the 208 planning approach used in these rural areas.

Ms. Hoffman stated that the proposal identified improvements to the 208 Process that do not jeopardize the integrity of the 208 Process. Improvements to the MAG member agency portion of the 208 Process provide clarity, assistance to the business community, and a shortened timeframe.

Ms. Hoffman stated that the applicant would contact the jurisdiction in which the facility would be located to discuss the need for the amendment and the pre-application packet that would be developed by MAG and made available on the MAG website. If an amendment is required, the applicant would complete the appropriate checklist, draft the amendment document, and submit it to the sponsoring jurisdiction.

Ms. Hoffman stated that a 60-day deadline has been set for the sponsoring jurisdiction to determine an application complete. Once determined complete, a deadline of 60 days is set for the sponsoring jurisdiction to review the amendment and submit it to MAG. Also, during the 60-day review period, the sponsoring jurisdiction would conduct a workshop with jurisdictions within three miles of the amendment to inform them on the amendment and request letters of no objection, support, or comment. Ms. Hoffman stated that the sponsoring jurisdiction would also provide updates to MAG staff on these timelines so that MAG knows when the amendment would be coming to MAG. In addition, the applicant would identify and contact any private utilities within three miles of the amendment.

Ms. Hoffman stated that improvements to the MAG portion of the 208 Process include changes that provide clarity, transparency, and a shortened timeframe due to the pre-application packet. The pre-application packet would include fact sheets on when an amendment is required and not required, and a step-by-step description of the 208 Process, streamlined 208 amendment checklists, and links to

previously approved amendments to use as an example. The pre-application packet would be made available on the MAG website.

Ms. Hoffman stated that an amendment would no longer be required for service area expansions. Instead, the impacted jurisdictions would provide letters to MAG indicating that there is agreement on the service area expansion. Ms. Hoffman stated that a representative from the Water Utilities Association of Arizona would be included on the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee. MAG would also develop a table for the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee on the reviews and approvals conducted by other agencies for wastewater treatment facility permits for information.

Ms. Hoffman stated that improvements on the ADEQ portion of the 208 Process provide for parallel processing, concurrent reviews, and a shortened timeframe. A major change is ADEQ indicating that they could issue conditional Aquifer Protection Permits and/or Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits, which would allow for parallel processing and concurrent reviews with the 208 Process. Ms. Hoffman noted that this is significant since previously, ADEQ would not proceed with reviewing an Aquifer Protection Permit or Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit application until the 208 amendment was approved. Ms. Hoffman stated that ADEQ would now be able to conduct its review at the same time the 208 amendment is going through the process. In addition, the State Water Quality Management Working Group could meet as needed and use conference calls to save time.

Ms. Hoffman stated that ADEQ has indicated that it will make its certification decision within 15 days. If there is no Clean Water Act nexus, the process would be complete. If there is a Clean Water Act nexus, which would be the amendments in this region, such as a new plant or discharge, ADEQ would submit the amendment to the Environmental Protection Agency for approval. If no comments are received from the Environmental Protection Agency within 30 days, ADEQ considers the amendment approved.

Ms. Hoffman stated that in general, these improvements to the MAG 208 Process identified in the proposal were the consensus of the Stakeholder Group. She noted the homebuilders representative on the Stakeholder Group indicated that they got more out of the streamlining process that they thought they would, however, it did not go far enough. They preferred that any entity be able to bring an amendment to MAG. Ms. Hoffman stated that the MAG member agencies on the Stakeholder Group felt sponsorship of a 208 amendment was important and so there was not agreement on that. Ms. Hoffman stated that the Stakeholder Group has requested that corresponding changes be made to the MAG Small Plant Review and Approval Process. This process is used for wastewater treatment facilities 2.0 million gallons per day or less with no discharge.

Ms. Hoffman stated that the Stakeholder Group also requested that an annual evaluation be conducted of the streamlined 208 Process to determine if there is a need for any additional improvements. Ms. Hoffman expressed appreciation to the Stakeholder Group for their participation and for sharing their ideas to make the 208 process more efficient and business friendly.

Chair Lane recognized public comment from Mr. Spencer Kamps from the Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona, who said that Ms. Hoffman had done a great job outlining the stakeholder process. He commended Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Lindy Bauer for their time, research and efforts they put into the

streamlined proposal. Mr. Kamps remarked that a 208 is a barrier to economic development – without a 208 amendment, wastewater treatment, expansion, and construction cannot move forward. He remarked that improvements have been made under the streamlined proposal, checklists, fact sheets, shorter timeframe, and not needing a 208 amendment for a service area expansion. However, Mr. Kamps stated that his association feels the streamlining efforts do not go far enough. He noted their two concerns. 1) Private entities cannot submit an application on their own; an application must be submitted by a local government sponsor. Mr. Kamps stated that this is illogical; he did not know of any other regulatory process in Arizona where the applicant cannot apply for approval and did not know of another regional agency that prepares 208 plans under the Clean Water Act in Arizona that requires local sponsorship. Mr. Kamps stated that Yuma and SEAGO do not require it. He said they would like private parties to have the opportunity to submit an application for a 208 amendment because local sponsorship is not a necessary step nor required by the Clean Water Act. 2) They think the 60-day local process is also an unnecessary step and not required under the Clean Water Act. Mr. Kamps stated that they have not proposed eliminating the review of the application by the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee, the MAG Management Committee, and the MAG Regional Council. He asked if MAG has three public meetings on each 208 amendment, why is the local process needed? Why cannot a private entity submit an application to MAG and allow the three committees to address local concerns? Chair Lane thanked Mr. Kamps for his comments.

Chair Lane recognized public comment from Mr. Ray Jones, Executive Director of the Water Utilities Association of Arizona. He stated that it is the largest association of investor-owned water and wastewater utilities in the state of Arizona. Mr. Jones clarified that the statement was made that he functioned as a consultant to the Homebuilders Association, but this is incorrect and the Water Utilities Association is in no way affiliated with the Homebuilders Association. Mr. Jones expressed his appreciation to MAG staff for their efforts on the streamlining process. He recognized that the streamlining process was a thoughtful and productive process and includes significant improvements and addresses many concerns. Mr. Jones stated that his organization supports the streamlining proposal, but is concerned that it does not go far enough. He said that the streamlining proposal still goes beyond what is required by the Clean Water Act and infringes upon the authority granted to the Arizona Corporation Commission in regard to where private utilities can provide service in Arizona. Mr. Jones stated that the Water Utilities Association of Arizona supports further reform of the process and encourages MAG to more fully consider the reforms put forth by ADEQ in the stakeholder process and move toward a process more consistent with the ADEQ recommendations. Chair Lane thanked Mr. Jones.

Chair Lane asked if members had questions.

Mayor John Lewis stated that he heard Mr. Kamps and Mr. Jones express support for the MAG streamlining, but also felt that the streamlining had not gone far enough. Mayor Lewis asked what they anticipated to be their next step. Mr. Kamps stated that the improvements before the Regional Council are significant but they do want more. He commented that the required 60-day local process is open-ended and too broad because an application can be stopped if insufficient information is submitted. Also, private parties cannot submit an application without a local government sponsor. Mr. Kamps indicated he did not know the next step. He indicated he did not know of any pending 208 amendments that

would be submitted under the new process. Mr. Kamps stated that time is money and the jurisdictions in this region are in competition with Florida, Texas, and Colorado. He said that his corporate builders will invest where they can get the quickest return and what we do not want to happen is to lose out to those states. Mr. Kamps stated that they cannot build in this community without sewer service and any burden on sewer expansion is an economic burden to them. He said they want to ensure the MAG process meets the criteria and requirements under the Clean Water Act in the shortest time possible. Mr. Kamps stated that they feel these two unresolved issues create unnecessary delay.

Chair Lane asked Mr. Kamps if the reduction of 18 to 24 months to potentially nine months was realistic. Mr. Kamps replied it was difficult to know. He indicated he thought it was realistic and could be done, but with any regulatory process, there is normally a period of adjustment. Mr. Kamps stated that there are periods in the local process where the applicant can be denied and there is not criteria for which the clock could be stopped. He said it leaves the process quite open-ended, which is one of their concerns. Mr. Kamps stated that the change to nine months is a massive improvement, but ensuring nine months is important.

Chair Lane asked if the relevant information to be requested would be too subjective or would it have the effect of reducing the workload, and therefore, the time. Mr. Kamps replied that the checklists and the fact sheets go a long way to informing a private party what is needed for a 208 amendment. He noted that there were other unrelated issues discussed at the stakeholder meetings, such as birds flying around Luke Air Force Base. Mr. Kamps stated that this is a concern, but is not a requirement for review under the Clean Water Act for an application. That is why they have said that those discussions could happen at the MAG committees.

Mr. Ray Jones responded to the question of next steps. He stated that his association's member companies have a history of working closely with MAG member agencies and they are committed to continuing the cooperative process with the member agencies and MAG. Mr. Jones indicated they are appreciative of the streamlining that has occurred. He said that the fundamental concern with the streamlining process is that his member companies were not granted the ability to submit 208 amendments under their own initiative. Mr. Jones stated that this is something that is allowed in other designated planning areas of the state. He said they feel the potential blockade to file an amendment is an expansion of MAG's authority into that granted to the Arizona Corporation Commission, for example, areas where private utilities are allowed to serve. Mr. Jones stated that many of the member agencies have planning areas that go beyond city limits. His organization believes that in the unincorporated parts of the County, the Arizona Corporation Commission decides who provides sewer service. Mr. Jones stated that the current 208 amendment process could prevent an application from being filed to serve an area outside a MAG member agency and this is their primary concern. He said they have no immediate plans to take any action. Mr. Jones stated that their goal is to work with the MAG member agencies with the streamlined process, with the caveat that they encourage additional reform, and if another reform effort is launched, they would look at it and see if it is something they could support.

Mr. Dennis Smith expressed his appreciation to the private sector representatives who participated in the streamlining process. He said it was a model of cooperation. Mr. Smith stated that a goal for this

region is to be globally competitive and they would like to assist the private sector. Mr. Smith discussed the importance of wastewater treatment and local sponsorship to development in a city. He noted that when the complaints occur, they go up the city to the elected officials. Mr. Smith stated that in Arizona, Maricopa County is where the 208 amendments are occurring, and the other places mentioned have no plants being built. He called forward Ms. Lindy Bauer, MAG staff.

Ms. Bauer stated that the stakeholders carefully reviewed the issue of sponsorship. They looked at ADEQ options, and SEAGO and Yuma plans, which are relatively new and have not been used as there are no new wastewater treatment plants being built there. Ms. Bauer stated that there is a table in the plan that notes options for wastewater treatment plants. If your option is included in the table, you can proceed without an amendment to the 208 Plan. She noted that this was the streamlining option put forward by ADEQ in September 2014. Ms. Bauer stated that the citizens reside in the cities, towns, and Maricopa County and look to their elected bodies to address issues such as wastewater treatment. Ms. Bauer stated that wastewater treatment plants are built in local jurisdictions to provide wastewater service to the residents and are important aspects of developments, which are considered at the local level. She said that towns, cities and the county closely look at their wastewater master plans, general plans and water plans, which are woven together. Ms. Bauer stated that towns, cities and the county are trying to get all of these to work together and that is why sponsorship was so important to the MAG member agencies on the Stakeholder Group.

Mr. Smith stated that he thought the evaluation mechanism is very important and adjustments could be made after the year evaluation if needed. He said that we are doing this, not only to be accountable to the citizens, but also to be competitive.

Chair Lane expressed he would agree in the sense that when the conversation with ADEQ was first initiated and their objectives for changing the process were discussed, local sponsorship was a major component. He stated that he joins in all of the compliments that have been expressed to those who participated in the streamlining process. Chair Lane stated that this has been a step forward to address those issues that were presented on ADEQ's effort to streamline the process and shorten the timeframe. He said that he thought the stakeholder process was a valid and honest effort. Chair Lane asked if the objections voiced by Mr. Kamps and Mr. Jones were consistent with the points of disagreement with ADEQ.

Ms. Hoffman replied that ADEQ was concerned that the process was too lengthy and they wanted MAG to use the 208 approach used in the SEAGO and Yuma regions. She added that ADEQ was hoping to have a process that was statewide utilizing an options table, which could eliminate the need for 208 amendments. Ms. Hoffman stated that ADEQ also commented on the reviews of 208 amendments by three MAG committees (Water Quality Advisory Committee, Management Committee, and Regional Council) and thought that reviews on 208 amendments by the Water Quality Advisory Committee and Regional Council (eliminating the Management Committee) would suffice. Ms. Hoffman remarked that there was not agreement on this at the Stakeholder Group.

Chair Lane stated that it appeared there was give and take on some of those elements. Ms. Hoffman replied that was correct. In terms of the timeline, while the sponsorship element stayed intact, deadlines were proposed at the front end so there is more certainty for the private sector.

Chair Lane stated that everyone is aligned for looking out for advancement of economic development and this is a component. He noted there will always be give and take. Chair Lane noted the importance of an evaluation period and added that it was positive that the time to process a 208 amendment had been reduced more than 50 percent. Chair Lane expressed he thought this was a beneficial effort and during the evaluation period another look could be taken on the points of disagreement. He asked who developed the local sponsorship component of 208 amendments since it is not included in the Clean Water Act nor state statute.

Mr. Dennis Smith stated that approximately one to two years before he joined MAG, a subcommittee of the MAG Management Committee developed the local sponsorship component. He added that the city managers understood the importance of wastewater to their development process.

Ms. Bauer replied that was correct and it was a part of the first MAG 208 Plan developed in 1979. Chair Lane asked for clarification that it is more of a MAG policy issue than federal law or state statute. Ms. Bauer replied that was correct, however, under the Clean Water Act, there is a reason MAG was designated because they were looking for agencies composed of local elected officials to develop wastewater treatment plans and the 208 Plan. In addition, under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act, part of the Plan is required to address social, environmental, and economic impacts. Chair Lane noted that the local sponsorship element is something MAG invoked as part of its mission.

Mayor Gail Barney stated that Mr. John Kross, Queen Creek's Town Manager, participated on the Stakeholder Group. He noted that in the streamlining process, it was very important for the cities to be included in the process. Mayor Barney stated that the Group spent considerable time on their discussions and he felt they had made substantial improvement.

Mayor Barney moved approval of the Proposal for Streamlining the 208 Water Quality Management Plan Process. He added that MAG could see how it functions during the evaluation period and could make changes if needed.

Upon seconding the motion, Mayor Cathy Carlat expressed her appreciation and said MAG was absolutely successful in streamlining the process, saving more than half of the time. She added that the Stakeholders Group did a great job to do what ADEQ requested. With the sponsorship issue, she felt it was important that the Group took into consideration the fact that cities, towns and county answer to their constituents. Mayor Carlat noted that city councils need to say to their constituents that there are systems in place and everyone looks to voter approved general plans. She remarked that it was significant and positive that the Stakeholder Group was able to accomplish all they did. Mayor Carlat stated that she was very appreciative of the work of the Stakeholders Group, who were able to strip out the excess and keep the essential elements.

Mayor Linda Kavanagh asked for clarification of the motion. She questioned whether the motion needed to be more specific in regard to how the evaluation is going to work, such as who will do the evaluation, the timeline, etc., because it seemed vague.

Mayor Barney indicated that he would withdraw that language about the one-year review. He added that he meant it as a comment after the motion.

Mayor Kavanagh indicated that she liked that part of the motion; she thought that some guidelines were needed, such as how long this would be enacted – would it be one year before it is evaluated or a continuous evaluation.

Chair Lane noted that he did not know about a sunset, but the process includes a one-year review by MAG and probably all the attending agencies. He indicated that he thought this was a good example of agencies collaborating to incorporate an agreeable path. Chair Lane stated that there is a timeline for review, but it is incumbent upon us to incorporate the improvements being suggested.

Chair Lane asked Mayor Kavanagh if she would like the one-year evaluation agendized.

Mayor Kavanagh stated that she wanted to ensure that the comments made will be taken in consideration during the review period. She added that she had no issue with the evaluation after one year because it takes a year to see how a process works.

Mayor Georgia Lord expressed her appreciation for the work by the Stakeholders Group and staff. She noted that the West Valley has the most land to develop. Mayor Lord stated that a city's general plans and master plans are voted on by city councils and by the people. If something is found that needs to be changed, it is the city's responsibility to change it, but she did not agree with changing what has been voted on by the people. Mayor Lord stated that the 208 amendment process should remain as the Stakeholder Group recommended. She noted that when issues arise, they are brought to MAG where they are discussed. Mayor Lord remarked that her voters have not been asked if they want a timeline of one year on their general plans or master plans. She stated that the only way she envisioned a change is if the cities changed the way they do general plans and master plans. Mayor Lord indicated that she wanted to vote on the item as it is.

Mayor John Cook remarked that anything that affects economic development will come back to MAG, anyway. He suggested trying it and seeing where it goes, and if it results in any problems, it will come back before the Regional Council.

Mayor Christian Price stated that the City of Maricopa would abstain from the vote because their city is in Pinal County and participates in the Central Arizona Governments 208 water quality management planning process.

Mayor Sharon Wolcott asked if there was a 208 amendment currently in process that could serve as a test. Ms. Hoffman replied that there are not any MAG 208 amendments currently, but a 208 amendment for a new surface water discharge in the West Valley is anticipated in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Jackie Meck expressed Buckeye's support for Mayor Lord's comments.

Mayor Lana Mook expressed El Mirage's support for Mayor Lord's comments.

Mayor Kenneth Weise expressed Avondale's support for Goodyear and Mayor Lord's comments.

Chair Lane asked for clarification if a change to the motion on the table was being suggested because he thought Mayor Lord supported the motion. Mayor Lord indicated her support for the regional part of the motion.

Mayor Kavanagh asked for clarification that the one-year review of the proposed 208 amendment process was incorporated into the process. Chair Lane replied that the one-year review was incorporated and it was up to MAG as a body to consider any additions or deletions that might be needed. He noted that he thought the motion on the table was consistent with the wishes expressed by Mayor Kavanagh and by the West Valley Mayors.

Mayor Tom Schoaf asked for clarification of Mayor Lord's position on the motion before the body and the one-year review.

Mayor Lord stated that there could be things that arise that will need review. Mayor Lord stated that if the same appeal came up one year from now, her answer would be the same – no – on what the two gentlemen were asking. She stated that cities work on master plans and general plans and that is not going to be changed. Mayor Lord stated that she would always come to the table and collaborate.

Mr. Dennis Smith clarified that the recommendation came from the Stakeholder Group through the Management Committee to the Regional Council. He explained that the proposal includes an evaluation mechanism in one year, when it would be brought back to the Regional Council, which would review any fix that might be needed.

With no further discussion, the vote on the motion passed, with Mayor Christian Price, Mayor Tom Rankin, and Vice Mayor Robin Barker abstaining.

7. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, FY 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as Needed, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

Ms. Teri Kennedy, MAG staff, reported on project changes. She indicated that general project changes were included in the agenda packet. Ms. Kennedy noted that the requested action has changed since the Management Committee meeting because the Federal Register notice that provides final amounts for Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funding has not yet been published.

Ms. Kennedy stated that flexibility is needed because action by MAG committees needs to be taken before the next meeting cycle. She noted that the end of the federal fiscal year is September 30, 2015, and modifications to pre-prioritized projects might be needed to ensure that all Federal Highway Administration obligation authority and Federal Transit Administration apportionments are utilized for federal fiscal year 2015. Ms. Kennedy noted that staff will report back in October on any project changes that might be submitted between now and the end of the federal fiscal year.

Chair Lane thanked Ms. Kennedy for her report. He asked for clarification if the motion on the agenda had been revised. Ms. Kennedy replied that the requested action on the Regional Council agenda remained the same, but was different from the action taken by the Management Committee.

With no further questions, Supervisor Denny Barney moved approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, FY 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, and necessary project advancement modifications, detailed TIP listings for previously approved priority ordered projects related to apportioned federal fiscal year 2015 funding, based on the forthcoming final apportionment and obligation authority distributions from Federal Highway Administration and funding notices from Federal Transit Administration. Mayor Michael LeVault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee Member Agency Positions

Denise McClafferty, MAG staff, reported that in October 2010, the MAG Regional Council formed the Economic Development Committee (EDC) to focus on diversifying the economy to become a more globally competitive region. Since its inception, the EDC continues to evolve and its composition is adjusted accordingly. Ms. McClafferty noted that the Regional Council is being requested to approve the appointments and/or reappointments of the member agency positions.

Ms. McClafferty stated that on May 27, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved increasing the composition of the EDC to include 20 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. She noted that the seven largest cities, the City of Phoenix, Maricopa and Pinal counties, and the Arizona Department of Transportation have dedicated representation on the EDC. Ms. McClafferty explained that in addition to the dedicated seats, eight other member agencies can request appointment or reappointment. She advised that the EDC composition includes the chairs and vice chairs of the Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). Appointments of the EDC member agency positions occur each year in August following the Regional Council annual meeting in June.

Ms. McClafferty stated that on July 1, 2015, a memorandum was sent to the MAG Regional Council members soliciting letters of interest for the member agency positions on the EDC. She advised that letters of interest were received for all positions except the TPC Vice Chair. On August 10, 2015, the Executive Committee recommended approving the appointments of the EDC member agency positions, including Councilmember Michael Farrar for the East Valley seat and Councilmember Lorenzo Sierra for the West Valley seat, with the TPC Vice Chair position held by the Mayor of the City of Mesa to be considered vacant immediately, allowing the City of Mesa, as one of the seven largest cities, to appoint a representative to the EDC. Ms. McClafferty stated that on August 11, 2015, a letter of interest was received from Councilmember David Luna from the City of Mesa to serve on the EDC.

Chair Lane thanked Ms. McClafferty for her report. No questions from the Council were noted.

Councilmember Jack Sellers moved approval of the appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC) member agency positions. Mayor Cathy Carlat seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee New Business Representatives

Ms. McClafferty stated that on May 27, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved increasing the composition of the EDC to include a representative from the Governor's Office, the Joint Technical Education Districts (JTEDs) and Maricopa County Community Colleges. On June 15, 2015, letters were sent to these organizations soliciting representation on the EDC. Ms. McClafferty reported that on August 10, 2015, the Executive Committee recommended approval of the appointments of two MAG Economic Development Committee new business representatives, Superintendent Greg Donovan, Joint Technical Education Districts, and Dr. Randy Kimmens, Maricopa Community Colleges. Ms. McClafferty stated that the Governor's Office seat is vacant and when a name is submitted, it will be brought to the Regional Council.

Chair Lane thanked Ms. McClafferty for her report. No questions from the Council were noted.

Mayor Michael LeVault moved approval of the appointments of two MAG Economic Development Committee new business representatives. Vice Mayor Robin Barker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Legislative Update

Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, provided a report on legislative items of interest. Mr. Pryor first reported on Arizona House Bill (HB) 2617, which was passed in the late hours of the legislative session. Mr. Pryor noted that HB 2617 would transfer annually almost $3 million in sales tax funds (approximately $2.5 million from MAG and approximately $500,000 from the Pima Association of Governments) to fund the Arizona Department of Revenue operations.

Mr. Pryor stated that a working group, including Supervisor Denny Barney, Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, Mayor Michael LeVault, and Mayor Mark Mitchell met with the Governor's Office staff, including Rene Guillen, on May 27, 2015. He noted that the working group discussed with the Governor's Office possible accommodations to the provisions of HB 2617, such as limiting the timeframe to two years.

Mr. Pryor stated that on June 24, 2015, HB 2617 was discussed at the MAG Regional Council meeting. He stated that a number of Regional Council members expressed concerns with transferring regional funding to the state as contrary to what the voters understood as to how Proposition 400 funds are to be spent. Mr. Pryor stated that the working group was encouraged to have more discussion with the Governor's Office.

Mr. Pryor stated that on August 3, 2015, the MAG office received an invoice for a little more than $2.5 million. That same day, the working group, along with Mayor Rothschild from Tucson, met with the Governor's Office staff, MAG staff and PAG staff. Mr. Pryor stated that they discussed fees to fund the Arizona Department of Revenue are in perpetuity or short term; whether this a long term policy shift (and if so, what are funding/cost ramifications); and whether this is a double payment by cities and counties. Mr. Pryor stated that the Governor's staff has acknowledged the issue and MAG staff understands that the issue may be addressed in some manner but the details are still pending.

Chair Lane noted that there was a significant effort at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to eliminate the Arizona Department of Revenue allocation by MAG and PAG. He noted that a significant amount is needed to fund highway projects throughout the state and this is compounded by changes in funding, such as the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF). Chair Lane stated that they are trying to get the HURF numbers now. The stakeholders plan to reassemble in September and work together for the betterment of highways and economic development. He stated that they took us seriously and are moving forward to address the Proposition 400 allocation issue. Chair Lane expressed that he thought this was positive. He added that they want to move forward with a plan that is agreeable to everyone. Chair Lane stated that he thought everyone had done a phenomenal job on this and that we are headed in the right direction.

Supervisor Denny Barney stated that the allocation issue has been hotly contested. He stated that Chair Lane has led the effort and he thought the end result will be positive. Supervisor Barney stated that this was never an attack on MAG and PAG and he was optimistic over the outcome. He expressed appreciation for Chair Lane's leadership.

Chair Lane noted that our approach has been well received and it appears we are on a cooperative path to address the allocation issue with them.

Mr. Pryor continued his report. He stated that MAP-21 expired May 31, 2015. He said it has been extended twice, the most recent extension is through the end of October. Mr. Pryor stated that the U.S. Senate has passed the DRIVE Act (Developing a Reliable, Innovative Vision for the Economy) and there are concerns for the erosion of funding. He displayed a graph of the Highway Trust Fund and he explained that revenue is not keeping up with expenditures. Mr. Pryor stated that the Highway Trust Fund has received general fund transfers for the past few years.

Mr. Pryor reported that the DRIVE Act is a six-year bill with only three years of funding sources identified. He noted that the DRIVE Act would result in a decline in funding to the MAG region, for example, a loss of $3 million (5.8 percent) of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding. Mr. Pryor stated that U.S. Senators Wicker and Booker proposed an amendment that would increase STP funds to the MAG region by $9.6 million per year over MAP-21 levels. Mr. Pryor stated that work continues with national associations toward ensuring that STP funding allocations for urban areas meet or exceed MAP-21 levels, as noted in the Wicker/Booker amendment. Mr. Pryor stated that Representatives Davis and Titus plan to offer an amendment similar to the Wicker/Booker amendment in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Mr. Pryor stated that under MAP-21, MAG's federal fiscal year 2014 STP allocation was a little more than $51.5 million. Under the DRIVE Act, the MPO share actually increases, but the DRIVE Act takes 15 percent off the top of STP funding to go toward bridges. He noted that Arizona's MPOs would lose nearly $6 million in STP funding for federal fiscal year 2016, with MAG's allocation dropping to $48.5 million. Mr. Pryor explained that under the Wicker/Booker amendment, Arizona's MPOs would gain more than $12 million in federal fiscal year 2016, with MAG's allocation being about $61 million. Mr. Pryor stated that the Wicker/Booker amendment might be over-reaching and perhaps the best approach is to be held harmless.

Mr. Pryor stated that the DRIVE Act proposes to continue using 2009 methods, including the use of 2000 census data, to allocate funding through federal fiscal year 2022. He stated that they are requesting adjusting funding formula allocations for states and local areas to better reflect current conditions, especially as they relate to population, lane miles, and vehicle miles traveled. Mr. Pryor explained that components of formula funding allocations established in the mid 2000s remain. He stated that SAFETEA-LU was enacted in 2005 and continued until MAP-21 in 2012. During this time, the 2010 Census was conducted, and not utilizing those population numbers is a disadvantage for fast-growing states, like Arizona, which increased its population by approximately 20 percent since 2000. He said that the increase in Arizona's principal arterial lane miles of 7.8 percent is above the national average of 2.6 percent. Mr. Pryor stated that this type of old information will be used in funding calculations, such as Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement funds, Planning funds, and National Highway System funds.

Mr. Pryor stated that Congress has not taken up the calculation methodology since 2005 and the methodology pits the fast-growing states against slow- or no-growth states. He noted that using outdated information through 2022 does not capture the current landscape.

Chair Lane thanked Mr. Pryor for his report and asked members if they had questions.

Mayor John Giles stated that this needs to be a priority and should be included in talking points to our Congressional Delegation to ensure awareness of the impacts of decreasing STP funds.

13. EPA Notice Proposing to Reclassify the Maricopa Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area From Marginal to Moderate for the 2008 Ozone Standard

This addendum to the agenda was taken out of order.

Lindy Bauer, MAG staff, reported that on August 19, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a notice proposing to take action that MAG, currently classified as Marginal for the 2008 ozone standard, be reclassified to Moderate. Ms. Bauer explained that EPA indicated that the Maricopa Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area did not attain the standard by the July 20, 2015, attainment date, did not qualify for a one-year extension of the attainment date, and would be reclassified from Marginal to Moderate. Ms. Bauer stated that 2015 is actually the prior year ozone season and EPA looked at data from 2012 to 2014 and found that there were four violating monitors. She noted that additional requirements will be needed and a new plan will be due by January 1, 2017.

Ms. Bauer stated that sources of volatile organic compounds include biogenic items, manufacturing and power generating facilities, dry cleaning establishments, gas stations, non-road equipment, cars and trucks. She said that MAG is working diligently to promote economic development. Ms. Bauer stated that MAG will first apply the benefits of the federal control measures and then they will determine if additional measures are needed. Ms. Bauer noted that EPA will accept comments on the proposal for 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

Chair Lane thanked Ms. Bauer for her report and asked members if they had questions.

Mayor Sharon Wolcott asked the locations of the four violating monitors. Ms. Bauer replied that the four violating monitors were located in north Phoenix, west Phoenix, the Phoenix Supersite and Pinnacle Peak. She noted that during the summer months, the air direction is from the southwest to the east Valley. Ms. Bauer stated that ozone can result from emissions of volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides cooking in the sun.

Mayor Wolcott asked the correlation between traffic congestion and pollution sources. Ms. Bauer replied that automobiles and trucks are major contributors to ozone even though the tailpipe standards have tightened up.

Chair Lane asked for clarification that the standards had also changed. Ms. Bauer replied that EPA, over time, tightens up the ozone standards to be more stringent. She explained that this region met the one hour ozone standard of .080 parts per million established by EPA in 1997. This standard is the 2008 standard of .075 parts per million. She noted that the region has met the .080 standard, but has not met the .075 standard. Ms. Bauer added that the EPA is poised to perhaps again tighten the ozone standard in October, and it is a difficult pollutant to address with the continual tightening up.

Mayor Linda Kavanagh asked if there was any update to the lawsuit filed by the attorney's group against the EPA regarding the haboob. Ms. Bauer replied that MAG submitted the intervener brief on December 31, 2014. She noted that MAG's special Washington, D.C. counsel has not heard anything from the court, but they think it will come up in 2016 whether it will be an intervener brief or an amicus brief.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

No requests were noted.

12. 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.

No comments were noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Chair

_____
Secretary

Agenda Item #5B

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY… for your review

DATE:
September 22, 2015

SUBJECT:
MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program

SUMMARY:
The FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes $400,000 for the MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for up to 15 percent design plans of a bicycle or pedestrian project. Thirteen applications from Cave Creek, Gilbert, Litchfield Park, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Surprise, and Tempe were received by the application deadline of June 29, 2015. These thirteen projects requested a total of $752,800 in funding.

On July 21, 2015, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed the applications, ranked the 13 projects, and unanimously recommended the top seven (7) ranked projects for approval:

- Mesa: Main Street Separated Bike Lanes and Complete Street Project - Gilbert Road to Power Road ($80,000)
- Tempe: The Missing Link ($55,000)
- Phoenix: Missouri Avenue: 43rd Avenue to 15th Avenue Bikeway Project ($85,000)
- Phoenix: Oak Street Corridor & SR-51 Frontage Road/20th Street Bicycle Improvements ($68,000)
- Peoria: New River Multi-Use Path: Pinnacle Peak Road to Happy Valley Road ($36,000)
- Surprise: Pedestrian Enhancements at Greenway Road and Thompson Ranch Road ($35,000)
- Gilbert: Signage and Wayfinding Master Plan ($41,000)

Due to funding limitations, the below six (6) projects were not recommended for approval:

- Surprise: US-60/Grand Avenue Pedestrian Plaza ($53,500)
- Peoria: 83rd Avenue Sidewalk and Bike Lanes ($30,000)
- Scottsdale: McDowell Road Bike Lanes: Pima Road to 64th Street ($105,000)
- Litchfield Park: Litchfield Road Mid-Block Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing ($15,500)
- Surprise: Bullard Avenue Multimodal Corridor Enhancement ($89,800)
- Cave Creek: Cave Creek Traffic Calming Roundabouts ($50,000)

PUBLIC INPUT:
None.

PROS & CONS:
PROS: This program assists MAG member agencies by offering professional design assistance to develop bicycle and pedestrian facilities that help reduce congestion and improve air quality.

CONS: According to federal law, any project which is not constructed after being designed with federal transportation funds could be required to return the funds used for design to the Federal Highway Administration.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The Design Assistance Program encourages implementation of the adopted MAG Pedestrian Policies and Design Guidelines and nationally accepted bicycle facilities design practices.

POLICY: These programs encourage the development of facilities to encourage walking and bicycling.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approval of funding the seven top ranked projects for the Design Assistance Program.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On September 9, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of funding the seven top ranked projects for the Design Assistance Program.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair
Ed Zuercher, Phoenix, Vice Chair
Anna McCray for Bryant Powell, Apache Junction
Kevin Artz for David Fitzhugh, Avondale
Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye
* Gary Neiss, Carefree
* Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek
Marsha Reed, Chandler
Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage
Jess Knudson for Lisa Garcia, Florence
Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
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Brian Dalke, Goodyear
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Gregory Rose, City of Maricopa
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Joy Rich for Tom Manos, Maricopa Co.
Jyme Sue McLaren for Steve Banta, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
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On August 27, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee unanimously recommended the following projects for approval:

- Mesa: Main Street Separated Bike Lanes and Complete Street Project - Gilbert Road to Power Road ($80,000)
- Tempe: The Missing Link ($55,000)
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Surprise: Mike Gent
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* Wickenburg: Vince Lorefice
\# Youngtown: Grant Anderson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING
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* ITS Committee: Marshall Riegel, Phoenix
* FHWA: Ed Stillings
* Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee: Jim Hash, Mesa
* Transportation Safety Committee: Renate Ehm, Mesa

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On July 21, 2015, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed the applications and unanimously recommended the following projects for approval:

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* Michael Sanders, ADOT
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Phil Reimer, Buckeye
* Stacy Bridge-Denzak, Carefree
Ian Cordwell, Cave Creek
Jason Crampton, Chandler
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\# Sidney Urias, Queen Creek
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Agenda Item #5C

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY… for your review

DATE:
September 22, 2015

SUBJECT:
MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Guidelines

SUMMARY:
The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget included $75,000 to develop an Off-Street Bicycle Network Wayfinding Guide and Brand Name. In November 2013, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee selected Alta Planning + Design to conduct the MAG Off-Street Bicycle Network Wayfinding Guide project. The purpose of the project was to develop a cohesive and comprehensive wayfinding system for the more than 700 miles of off-street bikeways in this region. In conjunction with the guidelines, a brand name for the regional off-street system was developed to create a sense of place and imbue the system with a unique and memorable name. After a 14-month study process, it is requested that the MAG Management Committee recommend acceptance of the MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Guidelines final report, which includes the designation of the Valley Path brand for the off-street path network.

In May 2015, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee recommended acceptance of the MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Guidelines final report. The final report includes a review of best practices and national standards, an inventory of existing local ordinances, a detailed overview of the Valley Path brand for the off-street path network, regional wayfinding signage guidelines, and an implementation plan. The full report can be downloaded from the MAG website at http://www.azmag.gov/Committees/Committee.asp?CMSID=1044 under "Resource Library".

PUBLIC INPUT:
None.

PROS & CONS:
PROS: These guidelines will provide technical support for MAG member agencies as they work to continue development and enhancement of the off-street path network in the MAG region.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
TECHNICAL: The MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Guidelines serve as a technical resource for MAG member agencies and incorporate best practices and national standards for off-street wayfinding.

POLICY: None.

ACTION NEEDED:
Acceptance of the MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines final report.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On September 9, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended acceptance of the MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines final report.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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On August 27, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee unanimously recommended acceptance of the MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines final report.

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# Attended by Audioconference

On May 26, 2015, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee unanimously recommended acceptance of the MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines final report.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Katherine Coles, Phoenix, Chair
Jim Hash, Mesa, Vice-Chair
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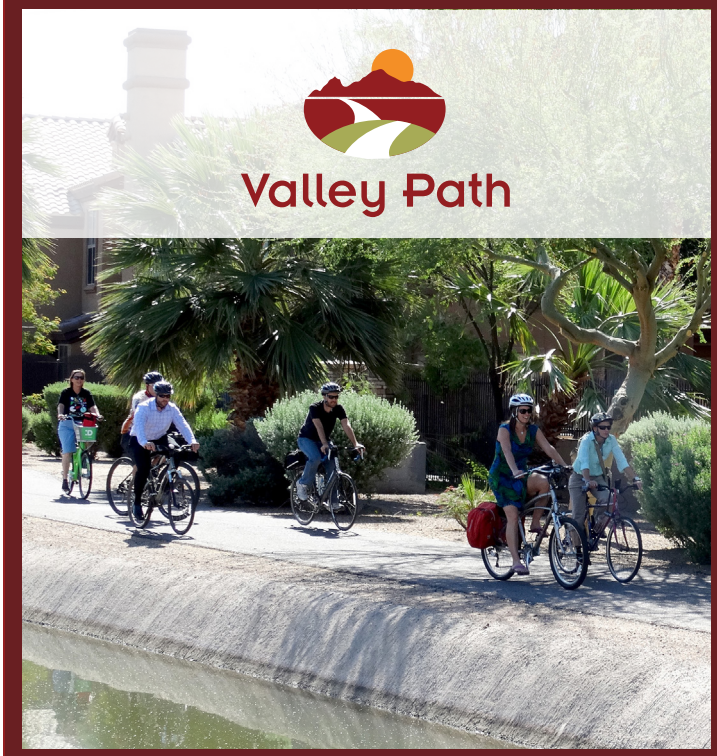

brand & wayfinding signage guidelines

May 28, 2015

★ Prepared for: Maricopa Association of Governments, AZ

Executive Summary

The Phoenix metro area's bicycle network includes nearly 670 miles of off-street pathways. A cohesive wayfinding system will unify the network as it promotes the assets of the region while creating an appealing and intuitive cycling experience for all.

The Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines serve as a technical resource to guide parks and transportation agencies as they plan, design, and implement the brand and wayfinding signage along the off-street bicycle network in the Phoenix metro area. The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and member agencies developed this manual in response to requests from the public for better uniformity and consistency of wayfinding signage throughout the regional off-street bicycle network.

The MAG bikeways network includes both on- and off-street facilities. Existing off-street bicycle facilities consist of paved multi-use pathways through the urbanized areas, while the preserves occurring on the periphery of the metro area have natural surface recreational paths. On-street bike lanes and routes follow the rectilinear street grid, while the off-street network largely follows miles of stormwater facilities and historic canals. Small scale neighborhood pathways feed into larger shared-use paths which extend through multiple cities. The focus of these wayfinding guidelines is the off-street bicycle network.

This document contains the results of the important process of gathering stakeholder and community input. The information within these guidelines will assist both current users of the bicycle network to find route options and discover new destinations, as well as entice non-system users to the option of bicycling. The wayfinding guidelines are aimed at both locals and visitors and are crafted to be easily understood and readily learned, while being legible and comprehendible to a wide range of users.

The document provides guidance for system brand applications, wayfinding element design, sign messaging, sign placement, and next steps. It should be used when signing new pathways for the first time, as well as when replacing or retrofitting signs along existing pathways. MAG member agencies should follow these guidelines and continue to coordinate with valley neighbors to assure that information is conveyed to travelers in a consistent manner. The Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines are organized as follows:

Section 1: Valley Path Brand Standards

The first section of the guidelines describes the Valley Path Brand Standards. Fonts, colors, and accepted layouts and applications of the brand identity are detailed. Native artwork files shall be available from MAG so that member agencies may consistently replicate the system brand mark while retaining the quality standards described within this document.

Section 2: Valley Path Wayfinding Tools

Section 2 describes the Valley Path Wayfinding Tools with the goal of creating a unified system of elements to guide and provide information to users of the off-street bicycle network. A menu of sign options is provided, including graphic standards and design details.

Section 3: Wayfinding Guidelines

Section 3 provides guidance related to destination selection and sign placement. A hierarchy of destination types and selection criteria is given so that municipalities can consistently select and prioritize destinations for inclusion on signs. Placement guidance within this section describes how to sign the most typically encountered navigational challenges encountered while on the off-street bicycle network.

Section 4: Implementation Approach

The fourth section describes specific next steps municipalities may take towards the implementation of a wayfinding system along pathways within their community. The master plan process is described, as well as the final design and fabrication process. Finally, an estimate of unit costs and funding opportunities are described.

These guidelines are intended to offer flexibility to agencies that already have wayfinding signs in place while working towards the creation of a unified Valley Path system.

Wayfinding options following the intent of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for bicycle facilities are included within this document. It is important to be in substantial conformance with the MUTCD standards in order to retain eligibility for federally-available transportation funding resources.

These guidelines should be considered a first edition. They should be updated on a periodic basis to ensure that they remain compliant with federal standards, as well as remaining at the forefront of technical knowledge as the practice of wayfinding continues to evolve.

Agenda Item #5D

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY… for your review

DATE:
September 22, 2015

SUBJECT:
MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program

SUMMARY:
Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five-year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The funding request for FY 2017 is required to be submitted to the ADOA by December 15, 2015.

The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund. The Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund is funded by the monthly 9-1-1 excise tax on wireline and wireless telephones. The 9-1-1 excise tax is currently 20 cents per month, which is the lowest monthly 9-1-1 collection in the United States. The State 9-1-1 Office has determined that sufficient revenue will be collected to allow for continued network and equipment maintenance services, but no capital expenditures to replace aging 9-1-1 will be funded until near the end of the fiscal year when budget overages are determined. The State 9-1-1 Office has indicated the 9-1-1 funds will not cover reimbursements for logging recorders, additional 9-1-1 call taking positions, and new PSAPs.

PUBLIC INPUT:
None.

PROS & CONS:
PROS: The five-year equipment program assists the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team to forecast future equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates regarding future funding needs to ADOA.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: The process for approval of the PSAP funding request and five-year equipment program, which includes recommendations from the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team and Management Committee and approval by the Regional Council, demonstrates greater participation by management.

ACTION NEEDED:
Approval of the MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

MAG Management Committee: On September 9, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair
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Anna McCray for Bryant Powell, Apache Junction
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# Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team: On September 1, 2015, the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team recommended approval of the MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

P. Jay Strebeck, Phoenix Fire Department, Chair
John Locklin, Mesa Fire Department, Vice Chair
Elio Pompa for Chris DeChant, Glendale Fire Department
Miryam Gutier-Elm, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
* Roy Minter, Peoria Police Department
Jesse Cooper, Phoenix Police Department
Tom Melton, Scottsdale Police Department
Brenda Buren, Tempe Police Department
Lawrence Rodriguez, Tolleson Police Department

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MAG 9-1-1 PSAP Managers Group: On August 13, 2015, the MAG 9-1-1 PSAP Managers Group recommended approval of the MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Cari Zanella, Mesa Police Department, Chair
Domela Finnessey, Surprise Police Department, Vice Chair
Jerry Ward for Lisa Eminhizer, Apache Junction Police Department
Mike Sgrillo, Avondale Police Department
Jim Tortora, Buckeye Police Department
Michelle Potts, Chandler Police Department
* Stephanie Beebe, Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation
# Alayna Bay for Janet Laird, Gilbert Police Department
Loretta Hadlock, Glendale Police Department
Carolyn Scotts for Chris Nadeau, Goodyear Police Department
Rich Johnson, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Shawna Henrie for Michael Cole, Paradise Valley Police Department
Anje Reimer, Peoria Police Department
Dan McNemee, Phoenix Police Department
Rachel Harris for Curtis Thomas, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Police Department
Karen Sutherland, Scottsdale Police Department
Del Webb for Patrick Cutts, Tempe Police Department
Toni Rogers, Tolleson Police Department
Ken Lutkiewicz, Wickenburg Police Department
*+ Jami Perry, ASU Police Department
+ Barbara Jaeger, ADOA
#+Patty Simpson, DPS
*+ David Demers, Luke AFB Fire Department
#+Doreen Wasick, Mesa Fire & Medical Department
#+Dori Beck, Phoenix Fire Department
+ Ellen White, Rural Metro Fire Department/Southwest Ambulance

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+ Ex-Officio member
# Attended by Teleconference

CONTACT PERSON:
Liz Graeber, Phoenix Fire Department, 602-534-9775, or Nathan Pryor, MAG, 602-254-6300.

MAG FY 2017 PSAP ANNUAL ELEMENT/FUNDING REQUEST

SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION: Maricopa Region 9-1-1
AGENCY SUBMITTING: Phoenix Fire Department
ADDRESS: 150 S. 12th St., Phoenix, AZ 85034

CONTACT: Liz Graeber
TELEPHONE #: (602) 534-9775
DATE: 24-Jun-15

Calendar Year	2016						2017					
TOTAL	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Wireline												
Maintenance:												
$1,752,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000	$146,000
911 Monthly Service:												
$3,060,000	$255,000	$255,000	$255,000	$255,000	$255,000	$255,000	$255,000	$255,000	$255,000	$255,000	$255,000	$255,000
Customer Premise Equipment												
$6,175,000	$50,000	$165,000	$150,000	$250,000	$150,000	$60,000	$350,000	$300,000	$250,000	$4,000,000	$450,000	
Special Projects/Misc maintenance												
$784,980	$65,415	$65,415	$65,415	$65,415	$65,415	$65,415	$65,415	$65,415	$65,415	$65,415	$65,415	$65,415
Wireless												
Maintenance:												
$0												
911 Monthly Service:												
$2,880,000	$240,000	$240,000	$240,000	$240,000	$240,000	$240,000	$240,000	$240,000	$240,000	$240,000	$240,000	$240,000
Addressing/Mapping/GIS												
$44,000	$11,000			$11,000			$11,000			$11,000		
Customer Premise Equipment												
$500,000	$500,000											
Special Projects												
$3,000,000	$3,000,000											
FY TOTALS												
$18,195,980	**$4,267,415**	**$871,415**	**$856,415**	**$967,415**	**$856,415**	**$766,415**	**$1,067,415**	**$1,006,415**	**$956,415**	**$4,717,415**	**$1,156,415**	**$706,415**

Equipment:

Upgrade Peripherals		*$50,000*
ASU PD	911 System Upgrade	*$165,000*
ASU PD	1 position, logging recorder	*$150,000*
Avondale PD	911 System Upgrade	*$250,000*
DPS	logging recorder	*$150,000*
Fort McDowell PD	911 System Upgrade	*$60,000*
Gilbert PD	911 System Upgrade	*$350,000*
Mesa Fire	6 positions, logging recorder	*$300,000*
Phoenix Fire	logging recorder	*$250,000*
Phoenix PD	911 System Upgrade	*$4,000,000*
Peoria PD	911 System Upgrade	*$450,000*
	Equipment Total	*$6,175,000*

Equipment figures are only estimates - will have preliminary quotes before submitting to ADOA

Budget table FY2017 8/6/2015

MAG FY2017-2021 PSAP Equipment Program

	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Apache Junction PD	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
ASU PD	1 Additional positions, Logging recorder	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
Avondale PD					
Buckeye PD	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
Chandler PD	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
DPS	Logging Recorder	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
Ft. McDowell					
Gilbert PD	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
Glendale PD	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
Goodyear PD	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
Luke AFB	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
MCSO					
Mesa Fire	Logging Recorder, 6 Additional Positions	2 Additional Positions, Logging Recorder, PSAP Move	2 Additional Positions	2 Additional Positions	2 Additionals Positions
Mesa PD					
Paradise Valley PD					
Peoria PD	No pending projects	No pending projects	PSAP Move	No pending projects	No pending projects
Phoenix Fire	Logging Recorder	Logging Recorder,	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
Phoenix PD	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
Rural Metro PD					
Salt River PD	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
Scottsdale PD					
Surprise PD	No pending projects	1 Additional Position	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects
Tempe PD					
Tolleson PD	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects	Logging Recorder
Wickenburg PD	No pending projects	Logging Recorder, PSAP Move	No pending projects	No pending projects	No pending projects

8/5/2015

Agenda Item #6

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY… for your review

DATE:
September 22, 2015

SUBJECT:
Request for Second Deferral of the City of Phoenix Multiuse Path Project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal

SUMMARY:
A City of Phoenix of bicycle and pedestrian multiuse path project on the Grand Canal near Indian School Road and 16th Street is identified in the FY2014-2018 Transformation Improvement Program (TIP) as PHX14-101. The City of Phoenix first deferral of this project was approved by the Regional Council on August 21, 2013. On June 3, 2015, the City of Phoenix requested the second deferral of the project from FY2015 to FY 2017 due to delays necessary to acquire right-of-way from the Indian School Hospital. The MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures, approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 24, 2015, outlines project requirements for requesting deferrals of federally funded projects. Each project is allowed a one-time deferral option. To demonstrate that a second deferral may be considered, the agency must show that the need for the second deferral was beyond the control of the agency.

Project deferrals and deletions are covered in section 600 of the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures. To request a second deferral, the agency is required to submit a request to MAG, and must adequately address the following to each review committee:

- Identification and explanation of specific problems or issues beyond the control of the agency other than financial issues that have caused the delay (e.g., the actions of outside actors), failure to achieve a required milestone or need to defer the project.
- Demonstration of financial commitment (e.g., staff time, funds) by the agency to develop the project prior to the rescheduling or deletion decision.
- A revised schedule and plan that address the specific issues identified.
- If a project has been previously deferred, demonstration that the previous cause of delay has been addressed and/or explanation of why the revised approach will address the problem causing the delay.

The federal amount of funding on this project is $873,422 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding with $994,788 local funding for a total work phase cost of $1,868,210.

PUBLIC INPUT:
None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: If it is agreed that progress on the project was delayed due to actions outside of the agency's control, and the agency has addressed all items that impact the project and cause a delay, a second deferral is recommended and the project will move forward.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: MAG staff, and agency project managers have determined that the updated project schedule is achievable. Air quality benefits from completing the project as currently proposed have been evaluated.

POLICY: The MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures were approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 24, 2014. As per Section 600, each project is allowed a one-time deferral option. To demonstrate that a second deferral may be considered, the agency must show that the need for the second deferral was beyond the control of the agency as outlined:

> **"Beyond the control of the agency."** Refers to actions for which a project sponsor does not have decision making authority - e.g., the actions of third parties such as utility companies, railroads, property owners, the courts, other governmental agencies; and reviewing agencies who may fail to provide timely reviews and approvals. Actions also not under the control of a sponsor also include issues that could not have been reasonably anticipated when the project was initiated such as the discovery archaeological artifacts, hazardous materials, or impacts to endangered or threatened species in areas where none of these issues had been encountered or known to exist previously.
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> Actions within the control of a sponsoring agency may not be used to justify an appeal. These include the allocation of funding and staff time, project management, scheduling decisions, and the coordination of the project with other projects in the agency's boundaries such as developer or other agency projects.

Additionally, the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures specify that a written record on questions and answers at committee meetings and the actions of the committees regarding a second deferral will be provided to all subsequent committees.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approval of a second deferral by the City of Phoenix from FY 2015 to FY 2017, for the multiuse path project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal, TIP listing PHX14-101.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On September 9, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of a second deferral for the City of Phoenix of bicycle and pedestrian multiuse path project.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair
Ed Zuercher, Phoenix, Vice Chair
Anna McCray for Bryant Powell, Apache Junction
Kevin Artz for David Fitzhugh, Avondale
Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye
* Gary Neiss, Carefree
* Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek
Marsha Reed, Chandler
Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage
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John Kross, Queen Creek
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Brad Lundahl for Fritz Behring, Scottsdale
Rick Buss for Bob Wingenroth, Surprise
Andrew Ching, Tempe
Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Joshua Wright, Wickenburg
Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown
Sintra Hoffman for John Halikowski, ADOT
Joy Rich for Tom Manos, Maricopa County
Jyme Sue McLaren for Steve Banta, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
# Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

On August 27, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of a second deferral for the City of Phoenix of bicycle and pedestrian multiuse path project.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Avondale: Jessica Blazina for David Fitzhugh
* ADOT: Brent Cain
* Apache Junction: Giao Pham
# Buckeye: Scott Lowe
* Cave Creek: Ian Cordwell
Chandler: Dan Cook, Vice Chair
El Mirage: Jorge Gastelum
* Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel
* Gila Bend: Ernie Rubi
Gila River Indian Community: Tim Oliver
Gilbert: Leah Hubbard
Glendale: Debbie Albert
* Goodyear: Cato Esquivel
Litchfield Park: Woody Scoutten
Maricopa (City): Paul Jepson
Maricopa County: Clem Ligocki for Jennifer Toth
Mesa: Jeff Martin for Scott Butler
* Paradise Valley: Jim Shano
* Peoria: Andrew Granger
Phoenix: Ray Dovalina
Pinal County: Louis Andersen
Queen Creek: Mohamed Youssef
Scottsdale: Paul Basha
Surprise: Mike Gent
Tempe: Shelly Seyler
Valley Metro: Abhi Dayal for John Farry
* Wickenburg: Vince Lorefice
# Youngtown: Grant Anderson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

* Street Committee: Maria Deeb, Mesa
* ITS Committee: Marshall Riegel, Phoenix
* FHWA: Ed Stillings
* Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee: Jim Hash, City of Mesa
* Transportation Safety Committee: Renate Ehm, City of Mesa

* Members neither present nor represented by proxy.
Attended by Videoconference # Attended by Audioconference

At the August 18, 2015 meeting, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee recommended approval of a second deferral for the City of Phoenix of bicycle and pedestrian multiuse path project.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jim Hash, Mesa, Chair
Jose Macias, El Mirage, Vice-Chair
Michael Sanders, ADOT
Raquel Schatz, Apache Junction
Christina Underhill, Avondale
Phil Reimer, Buckeye
Stacy Bridge-Denzak, Carefree
* Ian Cordwell, Cave Creek
Ann Marie Riley for Jason Crampton, Chandler
Kristin Myers, Gilbert
Purab Adabala, Glendale
Joe Schmitz, Goodyear
Mike Gillespie for Julius Diogenes, Litchfield Park
* Ryan Wozniak, Maricopa
* Denise Lacey, Maricopa County
Brandon Forrey, Peoria
Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Sidney Urias, Queen Creek
Susan Conklu, Scottsdale
Stephen Chang, Surprise
Eric Iwersen, Tempe
* Amanda Leuker, Valley Metro
* Robert Carmona, Wickenburg
# Grant Anderson, Youngtown

* Members neither present nor represented by proxy
# Attended via audio-conference

Questions and Responses:

At the August 27, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee no additional questions were submitted.

At the August 18, 2015, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting regarding this project:

What was Phoenix's first deferral request for? It was asked whether this deferral was needed and was it something that was out of the agency's control, as right of way is something the agency has dealt with in the past?

Aaron Jensen from the City of Phoenix replied that the first deferral was based on the procurement process and setting up public meetings.

It was asked and answered that the year to be deterred is required to be in the TIP window and that member agencies have a right to a first time deferral without justification.

A member noted that he believed that the cause of the second deferral request was within the control of Phoenix. Two members indicated that the right-of-way issues causing the need to defer the project were outside the control as they were the result of the decisions of an outside agency, in this case the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Indian Health Service, for which condemnation is not feasible.

Mr. Jensen noted that the BIA had in principal accepted the offer of Phoenix to purchase the needed right-of-way, but that the development of documents needed to complete the right-of-way acquisition may take as much as two years as the BIA is uncertain as to the mechanics of transferring the property to the City.

CONTACT PERSON:

Stephen Tate or Teri Kennedy, 602-254-6300

Contact Information of Person Requesting the Change

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Phone:

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Submitted: 8/27/2015

Request for Project Change - MAG Transportation Improvement Program

CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED

Agency	Section	Work Year	TIP ID	MAG ID	Location	Work	Estimate Date for Completion/Open to Traffic: MM/YY	Miles	Lanes Before	Lanes After	ALI	AQ Area/ county	Life cycle program, or none	TRACS	Funding Year	MAG Mode	Funding	Federal	Regional	Local	Total	Note
Phoenix	Highway	2015	PHX14-101	31449	Indian School Road: Grand Canal to 16th	Construct multi-use pathway; and multi-use	Jul-16	0.25	6	6	-----	Maricopa	None	-----	2015	Bike/Ped	CMAQ	873,422	0	1,335,000	2,208,422	

REQUESTED CHANGE - Please include New Projects

Agency	Section	Work Year	TIP ID	MAG ID	Location	Work	Estimate Date Completion/Open to Traffic: MM/YY	Miles	Lanes Before	Lanes After	ALI	AQ Area/ county	Life cycle program, or none	TRACS	Funding Year	MAG Mode	Funding	Federal	Regional	Local	Total	Requested Change
Phoenix	Highway	2017	PHX14-101	31449	Indian School Road: Grand Canal to 16th Street	Construct multi-use pathway; and multi-use bridge over the Grand Canal.	Jul-16	0.25	6	6	-----	Maricopa	None	-----	2017	Bike/Ped	CMAQ	873,422	0	994,778	1,868,200	Amend: Request 2nd defferal from FFY2015 to FFY2017. Updated engineering estimate; reduce local funding by $340,222, and total cost by $340,222.

Agenda Item #7

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:
September 22, 2015

SUBJECT:
Resolution of Structural Issues With Using Special Census Numbers to Distribute State Shared Revenues

SUMMARY:
In Arizona, more than $1.5 billion of state shared revenue is distributed annually to municipal governments based on formulas using municipal population per Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 42-5029. This includes revenue from the Vehicle License Tax (VLT), Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF), State Sales Tax, and State Income Tax. The revenue from VLT and HURF is distributed to the cities and towns based on their portion of the population of their county, while State Sales Tax and State Income Tax are distributed to the cities and towns solely on a statewide, per capita basis. For the purposes of these distribution formulas, the population is taken from the most recent decennial census (ARS 42-5029 subsection I). State law also allows for cities, towns, and counties to contract with the United States Census Bureau to conduct a mid-decade census count in the fifth year following the decennial census (ARS 42-5033).

Due to higher growth rates in the MAG region as compared to the rest of Arizona, in 1985, the MAG region contracted with the Census Bureau to conduct a full mid-decade census at a cost to MAG member agencies of $3 million. Again in 1995, the MAG region contracted with the Census Bureau to conduct a full mid-decade census at a cost of $9 million with half paid by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and half paid by MAG member agencies.

In 2005, the Census Bureau estimated the cost of a full census count for the region at $31 million. Of that, $6 million of FHWA funds could have been made available, making the net costs to member agencies $25 million. After extensive study by the MAG Management Subcommittee on 2005 Population Options, the MAG Management Committee and Regional Council determined that a full census would be cost prohibitive. A census survey was presented as a more affordable and cost effective solution. Because state law only allowed the use of a full census count as a mid-decade population update, state law was amended to allow the use of a census survey in 2005 (ARS 42-5033.01). This legislation was specific to 2005, and would only affect population figures used for state shared revenue calculations for 2006-2010. The final cost of the census survey was approximately $8 million, with $4.5 million paid by FHWA funds and $3.5 million paid by MAG member agencies. Subsequent to the 2005 census survey, the Census Bureau informed MAG that they would no longer be able to conduct special surveys like this, and would only be able to conduct full census counts for special mid-decade population figures. Unlike the decennial census, these mid-decade special censuses would be conducted entirely by door-to-door enumeration, and would include no questionnaire mailing or responses by mail.

In 2011, the question of another mid-decade census was discussed at the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC). The Census Bureau estimated that a full mid-decade census count would cost approximately $65 million to $70 million for the MAG region, which includes the hiring of

approximately 35,000 enumerators to go door-to-door to conduct the census. At that time, population growth rates in the MAG region were not significantly higher than the growth rates of the rest of the state. There was little interest among member agencies in paying for a mid-decade census at the time because growth rates in the MAG region would not provide a meaningful change in state shared revenue for the MAG member agencies. By 2013, growth rates among some cities and towns began to outpace the growth rates of the rest of the state; however, there was no significant support for conducting a special census in 2015 due to the total cost estimate from the Census Bureau.

While a regionwide special census was not contemplated, individual cities and towns are authorized by state law to contract with the Census Bureau to conduct special censuses with their jurisdictions, and the population counts of those censuses could be used for those jurisdictions for purposes of state shared revenue calculations starting in 2016 (ARS 42-5033). Starting in 2014 and after discussions with other cities regarding the unlikelihood of using updated population estimates, seven cities and towns began the process of working with the Census Bureau to conduct their own individual censuses. These seven cities and towns are among the fastest growing municipalities in the state, and updating their population for the state shared revenue calculations would provide them with a portion of state shared revenue more commensurate with their proportion of state population. However, this exposed an issue with the current state law, in that while these seven cities and towns would see positive impacts on their share of state shared revenue, the other 84 cities and towns would see their populations remain at 2010 levels, and some may see negative impacts to their share of state shared revenue. State law allowing state shared revenue to be distributed using a mix of 2010 and 2015 population figures would exacerbate the higher and lower impacts of the changes in revenue shares.

To provide a better method to distribute state shared revenue, cities and towns are working with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to explore the creation of legislation to change the population inputs used in state shared revenue calculations. There are two methods of estimating population that are being considered for this change: 1) the annual population estimates that are prepared by the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) and 2) annual population estimates prepared by the Census Bureau.

Arizona Executive Order 2011-04 designates ADOA as the state agency responsible for preparing the official population estimates for the state. The order also creates the Council for Technical Solutions as a body to review and provide recommendations to ADOA on the methodology for the creation of annual population estimates. The Council for Technical Solutions is made up of the State Demographer, a representative from each of the three state universities, a representative from each of the six Regional Councils of Governments in Arizona, a representative of the Arizona Department of Health Services, a representative from the Arizona Department of Transportation, and at least one demographic expert selected by ADOA.

The State Demographer's Office, which is part of ADOA, working with the Council for Technical Solutions, develops county-level population estimates using a Composite Method which relies on several sources of administrative data for four age groups: birth and death records for ages 0-5, school enrollment for ages 5-17, drivers' licenses and state identification cards for ages 18-64, and Medicare and Social Security enrollment for ages 65 and up. These data are used to create a ratio of the census household population in each age group to the population indicated by administrative records for the census date. This ratio, called Censal Ratio, is applied to the administrative data for the reference date of July 1 of the estimate year. The independent population estimates for each age group are added together to obtain the Household population for each county. The Group Quarters population is then added to produce the Total population control for each county. Once the county level estimates are created, estimates for incorporated places and the unincorporated balances of counties are produced using the controlled Housing Unit Method. The Housing Unit Method uses

residential completions/permits and demolitions since the end of the previous estimate period, annexed and de-annexed housing units, and newly added Group Quarters to distribute population provided in the county control totals to the incorporated and unincorporated areas of each county. Persons per household and occupancy rates for these housing units are taken from the most recent decennial census. For Maricopa County, these sub-county estimates are prepared by MAG, and are approved by the MAG Regional Council in December each year, while the State Demographer prepares sub-county estimates for the rest of the state.

Numerous flaws and data gaps have been identified and discussed at both the Council for Technical Solutions and POPTAC. Among the administrative data used for the Composite Method, drivers' license data has the most concerns. Each year when drivers' license data are made available, the figures for previous years are revised upward. This presents a problem in creating estimates because there is no static information for 2010 and no vintage 2010 data to deduce a good basis for a Censal Ratio.

The other data gap is with the residential occupancy rate. For the sub-county estimates, occupancy rate and persons per household are taken from the most recent decennial census. While persons per household does not change substantially year to year, the occupancy rate can be more volatile. Other datasets and methods have been examined to provide an improved proxy for the occupancy rate, but, other than the decennial census, there are no sources for the occupancy rate for the years between decennial censuses. This is especially problematic today, as the 2010 census had an unusually low occupancy rate due to the housing downturn.

The other source being considered is the annual population estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau. These estimates are created using different methodology. The 2010 Census base counts of housing units and associated population of each governmental unit are geographically updated each year to reflect legal boundary changes reported in the Boundary and Annexation Survey, from other geographic program revisions, and from 2010 Census corrections. The Bureau estimates the household population for sub-county governmental units by applying the Distributive Housing Unit Method to the county-level household population to distribute it to each sub-county area. The uncontrolled sub-county household population estimate begins with the July 1 housing unit estimate each year. The Bureau multiplies this estimate by the occupancy rate and persons per household from the most recent decennial census to produce the uncontrolled population estimate. The Bureau then controls the uncontrolled sub-county estimates so that they sum to the published county totals by dividing the county-level household population estimate by the sum of the uncontrolled sub-county household population estimate within the county. They then multiply this adjustment by the uncontrolled sub-county household population estimate calculated previously. This calculation produces the controlled sub-county household population estimate. This estimate is added to the Group Quarters estimate for the year to produce a total population estimate for July 1 each year.

The methodology for the Census Bureau population estimates has similar flaws to the ADOA estimates. Like the ADOA estimates, the occupancy rate used to calculate the Census Bureau estimates is taken from the most recent decennial census and remains constant throughout the decade. Additionally, the Census Bureau uses residential building permit data to produce the county-level totals. Using permit data creates a time lag, due to the time between the issuance of a permit and the occupation of a residence. This method can also artificially inflate estimates, as not all residential building permits result in construction. Finally, the Census Bureau methodology is applied nationwide, which does not take into account knowledge of local conditions. While this can be seen as a subjective criticism, there are instances of extraordinary population change that would not be captured by a nationwide approach. The most recent example of this locally is in Greenlee County, where the reopening and expansion of a gold and copper mine produced such rapid

population growth that the State Demographer created a special methodology for Greenlee County as part of the 2014 population estimates.

Using one of these methods would provide cities and towns with an updated population estimate annually to be used for state shared revenue calculations, which would result in smaller year-to-year changes in state shared revenue for each city and town as compared to the revenue changes that currently occur every five or ten years. Both methods have pluses and minuses, and there currently is no consensus on which method to use. The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is working with the University of Arizona (UA) to analyze the two methods and recommend the best course of action to use going forward. The UA demographics experts will conduct a high-level analysis of the methods, data, and estimates produced by each methodology, provide a comparative analysis of the methodological differences between the two sets of estimates, analyze the two sets of estimates for purposes of state shared revenue distribution, identify gaps in data and methods of the ADOA estimates, provide methods to address these gaps, and discuss any concerns or issues related to political influence on the administration and process of development of the ADOA estimates for purposes of state shared revenue distribution.

In order to find an equitable solution for the seven cities and towns that are proceeding this year with a special census, it is being proposed that these cities and towns in the MAG region receive 50 percent of their costs incurred in conducting a special census and that a special fund be created at MAG for reimbursement purposes. These seven cities and towns would use these funds over approximately a five-year period. Details on the development and distribution of this special fund can be found in Attachment A.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: This would create a method of annual state shared revenue distribution with no major jumps or declines.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: None.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approval of establishing a special projects fund at MAG to reimburse the seven cities in the MAG region that contracted to conduct a special census in 2015 for 50 percent of their special census costs, estimated at $8,139,341, spread over approximately a five-year period.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

MAG Management Committee: On September 9, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of establishing a special projects fund at MAG to reimburse the seven cities in the MAG region that contracted to conduct a special census in 2015 for 50 percent of their special census costs, estimated at $8,139,341, spread over approximately a five-year period.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair
Ed Zuercher, Phoenix, Vice Chair
Anna McCray for Bryant Powell, Apache Junction
Kevin Artz for David Fitzhugh, Avondale
Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye
* Gary Neiss, Carefree
* Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek
Marsha Reed, Chandler
Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage
Jess Knudson for Lisa Garcia, Florence
Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
Grady Miller, Fountain Hills
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Gregory Rose, City of Maricopa
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Joy Rich for Tom Manos, Maricopa County
Jyme Sue McLaren for Steve Banta, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
# Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

MAG Management Committee: At the April 8, 2015 MAG Management Committee meeting, the committee discussed 2015 mid-decade census options.

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
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Brian Dalke, Goodyear
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Susan Daluddung for Carl Swenson, Peoria
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* Steve Banta, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
\# Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

MAG Regional Council: On January 28, 2015, during discussion of the 2015 Census Test, questions were asked of the representatives of the Census Bureau regarding 2015 special census options.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
\# Attended by telephone conference call. + Attended by videoconference

MAG Management Committee: On October 8, 2014, during discussion of the 2015 Census Test, questions were asked of the representatives of the Census Bureau regarding 2015 special census options.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Christopher Brady, Mesa, Chair
\# Anna McCray for George Hoffman, Apache Junction
\# David Fitzhugh, Avondale
Roger Klingler for Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye
Gary Neiss, Carefree
Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek
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Andrew Ching, Tempe
Chris Hagen for Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Joshua Wright, Wickenburg
Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown
Jennifer Toth, ADOT
Clem Ligocki for Tom Manos, Maricopa County
Jyme Sue McLaren for Steve Banta, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
# Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

MAG POPTAC: On June 24, 2014, the MAG POPTAC discussed consideration of mid-decade population estimates.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Patrick Banger, Gilbert, Chair
Tracy Clark, ADOT
Brad Steinke for Bryant Powell, Apache Junction
Eric Morgan, Avondale
Andrea Marquez, Buckeye
DJ Stapley, Carefree
VACANT, Cave Creek
Sam Andrea for David de la Torre, Chandler
Thomas Doyle, El Mirage
Ken Valverde, Fountain Hills
* Rick Buss, Gila Bend
Thomas Ritz, Glendale
Steve Careccia, Goodyear
VACANT, Guadalupe
Sonny Culbreth, Litchfield Park
Paul Jepsen for Kazi Haque, Maricopa
Rachel Applegate for Matt Holm, Maricopa County
Scott Butler for Wahid Alam, Mesa
Paul Michaud, Paradise Valley
Hannah Van Nimwegen for Shawn Kreuzwiesner, Peoria
Tom Remes for Chris DePerro, Phoenix
* Travis Ashbaugh, Pinal County
Brett Burningham, Queen Creek
* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
# Adam Yaron, Scottsdale
VACANT, Surprise
Sherri Lesser, Tempe
Ratna Korepella, Valley Metro
Gayle Cooper for Diane Cordova, Youngtown

Those attending by audioconference
* Those not present

MAG POPTAC: On October 30, 2012, the MAG POPTAC discussed 2015 mid-decade census options.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Charlie McClendon, Avondale
Tracy Clark, ADOT
* Brad Steinke for Bryant Powell, Apache Junction
# Andrea Marquez, Buckeye
* DJ Stapley, Carefree
# Ian Cordwell for Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek

David de la Torre, Chandler
Mark Smith, El Mirage
Ken Valverde, Fountain Hills
* Rick Buss, Gila Bend
Patrick Banger, Gilbert
Thomas Ritz, Glendale
Katie Wilken, Goodyear
* Gino Turrubiartes, Guadalupe
* Sonny Culbreth, Litchfield Park
# John Verdugo for Matt Holm, Maricopa County
Wahid Alam, Mesa
* Molly Hood, Paradise Valley
# Ed Boik, Peoria
Chris DePerro, Phoenix
Dave Williams, Queen Creek
* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
# Adam Yaron, Scottsdale
* Lloyd Abrams, Surprise
# Arlene Palisoc for Lisa Collins, Tempe
Stuart Boggs for Ratna Korepella, Valley Metro
* Diane Cordova, Youngtown

Those attending by audioconference
* Those not present

MAG POPTAC: On May 24, 2011, the MAG POPTAC discussed investigating options for conducting a special census in 2015.

MEMBERS ATTENDING
* Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley, Chair
# Tracy Clark, ADOT
* Bryant Powell, Apache Junction
Charlie McClendon, Vice Chair, Avondale
Andrea Marquez, Buckeye
DJ Stapley, Carefree
Ian Cordwell for Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek
David de la Torre, Chandler
Mark Smith, El Mirage
* Eugene Slechta, Fountain Hills
* Rick Buss, Gila Bend
Thomas Ritz, Glendale
Katie Wilken, Goodyear
* Gino Turrubiartes, Guadalupe
# Linda Edwards for Kyle Mieras, Gilbert
Sonny Culbreth, Litchfield Park
John Verdugo for Matt Holm, Maricopa County
* Wahid Alam, Mesa
# Ed Boik, Peoria
Chris DePerro, Phoenix
Dave Williams, Queen Creek
* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
Eddie Lamperez, Scottsdale
Lloyd Abrams, Surprise
Arlene Palisoc, Tempe
* Anne McCracken, Valley Metro
* Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown

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Attachment A

Census Funding Proposal

Revenue distribution in the State of Arizona has been based on the latest decennial or special census. While a special census has been a mechanism to capture population changes in the past, the cost to implement has become increasingly prohibitive. Potential legislation is being discussed by cities and towns that would revise the funding distribution to be based on state or federal population estimates. Distribution of funding based on state or federal population estimates will address the problem moving forward; however, an anomaly exists because some agencies already had committed financial resources to conduct a special census.

If a solution to the anomaly can be found, all agencies stand to benefit. Distribution of state-shared revenue based on population estimates will ensure stability in local budgets; agencies will no longer be faced with the uncertainty of a fiscal cliff every five years. Since the census cities are all in the MAG region, MAG has been working on a federal funding-based solution to provide assistance for projects within the impacted agencies.

In federal fiscal year (FFY) 2013, ADOT closed out a number of federal projects that resulted in a significant amount of obligation authority (OA) being returned to the MAG ledger. Additionally, FFY 2013 was the first year that the ADOT "use-it-or-lose-it" policy was strictly enforced; in the past, MAG had carried large balances of unused OA forward year-to-year.

As a result, there was a sizable amount of federal funding in the MAG region that had to be obligated. In order to use all the FFY 2013 OA, several ALCP projects were advanced from FFY 2017 – FFY 2019 to FFY 2013. This created a programming gap of unprogrammed funding in those future years.

The estimated $8.1 million required to fund this proposal would come from this unprogrammed funding available in future years. The total amount would be determined by calculating 50% of the special census costs of all the census cities combined. The more than $60 million estimated to be available for the August call-for-projects does not include the unprogrammed funding. It should be noted that MAG anticipates there will be additional unprogrammed funding as ADOT continues to close out projects; the new unprogrammed funding will be used either for the MAG closeout process or reallocated to other purposes.

Assistance to the census communities would come in the form of federal funding and is anticipated to occur within the first five years – although it could take longer if needed. Under the proposal, there would be a multi-option process to determine how the funding would be allocated, based on the prioritization of each census city's projects.

- The first option would be to fund the design phase (and ADOT fees) for any project that a) is currently in the TIP and b) has not yet started design. Since design otherwise would have been funded with local dollars, this results in a direct savings to the agencies.
- The second option would be a combination of funding the design phase (and ADOT fees) for projects awarded through the August 2015 call-for-projects process and/or move projects that ranked below the funding line to above the funding line.
- The third option would be to fund other projects for agencies who do not or opt to not receive their entire share from options one and two. MAG staff would work with each agency on an individual basis to determine where the funding could be programmed. Funding must be programmed on a project that has been competitively selected – through the call-for-projects process or through inclusion in one of the lifecycle programs or Regional Transportation Plan. The funding could be programmed on an ALCP project, on an existing ADOT project, or on a project that already has other federal funds (e.g., to fund elements of an existing safety project that could not be funded with safety funds) as well as allowing cost savings on an ALCP project to be reprogrammed on another project that is in the ALCP or added to the ALCP and meets the intent of the Transportation Improvement Program and the Policies and Procedures of the ALCP.

Programming of the census assistance funds would run concurrent with the call-for-project awards this fall. Specifically, the call-for-project awards would be made as part of one TIP amendment table, while the assistance to the census communities would be part of a second TIP amendment table. This would provide for transparency and allow tracking of the funds.

The call-for-projects was released to MAG member agencies and applications will be due at the end of September. It is anticipated that the evaluation process will occur throughout September, October, and November, and the items will go to Transportation Review Committee in December, and then Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee, and Regional Council in January or February 2016.

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Census Funding Proposal

Estimated Funding Allocations*		
Jurisdiction	Total Estimated Census Costs	Estimated Funding Amount
Buckeye	$1,600,000	$800,000
Chandler	$4,150,000	$2,075,000
Gilbert	$4,193,000	$2,096,500
Goodyear	$1,570,000	$785,000
Maricopa	$1,021,000	$510,500
Peoria	$3,153,000	$1,576,500
Queen Creek	$591,681	$295,841
Total	$16,278,681	$8,139,341

*funding allocations determined by census cities

1. Option 1: Fund the design phase and ADOT review fees for existing MAG/ADOT awarded projects (where design has not yet started).

Agency	Estimated Eligible Amount
Buckeye	$ 298,532
Chandler	--
Gilbert	--
Goodyear	--
Maricopa	512,000
Peoria	127,875
Queen Creek	--

2. Option 2: Fund the design phase and ADOT review fees for future awarded MAG/ADOT projects (call-for-projects to occur August 2015).

Agency	Historic Amount (Based on the 2012 call-for-projects)
Buckeye	$ 512,000
Chandler	575,531
Gilbert	273,917
Goodyear	259,969
Maricopa	n/a
Peoria	172,300
Queen Creek	--

3. Option 3: move projects that were ranked below-the-line to above-the-line, fund ALCP projects, fund other projects.

Agency	Historic Amount
Buckeye	--
Chandler	$ 2,400,000+
Gilbert	TBD
Goodyear	TBD
Maricopa	--
Peoria	TBD
Queen Creek	TBD

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Agenda Item #8

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY… for your review

DATE:
September 22, 2015

SUBJECT:
Update on the ADOT Passenger Rail Study: Tucson to Phoenix

SUMMARY:
The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Passenger Rail Study has concluded an 18-month public outreach effort pertaining to several options for alternative transportation modes between Tucson and Metro Phoenix. ADOT staff will present the results of this outreach and an update on study progress.

The Yellow Alternative would serve East Valley communities and central Pinal County, and could share right of way with Union Pacific Railroad north of Eloy, where appropriate. The Orange Alternative would serve East Valley population centers and share part of its alignment with the planned North-South Freeway Corridor in Pinal County. The two alternatives would run primarily within the I-10 corridor between Eloy and Tucson.

The Green Alternative was eliminated in the review process largely due to right-of-way issues along I-10 through the Gila River Indian Community, impacts to culturally significant properties and lower ridership. Under the No-Build Alternative, no passenger rail system would be constructed between Tucson and Phoenix. The No-Build Alternative assumes that all proposed highway projects currently funded within the study corridor would be built to provide enhanced capacity for Interstate 10 and the surrounding region.

The ADOT Passenger Rail Corridor Study, Tucson to Phoenix, began in Spring 2011. The study is being jointly conducted by ADOT, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). For people traveling between Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona's two largest urban areas, there are limited mobility options beyond the automobile and private motorcoach. The study looked at the potential for future alternative rail transit options connecting the urban areas within the Sun Corridor. Public input, along with multi-agency and stakeholder cooperation, was an essential part of the department's long-range plan to determine which transportation options would best meet the demands for future growth and travel to complement Interstate 10, one of the busiest highways in Arizona.

ADOT, in partnership with the FRA, has released the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for ADOT's Passenger Rail Corridor Study: Tucson to Phoenix. While the proposed passenger rail project has no identified funding, this environmental impact statement is a step in identifying the cost, impacts and benefits from a rail system serving passengers in Arizona. The Draft Tier 1 DEIS is part of federally required review process, governed by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which provides the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the document, along with the recommended alternative. Two corridor alternatives remain for public consideration. (Map attached)

Along with the alternatives, ADOT has identified general locations for stations along the passenger rail line. The route between Tucson and Phoenix is recommended as a blended service to include an express intercity service that would have few stops between the two metropolitan areas and a local commuter service that would potentially stop at all stations within the corridor. The corridors include system hubs

located near downtown Phoenix and downtown Tucson. Both include extensions beyond the system hubs: to the northwest and southwest Phoenix metropolitan area and south to Tucson International Airport. However, these extensions are not part of the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement, but are compatible with the recommendations. The passenger rail line also proposes to serve Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

By the end of this study, a Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement will be published and one rail corridor or the No-Build Alternative will be selected. Once the public comment period concludes on Oct. 30, the rail study team will compile and review all comments and work with our federal partners to develop a Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision (ROD). This document will contain a preferred alternative and is expected to be complete by the end of calendar year 2015, along with a Service Development Plan. The Service Development Plan will include infrastructure and operation plans, an implementation plan, demand and revenue forecasts, capital programming, and operation and maintenance costs of a potential passenger rail system.

Additional future environmental work and site-specific studies would be required before a rail system could be constructed. There is currently no construction schedule and there is no funding identified for future rail studies or to build and maintain a rail system. It will be up to the public, stakeholders and policymakers to decide how the project should move forward and how to generate the funding for the system. For more information about ADOT's Passenger Rail Corridor Study, visit azdot.gov/passengerrail.

PUBLIC INPUT:

ADOT has engaged more than 10,000 people through a variety of public open houses, festivals, special events, school outreach, online surveys, media and stakeholder meetings in the MAG, Central Arizona Governments and Pima Association of Governments regions in the past 18 months. Additional ongoing dialogue has occurred with the member agency cities, towns, counties, regions, tribal governments, utilities and railroads since 2011.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The study will inform the public of the costs, market demand and feasibility associated with building and maintaining high capacity rail transit system between metropolitan Phoenix and metropolitan Tucson.

CONS: The study recommendations currently have no local, regional, state or federal funding.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement considers two rail alternatives and a no-build option in order to identify the most appropriate corridor for a potential passenger rail line between Tucson and Phoenix.The findings of the ADOT Study will also provide further updated financial and operational detail to MAG for additional updates to the 2010 Commuter Rail System Study.

POLICY: Should ADOT, FTA and FRA select to proceed with Study findings, MAG and member agencies would continue to work with ADOT and those federal agencies in every capacity while passenger rail is implemented in the state. There is currently no local, regional, state or federal funding identified to build, operate or maintain the line.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information and discussion.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

This item was heard by the Transportation Policy Committee on September 16, 2015.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale, Chair
Mayor John Giles, Mesa, Vice Chair
* Mr. F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
* Mr. Dave Berry, Swift Transportation
* Mr. Jed Billings, FNF Construction
Mayor Cathy Carlat, Peoria
Councilmember Jenn Daniels, Gilbert
Supervisor Clint Hickman, Maricopa County
Mr. Charles Huellmantel, Huellmantel and Affiliates
* Mr. Mark Killian, The Killian Company/Sunny Mesa, Inc.
Mr. Joseph La Rue, State Transportation Board
* Lt. Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community
Mayor Georgia Lord, Goodyear
Mayor Mark Mitchell, Tempe
Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage
Mr. Garrett Newland, Macerich
* Mayor Tom Rankin, Florence
* Councilmember Jack Sellers, Chandler,
Councilmember David N. Smith, Scottsdale
* Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix
Ms. Karrin Kunasek Taylor, DMB Properties
* Mayor Kenneth Weise, Avondale
Mayor Sharon Wolcott, Surprise

* Not present
# Participated by telephone conference call + Participated by videoconference call

The item was heard by the MAG Management Committee on September 9, 2015.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair
Ed Zuercher, Phoenix, Vice Chair
Anna McCray for Bryant Powell, Apache Junction
Kevin Artz for David Fitzhugh, Avondale
Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye
* Gary Neiss, Carefree
* Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek
Marsha Reed, Chandler
Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage
Jess Knudson for Lisa Garcia, Florence
Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
Grady Miller, Fountain Hills
Ernest Rubi, Gila Bend
* Tina Notah, Gila River Indian Community
Patrick Banger, Gilbert
Brent Stoddard for Dick Bowers, Glendale
Brian Dalke, Goodyear
* Rosemary Arellano, Guadalupe
Gregory Rose, City of Maricopa
Christopher Brady, Mesa
Kevin Burke, Paradise Valley
Carl Swenson, Peoria
Greg Stanley, Pinal County
John Kross, Queen Creek
* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Brad Lundahl for Fritz Behring, Scottsdale
Rick Buss for Bob Wingenroth, Surprise
Andrew Ching, Tempe
Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Joshua Wright, Wickenburg
Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown
Sintra Hoffman for John Halikowski, ADOT
Joy Rich for Tom Manos, Maricopa Co.
Jyme Sue McLaren for Steve Banta, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
# Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

The item was heard by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on August 27, 2015.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Avondale: Jessica Blazina for David Fitzhugh
* ADOT: Brent Cain
* Apache Junction: Giao Pham

Buckeye: Scott Lowe
* Cave Creek: Ian Cordwell
Chandler: Dan Cook, Vice Chair
El Mirage: Jorge Gastelum
* Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel
* Gila Bend: Ernie Rubi
Gila River Indian Community: Tim Oliver
Gilbert: Leah Hubbard
Glendale: Debbie Albert
* Goodyear: Cato Esquivel
Litchfield Park: Woody Scoutten
Maricopa (City): Paul Jepson
Maricopa County: Clem Ligocki for Jennifer Toth
Mesa: Jeff Martin for Scott Butler
* Paradise Valley: Jim Shano
* Peoria: Andrew Granger
Phoenix: Ray Dovalina
Pinal County: Louis Andersen
Queen Creek: Mohamed Youssef
Scottsdale: Paul Basha
Surprise: Mike Gent
Tempe: Shelly Seyler
Valley Metro: Abhi Dayal for John Farry
* Wickenburg: Vince Lorefice
# Youngtown: Grant Anderson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

* Street Committee: Maria Deeb, Mesa
* ITS Committee: Marshall Riegel, Phoenix
* FHWA: Ed Stillings
* Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee: Jim Hash, City of Mesa
* Transportation Safety Committee: Renate Ehm, City of Mesa

* Members neither present nor represented by proxy.
+ Attended by Videoconference # Attended by Audioconference

The item was heard by the MAG Transit Committee on August 13, 2015.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

* ADOT: Jaclyn Meli
Avondale: Kristen Sexton, Vice Chair
* Buckeye: Andrea Marquez
Chandler: Jason Crampton for RJ Zeder
El Mirage: Jose Macias
Gilbert: Kristin Myers
Glendale: Kevin Link for Debbie Albert
Goodyear: Cato Esquivel
Maricopa: Ryan Wozniak for David Maestas
* Maricopa County DOT: Suparna Dasgupta
Mesa: Jodi Sorrell
* Paradise Valley: Jeremy Knapp
Peoria: Stuart Kent
Phoenix: Ken Kessler for Maria Hyatt, Chair
Queen Creek: Mohamed Youssef
Scottsdale: Gregory Davies for Madeline Clemann
Surprise: Martin Lucero
Tempe: Robert Yabes
* Tolleson: Chris Hagen
Valley Metro: Abhi Dayal for Wulf Grote
Youngtown: Grant Anderson

* Members neither present nor represented by proxy.
# Participated by teleconference + Attended by Videoconference

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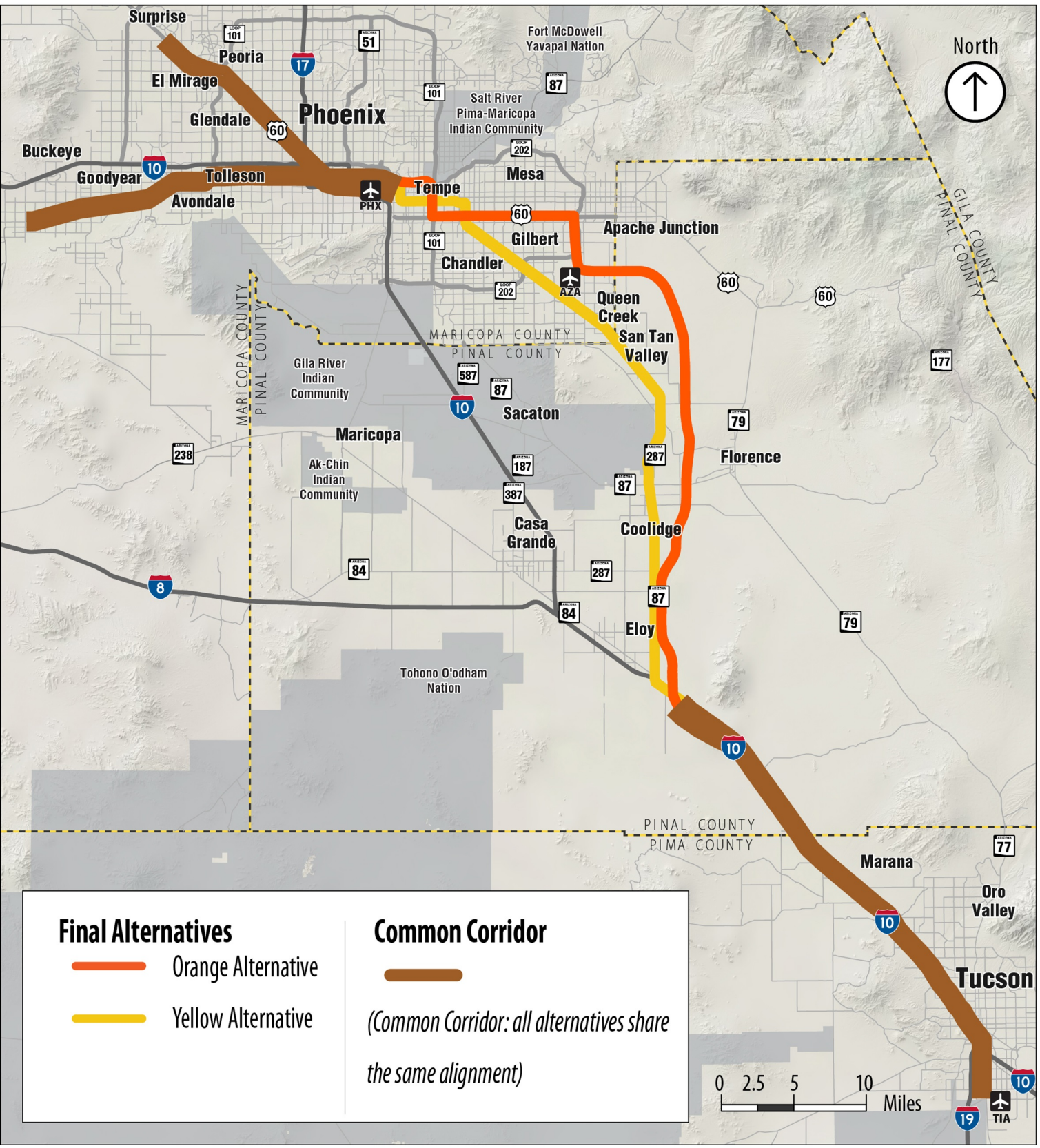
PASSENGER RAIL CORRIDOR STUDY
Tucson to Phoenix

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration
Federal Transit Administration
ADOT

Revised Map - September 10, 2015

www.azdot.gov/planning/CurrentStudies/PassengerRail/overview



Agenda Item #9

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

A Resolution of Support for October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Whereas, domestic violence is prevalent throughout the region as reported by 40 percent of MAG survey respondents saying that they personally knew someone who has experienced domestic violence, and

Whereas, the trauma and suffering caused by domestic violence destroys families, threatens the safety of neighborhoods, and weakens the ability of communities to thrive, and

Whereas, the region spends an estimated $18-$26 million per year addressing domestic violence through the criminal justice system as reported in a MAG study, and

Whereas, the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council was formed in 1999 to provide a forum for communication and action to effectively address, prevent, and eradicate domestic violence, and

Whereas, the MAG Regional Council is dedicated to ensuring the safety of domestic violence survivors and holding abusers accountable, now therefore,

Be it resolved that the members of the MAG Regional Council express our support of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL THIS 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015

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Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, Chair, MAG Regional Council

ATTEST:

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Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENTS

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

2015 Event Calendar

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH EVENT.

Date_____Time_____

Event Name_____

Organizing Agency_____

Address_____City, State & Zip_____

Room location_____Name of Venue_____

Is this event re-occurring? No Yes If so, what is the schedule: _____
Is there a fee to attend? No Yes If so, what is the fee: _____
Is this event open to the public? No Yes

Contact Person (to be displayed on calendar):

Name_____Phone Number_____

Email Address_____Website_____

How would you categorize this event? (Please circle)

Fundraiser Training Presentation Other_____

Please send your event information to Leila Gamiz at MAG.
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