

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
April 13, 2005
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Chair	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Ed Beasley, Glendale, Vice Chair	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
+ Kathy Connelly for George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Terry Ellis, Peoria
Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
* Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye	Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
Jon Pearson, Carefree	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Steve Olson for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale
Patrice Kraus for Mark Pentz, Chandler	Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Jeff Kulaga for Will Manley, Tempe
Norm Phillips for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
# Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	* Shane Dille, Wickenburg
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	Mark Fooks, Youngtown
* Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Andy Smith for Victor Mendez, ADOT
George Pettit, Gilbert	Mike Ellegood for David Smith, Maricopa County
* Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Sylvia Simpson for Ken Driggs, Valley Metro/RPTA
Mark Johnson, Guadalupe	

- * Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Participated by telephone conference call.
- + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Hutchinson at 12:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Hutchinson announced that Kathy Connelly was attending the meeting via videoconference call and Tim Pickering was attending via telephone conference call. Chairman Hutchinson stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

Chairman Hutchinson stated that the addendum to the agenda, item #5K, and informational materials for agenda items #5J, #6B, #8 and #9 were at each place.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Hutchinson stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chairman Hutchinson noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations. Chairman Hutchinson stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, comment cards are available from the staff.

Chairman Hutchinson recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who said that she had taken the bus to the meeting and had brought a citizen. Ms. Barker commented on an article in the Orange County Register on funding for non-highway projects. Ms. Barker stated that one-tenth of the region's economy is Sky Harbor Airport, but it does not follow multimodal transportation directives, and a lot of people use alternative modes at the airport. She stated that she did not believe that an EIS had been done. Ms. Barker encouraged building the best train that will move people, and to scratch light rail and the people mover. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chairman Hutchinson recognized public comment from Bob McKnight, who stated that approximately \$17 million has been spent on the Deck Park tunnel, but it is still not utilized. He stated that he hoped that members would read the study that was done to turn it into a bus terminal. Mr. McKnight commented that there must be a serious bottleneck problem at the tunnel because of the number of accidents at that location. He said that a waiver was obtained to utilize every inch of the tunnel. Mr. McKnight commented on the intergovernmental agreement for the tunnel. He said that he wanted to know what the plans were for the tunnel, because it seemed people had forgotten about it. Mr. McKnight suggested that members read the Phoenix charter because it contains interesting details. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Mr. McKnight for his comments.

Chairman Hutchinson recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented that the Deck Park tunnel was not forgotten, just not addressed. He commented that Phoenix has not kept up with the agreement, and that funding stopped when Skip Rimsza became mayor. Mr. Crowley stated that fixing the tunnel will take people off the streets, and this will help congestion. He stated that pedestrian, bicycle, and transit should be included when street projects are built the first time, not retrofitted when it will cost more. Mr. Crowley also urged having accommodations at bus stops. He said that MAG did not plan it right when 57 percent of the half cent sales tax goes to freeways. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith reported on Transportation Reauthorization. He said that the sixth extension expires May 31, 2005, and it seems unlikely that there will be a reauthorization bill prior to the deadline.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG will assist Pinal County with their socioeconomic information. He noted that the contract between Central Arizona Association of Governments and the MAG Information Center is for \$175,400.

Mr. Smith stated that Governor Napolitano named F. Rockne "Roc" Arnett, President and CEO of East Valley Partnership, and Jack Lunsford, President and CEO of WESTMARC, to the state Citizen's Transportation Oversight Committee.

Mr. Smith stated that the Third Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence to raise funds to support domestic violence shelters and programs, will take place on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 7:00 a.m. beginning at Wesley Bolin Plaza. He said that there has been a great response to the municipal team challenge by Phoenix Councilmember Peggy Bilsten. Mr. Smith stated that the number of teams has increased over past walks. He said that this year, Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe, have signed up teams. Mr. Smith added that the deadline for signing up a team is Friday, April 15.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG, along with Valley Metro and Valley Metro Rail, is hosting informational booths at two events on April 13, 2005 at the Phoenix Civic Plaza: The Valley Forward Livability Summit and the Latino Institute Annual Conference. Mr. Smith stated that staff also hosted an information booth at Sunday on Central on March 21, 2005.

Mr. Smith introduced a new MAG employee, Brande Mead, who rejoined the MAG staff as Human Services Planner I in the Human Services Division.

Mr. Smith announced that April 12, 2005 was MAG's 38th birthday. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Mr. Smith for his report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

Jim Rumpeltes introduced the newly appointed Deputy City Manager for the City of Surprise, Phil Testa, who previously served as the city's Community Development Director.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Hutchinson stated that public comment would be heard before action was taken on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chairman Hutchinson stated that agenda items #5A through #5K were on the consent agenda.

Chairman Hutchinson recognized public comment from Ms. Barker, who stated that she has said in past meetings that she did not feel that the federal guidelines were appropriate that all transit projects should be automatically be exempt. Ms. Barker said that buses pollute and she felt this should be considered. Ms. Barker commented on the possibility that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality might be out of existence and EPA might be coming in. She on the redesignation of the area from serious nonattainment because of all the factors that are happening. Ms. Barker stated that transit projects are utilized for Obligation Authority because they can be done in a timely manner; however, this does not mean they move people in a more efficient manner. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chairman Hutchinson recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who commented on bus bays. He said that after 17 years, can't you get it right? For agenda item #5J, he would have liked to hear the legislative update. For agenda item #5I, he wants to be counted. For agenda item #5H, he appreciated the efforts and supported doing even more. Mr. Crowley commented on agenda item #5G, that the plan is not as hands on as it could be when Value Options is in charge of medical. For agenda item #5C, he said that the station on the Papago is no longer in the Short Range Transit Plan. Mr. Crowley noted that TEA-21 says to finish projects before starting new ones. He commented that he had not received truthful information back in 1986 when he asked where the lottery funds for the tunnel went. Mr. Crowley stated that every time a facility is retrofitted, it costs six times more. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Hutchinson asked members if there was discussion on any of the consent agenda items. No requests were noted to hear an item individually.

Mr. Fairbanks moved to recommend approval of consent agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, #5J, and #5K. Mr. Cornwall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5A. Approval of March 9, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the March 9, 2005 meeting minutes.

5B. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Add a Phoenix Federally Funded High Priority Transportation Project for FY 2005

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP to add the Federally funded, Phoenix Rio Salado Parkway design project. The City of Phoenix has been notified that it has been awarded \$1,653,333 in Federal High Priority Transportation funds to start the design of the Rio Salado Parkway corridor, from 7th Street to the South Mountain Freeway. This notification was made as part of a special appropriation that occurred during the recent Transportation Appropriations Bill. In order for the project to proceed, the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) needs to be amended to include this new project. As the project involves only design at this stage, the project is regarded as an exempt project for air quality conformity analysis purposes and the consultation on this item was included as a separate agenda item. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the amendment.

5C. Federal Fiscal Year 2005 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2005 and FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the interim closeout of Federal FY 2005, as shown in the attached Table One and recommended amending/adjusting the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2005 and FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to allow the projects to proceed. In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$17.9 million is available for the interim closeout, plus a possible \$1.5 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. On March 24, 2005, the

MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended allowing 15 projects, totaling \$12.9 million to defer from Federal Fiscal Year 2005 to later years. Projects on Table One: (1) CHN03-107R-Chandler: Ryan Rd: Arizona Ave to McQueen Rd; Pave dirt road, CMAQ, \$162,000; (2) GBD05-202-Gila Bend: Martin Ave: Old Main St to Stout St; Pedestrian improvements, STP-MAG, \$188,600; (3) GLB04-205-Gilbert: Gilbert Rd: US-60 to Guadalupe Rd; and US-60: Dobson Rd to Gilbert Rd; ITS project along Gilbert Rd and US-60, CMAQ, \$400,660; (4) GLB05-107R-Gilbert: Eastern Canal: Baseline Rd to Guadalupe Rd (Santan Vista Trail phase I); Multi-use path, CMAQ, \$549,769; (5) GDL04-201-Guadalupe: 8413 S Avenida Del Yaqui; Emergency signal, STP-MAG, \$47,000; (6) GDL05-202-Guadalupe: Guadalupe Rd: Highline Canal to Calle Bella Vista; Add sidewalks, bus stops and cross walks, CMAQ, \$500,000; (7) LPK05-101-Litchfield Park: Litchfield Rd Bypass at Wigwam Boulevard; Construct bicycle underpass, CMAQ, \$886,420; (8) MMA05-214-Maricopa County: PM-10 roads, various locations; Paving dirt roads (2005), CMAQ, \$1,032,400; (9) MES04-125C-Mesa: Country Club Dr: 8th Ave to Baseline Rd (including US-60 TI); Install real-time adaptive signal system, CMAQ, \$788,810; (10) PEO03-101-Peoria: Carefree Hwy: Lake Pleasant to Beardsley Canal; Pave dirt road, CMAQ, \$845,000; (11) PHX04-110-Phoenix: Grand Canal at I-17; Construct bicycle grade separation structure, CMAQ, \$3,300,500; (12) SCT04-119C-Scottsdale: Scottsdale Rd: Pima Fwy to Indian School Rd; Construct smart corridor traffic control system, CMAQ, \$1,822,800; (13) SCT04-113R-Scottsdale: Hayden Rd at Via de Ventura intersection; Add north and southbound left turn lanes for dual lefts:, CMAQ, \$1,600,000; (14) TMP04-102-Tempe: Curry Rd: Scottsdale Rd to McClintock Dr; Design and construct pedestrian facilities, CMAQ, \$438,200; (15) TMP05-105-Tempe: University Dr: Perry Lane to Price Rd; Design and construct pedestrian facilities, CMAQ, \$400,000. Total of MAG Federal Funds Requested for Deferral: \$12,962,159. This is in addition to \$4.6 million in uncommitted funds available since the initial closeout and \$350,000 in reimbursed funds received so far this year. Members were requested to submit to MAG staff any projects that they wish to compete for the funds available by the deadline of Friday, April 29, 2005.

5D. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment includes a City of Phoenix federal-aid project to start the design of the Rio Salado Parkway from 7th Street to the South Mountain Freeway in FY 2005. The amendment includes a new project that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by April 22, 2005. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

5E. Amendment to the FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Additional Metropolitan Planning Funds

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of an amendment to the FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add \$81,810.57 in FY 2004 Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds. A modification is being requested to the FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Arizona Department of Transportation has notified MAG that the amount of FY 2004 Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds has been increased by \$81,810.57. This funding needs to be added to the FY 2005 MAG Work Program.

5F. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application Process for Maricopa County

On December 18, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year round homeless planning process. This includes the submittal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the Maricopa Region. The Continuum of Care application supports permanent and transitional housing services. It is anticipated that the region could receive more than \$19 million for the 2005 application. This year, MAG is expecting to receive up to 60 applications for new and renewal projects. A ranking and review process, administered by Valley of the Sun United Way, is in process. Information on the process is being provided to inform MAG member agencies regarding this funding.

5G. Update to the Regional Plan to End Homelessness

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Update to the Regional Plan to End Homelessness. The Regional Plan to End Homelessness was developed in 2002. Since then, the plan has become a national model and a guiding light for the MAG Continuum of Care. In October 2004, a group of nearly 40 stakeholders, including elected officials, service providers, municipal staff and the private sector gathered to assess progress that has been made on the plan. The outcome of the meetings resulted in the Regional Plan Update. The purpose of the update is to educate, provide a benchmark for accomplishments and a focus for what remains to be done. The Regional Plan Update was recommended for approval by the Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness on March 24, 2005.

5H. Domestic Violence Public Opinion Survey

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of conducting a public opinion phone survey on domestic violence to be conducted by MAG and the Morrison Institute at Arizona State University. The MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council, formed in 1999, supports the collection of current statistically reliable and valid public opinion data on the issue of domestic violence in Maricopa County. This information will assist the Council as they work to prioritize their goals and objectives for the next five years. The Morrison Institute at Arizona State University has offered to partner with MAG to place a public opinion survey in the field beginning in early May 2005 through MetroTRACK. This random phone survey would seek to measure public awareness of domestic violence services currently available in the region, as well as to assess the public's perception of the most pressing domestic violence-related needs. The survey is estimated to cost no more than \$4,000 with the Morrison Institute paying for half that amount.

5I. Preparations for Conducting the 2005 Census Survey

Since the March 9, 2005 Management Committee meeting, MAG has been working with member agencies on ways to avoid or minimize any cost increase. MAG has also been working on the questionnaire, the letter from the agency's Regional Council member to accompany the questionnaire, list of group quarters, outreach efforts and recruitment. MAG and the Census Bureau have been researching methods to reduce a potential cost increase. One method to reduce costs is for member agencies to provide the Census Bureau with address lists. To date,

twelve member agencies have indicated that they will be able to provide an address file and twelve member agencies have indicated that they will not. MAG is continuing to collaborate with member agencies to obtain address lists. For the address lists that have been submitted, MAG and the Census Bureau are performing quality assurance and quality control on the lists. The purpose of conducting cognitive testing is to ensure the 2005 Census Survey questionnaire will be understood and filled out accurately. A report detailing the results of cognitive testing of the questionnaire and the letter accompanying the questionnaire has just been received. MAG is currently reviewing this report. The 2005 National Census Test (NCT) is a survey of a test questionnaire for the 2010 Census. The 2005 NCT will be conducted in a similar manner and at the same time as the MAG 2005 Census Survey. The Census Bureau stated that the same household will not receive both surveys. After discussion with census staff on ways to minimize the effect of the NCT on the MAG 2005 Census Survey, Census Bureau staff indicated that delaying the NCT until after the 2005 Census Survey is not an option. Census staff also informed MAG that it is unlikely that Maricopa County will be exempted from the 2005 NCT. The City of Phoenix has formed five subcommittees to target publicity of the census to specific audiences. These subcommittees are Media, Business, Minority Outreach, Neighborhoods/Schools, and Communities of Faith. All subcommittees have met and work on the media campaign is underway. The Media subcommittee has a diverse composition of staff from local mainstream and ethnic television, radio and print media. The Media subcommittee selected a slogan for helping to brand the Census Survey outreach efforts. The slogan is "Count me in!" or "¡Cuenta Conmigo!" The subcommittee also selected both black and white and color logos which can be seen at www.census2005.com. The subcommittee received commitments for weekly articles in Prensa Hispana and La Voz, the Valley's major Spanish language newspapers. They are also working with Aguilas taxis to promote the Survey, and with major television and radio stations about partnering opportunities. The subcommittee is also working with local theaters to develop cinema slide public service announcements about the survey. The Media subcommittee will work in concert with the MAG Census Survey Outreach Group to publicize the census and inform the public about the importance of participating in the Survey. The outreach group will identify best practices and take materials from the Phoenix subcommittees and adapt them for individual communities. The Census Survey Outreach Group is made up of public information officers and other designated communication representatives from each city or town. The group is organizing outreach efforts and has created a timeline. To date, the Census Bureau has interviewed 4,200 workers for the 2005 Census Survey. The Bureau is currently seeking to interview another 900 workers to perform the address listing operation in May 2005. Selection will be made in mid-April. Pay will start at \$11.50 per hour plus mileage reimbursement. The jobs are part-time and have flexible hours. The recruitment phone number is (602) 256-3225. Although the Census Bureau has run press releases and ads in the local media, member agencies are being asked to assist in publicizing the recruitment of census workers through their established networks.

5J. Legislative Update

An updated Bill Summary dated April 13, 2005 was at each committee member's place. New bills of interest included HB 2426, now changed to Tax Relief; Revenue Sharing, which reduces urban revenue sharing to all cities more than 100,000 in population. The strike-everything amendment to this bill takes away state shared revenue from municipalities. HB 2122 has a strike-everything amendment that allows for expanded audit requirements for the light rail

system. This language is similar to HB 2292 which was defeated early in the session. This is another attempt to change the voter approved Regional Transportation Plan. HB 2563, Cable Television Fee Reduction, failed on reconsideration in the House by a vote of 30-28. Lastly, another bill that has been changed with a striker amendment is HB 2499, Municipal Tax Incentives Prohibition. This bill discourages a municipality from offering tax incentives to businesses. There is a conditional enactment section that states that the legislation is effective on August 1, 2006 unless MAG develops and implements a comprehensive regional plan that eliminates excessive municipal tax incentives and bidding disputes.

5K. Proposed 2005 Revisions to MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee has completed its review of proposed 2005 revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction and these revisions are currently being reviewed by MAG Member Agency Public Works Directors and/or Engineers. It is anticipated that the annual update packet will be available for purchase in early May 2005. This item was on the agenda for information.

6A. FY 2005 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity

Chairman Hutchinson stated that presentations would be given on agenda items #6A, #6B, and #6C, followed by action.

Jason Stephens gave a presentation on MAG's adopted public involvement process. He said that members of the public are provided the opportunity to provide input on transportation plans and programs during four phases: Early Phase, Mid-Phase, Final Phase and Continuous Involvement. Mr. Stephens stated that the Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity was conducted from the end of February through April 1, 2005 and provided residents with the opportunity to input into plans and programs after preliminary development of the new TIP, but before finalization. Input opportunities included committee meetings and several special events, such as the Grand Avenue Kickoff, the Transportation Fair at Central Station, and the Joint Transportation Open House and Public Hearing. Mr. Stephens noted that the special events are usually held in conjunction with usually with Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro and Valley Metro Rail. He said that comments received during the period were included in the Mid-Phase Input Opportunity Report. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Mr. Stephens for his presentation. No comments from the committee were noted.

6B. Approval of the Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Paul Ward addressed the committee on the Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He said that the TIP includes all Title 23 Federally funded projects and all regionally significant projects. Mr. Ward stated that a TIP is required every two years; however, MAG generally drafts a TIP every year. He advised that sufficient detail on the projects is required to permit air quality analysis in accordance with the U.S. conformity requirements. Mr. Ward then described the TIP process, with approval by the Regional Council anticipated in July. He stated that the 1,100 projects in the TIP include more than 500 street, 250 transit, 140 freeway, and 100 bicycle and pedestrian projects and represent more than \$5.65

billion. Mr. Ward then went on to discuss the source of funds and allocation of funds. He referred to the Errata Sheet that was provided and advised that the last opportunity to make changes to projects in the TIP, with the exception of the description or funding, will be prior to Regional Council approval for a conformity analysis. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Mr. Ward for his presentation. No comments from the committee were noted.

6C. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2005 Update for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Roger Herzog stated that the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans and programs be in conformance with applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, it is necessary to conduct a conformity analysis on an update to the MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He stated that the 2005 Update includes the plan modifications approved by the Regional Council for air quality conformity analysis on March 23, 2005 and proposed plan modifications for air quality conformity analysis distributed for agency review on February 25, 2005. Mr. Herzog advised that these changes are subject to the interim advancement policy that was approved in February 2005. Mr. Herzog added that the changes will modify the MAG Regional Transportation Plan that was adopted by the MAG Regional Council on November 25, 2003. He added that approval of the draft RTP for a conformity analysis by the Regional Council is anticipated in July. No comments from the committee were noted.

Chairman Hutchinson recognized public comment from Ms. Barker, who expressed support for all public input at MAG. She encouraged additional outreach to the public. Ms. Barker stated that she appreciated MAG staff sending her emails and for their welcoming manner toward public input. Ms. Barker stated that Sky Harbor Airport could assist those wanting to use public transit to their facility because many people do not know how to access it. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chairman Hutchinson recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who stated that there are 500 street projects and bicycle and pedestrian projects are not included in them as they should be. Mr. Crowley stated that bicycle and pedestrian projects should be built at the same time as street projects are being built. Building the projects at the same time would save money over tearing up the streets later to add these projects. Mr. Crowley stated that the \$810,000 spent for each light rail station would pay for 55 bus bays. He urged that bus stops have accommodations for riders, such as benches and shelters. Mr. Crowley requested that the job be done right and stop wasting his money. He stated that more outreach is needed to get more people to public hearings. Mr. Crowley commented that there was no quorum of MAG members at the public hearing. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Mr. Martinsen moved to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2005 Update for an air quality conformity analysis. Mr. Ellegood seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Interim Draft of the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

Eric Anderson updated members on the draft policies and procedures being discussed by the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Anderson stated that two overall goals were defined in

developing the policies: to maintain the fiscal balance of the arterial street program by ensuring that project costs do not exceed available revenues; and to deliver all of the Proposition 400 projects in an efficient and cost effective manner.

Mr. Anderson stated that the TPC discussed four draft policies: the reimbursement amount for advanced projects; program adjustments for revenue shortfalls; program adjustments for surplus program funds; and the use of surplus project funds. Mr. Anderson stated that partial action on the draft policies and procedures is anticipated in May, with final action in June. He stated that revenue from Proposition 400 will start flowing in March 2006. Mr. Anderson stated that staff is working on annualizing phases two, three, and four. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Mr. Anderson for his update. No comments from the committee were noted.

8. Discussion and Update on the Draft FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Becky Kimbrough updated members on the development of the Draft FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. She said that a revised Programs in Brief and a schedule on the estimated share of the Census Survey costs by member agency were at each place. Ms. Kimbrough stated that a meeting of the Intermodal Planning Group to formally review the Work Program took place on April 6. She advised that the comments from the Federal partners were positive and they recommended no changes. Ms. Kimbrough reviewed changes to the Programs in Brief. She said that it was decided that for the 10-Year Strategic Plan for an Elderly Friendly Regional Transportation System, staff will conduct an inventory of the member agencies to determine the elderly transportation initiatives currently in place. This information will then be brought back to the Management Committee and the Regional Council to determine if the project will proceed. Ms. Kimbrough advised that the project would remain in the budget, but costs would be for staff labor only. She stated that the Arterial Life Cycle Program Database Maintenance project for \$100,000 would be taken out of the new projects recommended for FY 2006 because it was determined it would be more appropriate for implementation in a later year. She stated that the Technical Assistance with Traffic Data Analysis and Reporting project with the Texas Transportation Institute in the amount of \$57,000 was proposed for inclusion in the Work Program. Ms. Kimbrough explained that the project will gather traffic count information for modeling. She noted that these changes would reduce the FY 2006 budget by \$43,000. Ms. Kimbrough stated that staff is available to respond to any questions on the Census Survey payment schedule.

Mr. Smith noted that there is ongoing discussion on the Emergency Transportation Operations Plan, and it possibly could be deleted from the Work Program. No comments from the Committee were noted.

9. MAG County Library District Stakeholders Group

Tom Remes reported on recent meetings of the MAG County Library District Stakeholders Group that was formed by the Management Committee on March 9, 2005. Mr. Remes stated that the Group has been meeting to examine current library needs and explore other potential partnering activities such as joint purchasing, regional technology sharing, and restructuring of the reciprocal borrowing agreement.

Mr. Remes stated that the Group reached a consensus on two recommendations. He said that the first recommendation is for the County to purchase a core set of electronic databases that would be available to all libraries in the County. Mr. Remes stated that the second recommendation is for a restructuring of the Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement, including developing a new formula that reflects actual costs and to have a one-time increase to the existing \$20 rate while the formula was being developed.

Mr. Remes noted that the Group expressed that regular meetings of municipal and County librarians would be helpful to further communication. Chairman Hutchinson thanked Mr. Remes for his report and for getting the group together so quickly.

Chairman Hutchinson recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who expressed that he appreciated the work that was done, but felt that the school libraries should be included in the discussion.

Mr. Ellis moved to forward the recommendations of the MAG County Library District Stakeholders Group to the Regional Council, that staff begin meeting within the month to develop an implementation schedule for the recommendations, and that the Stakeholders Group would report back to the Management Committee. Mr. Crossman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Growth Impacts

Rita Walton provided the committee with the presentation on growth impacts that was given to the Regional Council at the March 23, 2005 Retreat. She explained that the Arizona COG Directors discussed the growth impacts and challenges for Arizona in the next 50 years and requested some maps to be able to visualize the issue. As a result of this request, the Arizona part of the presentation was developed. Ms. Walton displayed a series of maps that showed the extent and pattern of population growth that were developed using land ownership information and census information. The maps showed the Arizona population in 2000 at just over five million and projected populations in 2010 at more than seven million, in 2020 at nearly 10 million, in 2030 at just under 12 million, in 2040 at 14 million, and in 2050 at 16 million.

Ms. Walton then showed the population change natural increase in population (births minus deaths), domestic (state-to-state) migration, and international migration. She also showed the changes in demographic composition. Ms. Walton reviewed the employment outlook of the top six industries from 2000-2030, with the majority of new jobs in health-care or related social-assistance fields followed by local and state government. Ms. Walton then showed maps of development patterns that included job centers and residential development.

Chairman Hutchinson thanked Ms. Walton for the presentation and added that it was one of the most interesting presentations he had seen.

Mr. Fooks asked if the presentation was available electronically. Ms. Walton replied that the presentation was available on CD. She added that staff would also come to Council meetings to make the presentation if requested.

Mr. Smith commented that Mayor Keno Hawker, Chair of the MAG Regional Council, requested a meeting of the other Arizona COG elected officials to better understand future challenges. He said that growth could be a discussion topic at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference in Mesa. Mr. Smith noted that the maps demonstrated a lack of gateway routes in Arizona. He commented on the diversion of HURF funds in Arizona and stated that the maps show that every transportation dollar is needed for transportation. Mr. Smith noted that discussing long-term growth will take combined efforts.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Walton to discuss if water availability was factored into the Arizona projection series. Ms. Walton stated that members of two state agencies she spoke to indicated that there is sufficient water to accommodate the population until 2030. She added that she was told that after 2030 it would likely be more a pricing issue. She indicated that when preparing the maps, water was not included as a factor. Mr. Smith acknowledged the work of Ms. Walton and her staff, Anubhav Bagley and Mark Roberts, who put the maps and presentation together in two weeks.

11. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Mr. Ellegood reminded members of the Livability Conference being held that day. He said that many of the same issues that were presented in the Growth presentation will be discussed. He added that Neal Peirce will be a speaker.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary