

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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Today's Agenda

- Overview/Background
- House and Senate Versions
- Timing Requirements
- Competitive Grants
- Reporting Requirements
- Federal Eligibility Criteria
- Coding & Project status
- Possible Project Selection Criteria
- Next Steps

Overview/Background

- MAG staff compiled projects
- Over 750 projects
- Over \$7.4 billion in projects
- Local and national groups and associations
- Discussion with Arizona delegation
- Bill signing expected mid to late February
- TRC and TRC Working Group Meetings

Possible Timeline

APPROVAL OF ACT/BILL

- Goal of Recovery Act – Approved/Signed by Feb. 13th
- Feb 16 – 20th – Public Review Period
- Feb 23 – Clock begins running

MAG Steps

- Throughout February – Working Group meetings
- TPC – February 18th
- Regional Council – February 25th approval of TIP amendment and Conformity Consultation

Transportation Infrastructure Funds

NATIONAL	HOUSE	SENATE	DISTRIBUTION METHOD
Highway and Bridge Construction	\$30 billion	\$27.1 billion	Formula with suballocation
Competitive Surface Transportation Grants		\$5.5 billion	Competitively awarded
Transit	\$12 billion	\$8.4 billion	Discretionary

ARIZONA	HOUSE	SENATE	Notes
Highway Infrastructure Investment	\$522,668,808	\$502,431,000	Does not include Senate grants provision, Senate – at least 5% used for CMAQ

MAG Region - Transportation Infrastructure Funds

MAG REGION	HOUSE	SENATE	Notes
Highway - ADOT/State Discretionary	\$107 - \$201 Million	\$112 - \$163 Million	
Highway - MAG Sub- Allocation	\$102 Million	\$147 Million	
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$209 - 303 Million	\$259 - \$310 Million	
TOTAL TRANSIT	\$79.1 Million	\$108 Million	
TOTAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY	\$288.1 - \$382.1 Million	\$367 - \$418 Million	

Use It or Lose It

	Short Term	Short Term - Long Term
House	<p>At least 50% of funds must obligate within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State 90 days • MPOs 75 days 	<p>Any funds not used by August 1, 2010 shall be redistributed to States that have committed all of their funds.</p>
Senate	<p>The first half (50%) of the funding will be provided to state governments, and must be obligated within 180 days. Any funds left unobligated by the states after 180 days will be reallocated by the Federal Highway Administration among the other states.</p>	<p>The second half (50%) of the funding will be available for obligation for a full year from the date of enactment. Of the 50%, 80% sub-allocated to MPOs and 20% to States. Any unobligated balances remaining after one year will be transferred to the Competitive Grants program.</p>

Competitive Grants for Transportation

- \$5.5 billion for competitive grants for transportation
- Directed to various types of transportation investments:
 - Highway
 - Transit
 - Passenger and freight rail
 - Improving the efficiency of freight movement
- Grants for this funding will be made from the \$5.5 billion appropriated directly to the program, as well as any amounts transferred as a result of the “use-it-or-lose-it” provisions applied to the highway and transit formula grants.
- Funds will remain available until 9/30/11.

Reporting Requirements

Use of Economic Recovery Funds will be required to report on:

- How the \$ is being used (supplanting)
- Economic Impact
- # of Project Bids and Awards
- Project Completion
- # of Jobs created
- # of Jobs sustained

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Preparing to Program Economic Recovery

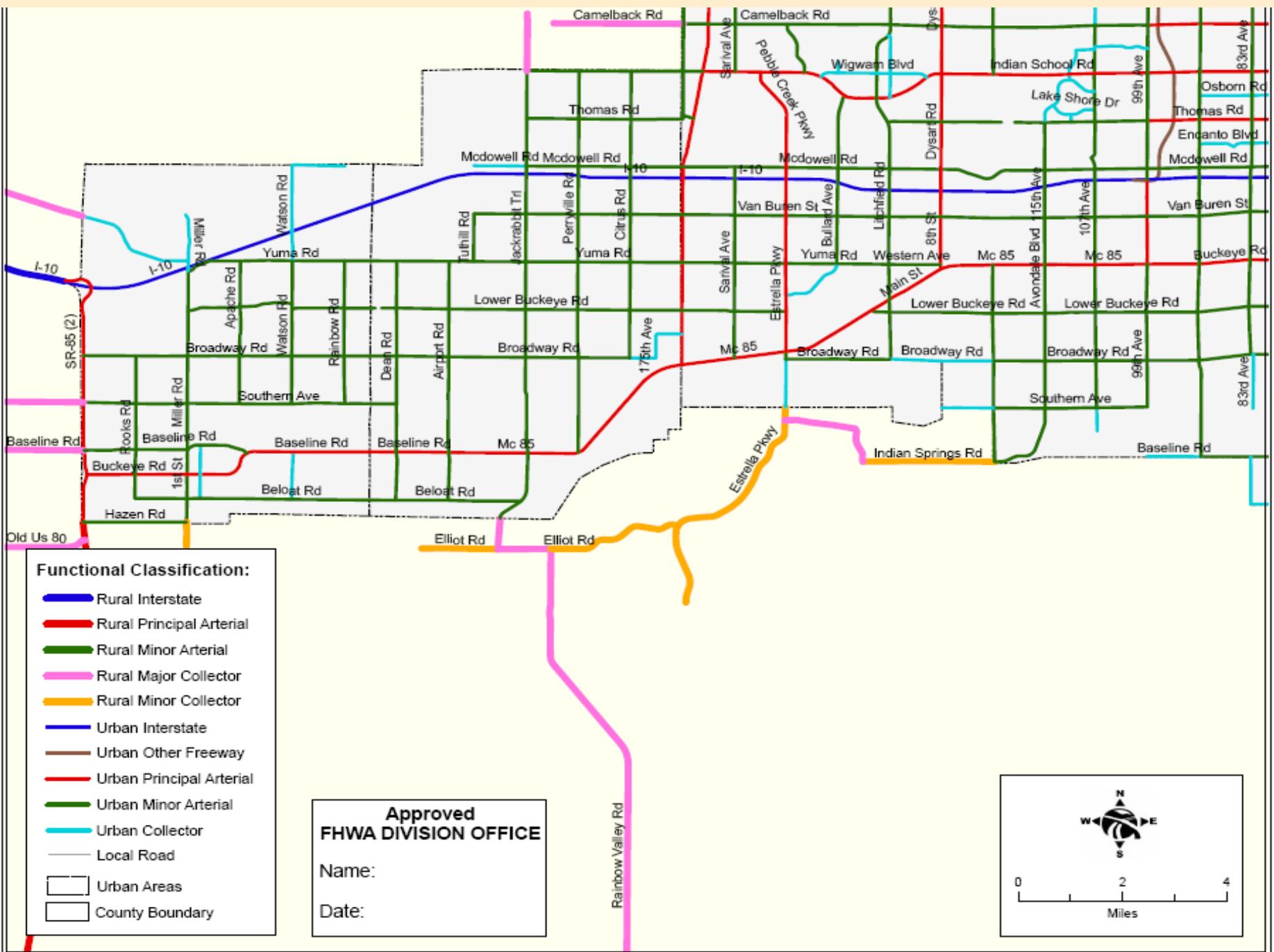
1. Federal Eligibility Criteria
2. Federal Requirements
 - Clearances: Right of Way, Utility and Design
 - Environmental Clearance/NEPA
3. TIP Status
 - a. In the TIP/STIP
 - b. Conformity Exempt
 - c. New Conformity Determination
4. Project Selection Criteria



Federal Eligibility Criteria

	Economic Recovery Funds can be used on projects that meet current Federal Programs
HOUSE	STP, Bridge (BR), Federal Aid Systems, Interstate Maintenance, Planning, Safety (HSIP), and CMAQ
SENATE	STP & CMAQ





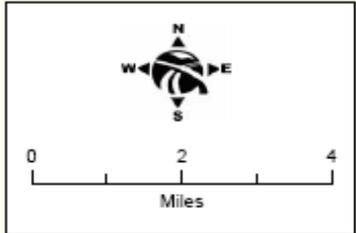
Functional Classification:

- Rural Interstate
- Rural Principal Arterial
- Rural Minor Arterial
- Rural Major Collector
- Rural Minor Collector
- Urban Interstate
- Urban Other Freeway
- Urban Principal Arterial
- Urban Minor Arterial
- Urban Collector
- Local Road
- Urban Areas
- County Boundary

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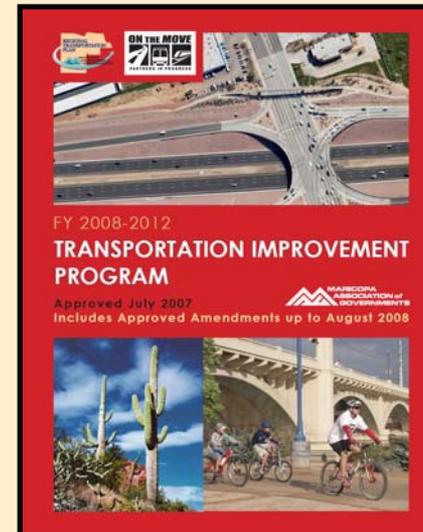
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- In Approved TIP/STIP



Coding MAG Projects

- MAG Staff and Member Agencies are coding projects regarding Status for:
- Environmental Clearance/NEPA
 - Approved or Categorical Exclusions – Group 1 (A)
 - Categorical Exclusions – Group 2 (B)
 - Long Term (C)
- In Approved TIP/STIP
 - Projects in TIP (A)
 - Projects to be amended/administrative modify: Conformity Consultation, Conformity Neutral (B)
 - Projects to be amended: Conformity Determination (C)

Factors To Consider

- 100% of Project Costs
- Timing & Project Readiness— Prepared to spend funds that other states and regions haven't spent
- Supplanting Economic Recovery Funds
 - Local, State, or other Federal Funds still need to be used on Transportation, same time period as Economic Recovery, and reported on.
- FFY09 Federal Funds (STP and CMAQ) ***STILL NEED TO BE OBLIGATED***

Possible Project Selection Criteria

- Projects that can be obligated and/or constructed in short term
- Balance of funding for New Projects and Current Programmed Projects
- Construction vs. Purchases
- In a regional program
- Projects that provide Service vs. Enhancement/Capacity vs. Maintenance
- Local Jobs Created
- Regional Priorities
- Regional Packages of Projects that fit Cat Ex –
 - Regional Pavement Preservation, Traffic Signal Optimization, Signal Replacement, Sign Replacement

Next Steps

- Working Group to continue discussion
 - February 17, 1:30 p.m.
- Continue working with Valley Metro and ADOT
- MAG TPC February 18th Update
- Targeting February 25th Regional Council for:
 - Possible TIP amendment
 - Conformity Consultation
- May need to call special Committee meetings in February and March if necessary

Questions, Comments, Discussion?

Additional Information:

FHWA: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/>

FTA: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

NARC: <http://narc.org/news/218/292.html>