

# MAG Programming Guidelines – Project Selection

## Maricopa Association of Governments

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MAG Street Committee

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# 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

# Schedule (revised)

## September

- Review Draft Guideline Principles, Sponsor Responsibilities and Reporting

## October

- Approved Draft Guideline Principles, Sponsor Responsibilities and Reporting
- Reviewed Draft Project Selection Policies

## November

- Review Draft Project Selection Policies
- Review Draft Closeout Policies

## December

- Approve Draft Project Selection Policies
- Approve Draft Closeout Policies

## January

- Approve Draft Project Changes and revised Guidelines for transmittal to the Transportation Review Committee



# Changes to Project Selection Policies

- Rewritten to improve readability
- Makes the Transportation Programming Guidebook a central location for information about calls for projects
- Adds language to require that all agencies be notified of calls for projects
- Clarifies that only hardcopy transmittals need to be signed and that electronic transmittals do not need to be signed

# Changes to Project Selection Policies (Cont)

- Requires Technical Committees to determine that projects are:
  - sufficiently defined to allow technical evaluation,
  - feasible and do not include fatal flaws,
  - have a reasonable schedule for development,
  - have reasonable cost estimates, and
  - performance data submitted are reasonable

# Changes to Project Selection Policies (Cont)

- Adds a requirement that safety be considered in project selection as follows:
  - c. Safety. The safety benefits and impacts of proposed projects will be considered by modal technical committees – Street, Bicycle-Pedestrian, ITS, Safety– based on the MAG Regional safety mission and goals, and evaluated on criteria and processes developed by the modal technical committees. The review will apply to the specific mode and specific federal funding source(s) funding the selected project. The criteria and evaluation process will be detailed in the application or made available with the applications.



## Changes to Project Selection Policies (Cont)

- As a last step in the programming process requires project sponsor buyoff if major changes are made to a project during the project approval process.



# Action

- For information, discussion and approval of revised project selection policies in the draft MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines.

# Thank you

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