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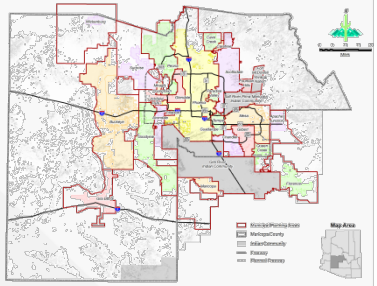

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August 31, 2016

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9-1-1 Service

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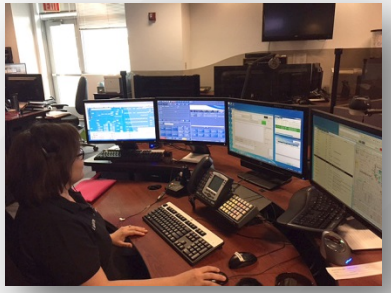

- **Meeting was held on June 21 to hear a presentation from Century Link to be considered as the provider of service for 9-1-1.**
- CenturyLink has met with some MAG member agencies individually, even though we have a regional 9-1-1 service.
- The MAG Public Safety Answering Point Committee met August 11th, and the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team met on August 25th.
- MAG met with CenturyLink and ADOA on August 10th and it was mutually agreed that the CenturyLink proposal would be examined through the MAG regional 9-1-1 process.

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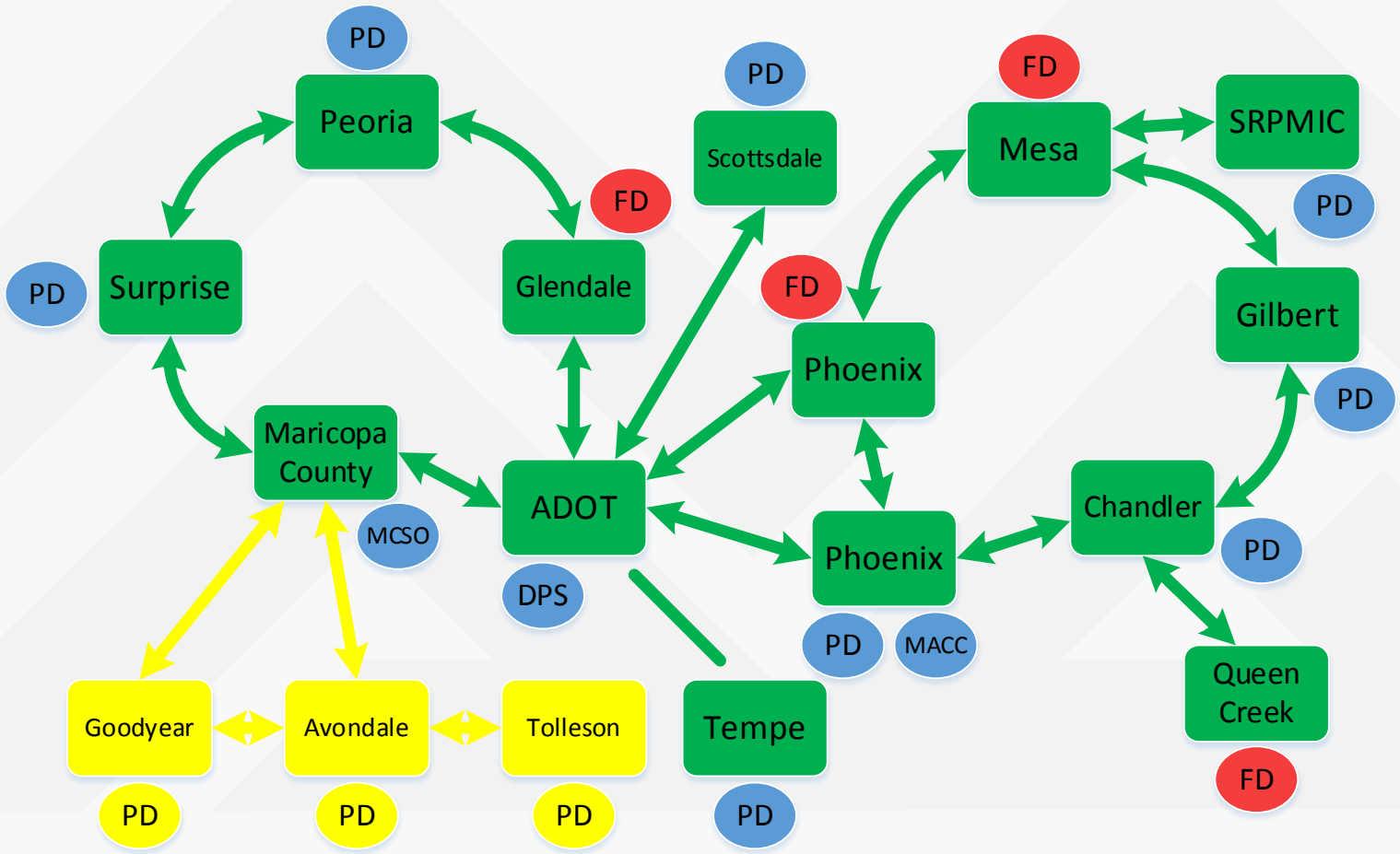
9-1-1 Uses the Regional Community Network



U.S. Secretary of Transportation MPOwerment Roundtable and 50th Anniversary Forum

White House, Eisenhower Executive Office Building

- Mayor Stanton & Dennis Smith invited by Secretary Foxx.
- Opportunities for expanding regional planning to strengthen economic growth & vitality.
- Mayor Stanton served on panel for the 50th Anniversary.

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Mayor Lewis Resigns & Accepts New Challenge in East Valley

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PM-10 Lawsuit

- Heard June 17, 2016.
- MAG's air quality special counsel was at the table with Justice Department & State of Arizona.

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Mandela Washington Fellowship Visits MAG

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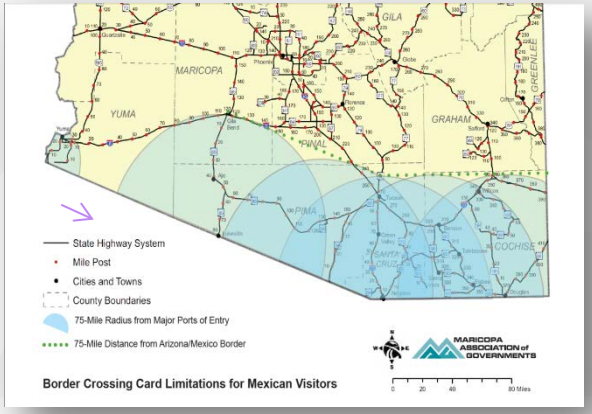
Tourism & Shopping Initiative



- **MAG consultant, Capitol Strategies, received bipartisan Congressional support for extending the zone of the Border Crossing Card from 75 miles to the entire State of Arizona.**
- The Congressional letters of support have been submitted to the Office of Homeland Security.
- Extending the zone will provide an estimated $181 million per year increase in sales tax for Arizona.

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Ari-Son Megaregion Council at League

- Ari-Son Megaregion Council recognized as Official Affiliate Group.
- 60+ delegation from Sonora, including Mayors, Economic Development Directors and staff.

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- Arizona-Sonora Sister Cities/Regions to brainstorm municipal best practices and economic development.
- Megaregion Council passes letter of support to extend border travel zone.

South Mountain Freeway Update

Motions for Summary Judgement Denied
Appeal to be Filed and Injunction Requested

- Judge found that plaintiffs failed to demonstrate, as claimed, that ADOT and FHWA didn't meet requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and other federal laws.
- Plaintiffs have not met their burden to show the Agencies' actions were 'arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law …'
- Freeway construction to begin in early September 2016. The $916 billion contract for design & construction is the largest highway project in Arizona history.
- On August 26th, the Gila River Indian Community Council voted unanimously to appeal the Judge's decision and is seeking an injunction to halt construction of the freeway while the appeal is pending.

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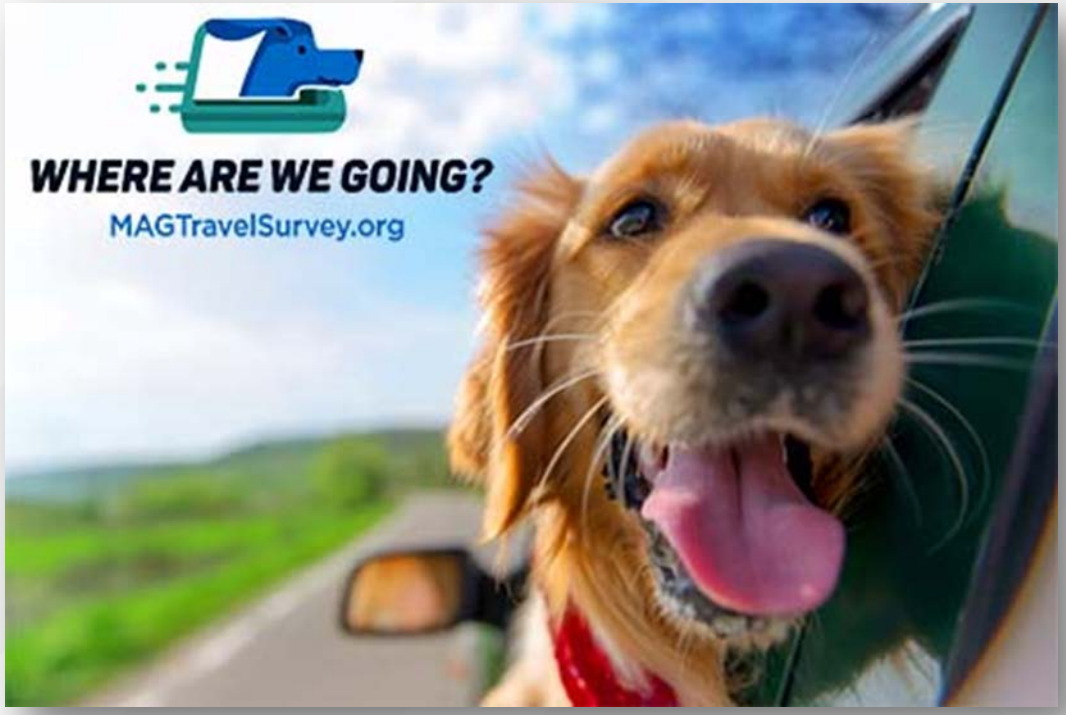
Household Travel Survey



- Need to boost response rates, especially within largest cities.
- **Retweet MAG's tweet *now!*** Twitter.com/ **MAGregion.**