

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 17, 2002  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	*Duncan Miller, Paradise Valley
Adrian Williamson, Avondale	*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
T Liz Zeller, Buckeye	Tom Ellsworth, Mesa
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Matt Holm, Maricopa County
David de la Torre, Chandler	Prisila Ferreira, Peoria
*Rodney Cobb, El Mirage	Tim Tilton, Phoenix
Denise Ruhling, Fountain Hills	*John Kross, Queen Creek
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community	Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend	*Scott Phillips, Surprise
Kate Langford, Glendale	Mark Elma, Tempe
Janeen Hollomon, Goodyear	*Mark Fooks, Youngtown
*Mary Hoy, Guadalupe	Ann McCracken, RPTA

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

T Participated via audioconference

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Zupon, Chandler	Mele Konya, MAG
Donna Gadbois, Phoenix	Michelle Green, MAG
Harry Wolfe, MAG	Linda Strock, DES
T Phil Garthright, Buckeye	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a .m. by Chairman George Pettit.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests from the audience to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2002

It was moved by Bob Pazera, seconded by Kate Langford and unanimously recommended, with one abstention, to approve the meeting minutes of August 20, 2002.

4. Preparation of New MAG Socioeconomic Projections

Rita Walton thanked members of the MAG POPTAC for their input on the socioeconomic projections test runs. She said that the projections would be available for review in the near future.

Ms. Walton pointed out that the draft 1 projections were needed for transportation modeling purposes and that the final projections would be developed in the Spring of 2003. She noted that construction employment was assigned to those areas experiencing development, but that no construction employment would be assigned at buildout. She also commented that based upon a recommendation of the MAG POPTAC at the August meeting, MAG would be distributing non-basic employment and work at home employment to residential areas although it wasn't specifically noted on land use plans.

Rita Walton noted that MAG was requesting a quick review of the draft one projections. It was estimated that the MAG POPTAC would have about 10 days to complete their review of the draft 1 projections.

5. Interactive Mapping

Mele Koneya demonstrated how the MAG website could be used to access the draft projections. He indicated that the projections would be available for analysis and review on this site.

Harry Wolfe asked for Mele to demonstrate how TAZ data could be displayed in tabular format. Mele provided an example of selecting an individual TAZ as well as multiple TAZs.

Tom Ellsworth asked if the projections could be obtained in tabular format directly. Rita Walton responded that MAG could provide the projections in that format and for POPTAC members to contact Harry Wolfe if they wanted the data in that format.

Tim Tilton asked if the data could be downloaded to a spreadsheet. Mr. Koneya responded that it could not be downloaded at this time, but that we intended to enhance the ArcIMS to allow for such a download in the future.

6. Status Report on the July 1, 2002 Resident Population Updates for MAG Municipalities

Harry Wolfe reported that each year, in accordance with Executive Order 95-2, DES prepares a July 1 population update. MAG staff has forwarded residential completions to DES, which will be used together with surveys of group quarters and annexations to determine the July 1, 2002 Maricopa County and municipality resident population updates. At the August MAG POPTAC meeting MAG staff discussed the methodology that would be used to prepare the updates. It was recommended that the housing unit method be applied by unit type. MAG staff has drafted July 1, 2002 updates based upon that method. These updates will be discussed at the September 27, 2002 meeting of the State POPTAC.

Linda Strock raised questions regarding the method that was being used by MAG to develop the subregional estimates. Harry Wolfe pointed out that MAG used the same method that DES used in deriving the County population estimates, but used housing units by unit type for distributing the county population to each city town as it has in the past. (Does this satisfactorily address Linda's point?)

It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by Kate Langford and unanimously recommended to

forward the MAG Municipality Updates to the Management Committee and Regional Council for consideration.

7. Census 2000

Harry Wolfe stated that Census 2000 Summary File 3 was released on September 4, 2002. He gave a demonstration on how Census data by tract can be downloaded from the Census Bureau's website in spreadsheet format.

Janeen Holloman asked how she could identify which Census Tracts fell within Goodyear's jurisdiction. Harry Wolfe responded that the mapping portion of the Census Bureau website could be used to identify the geography within the City. He said that he would be willing to demonstrate that at the next POPTAC meeting if desired.

8. Status of a 2005 Special Census

Harry Wolfe reported that MAG staff has been investigating the cost of conducting a Special Census and some potential alternatives for calculating 2005 population for distributing state-shared revenue. These alternatives would be contingent upon a change in state legislation.

Prisila Ferreira asked if the MAG IMS Website could allow for an evaluation of the impacts of the proposed Route 303 freeway alignment. Rita Walton responded that the website is focusing principally on conveying the TAZ projections and that other features need to be updated.

Prisila Ferreira asked if MAG staff could provide POPTAC members with tables that explain the financial implications of participating in a Special Census. Harry Wolfe responded that such tables could be provided.

9. Next Meeting of MAG POPTAC

It was noted that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC will be held Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.