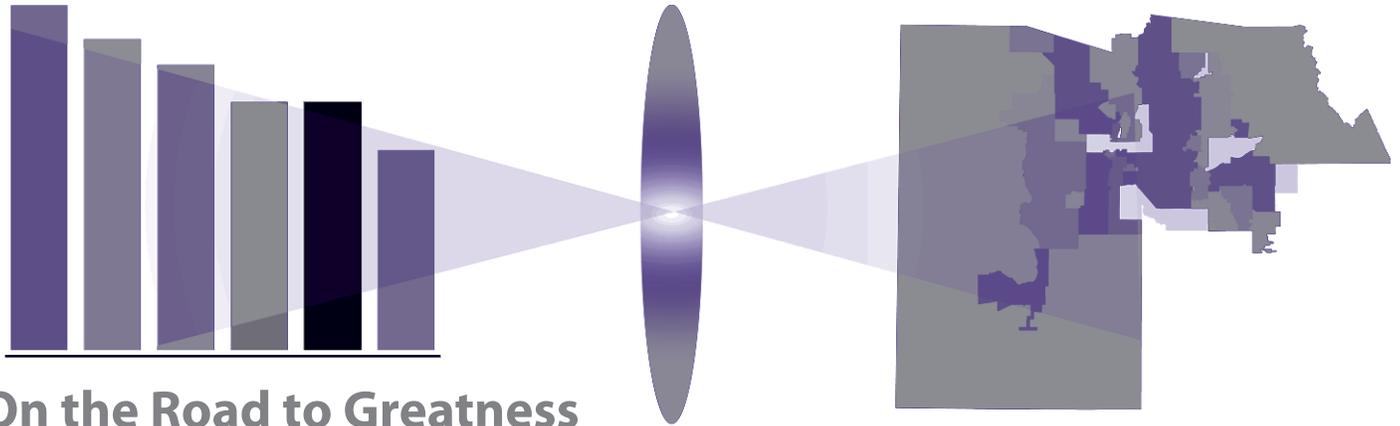


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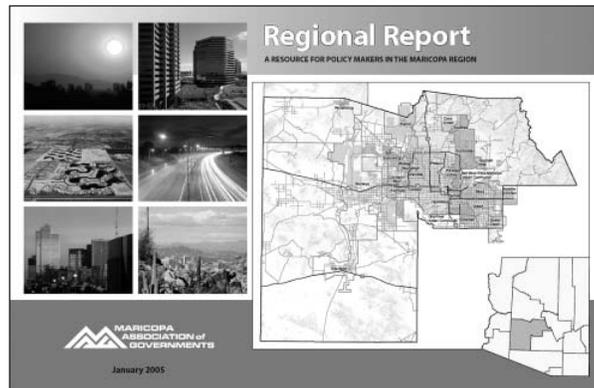


On the Road to Greatness

## FACTS \* FOCUS \* FUTURE

Declaring that the Valley has many strengths on which to build, elected officials and business leaders joined together during a regional forum in January to examine how the region compares to its peers and to develop bold initiatives for the future.

Approximately 135 local government and business leaders attended the regional forum, “On the Road to Greatness: Facts\* Focus\*Future,” presented by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Business Coalition. The purpose of the forum was to explore how the MAG region compares to similar regions in the United States, review the economic development strategy for the region,



and to discuss potential future partnerships.

Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker, who serves as chair of the MAG Regional Council, reminded participants that the forum comes on the heels of the successful partnership that helped secure voter funding for the Regional Transportation Plan.



“It is because of the success we had with Proposition 400 that we are here today,” said Mayor Hawker. “We have taken a remarkable journey over the last three years, overcoming well-funded opposition. We learned that by working

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**Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa**

## From the Chair

In January, the MAG Regional Council unanimously approved accepting a model resolution for addressing issues surrounding sales tax incentives and revenue sharing agreements.

The resolution was drafted in part because several legislative measures have been introduced this session that are designed to preempt municipalities from using development incentives.

It is important for local governments to demonstrate that we are working together on these issues and to prevent state intervention. It is crucial that we maintain the flexibility necessary to allow each municipality to adapt to its own unique situation.

Local government leaders are committed to working with developers to ensure that cities communicate with one another when a business locates along city borders. The intent of the

resolution is to stress communication, cooperation and coordination between jurisdictions when addressing regional issues. It recognizes the importance of sound land use planning and fiscal policies, encourages adjacent municipalities to work together on issues associated with shared boundaries, encourages discussions at the local level, and reflects a local effort to consider revenue sharing.

The Regional Council moved to accept the resolution as a model that can be altered to fit the unique characteristics of each city or town. The Council urged member agencies to bring the resolution back to their own city councils for continued discussion. The Regional Council also suggested that the MAG Management Committee continue to research best practices. Working together, we can solve these issues, without the legislative mandates being proposed. 

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## Voices From the Council



*The issue that will undoubtedly be watched with the most intense interest in 2005 involves the policy decision on whether or not we will begin annexation proceedings to move Glendale's city limits farther west. No other decision before our city council at this time will so greatly impact Glendale's future for years to come.*

– Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs, during the 2005 State of the City Business Address.



*I'm pleased with the way that we in the city of Goodyear have managed our growth. We have an excellent water management plan... We have increased our lot sizes. We have increased the distance between houses, we have increased the quality of our housing product. And, of course, our housing prices reflect that. Right now I think Goodyear is headed to being thought of as an upscale community, and it is currently thought of as a very desirable community. And I'm pleased and proud of that fact.*

– Goodyear Mayor James Cavanaugh, on continuing growth in the West Valley.



*Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation recognizes that it is vital and essential for all tribal communities to have quality education. We share a common history and a common future.*

– Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation President Raphael Bear on presentation of a check for \$11,486 to Northern Arizona University to support NAU's Hizhoni Academy, a college preparatory program for Native American students. The donation is part of a shared revenue venture between Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and Arizona's cities, towns, and counties.



*As chairman of the State Transportation Board this year, I am looking forward to establishing an updated five-year program for the MAG region that positively reflects the voters' passage of Proposition 400.*

– Rusty Gant, new chair of the Arizona State Transportation Board.

## Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Joins MAG

A third Indian Community has joined the Maricopa Association of Governments. In December 2004, the Regional Council formally welcomed the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation as a member. President Raphael Bear (below) will represent Fort McDowell on the Council.

At the December 15, 2004 Regional Council meeting, MAG Chair Keno Hawker presented President Raphael Bear with his membership certificate.



The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation is located within

Maricopa County about 23 miles northeast of Phoenix. The desert landscape is contrasted by the Verde River, which flows north to south through the reservation. Thirty miles east of Fort McDowell, the Four Peaks rise from the desert floor to an elevation of more than 7,000 feet.

The community was created by Executive Order on September 15, 1903. The 40-square mile reservation is now home to 600 community members, while another 300 live off the reservation. The reservation is a small parcel of land that formerly was the ancestral territory of the once nomadic Yavapai people,

who hunted and gathered food in a vast area of Arizona's desert lowlands and mountainous Mogollon Rim country. 



## Regional Profile:

# Putting the "Good" in Goodyear



Goodyear Mayor  
James Cavanaugh

Ten years ago, Goodyear Mayor James M. Cavanaugh had never even considered a career in politics. Leaving a 30-year tour of duty in the United States Air Force, he became a real estate broker and started his own company, Cavanaugh Realty, LLC. But a few years later, a position opened on the City of Goodyear Planning and Zoning Commission, and the die was cast.

"I figured, well I know something about land, maybe I can help," Cavanaugh recalls. "And I applied for that and I got it. And three years after that, I was approached by people to run for city council. And I didn't decide until less than 24 hours before filing closed. So I didn't have any political aspirations, but I decided that maybe I could make a difference."

Mayor Cavanaugh speaking in support of Luke Air Force Base.



and won. Today, he is running unopposed for a second four-year term. When asked what he enjoys about the job, Cavanaugh cites reasons ranging from the thousands of people he meets to the impact he has on residents' lives.

"There is a significant degree of self satisfaction. You're doing something for your fellow man. Hopefully, you're doing the right things. But every night when you go to bed, you know that you attempted to help. I am very pleased to have that responsibility," says Cavanaugh.

When Cavanaugh was elected to the city council, Goodyear's population was about 18,000. It has virtually doubled during his tenure, with the current population just under 36,000. Cavanaugh says growth and water issues are the most significant issues facing his community.

"You have to determine what is the need over the next several years and determine what is the source that you're going to use to bring water to this new level of population. In Goodyear, historically and to this day, we're a 100-percent groundwater-sourced city. And we're moving from that to utilization in the near term of a significant amount of CAP water from the Colorado River, up to 14,000 acre feet annually," said Cavanaugh. "So that's a major change in the planning of Goodyear, and it goes in line with my premise that water and growth go together and no element is more important."



Mayor Cavanaugh spoke at the Facts\*Focus\*Future forum and contributed to the video presentation.

Cavanaugh has taken to his regional role as well, serving as a member of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). Cavanaugh calls his work on the TPC one of his most significant accomplishments to date.

"I think I had some singular importance in getting the I-10 Reliever through in the Regional Transportation Plan," he says. "So I'm proud of that. I wish I had been more successful in accelerating the I-10 widening, but I am proud of the I-10 Reliever and the efforts of everybody on the TPC."

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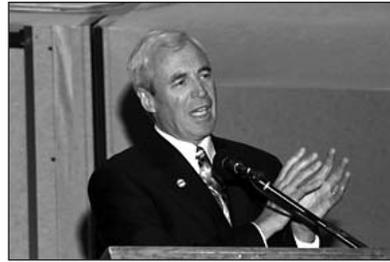
## Regional Profile: Mayor Cavanaugh

Cavanaugh believes the success of Proposition 400, which provides funding for the Regional Transportation Plan, indicates the TPC had the right elements in the Plan.

“The vote in favor was significant enough to strongly indicate that the people were involved. They didn’t just let this go idly by and accept the proposition. They understood the issue and made sure that they voted as they believed. And fortunately for us, the majority of them believed that our transportation system needs to be significantly enhanced.”

On a local level, Cavanaugh cites preservation of Luke Air Force Base as his proudest accomplishment.

“I’m not saying we’ve done more than anyone else, but certainly Goodyear has played an important role in the preservation of



Mayor Cavanaugh gives his inaugural speech.

Luke. We have the southern corridor in Goodyear, and through our coordination, we’ve been able to keep that southern corridor free of residential development. And although we accept that as our responsibility, it is also a remarkable achievement. So I’m very proud of that. If Luke is kept in the Air Force inventory, and I am confident it will, we’ll know that we were a part of that,” he says.

“When you look at our sales tax and our real property tax, I felt we were one of the highest in the Valley, and I didn’t want to be in

that category,” says the mayor. “So we were able to move our maximum real property levy from \$2.10 per hundred (dollars of assessed value) to \$1.60. I fought hard and was successful, but just by a bare margin, of getting a tax reduction in Goodyear. In fact, the Council vote was four to three,” he said.

In his spare time, Cavanaugh may be found playing softball in a local league, where he tries to participate in at least one game a week. Although he likes skiing and hiking, Cavanaugh says

his time is too limited for those sports. Instead, he spends his free time with his wife, often dining or shopping.

“We get around the Valley, we know the Valley quite well. But we don’t travel much beyond it. I wish we did, but we don’t. Maybe when time is available, we’ll do that.”

Cavanaugh says he is looking forward to his next four-year term, but doesn’t know how long he will continue in politics. When he does leave office, he hopes the residents of Goodyear will find a place better than it was.

“What I would want when I complete my service is for the people to have pride in living within this Valley,” says Cavanaugh. “That they can look back upon this time as being an important and favorable time in their life.”



Mayor Cavanaugh tries out a Goodyear Police motorcycle at a Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) event.



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together and harnessing our collective talents, we can accomplish great things. When we unify our vision toward a common regional goal, we can meet with unqualified success,” he said.

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“The vision for Arizona is to be one of the best places in the nation to live a rewarding and productive life.”

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—Dr. Lattie Coor

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Forum participants were provided with the first published copies of the *MAG Regional Report*, a 52-page document examining how our region is performing in comparison to nine peer regions. The report focuses on seven major issue areas, including regional governance, growth, urban form, regional transportation, air quality, economic quality and social well-being. Peer regions include Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, Denver, Portland, Sacramento, San Diego, San Jose, and Seattle.

“All metropolitan areas have challenges that come with large populations,” said Mayor Hawker. “At the same time, we know that there must be some good reasons behind the fact that our region is growing by more than 100,000 people each year, with a net migration of approximately 66,000. These new residents are making both an economic decision and a quality of life decision in coming to this region. We wanted to examine the strengths that

attract these new residents, while at the same time looking at how challenges to our region could be addressed,” he said.

Key findings from the report were presented in a video featuring members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee. The video was produced by Mesa Channel 11 and is currently being shown on city cable channels across the region.

Forum speakers included Bruce Hernandez, senior vice president of Behavior Research Center, who reported that a recent Rocky Mountain Poll found that roughly one-quarter of adults who are full-time residents of the Valley moved here within the past ten years. Nearly half of those new residents came from other Rocky Mountain or Pacific states, primarily California.

“Most reported that they came to take advantage of a job opportunity or because of the availability of affordable housing,” said Hernandez. “Many also chose the Valley for its perceived moderate cost of living, especially those who moved here from California,” he said. Hernandez said the poll found that other motivating factors included the weather, lifestyle and outdoor recreational opportunities.

Paul Ringer, interim president and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC), reported that in 2001, GPEC facilitated the development of the region’s first comprehensive

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Mayor Keno Hawker, Regional Council Chair



Bruce Hernandez, Behavior Research Center



Paul Ringer, Greater Phoenix Economic Council



Dr. Lattie Coor, Center for the Future of Arizona

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economic development strategy, which sought to create a clear identity for the region. Goals included finding better opportunities for future generations; broader, quality job choice and increased incomes; a balanced, recession-proof economy; and a vibrant business climate. Ringer said that accomplishing these goals will require the understanding that global competition is fierce.

“On a global scale, Greater Phoenix communities are not competing against each other,” said Ringer. “Technology is progressing at such a rate that it is no longer enough for communities to be competitive just within their state or country,” he said.

Ringer said that attracting business is only one part of the economic strategy. He said the Valley must focus on further developing industry clusters that build on the region’s strengths and capture emerging opportunities, including the areas of Aerospace, Advanced Business/Financial Services, Bio/Life Sciences, High-Tech, and Software.

“We need to improve key foundations for high-quality growth,” said Ringer. “When it comes to the future, progress is not optional. Our ability to work together will define our success as a globally competitive region.”

During the forum, Dr. Lattie Coor, chairman and CEO of the Center for the Future of Arizona, presented information on visioning efforts currently taking place in Arizona.

“The vision for Arizona is to be one of the best places in the nation to live a rewarding and productive life,” said Dr. Coor, who cited a number of steps that needed to be taken to achieve that goal. Steps included providing support for talent of all ages and backgrounds through a top quality educational system; enhancing opportunities for Arizonans who work but remain poor; finding ways for residents to access affordable housing, health care, childcare, education and improved employment opportunities; preserving and enhancing all aspects of Arizona’s physical and cultural environment; and providing infrastructure to support the region’s growing population.

“We must improve our quality of life as the state grows,” said Dr. Coor. “We need to pursue a competitive, knowledge-based economy that is among the strongest and most successful in the nation,” he said.

Dr. Coor also suggested developing local, regional and statewide “BHAGs,” or “Big, Hairy, Audacious Goals.” Forum participants did just that during the final breakout session of the day. Ideas included goals for education, employment, the economy, wastewater, crime, housing, and the environment.

A complete list of goals can be found at [www.mag.maricopa.gov/event.cms?item=4268](http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/event.cms?item=4268) under the “Resources” link. Organizations are encouraged to further explore these goals and develop ideas for their implementation. 



### The 3rd Annual 5K Run and Fitness Walk to Benefit Local Domestic Violence Programs

Walk to end  
domestic violence

**The third annual Walk to End Domestic Violence is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, at 7:00 a.m.**

The Walk raises awareness of the critical issue of domestic violence and generates funds for local domestic violence shelters and service providers.

Walk Chair Gene D’Adamo says organizations can make a big impact by pulling together groups of walkers. “Teams are huge for us, and a wonderful way to educate others about domestic violence. We strongly encourage businesses, government agencies and small groups to form teams and raise pledges,” he said. At the February Regional Council meeting, Phoenix Vice Mayor Peggy Bilsten will issue a challenge to all of Maricopa County’s municipalities to form a team and participate in this year’s Walk.

Sponsored by The Arizona Republic and 12 News, and in conjunction with Employers Against Domestic Violence, the Walk is expected to draw more than 5,000 participants. Last year’s event attracted 3,800 walkers and raised more than \$200,000 in entry fees and pledges.

The 5K walk and competitive run course will take participants around the State Capitol, finishing at Wesley Bolin Plaza. Governor Janet Napolitano is scheduled to participate. Domestic violence shelters and other service providers will provide educational materials.

Registration forms are now available and will soon be offered online at [dvwalk.azcentral.com](http://dvwalk.azcentral.com). Until April 15, registration is \$20 for individuals and \$15 per person for teams with six or more members.



Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon is excited to receive official notice of federal funding for the light rail system.

# Feds Officially Sign Over \$587 Million for METRO Light Rail System

More than 300 community leaders and rail supporters attended a celebration January 24 to witness the award of \$587 million in federal funds to the METRO light rail system. The funds were committed by the Federal Transit Administration to the 20-mile initial project in an official grant-signing ceremony with the Federal Transit Administration.

Federal Transit Administrator Jennifer Dorn traveled to Phoenix to sign the agreement, and was joined by Congressmen Ed Pastor and J.D. Hayworth and the mayors of Valley Metro Rail's participating cities: Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman, Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker and Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs.

"I've been waiting for this day for a long time," said Rep. Ed Pastor, D-Ariz. "With this federal

partnership, we can confidently move forward in building the first significant leg of the project, knowing that we are addressing transit needs for our residents."

Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, who chairs the Valley Metro Rail Board of Directors, said the celebration marks the beginning of significant changes light rail will bring that will make the Valley a better place to live, work and play.

"Other than the day when we throw the switches and start the trains, this is the single biggest moment, and most significant event, for everyone who understands how light rail will change this community," Gordon said.

Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman said he's proud of the support the METRO project has received both locally and from the federal government.

"Today is an extraordinary day for the Valley. We're celebrating the commitment by the federal government that, in partnership with our region's communities, will make this project a reality," Hallman said.

Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker said his city's participation in light rail has always been contingent on receiving the Full Funding Grant Agreement. "We are excited that today we are realizing the federal commitment to this project," Hawker said.

Valley Metro Rail Chief Executive Officer Richard Simonetta celebrated the achievement with hundreds of community leaders and rail supporters at the Valley Metro Rail offices.

"The community has embraced the METRO light rail system," said Simonetta. "Now the federal government has taken the final step to show it, too, believes in rail as a valuable investment to our future quality of life."

To date, the METRO light rail system has received \$134 million in federal funding, nearly one-quarter of the total funds it will receive through the \$587 million grant.

Valley Metro Rail is a nonprofit, public corporation overseeing the design, construction and operation of the METRO light rail system, which is scheduled to open in December 2008. 

For more information visit:  
[www.valleymetro.org/rail/](http://www.valleymetro.org/rail/)

Seated are Jennifer Dorn and Mayor Phil Gordon. Standing left to right are Mayor Hallman, Representative Hayworth, Representative Pastor, Mayor Scruggs, and Mayor Hawker.



## MAG Prepares for 2005 Census Survey

The Maricopa Association of Governments has begun preparations for conducting a 2005 Census Survey. The mid-decade survey is being conducted as a means of updating population figures for cities and towns in our rapidly-growing region. The survey will be conducted on September 1, 2005.

Accurate population figures are important, because cities and towns receive state-shared revenues based on population. Those revenues pay for vital city services such as police and fire protection, water and sewer services, properly maintained streets, and garbage pickup. Because this is a survey and not a door-to-door count, only a sample of residents, selected at random, will be asked to fill out the survey.

### Census Workers Needed

The first newspaper ads for recruitment of census workers have been placed. The Census Bureau has placed the ads in local media to recruit workers for the address listing operation that begins in May. About 400 workers will be needed to perform the address listing operation. Another 400 workers will be hired in October to conduct personal visits to residents failing to complete the questionnaire by mail or telephone.

In order to hire the estimated 800 people necessary, the Census Bureau needs to recruit 3,000 people. This number is based on experience the Bureau has had with past survey efforts. In addition to the ads, a press release has been distributed with information about the Census Survey and recruiting efforts. Wages for workers start at \$11.50 an hour, plus mileage reimbursement. The jobs are part-time and have flexible hours. Although the Census Bureau has run press releases and ads in the local media, other member agencies may be asked to assist in publicizing the recruitment of census workers through their established networks.

**For more information about census jobs, call the recruitment hotline at (602) 256-3225.**

## Agencies Prepare for Transportation Funding

While the new half-cent sales tax won't officially take effect until January of 2006, the region's transportation entities are already beginning to program the expected funds into new plans.

Since the passage of Proposition 400, the Maricopa Association of Governments, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) have been hard at work prioritizing projects for inclusion into the new FY 2006-

2010 Transportation Improvement Program. MAG, ADOT, and RPTA are also developing the 20-year life cycle programs for transportation projects identified in the *Regional Transportation Plan*. The life cycle programs ensure that projects can be delivered on time and on budget during the life of the tax.

Some of the most immediate work being done includes the construction of HOV lanes on the Pima Freeway, general purpose and HOV lanes on US 60, design and engineering for the expansion of I-17, completing rubberized asphalt paving on the remainder of the freeway system, and corridor planning in the area of the proposed Williams-Gateway Freeway in east Mesa. RPTA is also taking immediate action, reinstating the Ajo to Phoenix bus route in March. 



For more information visit: [www.LetsKeepMoving.com](http://www.LetsKeepMoving.com)

## MAG Moment



MAG staff members welcome participants to the Facts\*Focus\*Future forum.

# Record Homeless Funding Award Announced

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness has been awarded the biggest funding grant for homeless programs ever to be received in the region.

During a press conference January 27th, Roy Bernardi, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), presented a check to the region for \$20.4 million. Of that amount, \$19.3 million is earmarked for regional homeless programs and the remaining \$1.1 million for emergency shelter services. The MAG Continuum of Care committee will distribute a total of \$19,333,276 to about 50 homeless assistance programs operated by nonprofit agencies and local governments in the region. The funding will be used to provide housing and other services for homeless individuals.

The press conference was held at Steele Commons, which provides permanent supportive housing to homeless people. The event was attended by Governor Janet Napolitano, who was also presented a check which included an



Governor Janet Napolitano

additional \$9.5 million for homeless programs in Pima County and rural areas of the state.

“I want to thank the Department of Housing and Urban Development for its continued investment in Arizona and the Maricopa Region,” said Governor Napolitano. “This award will improve the quality of life for thousands of vulnerable homeless people and provide them with constructive options that will help them break the cycle of homelessness,” she said.

MAG Regional Council Chair Keno Hawker, mayor of Mesa, credited the MAG Continuum of Care committee for its continued efforts in addressing homelessness.

“Over the past six years, the Continuum has been responsible for securing more than \$86 million in homeless funding for our region,” he said. “The amount received this year is the highest award ever received by our region, and we are confident that this funding will make a difference in the lives of many Valley residents.”

The funding is provided as part of the federal Stuart B. McKinney Act, which allocates funding dedicated to transitional and permanent supportive housing programs. Ernest Calderón, outgoing chair of the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness, says the award is significant in the face of an increasingly competitive application process.

“We are proud to have increased our allocations from \$15 million last year to more than \$19 million this year,” said Calderón. “This is to the credit of the many agencies and people who work so hard to provide critical services in our community.”

Phoenix City Councilmember Greg Stanton, incoming chair of the committee, says the funding helps leverage city resources.

“With these dollars, we are able to increase our city dollar impact on homeless prevention, continue to provide a critical Winter Overflow Shelter Program, and again send important dollars to nonprofit agencies across the city,” he said.

The award supports one new program and 49 renewal programs. New Arizona Family, Inc. received more than \$700,000 to provide housing and services for single mothers struggling with substance abuse issues.

“The grant allocations support homeless families and individuals as they stabilize in housing and

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HUD Secretary Roy Bernardi (center) is flanked left to right by Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, Phoenix Councilmember Greg Stanton, Continuum of Care Vice Chairs Don Keuth and Terri Wogan, and Arizona Housing, Inc. Board Chair Mo Stein.



# EPA Redesignates MAG Region for Attaining Carbon Monoxide Standard

On January 5, 2005, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Administrator Wayne Nastri announced that the Maricopa County area has met the federal health standard for carbon monoxide.

The announcement means the MAG Region will finally shed its nine-year designation as a “serious nonattainment area” for carbon monoxide pollution. Areas are classified as being in nonattainment when they fail to meet federal health standards.

The region has not violated the federal carbon monoxide standard in the last eight years, despite continued and rapid growth. The EPA also approved the MAG plan that shows how the region will continue to maintain healthy levels of carbon monoxide.

“Meeting the carbon monoxide standards will translate into fewer hospital visits and overall improved public respiratory health for (the region’s) residents,” said Nastri, administrator of the EPA’s Pacific Southwest Office in

San Francisco. “We will continue working with stakeholders to address additional regional air pollutants, such as coarse particulate matter and ozone,” he said.

Nastri’s comments came during a speech at the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce 2005 Environmental Preview Conference. The news was hailed by MAG officials, who had been anticipating the announcement for several months.

“This redesignation is a testament to the strong partnerships in this region for addressing complex regional issues,” said MAG Chair Keno Hawker. “This achievement required the Governor’s Office, Legislature, Maricopa County, and the cities and towns to work cooperatively together for the common good,” he said.

Hawker cited the use of innovative programs for reducing carbon monoxide pollution, including cleaner-burning gasoline, a nationally-recognized vehicle emissions program, trip reduction measures, clean-burning

fireplace ordinances and other aggressive measures.

Cars and other gasoline-powered motor vehicles cause more than 75 percent of the Valley’s carbon monoxide, which is a clear, odorless and poisonous gas.

It can enter the bloodstream and reduce the delivery of oxygen to the body’s organs and tissues. Carbon monoxide can have serious health effects on children, the elderly, and people with respiratory ailments.

When the Clean Air Act amendments were put in place in 1990, the Maricopa County region did not meet the carbon monoxide standard and was classified as a moderate nonattainment area.

The area was later reclassified as a “serious nonattainment area” in 1996. While the region has been redesignated to attainment, control measures will remain in effect under the region’s adopted maintenance plan. A new maintenance plan will be due eight years following the redesignation. 

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work to resolve issues contributing to their homelessness,” said Terri Wogan, vice chair of the Continuum of Care committee. “The money received in the Maricopa Region provides 1,798 beds available in permanent housing programs and 2,752 beds available in transitional housing programs. The grants also support case managers, job developers and a variety of other positions designed to help homeless people rejoin the community in a positive way,” she said.

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness is made up of representatives from the public sector, private sector and nonprofit organizations. The committee assumes responsibility for the development and submission of an annual regional coordinated grant application for the Stuart B. McKinney funds. The group was recognized two years ago with the publication of its *Regional Plan to End Homelessness*, now considered a national model. 

# EVENT Calendar

# MEETING Times

# SPRING 2005

February	March	April
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> 10:00 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> 9:00 a.m. Domestic Violence Council	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> 12:00 p.m. Transportation Open House 1:00 p.m. Joint Transportation Public Hearing
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Standard Specifications and Details Committee	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> 10:00 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Street Committee	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Standard Specifications and Details Committee	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Standard Specifications and Details Committee
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b> 12:00 p.m. Management Committee	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Street Committee	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Street Committee
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b> 12:00 p.m. Management Committee	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> 12:00 p.m. Management Committee
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m. Population Technical Advisory Committee	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m. Population Technical Advisory Committee	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> 11:30 a.m. Human Services Coordinating Committee/Human Services Technical Advisory Committee Joint Strategic Planning Meeting
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30 a.m. Census Survey Oversight Subcommittee	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 a.m. Transportation Safety Committee	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b> 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Regional Bicycle Task Force/ Pedestrian Working Group Joint Meeting	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30 a.m. Census Survey Oversight Subcommittee	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m. Population Technical Advisory Committee
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Planners Stakeholders Group	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Planners Stakeholders Group	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30 a.m. Census Survey Oversight Subcommittee
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> 2:00 p.m. Building Codes Committee	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Regional Bicycle Task Force/ Pedestrian Working Group Joint Meeting	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Planners Stakeholders Group
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> 4:00 p.m. Transportation Policy Committee	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> 2:00 p.m. Building Codes Committee	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Regional Bicycle Task Force/ Pedestrian Working Group Joint Meeting
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b> 1:00 p.m. Human Services Technical Advisory Committee	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> 4:00 p.m. Transportation Policy Committee	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> 2:00 p.m. Building Codes Committee
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> President's Day (Office Closed)	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 a.m. Telecommunications Advisory Group	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> 4:00 p.m. Transportation Policy Committee
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> 5:00 p.m. Regional Council	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b> 1:00 p.m. Human Services Technical Advisory Committee	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 p.m. Regional Council
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> 8:00 a.m. Transportation Safety Committee and Elderly Mobility Stakeholders Group Joint Meeting	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> 4:00 p.m. Regional Council Meeting and Retreat (note time change)	
	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee	
	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee	
	<b>31<sup>st</sup></b> 1:30 p.m. Continuum of Care Committee	

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