

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

September 25, 2002
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

* Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair	Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox for Supervisor
Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise, Vice Chair	Don Stapley, Maricopa County
* Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction	Councilmember Claudia Walters for
Mayor Ron Drake, Avondale	Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
* Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye	Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Vice Mayor Ralph Mozilo, Cave Creek	Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler	*President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Mayor Roy Delgado, El Mirage	Indian Community
* Mayor Jon Beydler, Fountain Hills	Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale
* Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe
* Governor Donald Antone, Gila River Indian	*Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Community	Mayor Lon McDermott, Wickenburg
Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert	*Mayor Daphne Green, Youngtown
Mayor Elaine Scuggs, Glendale	Rusty Gant, ADOT
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	Joe Lane, ADOT
* Mayor Margarita Cota, Guadalupe	F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation
Mayor J. Woodfin Thomas, Litchfield Park	Oversight Committee

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
Attended by videoconference or by telephone conference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Vice Chairman Joan Shafer at 5:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice Chairman Shafer welcomed proxies Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox for Supervisor Don Stapley, Maricopa County, and Councilmember Claudia Walters for Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa. She thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Vice Chairman Shafer stated that the RPTA has agreed to provide transit tickets for those who used transit to come to the meeting.

Vice Chairman Shafer stated that due to the room's acoustics, audience conversations carry over to the Council table, making it difficult to hear presentations. She requested that the audience in keep conversations to a minimum during the meeting.

Vice Chairman Shafer stated that MAG staff, who are seated at each end of the entryways to the Regional Council table on both sides of the room, are available to assist members of the public in turning in their public comment cards.

Vice Chairman Shafer stated that for agenda item #9, Amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Federal Aviation Administration Funds to Support the MAG Continuous Aviation System Planning Program, a memo announcing that MAG has been given the \$150,000 FAA grant was at each place. An addendum to the agenda, agenda item #20, MAG Transportation Policy Committee, was at each place.

3. Call to the Audience

Vice Chairman Shafer stated that according to MAG's public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the cards which are available on the tables adjacent to the doorways inside the meeting room. She noted that there is a three minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items.

Vice Chairman Shafer recognized public comment from Joe Ryan, who stated that the operating margin for profitable companies is five to twenty percent. He suggested implementing a rapid transit system that makes a profit. Mr. Ryan noted that if federal dollars are involved, there are requirements that must be met—inspectors, bid processes, work rules, etc., which raises costs. Most transit systems that include federal money lose money. Mr. Ryan commented on having mixed right of way owned by that organization to make profit possible. He stated that persons who give up the rights get equity in the company. Mr. Ryan stated that right of way is valuable, and some will pay for it. If not, then go through the normal acquisition process. Vice Chairman Shafer thanked Mr. Ryan for his comments.

Vice Chairman Shafer recognized public comment from DD Barker, who expressed thanks for making available at MAG meetings copies of the MAG public comment process. She stated that it is helpful to know the rules. Ms. Barker stated that she had one objection, the rules, based on state open meeting law, state that "a public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting; it does not guarantee that a member of the public has a right to speak during a public meeting." Since MAG receives federal money, which open meeting law should prevail, state or federal open meeting laws? She stated that she realized that if a speaker is out of line, the Chair has the right to deny that speaker, but the speaker has the right for redress. She stated that MAG receives 85 percent of its money for transportation planning. Many people are concerned with mobility. Ms. Barker spoke of support of the rapid transit component. Ms. Barker stated that commuter rail is being looked at in Surprise. She commented on Deck Park not being utilized. Why should we get more money when we are not using what we already have? Vice Chairman Shafer thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Vice Chairman Shafer recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that he wanted to go with the County plan that was discussed at the RPTA meeting. He stated that he did not want to give MAG a blank check. He does not see MAG is doing the job efficiently. Mr. Crowley commented on blending the split between freeway, pedestrian, and heavy rail. He stated that Mr. Arnett is the only one doing anything to get heavy rail. Mr. Crowley stated that when it came time for public comment at the

RPTA meeting, the Phoenix representative felt it was the time to leave. He stated that the public comment he was going to offer was on the IGA between the State and Phoenix on the express terminal. Mr. Crowley stated that the buses do not fit in the express terminal. Why does Phoenix not abandon the terminal to the State, the state's largest employer? Mr. Crowley stated that conformity is not being done with totality. Mr. Crowley held up a map of the light rail system. He asked where was the heavy rail in Scottsdale and Fountain Hills? The only way to ship northeast is to go northwest via Wickenburg to Los Angeles. Mr. Crowley stated that rail routes need to be established for economic reasons. Mr. Crowley encouraged a transportation program that will benefit all. MAG is not getting multi-modal right, when the improvements to Grand Avenue change the transferring ability on three bus routes, requiring a person to walk ½ mile to transfer. Vice Chairman Shafer thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

4. Interim Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith stated that on September 3, 2002, the FHWA and FTA determined that the requirements of the EPA Transportation Conformity Rule have been met. This means that the MAG TIP representing \$4.5 billion can proceed.

Mr. Smith stated that Secretary Thompson from the Department of Health and Human Services has released \$1,673,521 to Arizona to assist low income families with their energy bill. In July the Regional Council requested these funds. This effort was spearheaded by Tempe Councilmember Dennis Cahill, Chair of the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Smith stated that Senior Trail Day sponsored by eight cities and MAG was held September 25, 2002 in Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale, Goodyear, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe. Participants experienced first hand the convenience of trails in their neighborhood, while being encouraged to walk or bike the trails to improve and maintain good health. Funding for Senior Trail Day comes from a Healthy Aging 2010 "mini-grant" provided through the Arizona Department of Health Services. This project was championed by the MAG Bike, Pedestrian and Elderly Mobility Committees.

Mr. Smith stated that in June 2002, the Regional Council authorized MAG to submit a proposal to ADEQ and receive funding if awarded, for the Community Emergency Notification System. MAG has been informed that we are the only serious contender for the \$2.5 million in funding. The City of Phoenix as the 9-1-1 contracting agent is negotiating the final details.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG has been informed by the Federal Aviation Administration that we will receive \$150,000 for aviation planning activities.

Mr. Smith introduced Kristie Leshinskie, Human Services Planner. Ms. Leshinskie fills a previous position. He stated that she has been the Director of Strategic Planning for Sun Health Corporation, and also worked as a legislative assistant to Congressman J.D. Hayworth. Ms. Leshinskie has a Master of Public Health Administration and Policy from the University of Arizona and an undergraduate degree in political science from University of Arizona.

Mr. Smith introduced Xiao Qin, ITS Safety Specialist. This position was a previous associate position. He has a Ph.D in Transportation Engineering from the University of Connecticut. Mr. Qin has professional experience in crash and safety analysis, ITS technologies and equipment application, and has transportation modeling experience. Mr. Qin is from Nanjing, China.

Mr. Smith introduced Ali Farhan, Transportation Engineer, who will work in the Transportation Division as a modeler. He is a recent graduate from the University of Toronto with a Master's degree in Transportation Engineering. Mr. Farhan has experience using several travel demand forecasting programs, including the modeling software used by MAG and has previous experience working as a transportation engineer.

Mr. Smith introduced Tom Remes, Senior Policy Planner. Mr. Remes worked for the City of Mesa as the Assistant to the City Council, where he was responsible for organizing and managing the activities of the Council Office. Mr. Remes will be involved in organizing the Annual Regional Town Hall, TEA III Reauthorization and member orientation. He has a Master's degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University. Vice Chairman Shafer thanked Mr. Smith for his report and asked if there were any questions.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Vice Chairman Shafer stated that public comment is provided for 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. Vice Chairman Shafer stated that agenda items #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13 were on the consent agenda.

Vice Chairman Shafer recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who commented on agenda item #7, Approval of Projects for the FY 2003 MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Program. You are only taking care of the Diamondbacks, Government Mall, and County Complex. Mr. Crowley commented on the Phoenix Central Avenue Planning Commission report, which said how the central Phoenix area would be a pedestrian mall. When you do a haphazard job, you do not function as you should. Mr. Crowley commented on agenda item #8, Adjustment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Reconcile with the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the Telework Outreach Program. Although the budget is always being tweaked, he was glad to see it was amended for transit. Mr. Crowley stated that it costs \$45 for a taxi ride to Gila Bend because we don't do the job effectively. The equation on ADA continues to skyrocket. How are you trying to help the poor, when the only place you can take the bus is the central city? Mr. Crowley brought up the 1989 plan that included a bus connector project. He stated that at the RPTA meeting, Mayor Keegan opposed additional operating funds, but what is the next thing he is going to do here at MAG but ask for money? Vice Chairman Shafer thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Vice Chairman Shafer recognized public comment from Mr. Ryan, who stated that agenda item #9, Amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Federal Aviation Administration Funds to Support the MAG Continuous Aviation System Planning Program and #14, Update on the MAG High Capacity Transit Plan, fit together because they are about getting people around. He asked what an executive sees after flying into the airport? He sees traffic jams on the freeway. When the executive leaves, he sees traffic jams. Mr. Ryan stated that there is no rapid transit for him to use to get into and out of the airport, systems as other large cities have around the world. Mr. Ryan stated that those cities that don't have a rapid transit system are in the process of getting it. He stated that airports are a big area for people who work. Mr. Ryan commented on rapid transit routes along Grand Avenue and highways, and the cost savings that would be realized by utilizing these existing corridors. He added that utilizing the corridors would also be quicker to implement. Mr.

Ryan stated that there are no grade level crossings with rapid transit. Light rail means safety concerns, high cost, and slow vehicles. Vice Chairman Shafer thanked Mr. Ryan for his comments.

Vice Chairman Shafer asked if there were requests to remove an item from the consent agenda. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Ron Drake moved, Mayor Roy Delgado seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of July 24, 2002 Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the July 24, 2002 meeting minutes.

7. Approval of Projects for the FY 2003 MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved selecting the following projects to receive the pedestrian design assistance: (1) The City of Phoenix-\$65,000, 32nd/Washington Streets-Transit Oriented Pedestrian Link Enhancement; (2) City of Surprise-\$40,000, North Original Townsite Trail; and (3) City of Mesa/Arizona State University-\$36,000, ASU East Campus Pedestrian Mall Master Plan, Phase II. Also, to use unexpended CMAQ funds in the amount of \$16,000 to fund the remainder of the City of Mesa project. On July 16, 2002, the Pedestrian Working Group recommended projects to receive FY 2003 design assistance. In addition, the Working Group requested that staff investigate how to fully fund the top three proposals, since FY 2003 funds are presently limited to \$125,000. The Management Committee recommended approval of selecting the requested projects and funding the remainder of the Mesa project (\$16,000) with unexpended CMAQ funds.

8. Adjustment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Reconcile with the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the Telework Outreach Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, to include the Telework Outreach Program for an amount of \$300,000. In May 2002, the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was adopted by the Regional Council. The FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), approved by the Regional Council in July 2002, includes \$300,000 for the Telework Outreach Program. The FY 2003 Work Program and Annual Budget needs to reflect the Telework Outreach Program in the amount of \$300,000. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment.

9. Amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Federal Aviation Administration Funds to Support the MAG Continuous Aviation System Planning Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add \$150,000 in funds from the Federal Aviation Administration to support the MAG Continuous Aviation System Planning Program, and to accept these funds. In April of this year, MAG submitted an application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for \$150,000 in federal funds to continue the regional system planning process. On September 25, 2002, MAG received a \$150,000 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to support the MAG Continuous Aviation System Planning Program.

10. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program for Highway and Transit Projects

The Regional Council, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the Maricopa County Human Services Department Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for \$2.4 million and to include the City of Phoenix 43rd Avenue bridge replacement safety project for \$834,700. The Maricopa County Human Services Department has been notified of the award of a new \$1.2 million Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant contained in the recently signed Federal FY 2002 Emergency Supplemental Bill. With the local match of \$1.2 million, the total cost of the project is \$2.4 million. Also, the City of Phoenix has received \$500,000 in federal highway safety funds to replace the 43rd Avenue crossing of the Roosevelt Irrigation District Canal for a total cost of \$834,700. It is necessary to amend the FY 2003-2007 TIP to include these projects. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment.

11. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on conformity assessments for Glendale Park-and-Ride and Mesa Park-and-Ride project-level conformity determinations. MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the conformity rule and concurs with the project-level conformity determinations. In addition, conformity consultation is being conducted for an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program which includes the City of Phoenix canal crossing at 43rd Avenue and the Roosevelt Irrigation District Canal and the Maricopa County Human Services Department Job Access and Reverse Commute Program. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

12. Approval to Reprogram Funds to Acquire the REMI Model

The Regional Council, by consent, approved reprogramming funds in the Unified Planning Work Program to acquire the REMI model. Many regional organizations throughout the United States use economic models to assist their member agencies in predicting economic trends. Staff is recommending that funds previously approved for a revenue sharing study, be reprogrammed to acquire the Regional Economic Model, Inc. (REMI) model. The model would be useful for (1) checking County population control totals prepared by DES, (2) reviewing sales tax projections prepared by ADOT, and (3) preparing County socioeconomic variables that are currently not available but have other planning applications. The cost of the model is approximately \$56,000. The cost of annual updating of data is \$12,200. The Management Committee recommended approval of reprogramming the funds.

13. Transition to Self-Maintenance of the MAG 9-1-1 System

The Regional Council, by consent, approved that the 9-1-1 maintenance contract with Qwest be renewed for two years, with a possible one year extension beyond that, with the caveat that MAG develop a 9-1-1 self-maintenance system within that time frame. Since the implementation of 9-1-1 service in the MAG region, Qwest has provided 9-1-1 equipment maintenance service for the 26 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in the region. The service has not met the requirements of the PSAPs and an RFP was issued to secure a maintenance provider. Following an unsuccessful RFP process, the State 9-1-1 Office and the MAG 9-1-1 Administrator engaged in discussions to find a solution that meets the fiscal needs of the State 9-1-1 fund and the service level requirements of the MAG 9-1-1 system. The solution that meets both needs is to award Qwest the maintenance contract for two years and begin transitioning to self-maintenance during that time. The State 9-1-1 Office supports this recommendation and agrees to

reimburse all costs associated with implementing this plan. The Management Committee recommended approval.

14. Update on the MAG High Capacity Transit Plan

Steve Schibuola, IBI Group, gave a presentation on the MAG High Capacity Transit Plan. Mr. Schibuola stated that the project will identify forms of effective high capacity transit services. He stated that the components of high capacity transit include commuter rail, light rail, and bus rapid transit. Mr. Schibuola reviewed the project timeline. He stated that the final report is anticipated in December 2002. Mr. Schibuola stated that an assessment has been performed on 16 corridors. He gave an overview of four of the corridors, and noted their projected population and employment densities. Mr. Schibuola displayed maps of network options one and two. He noted that network two is a more robust plan with a strong grid system, and will provide the highest level of service. Vice Chairman Shafer thanked Mr. Schibuola for his presentation and asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Skip Rimsza asked if light rail to Desert Sky, then on to a north/south line to the vicinity of the Coyotes and Cardinals stadiums, had been considered. Mr. Schibuola replied that options on light rail transit and bus rapid transit were open. He stated that draft information on this topic would be presented at the stakeholders meeting on September 26th. Mayor Rimsza asked if there was a possibility to pull out individual segments for examination. Mr. Schibuola replied the evaluations are done on a corridor by corridor basis. Numbers by corridor will be available.

Mayor Woody Thomas asked how far out the projections were to come out with the numbers on the Yuma corridor? Mr. Schibuola replied that the numbers were for the edge of the urbanized area to a future year with population of about 6.3 million. He added that the full line picks up employment at the terminus, and there is a lot of empty space in between. Mayor Thomas stated that he noticed that the rail goes next to Bank One Ballpark and America West Arena. With the corridor going east, that connection is missed. He commented that a connection will be needed eventually. Mr. Schibuola replied that some station area issues have been addressed. Whether the system will be developed is an issue that could be raised in this study, however, he was unsure whether there could be a solution.

Mayor Delgado asked about meetings that have been held with Burlington Northern Santa Fe on traffic coming in from the western part of the region. He stated that this area is already congested and will be more congested in the future. Mr. Schibuola indicated that extensive meetings have been held with the railroad company on this issue.

16. Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Roger Klingler, Assistant Manager for the City of Scottsdale, and Chair of the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee, gave a presentation on the Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. Mr. Klingler stated that the initial 208 Plan was prepared in 1979 under the Clean Water Act, and provides a description of wastewater treatment plants over a 20-year period and state and federal water quality programs. Mr. Klingler stated that the latest Revision was initiated in April 2000, and Carollo Engineers was hired as the consultant.

Mr. Klingler stated that the Revision identifies 21 new wastewater treatment plants and the expansion of several existing plants. Mr. Klingler stated that member agencies participated in different phases of the Plan, with information gathered from each during community visits. He noted that local agency control has been and still is an important issue. Mr. Klingler stated that the Committee recommended two changes to the Plan to strengthen local control in water quality planning. He stated that the review and comment process for jurisdictions within three miles of a project for 208 amendments has been followed, but was not included in the original plan. Mr. Klingler noted that this has been clarified in the document. He stated that the second change was to specify that the expansions of small plants already identified in the 208 Plan must go through the formal 208 review and approval process, even if the expanded capacity is within the small plant threshold of two million gallons per day. Mr. Klingler added that two public hearings were held on the Revision, after which the Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Plan. He added that the Management Committee recommended approval of the Revision at their September 11th meeting. Mr. Klingler stated that after Management Committee action, a letter was received from the Central Arizona Association of Governments requesting that the plan clarify that the MAG 208 planning boundary is the Maricopa County boundary and that jurisdictions outside of Maricopa County are within other planning areas for all 208 planning purposes and processes. Mr. Klingler stated that these clarifications are consistent with the intent of the 208 Plan. Vice Chairman Shafer thanked Mr. Klingler for his presentation and asked if there were questions.

Mayor John Keegan moved to approve the Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan with clarification that the MAG 208 planning boundary is the Maricopa County boundary and that jurisdictions or portions of jurisdictions outside of Maricopa County are within other planning areas for all 208 planning purposes and processes. Mayor Neil Giuliano seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

15. MAG Database Information to Assist Economic Development

Jack Tomasik gave a presentation on the MAG Data Base Information to Assist Economic Development. Mr. Tomasik stated that prior to working for MAG, he had worked as a consultant in the economic development field since 1979. Over the course of these years, he prepared about 40 economic development strategies for many communities. Mr. Tomasik related that there is much information at MAG that could be used for economic development purposes. Mr. Tomasik stated that the Planners Stakeholders Group worked for three months to develop their mission statement and that the potential economic development information at MAG fits directly into that mission. Mr. Tomasik stated that an extensive set of databases has been assembled that could be useful to MAG member agencies and local economic development staff. He provided an overview of the TCSP grant to be used for the Regional Growing Smarter Implementation Project.

Mr. Tomasik stated that the economy is a synergy between business needing a work force, and the work force needing jobs. Mr. Tomasik stated that the region has a relatively low wage economy. He added that when the cost of living is adjusted, the region comes out better. However, the focus is on increasing the average wage. Mr. Tomasik noted that the priority high wage industry clusters identified by both the Greater Phoenix Economic Council and the Arizona Department of Commerce in their “State Economic Strategy” address low wage problem high wage and high quality jobs. The priority industries are Aviation/ Aerospace/Defense, High Tech/Information, Communications, Engineering Research and Testing, Software, Bioindustry/Healthcare, and Advanced Business Services. He stated that 107 job centers and their commute sheds have been identified by MAG member agencies throughout the region. Through the major employer database, a few cities have been identified as presently having the majority

of high-wage industry cluster employment. Mr. Tomasik stated that, on the other hand, virtually all cities have a chance of developing “Other Basic” industry clusters, such as Optics, Tourism, Agriculture, Other Basic and Supplier, Plastics, Transportation and Distribution, Food Processing, and Mining.

Mr. Tomasik stated that all will benefit from priority clusters, because they raise the economic tide for the region. Mr. Tomasik stated that the foundations for high wage clusters, regional economic development strategy, education, transportation, tourism, fiscal policy, venture capital financing, federal economic policy, and healthcare are all necessary. He stated that the database project considers site factors needed for the development of local economic development strategies. Mr. Tomasik stated that work will continue with the GPEC Economic Development Directors Team to influence the regional economic development strategy by including local needs. He added that a joint meeting between the MAG Planners Stakeholders Group and the GPEC Economic Development Directors Team will be planned. Mr. Tomasik stated that the TCSP Technical Report will be completed in December. He advised that we could be in a position to provide information for regional and local economic development marketing and planning. Mr. Tomasik noted that an annual update of economic development information will be a part of the program. He added that the REMI model, on the agenda under a separate item, will provide economic projections and an impact model to look at growth scenarios. Vice Chairman Shafer thanked Mr. Tomasik for his presentation and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Smith commented on the value of the MAG database, helping communities grow.

17. Human Services Campus

Charlene Moran Flaherty stated that the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness was formed in late 1999 to provide homelessness planning and policy development specific to homeless issues. Under the leadership of former Chief Justice Frank X. Gordon, the Continuum of Care has been dedicated to developing a regionwide system of services for homeless people. Ms. Flaherty stated that the Human Services Campus has been identified as an integral part of a regional service delivery. Ms. Flaherty stated that every community has homeless, and no one community alone can provide for all homeless. She stated that due to the unique partnerships it will serve as a national model. Ms. Flaherty introduced Mr. David Smith, Maricopa County Administrator.

David Smith stated that the regionwide plan has been updated many times during the 1990s and each time has identified gaps in service, but also has shown progress. Mr. Smith stated that the County decided to get involved in the development of the Campus because it operates the Health Care for the Homeless and the proximity to human services providers, such as St. Vincent de Paul and CASS. He noted that there is a fundraising element that is needed because existing buildings are deteriorating. Mr. Smith stated that in order to create a better system, new buildings will be needed. He stated that more than 50 percent of the funds needed have been raised. Mr. Smith stated that the Board of Supervisors has committed \$6.8 million to co-locate the campus. He indicated that requests will be made for a 50/50 partnership for the \$24 million needed. Mr. Smith stated that the requests will be going to all cities with community development funds, not-for-profit agencies, United Way--agencies with a stake in doing more. He stated that sharing resources will save money. Mr. Smith stated that groundbreaking on the Campus is expected in June 2003. He added that we need to do a better job when people are released from facilities, and this is a first step. Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Marty Shultz, Vice President of Pinnacle West Capital Corporation, and participant in many community efforts, who provided the perspective on how the private sector is working on this issue.

Mr. Shultz provided an update on the interest of the private sector and from the economic development standpoint. Mr. Shultz stated that his involvement began when he attended a meeting on finding an approach to services in the Capitol Mall area. Mr. Shultz stated that he made a commitment to raise \$10 million from the private sector, half of which has been raised. Mr. Shultz stated that the business community was approached for contributions and response has been good. He stated that business feels this is an effective way of using resources. Mr. Shultz stated that the involvement of the cities has been tremendous. He stated that this project is not to be viewed as a City of Phoenix project, but a project throughout the County.

Mayor Rimsza asked for clarification if cities were being requested to contribute financially to the project as individuals, or build facilities in their own community. Mr. Neil Urban, Maricopa County, and Design Project Manager for the Campus, replied that those communities with community development programs would be approached to contribute \$200,000 to \$300,000 as a one-time contribution. He added that it is up to each community to say yes or no to this contribution.

Mayor Elaine Scruggs asked about ongoing funding. David Smith responded that the expectation was that those with funding for such facilities, such as CASS, will continue the funding to the Campus.

Councilmember Walters expressed her appreciation for the hard work on the Campus. She stated that the City of Mesa has a plan they have been implementing. Councilmember Walters expressed concern with the County coming in and saying we do not like this about your plan. She indicated that they have a lot of community buy-in and wanted reassurance that this was not the intent. David Smith replied that the intent was not to put a facility in any other community. You will be approving your own plan, not the County's plan. Mr. Smith stated that this might be the time for all to collectively take a run at the problem. It is the obligation of our community to do a better job.

Mr. Urban explained that the Campus, currently in the design process, will be located on Madison Street between 13th Avenue and 19th Avenue. Construction is expected to begin in mid 2003 and be completed in approximately 1½ years. Mr. Urban noted that there are many services in the area, including St. Vincent de Paul, CASS, Andre House, and St. Joseph the Worker. He stated that the Nova Safe Haven will provide services for the seriously mentally ill. Health care, counseling and medical care will be provided. Mr. Urban stated that CASS will provide beds for 400 men and women, case management, dental care and respite care. The Campus will have an educational training center. St. Joseph the Worker will provide job readiness, clothes, and counseling to help people become employed. Mr. Urban stated that St. Vincent de Paul, which provides lunch daily, will be moving to the Campus. He stated that a goal is to have another provider that will provide evening meals.

Mr. Urban described the design features of the new buildings. He mentioned that each building will be color coded to help people find their way around the Campus. Mr. Urban stated that the buildings will be a simple tilt-up concrete with metal roofs. Operating costs are important, so the attempt to keep the costs low is being made. Vice Chairman Shafer thanked Mr. Smith, Mr. Shultz, and Mr. Urban for their presentations and asked if there were questions.

Supervisor Wilcox stated that she was proud of the work that has gone into the Campus. She urged all, as applications are made for community block grants, that they are approved. Supervisor Wilcox noted that this would be a one-time cost, and endowment funds would take care of the operations. She commented that the Campus plan was not developed by the County alone, and the Continuum of Care has been a wonderful part of the whole system. Supervisor Wilcox stated that she hoped this would set

an example. She acknowledged the assistance of Councilmember Dennis Cahill, Tempe, for his efforts on Continuum of Care. Supervisor Wilcox stated that she hoped for the continued support by all.

Mayor Scruggs noted that communities are on different budget cycles. She requested the requests for funding be made before the citizens committee that provides advisement, shuts down for the year. This would be preparatory to the next cycle.

18. Update on Executive Director Recruitment

Vice Chairman Shafer stated that the material in the agenda packet provides information on the recruitment for the MAG executive director. She stated that the Executive Committee will be speaking to the candidates.

19. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council 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. Vice Chairman Shafer asked if members had announcements of interest.

Supervisor Wilcox mentioned that Phoenix Memorial Hospital has announced it is closing their emergency and birthing centers for economic reasons. She stated that this is a huge gap in medical care for central Phoenix residents. Supervisor Wilcox stated that the rumor is that the owner of Memorial Hospital, Vanguard, may be closing similar facilities in other communities.

Vice Chairman Shafer announced that the first baseball was thrown out in the new facility in Surprise.

20. MAG Transportation Policy Committee

Mayor Giuliano, Chair of the Transportation Policy Committee, stated that a retreat was held on September 21, 2002. The Committee includes state legislators, business community representatives, and members of the MAG Regional Council. Mayor Giuliano expressed his appreciation to MAG staff for organizing the retreat. He stated that the goal of the retreat was to identify policy issues and choices, and understand the time frame of decisions that need to be made in the next 18-24 months. Mayor Giuliano stated that information was provided to the committee on transportation, air quality, the sales tax election, and operational issues. He stated that the retreat was very productive. Mayor Giuliano stated that a press release and meeting summary were being prepared and would be distributed to all Regional Council members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary