

## **MID-PHASE INPUT OPPORTUNITY REPORT ADDENDUM**

COMMENTS RECEIVED AT THE MAY 11, 2016 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND  
CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOLLOWING THE MID-PHASE INPUT  
OPPORTUNITY DEADLINE.

### **Comments received at the May 11, 2016 Management Committee meeting:**

#### **Comments from Dianne Barker, Valley Resident:**

Ms. Barker stated that MAG did not provide a proper response to Mr. Rusinek or herself in the FY 2016 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity (agenda item 5H), when the report said it was under the jurisdiction of the City of Phoenix. Ms. Barker stated that this region has particulate and ozone problems and 13 of 20 monitors are high. She stated that citizens and the public interest have brought forth lawsuits to force governments to comply and protect health. Ms. Barker stated that enforcement is under Ms. Joy Rich at Maricopa County through the Clean Air Act. She stated that everyone is supposed to work together.

**Response:** Our original response in the FY 2016 MAG Mid-Phase Input Opportunity Report is correct that the driveway improvements are under the jurisdiction of the City of Phoenix. Since the driveway is located in the incorporated area of the City of Phoenix the requirements in city code apply. According to the U.S. EPA, the MAG region has attained the PM-10 standard based on monitoring data for the years 2010-2012. For the eight-hour ozone standard, 13 of 20 monitors in the nonattainment area do not meet the 2015 ozone standard of .070 parts per million. Also, the Maricopa County Air Quality Department is the regulatory agency for the regional fugitive dust rules, Rule 310 - Fugitive Dust From Dust-Generating Operations and Rule 310.01 - Fugitive Dust from Non-Traditional Sources of Fugitive Dust.

#### **Comments from John Rusinek, Valley Resident:**

Mr. Rusinek commented on agenda item 5H. He said that the gravel company recommends that the gravel should be laid at 1.5 inches and it is now at three inches. Mr. Rusinek also noted that a binder was not used and he was told by a City of Phoenix employee that a particular binder was no longer used. He stated that the gravel in the driveway next door is starting to move. Mr. Rusinek stated that the gravel should be one-quarter to three-quarters inch gravel.

**Response:** These comments relating to the materials used for driveway improvements should be directed to the City of Phoenix.



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# **ATTACHMENT**

**Letter received from the Arizona Game and Fish Department  
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May 5, 2016

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RE: Mid-Phase Transportation Planning Public Hearing

To Whom It May Concern,

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) recently attended the Mid Phase Transportation Planning Public Hearing, held at the Maricopa Association of Governments Office in central Phoenix. We understand the purpose of the meeting was to allow for the public to comment on draft 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, amendment to the 2014-2018 Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Transportation Improvement Program and the amendment to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. While the Department does not have specific comments on any of the specific Programs and amendments presented, we have general comments for consideration and offer comments on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan below.

The Department understands the need to continue to address the growing population demands within Maricopa County. The Department and the Arizona Department of Transportation work closely together on a local project scale. The Department also works closely with Maricopa County Department of Transportation on a more local project scale. We would like to extend our expertise to a more regional scale with MAG. In addition, we encourage communication and coordination regarding natural resources early and throughout the process (outside of the public process) as often planning occurs many years prior to implementation and landscapes potential change within that long time frame, requiring changes, new information considerations, etc. In addition, the Department should be consulted during any planning processes involving wildlife connectivity and linkages.

The Department requests when referring to "wildlife", to be clear it should read fish and wildlife resources as it included fish, habitat, etc. In addition, the maps throughout the document do not

recognize the projects and/or studies for the North/South Freeway, SR24 extension, Phoenix to Tucson Rail, I-11 or the Pinal County transportation plans.

#### Chapter Four - Public Input Process

- It is not clear where the state agencies fit within the framework or outside the framework of the described public input process. This would ensure the ability to share information and data early in the process to assist in informing the projects and/or studies, as well as define any roles that need to be discussed such as participating agency, cooperating agency, etc.
- The Department appreciates the opportunity to be invited to the various workshops

#### Chapter Six - Consultation on Environmental Mitigation and Resource Conservation

- Recognize both fish and wildlife
- The last workshop was in 2013, when the 2035 plan was still being developed
- Recognizing consistency in addressing fish and wildlife resources, recreation, open spaces, fragmentation, linkages and connectivity for species should be included as the local scale projects have worked with the Department for inclusion and should also be expressed at a regional scale as having value
- The Department often becomes a cooperating agency on the local scale planning

In closing, the Department appreciates the opportunity to provide input on all transportation planning throughout the state of Arizona and would like to continue to increase the communication and coordination on these efforts. If you have questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me directly at 480-324-3550 or [kwolff-krauter@azgfd.gov](mailto:kwolff-krauter@azgfd.gov).

Sincerely,



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## Leila Gamiz

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**Subject:** RE: Mid Phase Public Hearing/2035 RTP

Kelly,

Thank you for your comments in connection with the MAG Mid-phase Transportation Planning Public Hearing held on April 27, 2016. We appreciate the thoroughness of your input and it will be considered throughout the MAG transportation planning process.

We agree that input regarding natural resources early and throughout the planning process is essential, as indicated in Chapter Six of the MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Regarding the North-South Freeway, SR-24 Extension, Phoenix to Tucson Passenger Rail, I-11, and Pinal County transportation plans, these corridors were not mapped since they are not a part of the approved MAG 2035 RTP. However, these projects are discussed in Chapter Sixteen of the Plan. The status of these corridors will be updated as part of future updating of the MAG 2035 RTP. In addition, Pinal County staff is consulted with to ensure that County plans are reflected in MAG roadway networks.

We greatly appreciate your comments and look forward to the continued involvement of the Game and Fish Department in the regional transportation planning process.

Kindly,

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Good Afternoon Leila,

Attached are the Department's comments relating to the public hearing and the RTP. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks so much and have a wonderful weekend.

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