

MAG Programming Guidelines

Maricopa Association of Governments

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MAG Street Committee

Agenda Item # 7

- Stephen Tate,
Transportation Planner



Background

- The MAG Programming Guidelines were approved by the Regional Council On October 26, 2011
- They primarily set policy for the projects programmed with CMAQ and sub allocated STP outside the life-cycle programs.
- They specifically address the following:
 - Programming principles
 - Project selection
 - The MAG closeout, and
 - Project Reprogramming

Guideline Update

- The MAG Managers Working Group on Federal Funding has tasked the Street Committee with representations of other modal committees to revise the Guidelines
- The Street Committee work needs to be completed by the end of February to allow the revised Guidelines to be used for projects to be programmed in 2015
- The update will do the following:
 - Improve the readability of the Guidelines
 - Expand their scope to include new federal funding: TA, HSIP, etc
 - Address changes that have resulted since 2011

Preliminary Schedule

- Process: Changes will be presented in an initial meeting with action taken in a follow up meeting
- Proposed Schedule
 - Sept – Oct: Guideline Principles, Sponsor Responsibilities and Reporting
 - Oct – Nov: Project Selection Policies
 - Nov – Dec: Dynamic Programming Process (Closeout Policies)
 - Dec – Jan: Project Changes

Guideline Principles – Major Changes

- Changes to the Scope of the Guidelines:
 - No life-cycle projects
 - Includes ADOT for CMAQ
 - Covers new funding sources – TA and HSIP provided by ADOT to MAG
- Clarifies and details MAG policy of maximizing Obligation Authority:
 - Encourages ADOT/FHWA to authorize at max federal share
 - Encourages ADOT/FHWA to transfer unused federal funds between project phases
- States that all unused obligation authority returns to MAG

Sponsor Responsibilities

- No Major Changes
- Provides a definition of the term “project sponsor”
- Summaries the requirements

Project Reporting – Major Changes

- Consolidates various section on reporting into a single section
- Ties the reporting cycle to the ADOT mandated deadline for getting projects into ADOT
- Removes the requirement that the Commitment Letter include a schedule as it duplicates the requirement in the Status Report
- Sets up a process for a City Manager to designate a signee for the Commitment Letter

Project Reporting – Major Changes (cont)

- Clarifies that a single Commitment Letter can cover multiple projects and that a Commitment Letter can cover a multiple phase project
- Specifies conditions where MAG may require an updated Commitment Letter and Status Report if the project is advanced or deferred
- Replace an existing report that tracked project activity with a review and update of a report that is required in the Code of Federal Regulations

Follow Up Action

- Members are requested to review the proposed changes and send revisions as appropriate to Stephen Tate at MAG by Friday, September 26th.
- It is anticipated that the Committee will take action on the changes at their next meeting on Tuesday, October 14th.

Thank you

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