

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

September 2, 2015

SUBJECT:

Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan to add the FFY 2015 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Project Listings for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area.

SUMMARY:

On August 26, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved future amendments and administrative modifications to the FFY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan which includes the FFY 2015 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program Of Projects for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area. On June 24, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved the priority listing of applicants for the FY 2015 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA. To be eligible for FTA Section 5310 funding, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) must ensure that all program activities are included in a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for activities in urbanized areas (UZA). The FTA full year of funding apportionments was unknown at the time of MAG Regional Council approval.

On August 27, 2015, final FTA full year funding apportionments were announced at \$2,903.692. The FFY 2015 Section 5310 Program Of Projects (POP) for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA includes five mobility management projects, 39 vans and two equipment requests, and 13 New Freedom eligible projects. Upon review of final accounting reconciliation, two revisions have been made to the Section 5310 POP. An accounting error was made on the City of Glendale Taxi Voucher project, the federal request should be programmed at \$62,500, an increase of \$31,250. The Valley Metro Northwest Valley Dial-A-Ride project programmed amount of \$229,432 was modified to reflect the increase in the programmed amount for the City of Glendale and the decrease in the final FTA funding apportionment for the region. The Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan to add the FFY 2015 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Project Listings for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area is offered for information. Additional the ADOT awards for the region are included. Please see TIP listing enclosed.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: To be eligible for FTA Section 5310 funding, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) must ensure that all program activities are included in a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for activities in urbanized areas (UZA). The Program of Projects assists the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department in awarding capital transportation equipment and operating for the most vulnerable population in the MAG region, older adults and people with disabilities. Awards are

made on a competitive basis with a regional emphasis.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The City of Phoenix Public Transit Department will procure accessible and non-accessible passenger vans, ancillary equipment, and fund mobility management and New Freedom eligible projects with these funds. The FTA provides 80 percent of the award cost, and the applicant provides a 20 percent match for capital and mobility management projects. New Freedom eligible projects are a 50 percent award cost and the applicant provides a 50 percent match. The FTA provides Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant vehicles a 85 percent award cost with a 15 percent match and ADA vehicle-related equipment and facilities a 90 percent award cost with a ten percent match. The priority order will be utilized based on rank order to award not less than 55 percent for traditional capital requests and up to 45 percent for New Freedom eligible projects including program administration fees until funding is exhausted.

The priority order for traditional capital requests are: mobility management requests received top priority, next requests for up to two vehicles per agency and equipment, based on rank order until, not less than, 55 percent funding apportionment is met. The priority order for New Freedom eligible requests and program administration are based on eligible projects that meet the intent of the program up to \$125,000 based on rank order until funding apportionment is met taking into account the eight percent program administration fees. The Valley Metro Northwest Valley Dial-A-Ride federal award of \$229,432, was based on; priority ranking, remainder of federal project request over \$125,00, and accounting reconciliation to met the final FTA funding apportionment. All awards meet requirements and inspection standards of federal laws and regulations including ADA.

POLICY: Under MAP-21 the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department as the Designated Recipient receives FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals With Disabilities Program fund apportionments for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration. MAP-21 requires 55 percent of Section 5310 funding for traditional capital projects including mobility management projects. The remaining 45 percent for New Freedom eligible projects including administrative fees. MAG prepares the Section 5310 priority listing of applications for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area (UZA) which is approved through the MAG committee process, and forwarded to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department for submission to the FTA coordinated through the MAG Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee. The FFY 2015 Section 5310 Program Of Projects is to be included in the amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

ACTION NEEDED:

For information and discussion.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS: On August 24, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and necessary project advancement modifications, detailed TIP listing for previously approved priority ordered projects related to apportioned federal fiscal year 2015 funding, based on forthcoming final apportionment and obligation authority distributions from Federal Highway Administration and funding notices from Federal Transit Administration.

MEMBERS ATTENDING (tentative)

- Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale, Chair
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- Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown
- 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

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