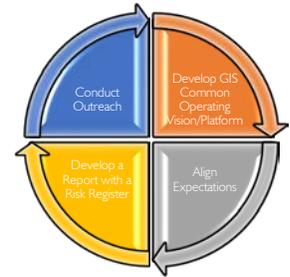


# Expediting Planning and Environmental Review of Key Global Transportation Projects in the Intermountain West Region

## FHWA SHRP 2 Grant

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) awarded a grant to Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) to collaborate with key stakeholders in the broader Intermountain West Region on long-term strategies for multimodal transportation. The grant funding helped to jumpstart a multiphase effort to:

- Conduct outreach to the MPOs, TMAs, State DOTs and other key stakeholders to identify needs and potential gaps related to transportation and data resources.
- Develop GIS Common Operating Vision/Platform for easier data information sharing.
- Align expectations for a long-range vision to move people and goods in the Region.
- Develop Report with Risk Register.



## November 2015 Status Update

Significant efforts to date include:

### OUTREACH:

- ✓ Built a network of expertise of key stakeholders (GIS/technical, transportation and policy key staff) from the broader Intermountain West region to share best practices and lessons learned.
- ✓ Prepared outreach material (project fact sheet and webpage with relevant project information that is continuously updated).
- ✓ Presentation and follow up communications to Intermountain West MPO/TMA directors.
- ✓ Numerous conference calls with key stakeholders to further leverage existing efforts.

### ALIGNING OF EXPECTATIONS:

- ✓ Working to develop Intermountain Transportation vision that will focus on moving people and freight efficiently.

### GIS DATA SHARING/IDENTIFICATION OF RESOURCES:

- ✓ Held over 10 webinars to date providing overview of project and highlighting key web mapping services/GIS tools in the region (DRCOG; WRP; MAG; MRCOG; WGA; SRTC; UDOT; Pikes Peak; RTC and ADOT).
- ✓ Circulated and consolidated GIS Survey; reviewed analytics; assessed available data in region; and conducted follow up interviews with 14 agencies for data gathering.
- ✓ In August 2015, held key meeting with 26 technical staff from 14 different agencies to review project efforts and findings. Their key technical input helped to further project efforts.
- ✓ Identified areas of consensus for a GIS common operating platform for the broader Intermountain West region.



