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TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

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SUBJECT: MAG TRANSIT PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES FOR JOB ACCESS REVERSE
COMMUTE (JARC) SUBALLOCATED FUNDS

On March 27, 2013, the MAG Regional Council approved the Transit Programming Guidelines for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area. In Section 703 of the Guidelines, it was recommended that Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) eligible activities receive a suballocation to be utilized in a regional competitive process.

MAG staff presented draft programming and policy guidelines at the January 9, 2014, Transit Committee for review and input. The Committee requested the opportunity to continue the discussion by an ad-hoc working group. MAG staff has convened three working group discussions. The final draft was recommended for approval at the February 13, 2014, MAG Transit Committee meeting

The recommended draft set of guidelines and principles for the JARC program, upon Regional Council approval, will be incorporated into the MAG Transit Programming Guidelines. A draft set of guidelines and principles for the JARC program is outlined below.

Program Goals

To improve access for low-income persons to jobs and job-related services

Eligibility

The JARC eligible activities can be found in the FTA Circular C9050.1:
([http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/FTA_C_9050.1_JARC\(1\).pdf](http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/FTA_C_9050.1_JARC(1).pdf))

Funding Guidelines

Operating

- Two years funding
- May reapply with demonstration of success.

Non-Operating

- One year funding period
- May reapply with demonstration of its success

Funding Amounts

- \$30,000 minimum and \$200,000 maximum funding request. \$400,000 maximum in a multiagency application.

Evaluation Criteria

- Target Population Served (30 percent weight)
- Coordination and outreach (30 percent weight)
- Performance Indicators (20 percent weight)
- Meets Program Intent (20 percent weight)

Evaluation Process/Team

Evaluation Team

- Transit working group plus Chair and Vice-Chair of Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee

Evaluation Process

- Three slides/5 minute discussion
- Question and answer session (5-7 minutes)

Preliminary Call for Projects Timeline

The time line will be finalized upon further coordination with the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Committee's application for the 5310 program. Staff will develop an application and evaluation process that meets the approval and inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program prior to the end of the Federal Fiscal Year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
March 2014	Applications made available
April 2014	Applications due to MAG Offices
May 2014	Ad-hoc Evaluation Committee meets to evaluate projects
May 8, 2014	MAG Transit Committee recommends a list of projects for approval
May 29, 2014	MAG Transportation Review Committee recommends a list of projects for approval
June 11, 2014	MAG Management Committee recommends a list of projects for approval
June 18, 2014	MAG Transportation Policy Committee recommends a list of projects for approval
June 25, 2014	Regional Council approves a list of projects for inclusion in the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Plan

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