

Transit Committee Roles & Responsibilities

Transit Committee
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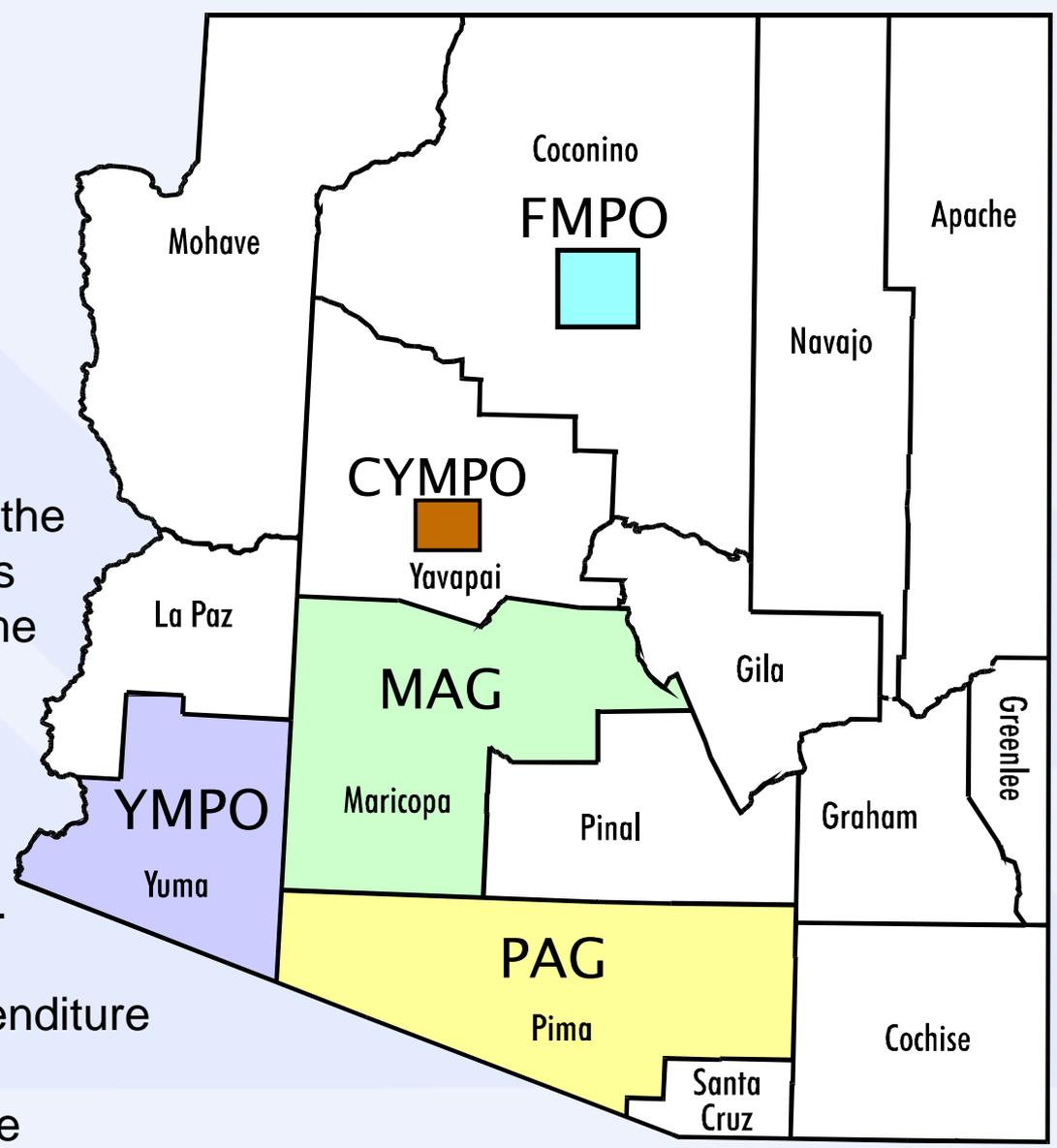
Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

Urbanized areas of more than 50,000 residents.

Boundary includes at a minimum, the urbanized area and the contiguous geographic area(s) likely to become urbanized within 20-years.

A forum for cooperative transportation decision-making for the metropolitan planning area.

Purpose is to ensure that the expenditure of federal transportation funds is based on a continuing, cooperative & comprehensive process.



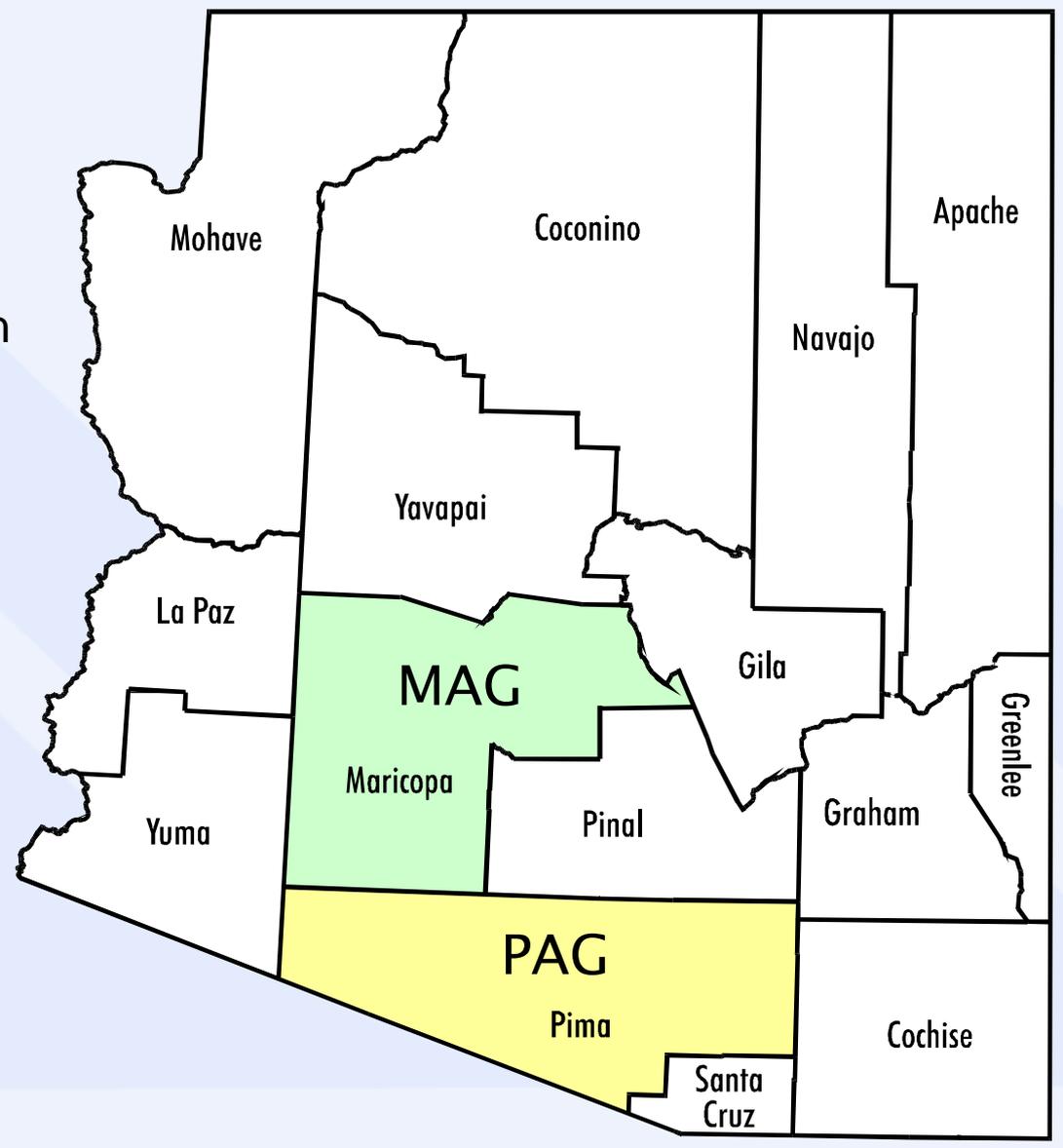
Transportation Management Areas (TMAs)

An urbanized area over 200,000 in population designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

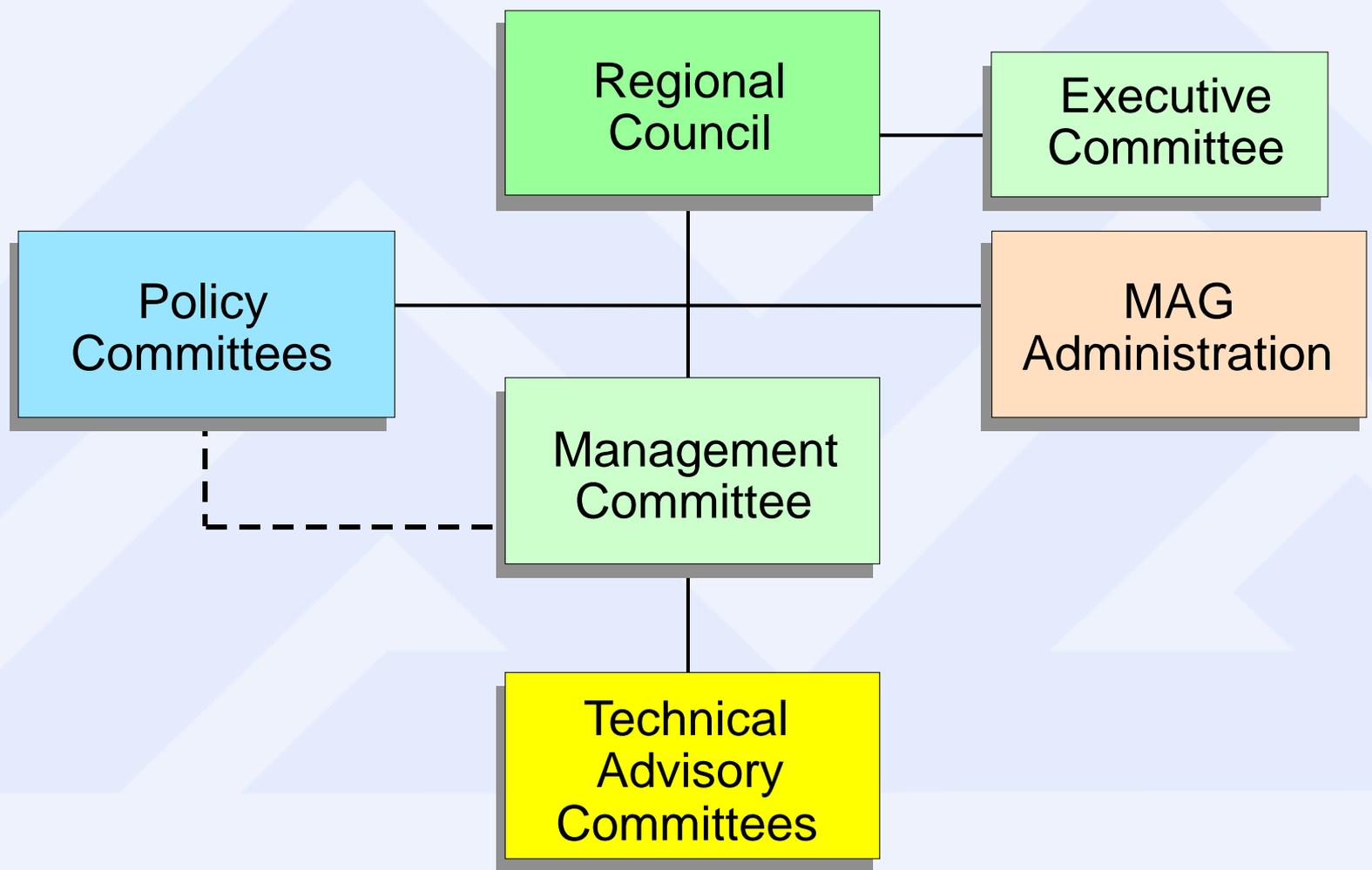
Greater authority is given to TMA's in project selection.

The FHWA & FTA jointly review and evaluate the transportation planning process every four years.

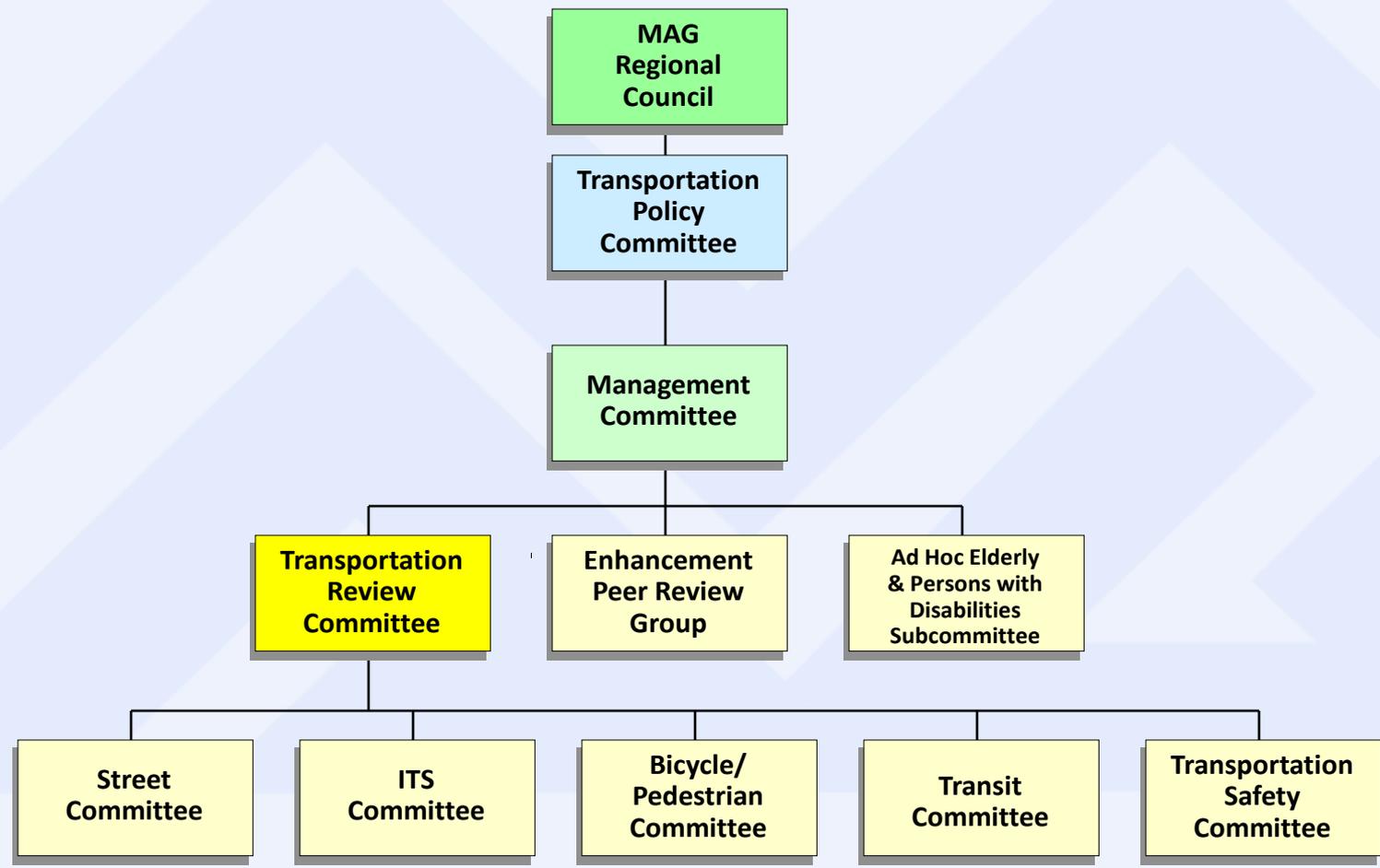
In nonattainment or maintenance areas FHWA & FTA review to ensure air quality conformity regulations are followed.

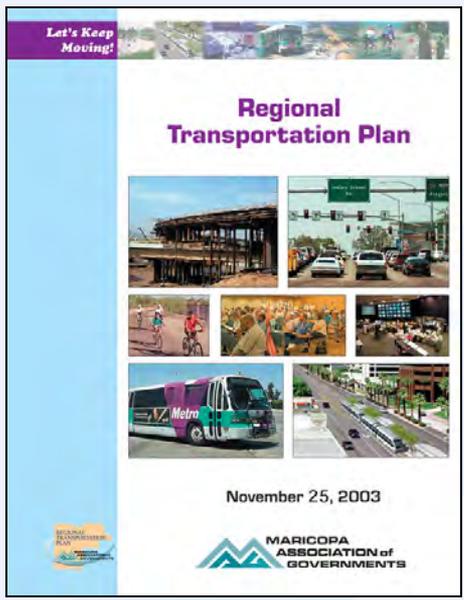


MAG Policy Structure

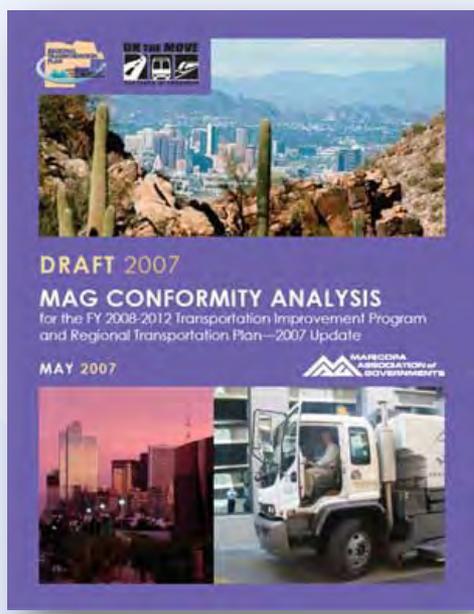


MAG Transportation Committees

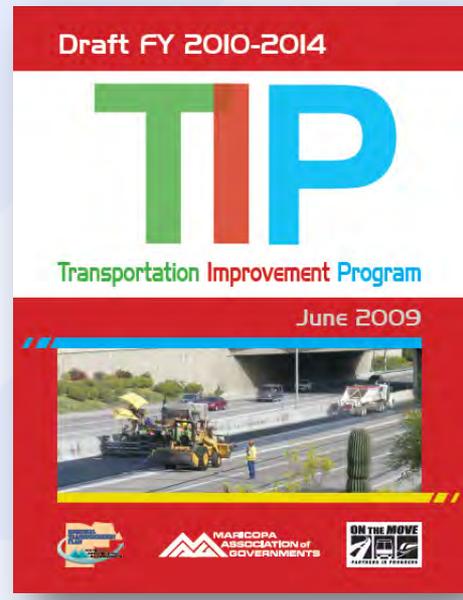




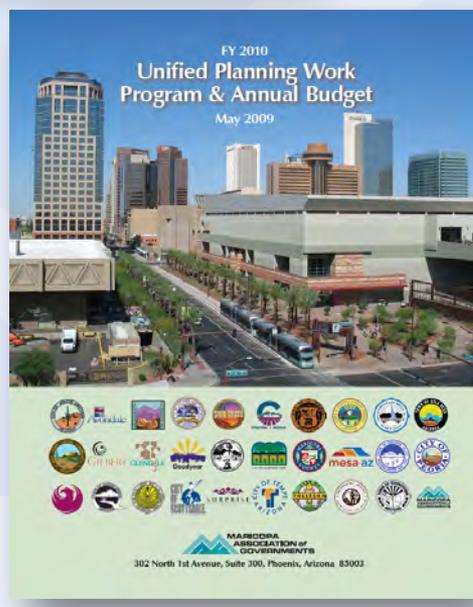
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Conformity



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Committee Formation

- **Established by the Regional Council on Sept. 30, 2009**
- **Genesis of committee formation:**
 - FTA findings during consecutive MAG certification reviews
 - MAG, RPTA, METRO, and City of Phoenix review of regional transit planning/programming functions

Committee Process

- **Transit Committee recommendations flow to the TRC**
- **Transportation Policy Direction from the Regional Council and TPC**
- **Decision Making:**
 - Transparent
 - Cooperative
 - Performance Based

Committee Roles

- **Recommend approval of draft TIP project listing for transit projects**
- **Establish programming guidelines for allocating federal transit funds**
- **Review and recommend regional transit studies**

DISCUSSION