

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 14, 2005
MAG Offices
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair	* Mayor Phil Gordon, Phoenix
Mayor Woody Thomas, Litchfield Park, Vice Chair	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Treasurer	Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear
Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek	

* Not present

Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Keno Hawker at 12:40 p.m.

2. Call to the Audience

Chairman Hawker noted that according to MAG's public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the public comment cards. He stated that there is a three minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for 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 Hawker stated that there were no public comment cards received.

3. Approval of the January 10, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Mayor Shafer moved to approve the January 10, 2005 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Mayor Cavanaugh seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Becky Kimbrough reported on the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. She noted that the FY 2006 process has begun and this is an early overview of the proposed new projects for the FY 2006 Work Program and draft Dues and Assessments. She also noted that the draft timeline has been updated to reflect changes in the production of the budget. Ms. Kimbrough noted that a budget videoconferencing workshop has been scheduled for Friday, February 18th at 9:00 a.m. She also noted that the IPG meeting has been scheduled for April 6, 2005. Ms. Kimbrough then moved on to Attachment Two, the estimated Dues and Assessments with minimum. She noted that the Executive Committee requested an analysis of what it cost to be a member. She

explained that the solid waste planning assessment is being reduced by \$24,884 to \$10,000 as the Solid Waste Plan is almost complete. A minimum of \$350 for member dues and assessments is assumed in order to cover meeting costs and this affects two member, Gila Bend and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Ms. Kimbrough reported that the \$350 recommendation seems to be appropriate to cover the costs of the Regional Council and Management Committee meeting costs. Mr. Smith stated that solid waste is decreasing from \$30,000 to \$10,000 because it is on the stop doing list.

Ms. Kimbrough reviewed Attachment Three, FY 2006 Revenue/Expenses Sources and Uses. Mr. Smith explained the options for the videoconferencing project. He noted that the cost of the videoconference project may range from \$30,000 per year to keep an audio conference call system to \$400,000 per year to maintain the current videoconference system with service and support. He stated that the budgeted amount of \$250,000 is the cost of keeping the current videoconference system without service and support. Mr. Smith replied that it does not include the cost of a maintenance agreement and that service and support would be on time and materials for one year and it could be evaluated after one year. Chairman Hawker suggested building in a contingency. The Committee discussed the usage of the videoconference system and several options. Mr. Smith noted that the jurisdictions who use videoconferencing the most are typically the farthest out. Mr. Smith recommended the \$250,000 level next year.

Vice Chairman Thomas asked if videoconferencing funds could be used for any other program. Mr. Smith noted that the cost of keeping the videoconferencing lines could be expensed as part of the indirect cost rate. He explained that MAG anticipates taking less STP to fund operations in next year's budget. This money could be requested in the closeout for FY 2005. Chairman Hawker stated that he likes videoconferencing, but could use these funds for other things too. He suggested that, at the very least, that MAG keep its capability of audioconferencing and videoconferencing for approximately \$80,000. Mayor Manross agreed. Vice Chairman Thomas stated that if you look at the money saved in the first quarter FY 2005 of \$32,684, maintaining the system at a cost of approximately \$125,000 would be acceptable. Chairman Hawker suggested that both options be taken to the Management Committee. The Executive Committee agreed.

Ms. Kimbrough moved to Attachment Four to discuss FTE. She noted that there are requests for FY 2006 for two transportation positions and one position in the Information Services Division. Vice Mayor Thomas asked if there was an advantage to budgeting for FTE as opposed to dealing with a dollar amount. Mr. Smith replied that there are typically questions on the number of people employed. Chairman Hawker asked if there was a balance in salaries within the divisions. Mr. Smith replied that a salary compensation study was just completed last May, which the Regional Council approved. Chairman Hawker thanks Mr. Smith and Ms. Kimbrough for their report.

5. Regional Report Forum

Mr. Smith reported that the Regional Report Forum was held on January 25, 2005 at the Arizona Club. MAG partnered with Behavior Research Center, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, and the Center for the Future of Arizona. Approximately 135 people attended this event. Mr. Smith noted that the Regional Report Video, featuring the Executive Committee members, has been distributed to several jurisdictions. Currently, the cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa are playing the video on their city station. He stated that copies of the Regional Report and Video are available today for the

Executive Committee. Mayor Shafer stated that there is a copy of the report at City Hall and several people have complemented the report. Mr. Smith thanked the MAG staff who worked tirelessly on the report and event. He also noted the sponsors, Arizona Public Service (APS); Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona; Mariscal, Weeks, McIntyre & Friedlander; Associated General Contractors and Triadvocates. Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

6. Office Space Update

Mr. Smith stated that the Building Lease Working Group met on February 9, 2005. This working group includes Mayor Hawker, Mayor Cavanaugh, Mayor Clarke, Frank Fairbanks and Prisila Ferreira, Peoria City Manager. Mr. Smith stated that the space on the fourth floor that was previously available, is no longer available. The City of Phoenix will be using that space for expansion. He noted that there was an interest in working with other agencies, such as Valley Metro, Valley Metro Rail and AMWUA on renting or purchasing a building. There is also the build-to-suit option. Chairman Hawker noted that this was the group's first meeting and information is being gathered on all options. He noted that nothing is being ruled out at this time.

7A. TEA-21 Reauthorization Update

Tom Remes updated the Executive Committee on TEA-21 Reauthorization. He noted that TEA-21 has been extended five times. Mr. Remes stated that the Regional Council approved a resolution regarding the guiding principles for reauthorization at its February 2003 meeting. He noted that there is now a new Congress, so this information will need to be resubmitted. Mr. Remes highlighted the difference in the last resolution and this resolution. This resolution addresses the inclusion of PM-10 in the CMAQ allocation formula. He stated that this agenda item is requesting approval of the TEA-21 Reauthorization resolution, which will be sent to the Regional Council for ratification.

Chairman Hawker asked if the second bullet on number three, "Enhancing levels of funding to the States and MPOs by eliminating obligation authority constraints" could be explained. Mr. Smith explained that obligation authority is what is put in the bank and it is usually set at a percentage. Therefore, we need to set a high obligation authority. Vice Chairman Thomas asked if it would help if there was some conversation at the upcoming National League of Cities Conference. Mr. Remes replied that the more talk out there the better, especially on PM-10. Mr. Smith added that Senator Harry Reid from Nevada is a key contact because PM-10 is a Nevada issue too. Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Remes for his update.

Mayor Shafer moved to approve the TEA-21 Reauthorization resolution. Mayor Cavanaugh seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7B. Legislative Update

Mr. Remes noted that there has been 1,238 bill introduced this legislative session. He updated the Executive Committee on bills of interest to MAG. He began with HB 2123 Highway Expansion and Extension Loans, which will help accelerate the freeway program. He continued with HB 2292, Regional Transportation; Performance Audits, which will add more components to the performance audit of light rail. If the audit fails to meet the new standards, money will be diverted to freeway projects. This piece of legislation would negatively impact the RTP, which was approved by the

voters. Mr. Remes noted that Management Committee asked that SB 1229 and HB 2563 also be monitored. He then asked if there were any questions on any specific bill. Mayor Shafer stated the SB 1115, Urban Revenue Sharing Fund, should also be monitored. Mr. Remes stated that he will add that bill to the list. Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Remes for his update.

Mr. Smith reminded the Executive Committee that copies of the Regional Report Video are available to take today.

8. Adjournment

Mayor Cavanaugh moved to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Shafer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary