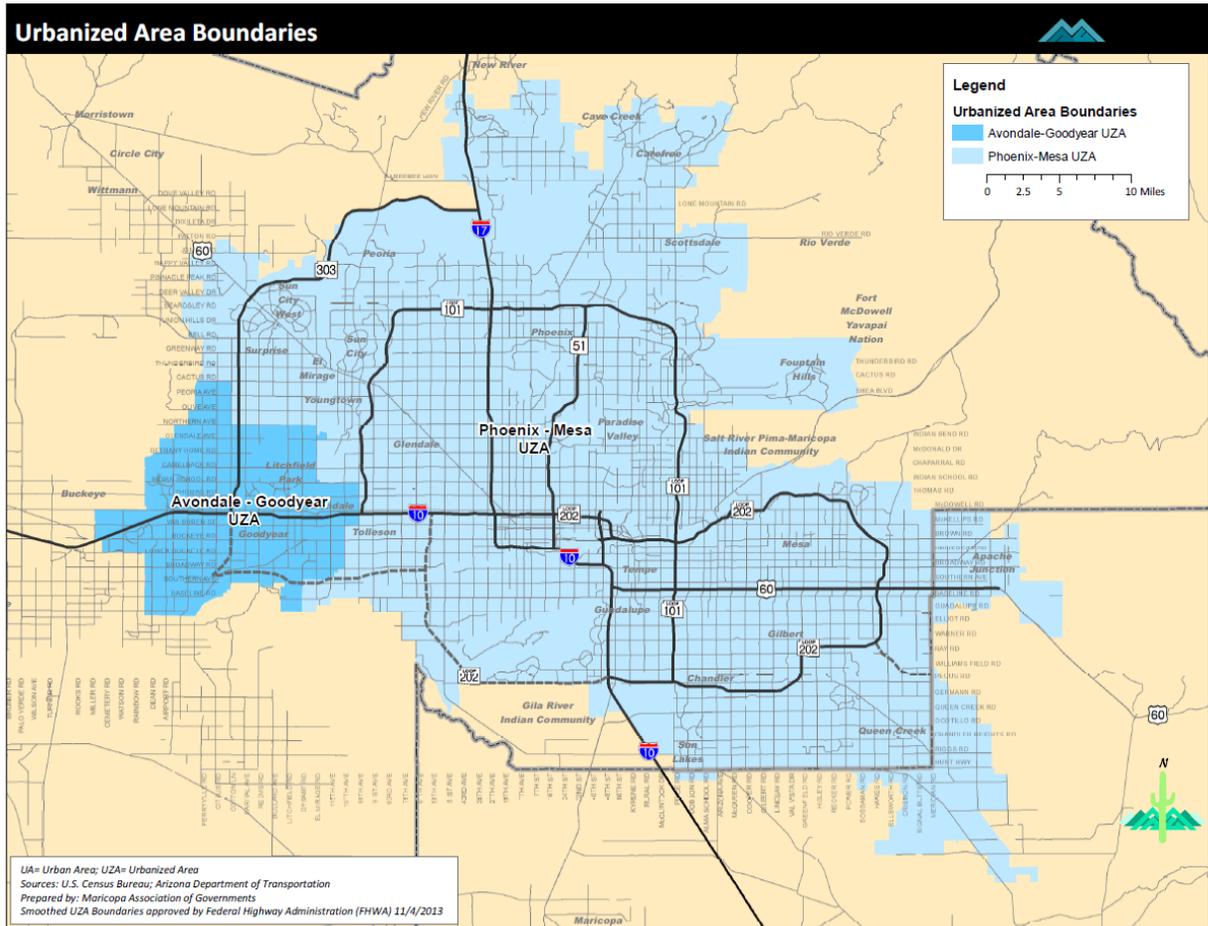


Where We Are



The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is comprised of two census designated Urbanized Areas (UZAs). Each UZA gets its own apportionment of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section (§) 5307 Funds. The Avondale-Goodyear UZA is designated as a Small UZA (less than 200,000 population per the 2010 Census) and is made up of the cities of Avondale, Buckeye, El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Surprise, and sections of unincorporated Maricopa County. These jurisdictions work collaboratively as the Avondale Goodyear Transit Working Group with support from MAG, Valley Metro RPTA, and the City of Phoenix to program the FTA §5307 funds for the subregion.

Program Goals

- Meet FTA guidelines by programming at least 1% of the UZA's funds to Transit Security Projects
- Enhance transit in the UZA by implementing associated transit improvements (ATI's) at and around bus stops
- Fund only projects that are ready to go (at least 60% design complete)

1. How will the process work?

A request for funding form has been developed and will be made available on the MAG website. Working Group member agencies may fill out the request and return to MAG staff for review. MAG staff will review the initial requests for eligibility and request additional information as needed. The Transit Committee will review all the requests for funding and recommend project award and funding as needed. The recommendations will be further reviewed by the MAG Transportation Review Committee, MAG Management Committee and MAG Regional Council. Agencies would have pre-award authority to move forward with project implementation upon MAG Regional Council Approval.

2. *Application Due Dates*

Applications are due to MAG by **September 10th, 2020 by 10am**. Agencies that are awarded funding are expected to expend all awarded funds within 30 months of Federal Transit Administration Grant Obligation. Any funds not expended will be rolled into future funding pools for reprogramming.

3. *Eligible Activities*

The programed funding is available for design, construction, planning studies, and transit security.

- Cross walks (provided at needed locations and NOT provided at unnecessary locations)
- Directional ramps (two per corner as opposed to a single)
- Lighting, signing, striping/markings, information, fencing
- Median cuts/pedestrian refuge areas (with proper slopes, domes push buttons)
- New/Improved shelters, benches, trash receptacles
- Pedestrian heads (visual and audible)
- Protective barriers to surrounding conditions
- Push buttons (tactile and audible)
- Sidewalks (designed to meet longitudinal and cross-slope minimum requirements)
- Transit stop slope and cross slope, properly sized landing pad
- Truncated domes (at all crossing locations, from an approved products list)
- Visibility and/or safety improvements

Avondale-Goodyear Programming Guidelines for FTA Section 5307 Funds

- Wheelchair clearances
- Design
- Planning Studies
- Transit Security Projects
 - Eligible capital projects related to crime prevention and security activities include, but are not limited to: (1) Increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system. (2) Increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to a public transportation system. (3) Providing emergency telephone lines in or adjacent to a public transportation system to contact law enforcement or security personnel. (4) Any other capital project intended to increase security and safety of public transportation.
 - Eligible public transportation security operating assistance projects (for UZAs with a population of 200,000 or less) include, but are not limited to: (1) staff salaries for personnel exclusively involved with security. (2) Contracts for security services. (3) Any other operating projects intended to increase the security and safety of an existing or planned public transportation system.
 - See [FTA Circular 9030.1E](#) for more information if necessary

4. *Project Tracking*

The project tracking requirements are meant to provide data for future planning and programming purposes. Awarded applicants are expected to provide the following information where applicable:

- Project locations
- Description of improvement(s)
- Before/after photos and descriptions
- Ridership before/12 month after completion
- Total project amount
- Total construction costs
- Number of participating agencies
- Time from start to completion of project

5. *Project Evaluation*

Projects will be evaluated based on the criteria below. Each Criteria is worth 5 points, giving a total possible score of 25 points. All members of the Avondale Goodyear Transit Working Group will have the opportunity to score applications. Application scores will be tabulated and presented to the Working Group prior to a funding recommendation being made.

- Will the proposed improvements attract riders and improve passenger experience?
- Does the project serve areas with demographic need?
- Does the project achieve ADA compliance and improve ADA Accessibility?
- Is the proposed project schedule achievable – can it be built in the 15 month timeline allotted?
- Does this application meet the program goals or potential outcomes?