

MAG Programming Guidelines

Maricopa Association of Governments

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Transportation Review Committee

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Background

- The MAG Programming Guidelines were approved by the Regional Council On October 26, 2011
 - TA programming guidelines were approved by Regional Council on August 26, 2013.
 - Pinal County STP programming policies were approved on February 25, 2015 by Regional Council.
- They primarily set policy for the projects programmed with Sub-Allocated Federal Highway Administration Funding. -CMAQ, CMAQ 2.5, STP-MAG, HSIP-MAG, and TA-MAG programs outside the life-cycle programs.
- They specifically address the following:
 - Programming principles, monitoring and tracking
 - Project selection
 - The Federal Fund MAG closeout, and
 - Project Changes

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 update will do the following:

- Improve the readability of the Guidelines; *reorganized*
- Expand the scope to include new federal funding: CMAQ 2.5, TA, HSIP, etc
 - Suggested modal committee change for TA
- Address changes that have resulted since 2011; MAP-21 requirements, & current un-noted elements.
 - Appeal process
 - Commitment Letters
 - Project workbook reports
 - End of the year reports
 - TIP detail

Summary Changes to the Guidelines

- Includes current practice
 - Simplifies preparation of Commitment Letters (can be submitted as part of the project report, or multiple projects in a single letter) Section 300.4
 - Clarifies where appeal begins for second time deferrals (modal committee) Section 600.7
 - Clarifies that agency reprogramming requests will be developed in coordination with MAG staff (if needed to have modal committee review) Section 600
- Staff notice
 - Calls for projects to be sent to all agencies noted (has been in practice) Section 400.2
 - Deadlines & Designation for Commitment letters (alternates allowed) Section 300.4
 - Approval of closeout funding (readiness tied to project report) Section 500.3

Summary of Changes to the Guidelines (Cont)

Project Selection

- Provides for the consideration of safety in project selection (400.3)
- Adds some formal determinations for project selection (400.4)

Project Development & End of Year Cleanup (300.6)

- Adds a requirement that an agency have an ADOT TRACS number prior to the year it is to obligate
- Provides a process for MAG staff to delete projects that did not authorize
- Provides for a report on obligated projects (federal requirement*)

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- Recommend approval of the draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures, 2015 Update.

Thank you

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