

TO: Members of the Transportation Review Committee

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SUBJECT: PROJECT STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSSION – TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT (TEA) AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS (SRTS)

In January 2015, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) contacted MAG to work with the local agencies to coordinate project schedules for twelve TEA and SRTS projects in the MAG region. These eleven projects were ‘awarded’ TEA and SRTS funding from the state, prior to July 2012/FY2013. Working with limited funds, ADOT is trying to prioritize when projects with TEA and SRTS funding will obligate. ADOT is suggesting to change the year/date of obligation of programmed funding for projects.

Member agencies completed and returned the eleven project development status forms last week. As noted in the attachment, nine out of eleven projects have either obligated or on schedule to obligate in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015. These nine projects are currently scheduled in the MAG TIP for FFY2015 and need a total of \$3,554,318 of federal STP-TEA/SRTS funding. ADOT’s proposal is to fund 3 of these 9 projects in FFY2015 with \$1,147,202. As well, there are two projects that are on track to obligate in FFY2016, both from Gilbert. One of the two is currently programmed in FFY2016, and the other will need to be deferred to FFY2016. The two projects need \$821,970 of STP-TEA/SRTS funding in FFY2016.

Background – TEA and SRT Funding

Prior to 2013, there were three distinct types of federal formula funds that were apportioned to the State of Arizona: Transportation Enhancements (TEA), Safe Routes to School (SRTS), and Recreational Trails Program. In July 2012, the federal government passed the new federal transportation authorization bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). MAP-21 consolidated these three programs into one federal formula funding category called Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAP funding is now allocated directly to MAG, in comparison to the previous programs, in which funding for was allocated by ADOT.

Requested Action

Information, discussion, and possible recommendation to prioritize the eleven TEA/SRTS projects based on the status of project development schedule.

This item is being discussed by the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee on February 24, 2015. An update will be provided.