

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

January 30, 2008
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair | * Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park |
| * Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair | Supervisor Max W. Wilson, Maricopa |
| # Councilmember Robin Barker, Apache Junction | County |
| Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale | Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa |
| # Councilmember Elaine May for Mayor | Councilmember Brian Cooney for Mayor |
| Bobby Bryant, Buckeye | Ed Winkler, Paradise Valley |
| # Mayor Wayne Fulcher, Carefree | Mayor Bob Barrett, Peoria |
| Vice Mayor Gilbert Lopez for Councilmember | * Vice Mayor Peggy Neely, Phoenix |
| Dick Esser, Cave Creek | Mayor Art Sanders, Queen Creek |
| Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler | Vice President Martin Harvier for President |
| Mayor Fred Waterman, El Mirage | Diane Enos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa |
| * President Raphael Bear, Fort McDowell | Indian Community |
| Yavapai Nation | Mayor Lyn Truitt, Surprise |
| Councilmember Jay Schlum for | Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe |
| Mayor Wally Nichols, Fountain Hills | * Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson |
| Mayor Fred Hull, Gila Bend | # Mayor Ron Badowski, Wickenburg |
| * Governor William Rhodes, Gila River Indian | Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown |
| Community | Felipe Zubia, State Transportation Board |
| Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert | * Vacant, State Transportation Board |
| * Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale | * Vacant, Citizens Transportation |
| * Mayor Rebecca Jimenez, Guadalupe | Oversight Committee |

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Regional Council was called to order by Chair James M. Cavanaugh at 5:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Cavanaugh noted that Councilmember Robin Barker, Mayor Wayne Fulcher, Mayor Ron Badowski, and Councilmember Elaine May as proxy for Mayor Bobby Bryant, were participating by teleconference. He introduced Councilmember Jay Schlum as proxy for Mayor Wally Nichols, Vice Mayor Gilbert Lopez as proxy for Councilmember Dick Esser, and Councilmember Brian Cooney as proxy for Mayor Ed Winkler.

Chair Cavanaugh introduced a new member to the MAG Regional Council, Mayor Lyn Truitt, Surprise, and presented him with his membership certificate.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Cavanaugh noted that public comment cards were available to members of the audience who wish to speak on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens are requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes is provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. A written statement was submitted for the record by Dianne Barker.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, provided a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.

Mr. Smith reported on the "Don't Trash AZ!" litter campaign, funded by Proposition 400. He said that Mayor Keno Hawker led a group promoting the campaign by distributing recyclable litter bags to travelers at the Sky Harbor Rental Car Center. Mr. Smith stated that the Department of Public Safety recently announced there has been a 25 percent decrease in citations for littering and a 30 percent decrease in citations for unsecured loads.

Mr. Smith stated that the Desert Peaks Awards will be held at the Biltmore Resort on June 25, 2008. He noted that nomination forms were sent out to member agencies and are due March 7, 2008. Mr. Smith added that recommendations for judges are also being requested.

Mr. Smith updated members on the Building a Quality Arizona effort. He reported that ADOT has hired the consultants to conduct the framework studies and a master consultant to direct the effort. Mr. Smith noted that meetings of the effort's Policy Committee, Management Committee and Technical Team have been scheduled. He stated that the Request for Proposals for the public opinion survey, authorized by the Regional Council in December 2007, was advertised. Mr. Smith noted that the deadline for submitting the proposals is January 31, 2008. It is anticipated that a consultant recommendation will be considered at the February MAG meetings of the Management Committee, Transportation Policy and Regional Council.

Mr. Smith provided an update on recent events relevant to the Energy Independence and Security Act, which established a minimum 80 percent federal share for CMAQ funds that could impact the

Transportation Improvement Program. He said that traditionally, MAG had been allowed the flexibility to establish the federal share for CMAQ projects, such as the pave dirt roads at fifty percent federal and fifty percent local match ratio. Mr. Smith advised that if this is not resolved, projects early in the program will need to be reprogrammed. He added that Congressmen Mitchell and Shadegg have been informed of the issue.

Mr. Smith stated that a Management Committee Forum has been scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2008. He said that the Regional Council is being invited to the forum's luncheon, where national speaker, Dr. James Johnson, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will address attendees on creating sustainable communities in times of economic and global uncertainty. Chair Cavanaugh thanked Mr. Smith for his report and asked members if they had questions.

Mayor Hawker asked Mr. Smith if some of the 2008 projects could be impacted as a result of the 80 percent federal share for CMAQ funds. Mr. Smith replied that impacts to projects are a definite possibility. He noted that there are some projects that have gone through all of the federal clearances and are at FHWA now awaiting signature. He added that he hoped this could be fixed congressionally.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Cavanaugh noted that agenda items #5A through #5I were on the consent agenda.

Chair Cavanaugh noted that no public comment cards had been received for the consent agenda. Chair Cavanaugh asked members if they had any questions or any requests to hear an item individually. Mayor Truitt requested that agenda item #5H be removed from the consent agenda. He stated that the City of Surprise opposes approval of this item because the planning area boundary issue between the City of Surprise and the Town of Buckeye is still unresolved. Mayor Truitt added that the City of Surprise feels Buckeye's planning area includes Surprise's planning area. He advised that Surprise is continuing to work with Buckeye to resolve this issue and Surprise will oppose it until the boundary issue is resolved.

Chair Cavanaugh called for a motion to approve consent agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, and #5I. Mayor Hallman moved, Mayor Dunn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the December 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the December 19, 2007 meeting minutes.

5B. Ratification of Geographic Representative for the Transportation Policy Committee

The Regional Council, by consent, ratified the appointment of Mayor Lyn Truitt, Surprise, to fill the unexpired portion of the geographic balance seat, two-year term (June 2008), on the Transportation Policy Committee. The composition of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), established by the Regional Council on April 24, 2002, includes three members selected from areas that need to be represented to achieve geographic balance, with the members selected from and by the under represented geographic area and ratified by the Regional Council. Interstate 17 is used as a boundary in determining geographic balance. The term of office of Mayor Joan Shafer of Surprise, one of the geographic balance

members, ended in December 2007. To fill the unexpired portion of the two-year term (June 2008), a letter of support for Mayor Lyn Truitt, Surprise, was received.

5C. Appointment of City of Phoenix Councilwoman to Serve as the Central City Elected Official on the Transportation Policy Committee

The Regional Council, by consent, appointed Councilwoman Maria Baier as the Central City Elected Official on the Transportation Policy Committee. The composition of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), established by the Regional Council on April 24, 2002, includes a central City member (City of Phoenix). When the TPC members were initially appointed in June 2002, the Regional Council appointed the list of committee members. Recently, due to term limits, the current City of Phoenix member on the TPC is vacant. The City of Phoenix has selected Councilwoman Maria Baier to serve as its representative on the TPC.

5D. Project Changes: Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and Material Change to the ADOT Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, and a material change to the ADOT Program as shown in the attached tables. The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to highway projects in the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table A, and the administrative modification to transit projects in the FY 2008-2012 TIP is listed in Table B. Since the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the list, two additional projects were added: DOT08-841 and TMP08-603. The Management Committee recommended approval of the requested changes. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and an administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. In addition, Table C notes the Material Change to the ADOT Program.

5E. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments conducted consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment includes the addition of seven federally-funded Hazard Elimination Safety and Transportation Enhancement projects. The amendment also includes one new project and several minor project changes for the Arizona Department of Transportation in FY 2008. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. In addition, MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for a City of Goodyear project-level conformity determination for a park-and-ride facility located at the northwest corner of Interstate-10 and Dysart Road. Comments on the conformity assessments were requested by January 25, 2008. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

5F. Upcoming Human Services Grant Opportunities

Every year, MAG facilitates two different application processes to support homeless assistance programs as well as agencies that transport older adults and people with disabilities. The application competition for Section 5310 funds to support agencies that transport older adults and people with disabilities has been opened by the Arizona Department of Transportation. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is expected to release the Stuart B. McKinney applications to support homeless assistance programs in the next few months. This item is presented to make member agencies aware of the opportunities for funding and to offer technical assistance throughout the process.

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness submits a consolidated application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Stuart B. McKinney funds to support homeless assistance programs. Each year, the region receives record-breaking awards. Last year, the region received more than \$20 million. Typically, new applications are limited by HUD to permanent housing projects that serve chronically homeless people. HUD is expected to release the application in March.

The MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Committee prepares a priority listing of applications for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for Section 5310 funds. This funding source provides vans, radio equipment, and software to nonprofit agencies, municipalities and tribes transporting older adults and people with disabilities. Last year, mobility management funds were made available for the first time to assist agencies in coordinating programs. The due date for the applications was February 11, 2008 at noon. This item was on the agenda for information.

5G. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is presented in a videoconference presentation in February, reviewed each year by the federal agencies in the spring and approved by the Regional Council in May. This overview of MAG's draft Dues and Assessments for FY 2009 provides an opportunity for early input into the development of the Work Program and Budget. The draft Dues and Assessments document is footnoted for your information. The population numbers used in the draft Dues and Assessments calculation were updated using the most recently approved population estimates for 2007 as indicated on the draft Dues and Assessments for FY 2009, Attachment A. The Solid Waste Planning Assessment discussed in footnote (b) remains unchanged from FY 2006, 2007, and 2008 at \$10,000 with no anticipated additional program activity for Solid Waste Planning during FY 2009. The information in footnotes (c), (d) and (f) remains the same from prior years and describes the calculations for the 9-1-1 Planning Assessment, the Homeless Prevention Assessment and the Maricopa County portion of the population calculation, respectively. The draft Dues and Assessments increase each fiscal year is calculated using the average CPI-U from the prior calendar year. Because of the uncertainty of economic conditions, MAG staff is proposing no increase in draft Dues and Assessments for FY 2009. The recommended overall total for the draft Dues and Assessments remains the same as FY 2008, with changes for individual members because of population shifts. This item was on the agenda for information.

5I. Ratification of the Annual Performance Review and Compensation of the MAG Executive Director

The Regional Council, by consent, ratified the action of the Executive Committee to increase the MAG Executive Director's salary. In January 2003, the Regional Council approved an agreement to hire the current Executive Director. As part of this agreement, it was provided that the Executive Director would receive an annual performance review conducted by the Executive Committee. As part of the evaluation, in November 2007, a questionnaire was sent to the members of the Regional Council to comment on the performance of the Executive Director. On January 14, 2008, the Executive Committee reviewed the comments from the Regional Council, discussed the performance of the Executive Director, and took action to increase the salary of the Executive Director. The action of the Executive Committee was presented to the Regional Council for ratification.

5H. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Chair Cavanaugh requested that a staff briefing be provided to the Council. Julie Hoffman, MAG Environmental Planner, stated that the Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to incorporate the changes outlined in the Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye. She explained that the amendment proposes 18 wastewater treatment facilities to serve the Town of Buckeye Municipal Planning Area (MPA). Ms. Hoffman stated that the proposed capacity for the Town of Buckeye MPA would be 241.2 million gallons per day at buildout. She noted that the Town plans to maximize opportunities for reuse and recharge of treated effluent and may also obtain discharge permits.

Ms. Hoffman noted that the project is within three miles of the towns of Gila Bend and Wickenburg, cities of Glendale, Goodyear, and Surprise, and unincorporated Maricopa County. She advised that five of the six entities have indicated no objections. Ms. Hoffman stated that the City of Surprise has indicated that it opposes this plan due to a boundary issue. She noted that a public hearing on the draft amendment was conducted on December 13, 2007. Ms. Hoffman stated that the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee and the MAG Management Committee have recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment.

Anubhav Bagley, MAG Socioeconomic Modeling Program Manager, said that staff checked the records for the Municipal Planning Area (MPA) boundaries for the Town of Buckeye and found they were changed in 1990. Mr. Bagley stated that since then, the boundaries have been used for socioeconomic projections in 1993, 1997, 2003, and 2007. He advised that MAG staff could work with the City of Surprise, the Town of Buckeye, and the County to see if the boundary needs to be changed. The area currently being contested by Surprise has been the same since 1990.

Chair Cavanaugh asked the location of the boundary in dispute. Mr. Bagley replied that it is south of Cloud Road, on the eastern edge of Buckeye. Chair Cavanaugh asked the size of the area. Mr. Bagley explained that the area being contested is divided into two parts, one that is currently in the Buckeye MPA and the other currently in the County MPA because Buckeye, Surprise, and Wickenburg currently are planning for it.

Chair Cavanaugh asked Mayor Truitt if he was requesting that the Regional Council withdraw this item from the agenda. Mayor Truitt replied that the City of Surprise did not want to delay action, it just wanted to go on record as opposing approval since the boundary issue had not yet been resolved.

Supervisor Wilson requested clarification that there were two existing water companies, Balterra and Global, being developed in the area and if this would affect them. Ms. Hoffman stated that they are located farther west, outside of the Buckeye MPA boundary.

Mayor Hallman moved approval of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye. Mayor Dunn seconded.

Mayor Hawker requested clarification of the difference between a planning area, an annexed area, and state trust land to be developed, and how that works through MAG. He said that even though this issue is not directly related, it is currently taking place with Queen Creek, Mesa, and Apache Junction on state trust land and many people have questions. Mr. Bagley replied that the MPA represents the area of planning concern for a jurisdiction and is the boundary of land area for a municipality for future planning. Mayor Hawker asked if the same area could be planned simultaneously by more than one entity. Mr. Bagley replied that was correct. He explained that the incorporated area is where a city is now. The planning area concept was created primarily for use in socioeconomic projections. Mr. Bagley advised that if staff find that more than one municipality is planning for the same area, they try to work with the county and involved jurisdictions to determine the entity planning for that area. He added that when no conclusion is reached, they leave that area to the County planning area. Mr. Bagley stated that the municipal planning areas come from general plans, which lay out the planning area of a municipality.

Mayor Hawker asked if that was the situation with this area. Mr. Bagley replied that this area was in the Buckeye general plan since 1990. In 2006, Surprise general plan amendments included this area in their planning area. Mr. Bagley stated that since then, staff has been working with the two cities to resolve this issue.

Mayor Hawker asked if two cities could have the same planning area in their general plans. Mr. Bagley replied that they could do this legally, but for defining the MPA, if no resolution can be reached, then the overlap goes into the County.

Mayor Hallman stated that the ability to plan this way legally is the problem. He commented that those types of conflicts need to be resolved to reduce the waste of resources.

Mayor Hawker asked which body decides between the cities that they have the resources to be successful. Mr. Smith stated that MAG does not go to that level of detail. However, because this issue has been a recurring one, as the 2007 projections were considered through the MAG process, this was specifically called out in the MPA boundary action.

With no further discussion, the vote on the motion passed, with Mayor Truitt voting no.

6. MAG Federal Funding Process Update

Eileen Yazzie, MAG Transportation Program Manager, addressed the Council on the MAG Federal Fund program that utilizes Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds (CMAQ). Ms. Yazzie stated that a competitive application process is conducted annually for PM-10 certified street sweepers, pave unpaved road projects, bicycle projects, pedestrian projects, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects. Ms. Yazzie advised that other funds are available, and they are programmed through the life cycle process.

Ms. Yazzie stated that projects funded with federal funds have strict requirements for design, environmental, right of way, and the bid process. She advised that construction projects require at least 18-24 months of prior clearance work, and there is a federal requirement to spend funds authorized that year through closeout.

Ms. Yazzie then reviewed the annual schedule related to federally funded projects. She said that from August to January, the competitive application process is conducted through the MAG committee process, followed by the MAG closeout process that is conducted through the MAG committee process from March to July. Ms. Yazzie stated that from February to June, the new TIP is modeled for transportation and air quality, and its approval is considered through MAG committee process. Ms. Yazzie reviewed the allocation of MAG federal funds in the Regional Transportation Plan by mode.

Ms. Yazzie stated that a need was demonstrated to have a review of the process for federal funds, including the closeout process and the MAG federal fund program. She said that a Working Group has been meeting to familiarize member agency staff with the funding process and to discuss improvements that might be made to the process. The goal of the process is to ensure that it is consistent with the provisions of the guidance provided by the Federal Highway Administration and is clearly articulated to the MAG member agencies. Chair Cavanaugh thanked Ms. Yazzie for her presentation. No questions from the Council were noted.

7. Programming of Projects for MAG Federal Funding in the Draft FY 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Yazzie addressed the Regional Council on the projects recommended for MAG federal funds for FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2013. She explained the process for project submission and review and recommendation through the MAG committee process.

Ms. Yazzie stated that four categories are programmed with CMAQ funds: bicycle and pedestrian, arterial and ITS projects, paving unpaved roads, and other air quality projects. She noted projects submitted for evaluation: 17 bicycle/pedestrian projects were submitted for FY 2013 CMAQ funds, with 12 recommended by the Bicycle and Pedestrian committee; Seven Arterial/ITS projects were submitted for FY 2009 CMAQ funds, with seven recommended by the ITS Committee; 17 ITS projects were submitted for FY 2013 CMAQ funds, with 15 recommended by the ITS Committee; Six paving unpaved roads projects were submitted for FY 2010, with four projects recommended by the Transportation Review Committee; Six air quality projects were submitted for FY 2013 funds, with six recommended by the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee. Chair Cavanaugh thanked Ms. Yazzie for her report.

He noted that no public comment cards had been submitted for this item. Chair Cavanaugh asked members if they had any questions or comments.

Mayor Waterman stated that the City of El Mirage participated in this year's programming process. He indicated that he would vote to support this item, but he wanted to report what the City experienced during the process. Mayor Waterman stated that El Mirage expected considerably more than it received from the technical committees. He stated that he and other city representatives went to Mr. Smith and MAG staff to see what options might be available. Mayor Waterman noted that the committees' policies did not leave them many options to overturn the decision. He stated that he understood that MAG is working toward clarifying the policies. Mayor Waterman expressed his appreciation to MAG staff, especially Mr. Smith, for helping and working with the City of El Mirage.

Mayor Hallman moved approval of the projects listed in the attached table to be added to the MAG Federal Fund Program and to be added to the Draft FY 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Mayor Lopez Rogers seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Interim Appointment of the Chair of the Transportation Policy Committee to Fill the Unexpired Term (June 2008)

Chair Cavanaugh stated that in June 2006, the MAG Regional Council appointed Councilwoman Peggy Bilsten, City of Phoenix, as the Chair of the Transportation Policy Committee for a two-year term ending in June 2008. Due to term limits, Councilwoman Bilsten was not eligible to run for re-election creating a vacancy in the Chair position for the TPC. Chair Cavanaugh said that to fill this position until June 2008, the interim appointment of the Chair of the TPC was requested. He added that in June 2008, the Regional Council would then consider the TPC officer positions for two year terms.

Mayor Hallman stated that Mayor Hawker was recognized as a person who has served transportation well in the region. He asked Mayor Hawker if he would be willing to serve until the end of the term. Mayor Hawker indicated his willingness to serve as the Chair of the TPC until the end of the term in June 2008. He advised that he is term-limited and his elected office would end on June 2, 2008.

Mayor Hallman moved the interim appointment of Mayor Hawker to the Chair of the TPC to fill the unexpired portion of the two-year term (June 2008). Mayor Truitt seconded.

It was noted that in the absence of a Vice Chair or Chair, by default, the duties of chairing TPC meetings would fall to the immediate past chair, which would be Mayor Elaine Scruggs.

Mayor Barrett asked why the Vice Chair position was not being elected at the same time.

Mayor Hallman noted that he could not amend the motion because filling the Vice Chair position was not in the scope of the requested action. Fredda Bisman, MAG General Counsel, stated that this was correct, the Vice Chair position was not agendized for action tonight.

Mayor Dunn expressed his understanding of the desire to cover all bases, but the term remaining was for a very short period of time. He commented that the main focus should be those being elected in June. Mayor Dunn expressed his support for Mayor Hawker to complete the term of office.

Mayor Berman commented that in most organizations, when the chair vacates his office, the vice chair automatically assumes the chair duties.

Mr. Smith noted that the Vice Chair position was not specified in the TPC composition and concepts approved by the Regional Council. He stated that the approved concepts call for a chair, but do not mention a vice chair. When the Regional Council made the chair appointment in July 2002, the Regional Council decided they wanted to have a vice chair as well. Mr. Smith stated that historically, the TPC has had a chair and vice chair, and nothing is mentioned about the vice chair automatically moving up to Chair. He stated that one of MAG's upcoming goals is to get these types of rules pertaining to committees in writing. Mr. Smith advised that a lot of the MAG technical committees do not have vice chairs and it would be beneficial to fill those positions.

Mayor Barrett asked if there was any objection to an interim appointment of a Vice Chair next month. Mayor Hallman stated that part of the discomfort is that the protocol which has been followed is not written down.

The vote on the motion passed unanimously.

9. MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project

Mayor Lopez Rogers, Chair of the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee, presented the MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project Report to the Council for approval. She stated that work began on this project one year ago to provide a tool for developing human services policy and programs. While further research is needed to determine specific programs, this project offers an important starting point for human services planning.

Mayor Lopez Rogers stated that this project offers an index to measure human services demand. She commented that when funding decreases, the demand for human services increases. Mayor Lopez Rogers stated that the demand is mapped out on maps for each of the indicators included in the index. She advised that this project is the first of its kind in the country, and with this tool, they have an opportunity to proactively plan for needs as they unfold. Mayor Lopez Rogers added that upon approval, the report will be distributed to MAG member agencies, committee members and community partners. Mayor Lopez Rogers commended MAG staff, who worked very hard this year on this impressive and detailed report.

Mayor Lopez Rogers introduced Brande Mead, MAG Human Services Planner, who provided additional detail about the project. She said that the index to measure the demand for human services is based on five indicators. The indicators include foreclosure rates, population, older adults accessing state services, families receiving welfare and check cashing stores. Ms. Mead stated that all five indicators are mapped by zip code. She noted that they needed to use zip codes rather than census tracts because not all of the indicator data were available by census tract.

Ms. Mead stated that Community Action Program offices and service delivery areas were also mapped. These were chosen because very often they represent the first point of contact for people needing assistance. Ms. Mead expressed her appreciation to the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee, particularly Mayor Lopez Rogers, for their efforts on this project.

Mayor Hallman moved approval of the MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project. Mayor Hawker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Legislative Update

Nathan Pryor, MAG Senior Policy Planner, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. He advised that no positions on any legislation had yet been recommended, and work will continue with the Intergovernmental Representatives toward recommended positions. Mr. Pryor added that input on legislative issues from the Regional Council was welcome.

Mr Pryor stated that House Bill (HB) 2091, in which state or county transportation plans that are submitted for voter approval must appear on the ballot with each mode of transportation and its costs clearly delineated and voters must be allowed to vote yes or no on each transportation mode separately, will continue to be monitored.

Mr. Pryor explained that HB 2381 is a bill that deals with the 9-1-1 fund. The bill says that the amount permitted to be paid out of the Emergency Telecommunications Services Fund for administrative costs or fees for consultants' services would increase from three percent to five percent of the amount deposited into the fund annually. Mr. Pryor provided some background on the fund, which is funded by the monthly tax paid on wireline and wireless telephones. He said that due to the decrease in the monthly rate per phone line over the past three years (37 cents in 2006, 28 cents in 2007, and 20 cents in 2008), the administrative amount has also decreased, thus making it difficult to meet administrative costs. Mr. Pryor noted that increasing the percentage will alleviate the burden.

Mr. Pryor also reported on the state budget. He stated that due to the state facing challenges with the budget, the remedy proposed by the Chair of the Appropriations Committee for the shortfall of 2008 and 2009 will impact the Highway Users Revenue Fund (HURF). Mr. Pryor reported that the impact is a \$51 million decrease in 2008 for cities and counties, and is projected to be much the same impact for 2009. He advised that the impact to ADOT in 2008 is about \$55 million in highway funding, and will probably be about the same for 2009. Mr. Pryor stated that this will continue to be monitored.

Mr. Smith said that staff heard that HB 2091 was going to be held by Chair Biggs. He stated that the transportation budget is going in reverse by shifting money from transportation to the Department of Public Safety. Mr. Smith stated that MAG had worked on this issue before and thought it had been resolved, however, due to the dire situation in the budget, the legislators are going back to the HURF revenue source.

Chair Cavanaugh noted Senate Bill 1042 sponsored by Senator Harper regarded ADOT issuing a Request for Proposals for toll roads between Loop 303, 75th Avenue, and Prescott. He asked for clarification that this was not included Proposition 400. Mr. Pryor replied that was correct. Chair

Cavanaugh stated there were some items in Building A Quality Arizona that were discussed at the Legislature that are coming to fruition in HB 2593.

11. 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.

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary

Chair