

## MAG Members Celebrate the Arizona Centennial



*On February 14, 1912, Arizona became a state. The Valentine’s Day anniversary seems fitting, because what’s not to love about Arizona? MAG asked its member agencies to share some of the most significant events to take place in their jurisdictions over the past 100 years and how they are planning to celebrate the centennial.*

### Apache Junction

**Most Significant Event(s):** The most significant event to take place in Apache Junction over the past 100 years was the opening of the US-60 Superstition Freeway to Apache Junction. It happened on August 16, 1991, when the section from Power Road to Goldfield Road in Apache Junction was completed. Another significant event that happened in the year prior to statehood was the opening of Roosevelt Dam.

#### Celebration:

Apache Junction residents will be treated to several official centennial events, most notably *Roosevelt’s Ride*, featuring a Teddy Roosevelt reenactor who will travel along the Apache Trail in a vintage auto and meet and speak to groups.



Roosevelt reenactor Joe Wiegand

### Avondale

**Most Significant Event(s):** Avondale has come a long way from its

roots, first as a former stagecoach stop, then to a thriving farming community, to a bedroom suburb, to the vibrant city that it is today. Home to Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale’s population more than doubles twice each year as it plays host to two NASCAR events. Avondale also has found its niche in the area of youth and amateur sports, with regional indoor and outdoor amenities for soccer, basketball and volleyball tournaments that take place year round. In addition to an exciting mix of retail and one of the largest auto-malls in the state, the city boasts a medical corridor that provides quality jobs for its residents.

**Celebration:** Avondale is planning to celebrate the centennial with year-long events and activities, from children’s story times at the libraries to a big holiday celebration in Historic Avondale at the end of the year. Avondale will kick off its centennial celebrations with *A Tale of Two Cities*, a joint parade and festival hosted by the cities of Avondale and Goodyear on



February 25, 2012. The parade will begin at Litchfield Road in Goodyear at 10 a.m., travel along Thomas Road, and end at Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale, where a family friendly festival titled *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* will showcase 100 years of transportation in the Southwest Valley.

NASCAR racing at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale.

### Buckeye

#### Most Significant Event(s):

Incorporation is considered to be the most significant event in the history of the Town of Buckeye, because, as noted by town staff, “it pulled together people from all over the area and got them focusing on the same future.”

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# Message From the Chair



**Mayor Hugh Hallman**  
City of Tempe

Could you name Arizona's largest bilateral trading partner? Many Valley residents might be surprised to learn that trading with Mexico accounts for nearly \$30 million crossing our borders every single day. It is estimated that \$7.3 million is spent each day in Arizona by Mexican visitors.

While immigration issues tend to capture the news headlines, a much bigger story is found in the benefits of legal commercial entry coming across our southern border. Other Western border states, such as Texas, have recognized the importance of this trade. Texas exports \$72.6 billion worth of products to Mexico each year, while Arizona exports \$5.1 billion. The Texas commercial ports of entry have the staffing resources to operate for longer periods of time when compared to the Arizona commercial ports of entry.

Before we can effectively enhance the flow of commerce from Mexico through Arizona, however, it is necessary to improve the infrastructure in Mexico leading up to the Arizona ports. In February, the Joint Planning Advisory Council, which includes MAG, the Central Arizona Association of Governments, and the Pima Association of Governments, is expected to consider a resolution that will advocate highway and rail infrastructure that supports our Arizona/Mexico ports of entry. This includes improvements to infrastructure such as an alternative to State Route 189 near the Nogales port and restoring the Wellton Branch rail line for freight and Amtrak service. It also

voices the intent to jointly advocate to the Arizona Congressional Delegation for increased staffing for the Arizona/Mexico ports of entry. This includes not only the ports in Nogales but also in San Luis. Regional planning organizations in Southeast Arizona and Yuma also are expected to support the resolution.

Mexico currently is considering improvements to the seaport at Punta Colonet, which could significantly increase freight coming into Arizona. This is just one additional reason that Arizona is actively seeking a designation of the Interstate 11 (I-11) corridor to Las Vegas. Not only would I-11 connect the two metro areas—the largest in the nation not currently connected by an interstate—it potentially would clear a path to destinations farther north into the Pacific Northwest.

Ensuring efficiency at the border translates to effective transportation of goods and services. The increased transportation of goods translates to jobs locally.

There is much at stake. We need to assist our border communities so that Arizona can be globally competitive. Let's start with the low-hanging fruit. Let's focus on a statewide effort to improve the transportation corridor along 189. We can achieve this if the State Legislature returns Highway User Revenue Funding that has been swept for other uses. If we are bold enough to seize the opportunities before us, we can transform the economic landscape of Arizona. 



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# Household Travel Survey Reveals Trends in Regional Travel Patterns

Most of the vehicle trips we make in our region are for non-work related purposes, constituting about 90 percent of the travel in our region. However, with an average one-way trip length of more than 12 miles, we also often drive more miles to work than for other purposes.

Those are just a few of the findings in a recently-completed detailed analysis of the 2008-2009 National Household Travel Survey for the MAG region. More than 4,700 households in the MAG region answered questions about travel patterns, travel decisions and socioeconomic household characteristics. Analysts have spent the past two years analyzing and applying the data, and a final 200-page report will soon be published on the findings.

“Transportation plans and forecasts are only as good as the information that feeds them. This is why regionwide surveys and data collection are essential to understanding travel patterns and behaviors,” said MAG Transportation Director Eric Anderson.

The MAG survey was part of a nationwide data collection effort conducted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that provides a snapshot of traveling America and serves as a major input in policy analysis, travel forecasting and transportation planning.

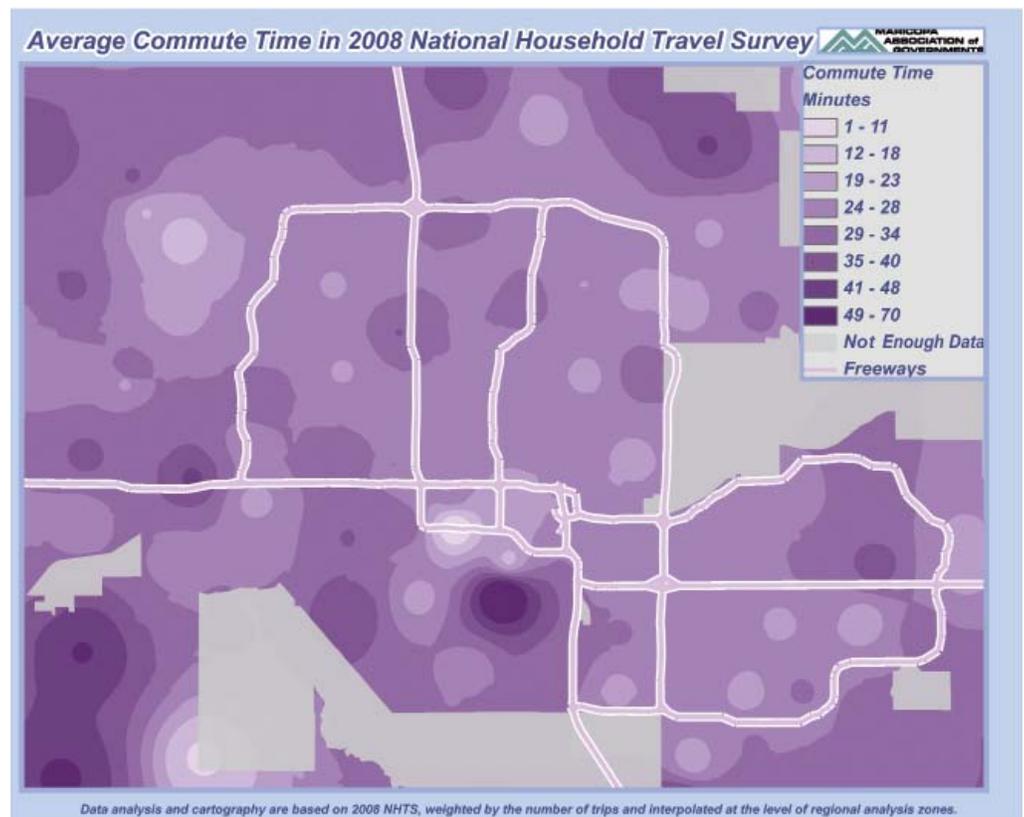
“We look at a variety of patterns, such as who, where, how, when, why and how far members of households travel in the region. What drives people’s choices of travel mode, destination or time of

travel? What factors form people’s travel behavior? The survey data provide insight to these questions and inform MAG’s regional forecast,” said Anderson, who noted that the survey data are already being used in MAG regional travel forecasting models, which help decision makers plan future transportation needs.

So what drives people’s travel behavior in our region? Findings indicate that the vast majority of trips occur for non-work related purposes, but contribution of work trips to the vehicle-miles traveled on regional roads is disproportionately high. While about two-thirds of all trips were less than six miles long, average work-related, one-way commutes are more than 12 miles long. The trend observed from the previous household survey (2001) indicates that the share

of work-related trips is dropping as overall daily household trip rates continue to increase. An average household in the region makes more than 10 trips on a weekday and more than 13 trips on Saturdays, which combined constitute one of the highest household trip rates in the nation. The average trip length varies substantially across the region, depending on the socioeconomic characteristics of households, availability and nature of employment, transportation infrastructure and other factors.

The final report will be published on the MAG website in late February. It will include information on household and personal characteristics of travelers, regional vehicle fleet composition, and detailed characteristics of trips. ▲▲





Mayor  
Georgia Lord  
City of Goodyear



## Lord Finds Feet Planted on the Ground in Goodyear

As the military wife of an Air Force fighter pilot turned diplomat, Georgia Lord has lived in countries around the world. Today, she has found a permanent home in the city of Goodyear, where she recently was elected to fill a two-year unexpired term as mayor.

“I am passionate about my city,” says Mayor Lord. “My husband and I moved 22 times during my 24 years of his 30-year military career. I have never been planted anywhere where I could make a difference in a city. So I find it very exciting and rewarding to be able to have a time in my life where I can devote a great deal of attention to something I believe in. And I believe in Goodyear and the advancement of Goodyear.”

Lord’s official entry into politics came when she was tapped to serve as chair of the Goodyear City Center Technical Advisory Committee to craft a downtown strategy for Goodyear. As a former sales representative and part-time trainer for a national builder, Lord

has experience in creating “high-quality, attractive communities from raw land all the way through to built developments.” After serving on the City Center advisory committee for several years, Lord decided that becoming active on the Goodyear City Council was her best hope of seeing the strategy implemented.

“I really love the team building of the city council. I like bringing people together. I like being able to encourage them to speak their mind and to be creative and develop avenues of progress for our city. We don’t always agree on everything, but we are able to compromise, build consensus and come together for the needs of Goodyear’s citizens.”

Although her official foray into politics is recent, it is a role that in many ways Lord has been preparing for her entire life. Her mother was active in politics and brought daughter Georgia along to numerous conventions. The family often spent their vacations with the family of Michigan Governor G. Mennen Williams on Mackinac Island.

“It is very interesting to see the contrast of some things that keep crossing my life. So I guess my mother prepared me and I didn’t realize it at the time,” notes the mayor.

Soon, she married Ron Lord, an Air Force colonel whose career expanded into foreign service. The Lords were given diplomatic duty in Bonn, Germany, where Lord learned to speak fluent German.



Georgia Lord and her husband, Col. Ronald H. Lord, USAF, at an embassy function.

She served as vice chair to the Ladies International Society and often assisted the embassy with assignments. One assignment was on the more unusual side—running an International Fashion Show of American “readywear.”

“We took this show to Belgium, England and to surrounding countries. Really it was part of an economic development program, because at that time retail in Germany did not have readywear. At each of the shows, we had a number of international people in the audience who were there to learn about that aspect of fashion.”

And while she doesn’t like to mention it, Lord modestly admits she also worked as an international model. She says that traveling across Europe with a German troupe also helped hone her communication and people skills.

“We would go from city to city to do shows, and I was able to meet the Bürgermeister, the mayor of each city. And I would take time to drive around and see these small villages



Georgia Lord (maiden name Cotsikas) shows her team spirit as a cheerleader at Michigan State University in 1957.

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## Mayor Georgia Lord (continued)

and some larger cities, so it was a great learning opportunity,” she says.

After Germany, the Lords moved to the Netherlands and then to the Far East. In Okinawa, Japan, Lord was asked to teach city council members English.

“I had never attended a city council meeting before in the states, so it is ironic that my first experience with city government was in Japan. I guess God had the path for me, and here I am,” she says.

While favorite hobbies used to be competitive tennis, leisure golf and even tap dancing, Lord says she has given up playing sports for the time being in deference to her mayoral commitments. Her latest venture involving physical activity was dancing in a local competition of “Dancing With the Stars.” After training in a “Cha-Cha Disco” dance with a professional partner for a week—“Oh, I could hardly walk when I was finished!”—she performed in a show Lord calls “equal to Las Vegas, television, or Broadway.” She notes that at age 73, she was the oldest dancer to participate.



Mayor Lord with her “Dancing with the Stars” partner Andrew Blackburne at Pebble Creek.



“I didn’t win, but I made it through the performance without falling down!” she laughs. “I wanted to do it because I haven’t had the opportunity to do anything (of a more entertaining nature) in my community recently, where I can be personally involved. So it was a delight.”

Still, Lord has her feet solidly on the ground. She serves on the MAG Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee, the Greater Phoenix Economic Council Board of Directors, League of Arizona Cities Executive Committee, Luke Forward, and Luke West Valley Council. Her priorities range from improving infrastructure to encouraging economic development.

“The one thing I have to say is that our city has done quite well in the downturn in acquiring jobs,” says Lord, who has served as chair of the Greater Phoenix Economic Committee Ambassadors Steering Committee. “If I may brag about our staff, city council and city manager, it is that we have brought a number of companies into our city, and we now have an international blend of businesses.”

Lord, who has four children and five grandchildren, says she will consider running again for office when her appointed term expires.



## Domestic Violence Efforts Receive Critical Funding

The MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council rang in the New Year with new grant funding to support the Protocol Evaluation Project. Thanks to a new STOP Grant through the Governor’s Office, more than 500 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and victim advocates will continue evaluating the criminal justice system’s response to domestic violence. The goal is to increase consistency in how domestic violence crimes are handled.

“The funding will allow us to expand the Protocol Evaluation Project to address not only misdemeanor but felony-level domestic violence crimes,” said MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council Chair Barbara Marshall, division chief of the Juvenile Crimes Division of the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office. “Community partners will evaluate the implementation of felony-level domestic violence practices and identify opportunities for increasing adherence to these recommended practices,” she said. “The expected outcome is that we will be able to hold more offenders accountable and create a safer environment for victims.”

Marshall said that training resources will be developed to align the region’s response to domestic violence crimes to the protocol model. In addition, the project will explore opportunities for collecting and analyzing data to ensure this work is making a difference. The misdemeanor protocol model, developed during the project’s first year, will be updated to reflect the latest research on successful practices.

“The success of the Protocol Evaluation Project depends on communication and close collaboration among law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, and survivors of domestic violence,” said Apache Junction Police Chief Jerald Monahan, vice chair of the Council. “We will implement strategies for building and maintaining these connections. These strategies will range from holding smaller meetings among peer groups to define specific tactics as well as larger stakeholder meetings for broader discussions,” he said. The conversations will be used to identify areas where more training is needed and identify necessary resources.

During its first year, the Protocol Evaluation Project evaluated the practices used by law enforcement and prosecutors when handling misdemeanor domestic violence crimes. When the project started, there were 106 different ways offenders were arrested and prosecuted. To reduce inconsistencies, the model now contains 28 of the nation’s best practices to hold abusers accountable and provide assistance to victims.

Training materials created to help put model practices into place included an outreach video, a training video, and a webinar series. These resources are available on the MAG website at <https://www.azmag.gov/Projects/Project.asp?CMSID=3780>.

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**Celebration:** Buckeye's centennial celebration was held during *Buckeye Days 2012*, which took place in late January. In true Old West fashion, events included a cowboy breakfast, barbecue dinner, carriage rides, high noon gun fight, and rodeos.

## Carefree

### **Most Significant Event(s):**

The most significant event in Carefree has been the incorporation of the town in 1984. Taking control of its own destiny allows Carefree to remain a unique semi-rural community in the Sonoran Desert.

**Celebration:** Carefree is celebrating Arizona's centennial with a time capsule. The contents of the capsule are designed to tell people in the future about life in Carefree in 2012. The capsule will be opened in 2059, the 100th anniversary of the Carefree Sundial, the town's iconic structure. The capsule will be dedicated on February 14, 2012.



The "Grand One," the world's largest saguaro, before the 2005 fire. Photo courtesy of Dan Sorensen.



Carefree's iconic sundial.

## Cave Creek

**Most Significant Event(s):** The town's incorporation in 1986 is considered the most significant event in the town's history. Another significant event was the Cave Creek Complex fire in 2005, one of the largest wildfires in the state's history, which scorched 450,000 acres of pristine desert and nearly

forced the town's evacuation. Also in this fire, the largest recorded saguaro cactus, standing at 46 feet tall and having a base circumference of 7 feet, 10 inches, was injured and later collapsed.

**Celebration:** The town celebrated the centennial during Wild West Days in November 2011.

## Chandler

**Most Significant Event(s):** Chandler not only will be celebrating the state's centennial in 2012, it also will celebrate its own 100th birthday. On May 17, 1912, Dr. Alexander John Chandler opened a land office on the southern edge of the Salt River Valley. The day arrived "without any flourish of trumpets," according to the first issue of the *Chandler Arizonan* newspaper published several days later. What did arrive that day was a train on the newly completed Arizona Eastern Railroad, which carried 300 speculators who spent \$50,000 for land that had been part of Dr. Chandler's 18,000 acre ranch. From that beginning, the town of Chandler thrived due to the surrounding farmlands, ranches and dairies, along with tourism at the San Marcos Hotel.

Decades later, the opening of nearby Williams Army Airfield during World War II brought more

growth, as many service men and women chose to make Chandler their home after stints in the military. When Rogers Corporation opened an electronics manufacturing plant in 1967, it started a steady transition from a primarily agricultural economy to a stronger, more diverse business base that has attracted hi-tech giants like Intel, Motorola and Microchip. The population booms of the 1980s and '90s helped to make Chandler one of the largest cities in Arizona, with a current population of nearly 240,000. Today, Chandler is an All-America City, recognized as a progressive and dynamic community that offers outstanding quality of life, excellent schools, strong neighborhoods and a thriving downtown.

**Celebration:** Several of Chandler's traditional festivals have been designated as official Arizona Centennial events, including a ceremony that took place in December to light Chandler's 55th Tumbleweed Christmas Tree. As with Arizona's centennial celebration, the 100th birthday of Chandler will honor the founders and pioneer families who have lived in the Valley for generations, as well as those who only recently arrived. During these centennial commemorations, Chandler will honor the dreamers and the leaders with vision, people like Dr. A.J. Chandler, who had a master plan for a thriving community built around a town square and anchored by a destination resort.

## El Mirage

**Most Significant Event(s):** During the last 10 years, the city of El Mirage has experienced an extraordinary shift in population unprecedented in the city's history. The population has increased more than 400 percent (from



Chandler's Arizona Eastern Railroad Station opened in 1912.



approximately 7,600 to 33,000 residents). Once a migrant enclave dependent on agriculture, El Mirage has emerged as a diverse, vibrant suburb 19 miles northwest of downtown Phoenix. Attracted by the small town feel, affordable homes, and proximity to Phoenix, new residents have brought cultural diversity and renewed vibrancy—goals long sought by city leaders—to sustain El Mirage contextually as a hamlet for current and future generations. The new direction for El Mirage calls for higher density, transit-oriented development and focuses on revenue generating retail, services, mixed-use and employment centers.

**Celebration:** El Mirage, in conjunction with the Northwest Black History Committee, is planning a *Multicultural Music Festival* on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at Gateway Park. The event will feature live music, food, and games for the entire family. The city is applying to have the event designated as an official Arizona Centennial Event.

## Fountain Hills

**Most Significant Event(s):** Fountain Hills considers its incorporation in 1989 to be its most significant historical event. The town celebrated its 20th birthday in 2009. The event was attended by all the town's previous mayors, who helped unearth a time capsule buried on the town's first birthday.

**Celebration:** Fountain Hills formed a committee right after the February 2010 centennial planning kickoff in Phoenix and has been participating in various centennial activities for more than a year, which will continue through 2012. Fountain Hills also will celebrate on Sunday, February 12, 2012, with a birthday party showcasing more than 100 groups,

organizations, businesses, town officials, school district members and individuals who have contributed to efforts commemorating the centennial. The town has five officially sanctioned events and projects, including the party itself. There will be bands and singers performing centennial music, dedications including the Centennial Circle, raffles, a new time capsule, and more... and, of course, a birthday cake!

## Gila Bend

**Most Significant Event(s):** Gila Bend has gone from being the "fan belt capital of the West" to being the "solar capital of the world."

**Celebration:** Gila Bend is incorporating the state's 100th birthday with the town's 50th, kicking off with *Butterfield Stage Days Parade*, which will include themes of the past, present and future. Several other smaller events will take place, with the finale being held on July 4th.



## Gilbert

**Most Significant Event(s):** Transportation is not only the most important topic to many residents in Gilbert, but it easily covers the town's most significant events over the past 100 years, as transportation plans and gains have guided Gilbert's development. In fact, the train station on Gilbert's original square mile birthed the community. That led to more recent innovations of the Loop 202, which glides through the center of town, drawing in commerce and conveniences that will continue to grow the thriving community decades into the future.



Former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano cuts the ribbon officially opening the Loop 202 freeway segment to Gilbert in 2003.

**Celebration:** In addition to several events held late last year, Gilbert will host the 2012 *GilbertFest Music and Arts Festival* February 17-18 at the Higley Center for the Performing Arts. The festival will feature internationally famous groups as well as local and regional talent. In addition to the music, local artists will showcase their talent as part of two centennial arts projects. The first, entitled *Partners*, joins local high school artists with long-time Gilbert residents to create art that celebrates Gilbert's early days. The second project encourages artists of all media and genres to commemorate *One Hundred Years Together—Gilbert Past, Present, and Future*.

## Glendale

**Most Significant Event(s):** The opening of Thunderbird and Luke fields in 1941. This was the beginning of Glendale's transformation from an agricultural community. Both fields introduced new people to the area, became important parts of the local economy (and still are, although Thunderbird now has a different function), and both are in Glendale today.

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Thunderbird Field opened in 1941.

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Thunderbird Field was a basic flight training facility. Luke Field was for advanced training.

**Celebration:** Glendale will celebrate the Arizona Centennial at the *Glendale Chocolate Affaire* February 3-5 in downtown Glendale. The event has been deemed an Official Centennial Event by the Arizona Centennial Commission. During the *Chocolate Affaire*, the Glendale Arts Commission will host a Plein Air Painting Contest with artists from all over the state coming to compete at this event. Plein air paintings are created outdoors from real life; both painter and subject must be outdoors and photographs cannot be used. Instructions include painting historical subjects from the West Valley to acknowledge or salute the centennial, creating artwork to display tie-ins to the centennial such as Sahuaro Ranch, Beet Sugar Factory, First United Methodist Church and Murphy Park, all destinations that are over 100 years old.

In addition, Glendale has displayed a giant *Happy 100th Birthday Arizona* sign constructed out of lights that will be glowing for the three-day event on the side of City Hall. Also, kids in grades 1-4 are being encouraged to find out what it was like to live in Arizona in 1912 and throughout the last 100 years. Presented by the Glendale Main Library, Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, Glendale Adult Center and City of Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Office, schoolchildren will learn how cowboys lived, join a scavenger hunt, enjoy interactive activities, create crafts, hear stories, and become desert explorers and search for Arizona's state symbols. Register beginning February 1, 2012, by calling Carolyn at (623) 930-3539.

## Goodyear

**Most Significant Event(s):** The most significant event to happen in the city of Goodyear during the past 100 years is the opening of Goodyear Aircraft Corporation in 1949, creating 7,500 new jobs and establishing a long history of aerospace and defense programs in Goodyear. Goodyear Aerospace Corporation replaced the Goodyear Aircraft facility, then was sold to Loral Defense Systems and eventually evolved by merger and acquisition into the current Lockheed Martin Corporation. This progression is what changed the face of Goodyear and set the stage for Goodyear to be the employment center it is today.

**Celebration:** In celebration of the Arizona Centennial, on February 25, 2012, Goodyear will jointly hold a parade called *A Tale of Two Cities—Avondale and Goodyear Celebrate Arizona's Centennial* and after the parade, a fun-filled, family-focused festival celebrating *Planes, Trains and Automobiles—100 years of Transportation in the Southwest Valley*. In addition, the Goodyear AZ Centennial Committee is raising money to restore the Litchfield Station Train Depot built in the early 20th century, where Goodyear executives arrived from Ohio.

## Litchfield Park

**Most Significant Event(s):** The City of Litchfield Park shares the last 25 years of history with the state of Arizona. Incorporation in 1987 is considered the community's most significant event.

**Celebration:** Litchfield Park will be recognizing the state's anniversary at the same time it hosts a celebration for the city's 25th anniversary of incorporation.



The Goodyear blimp was a well-known symbol of the Goodyear Aircraft Corporation, which opened in Goodyear in 1949.

## Maricopa County

**Most Significant Event(s):** The Maricopa County Department of Transportation's roots reach back before statehood, when the County Highway Department was established in 1874. By early 1919, the population of Maricopa County had grown to 89,600 and the county's residents were demanding road construction and paving. The Maricopa Bond Issue of 1919 laid the foundation for the current county highway system. By 1923, this ambitious project led to Maricopa County having more miles of paved road than any other county in the U.S. Much of the original concrete pavement poured for the project still serves as the base for our present roadway system. In 1996, the department was awarded a \$7.5 million grant to further expand its Intelligent Transportation System within the metropolitan Phoenix area.

**Celebration:** Maricopa County will celebrate the centennial through the grand opening of its new court tower on February 14, 2012. The new \$340 million Downtown Court Tower is Maricopa County's single largest project. The tower is a modern courthouse with technologies designed to improve safety and efficiency and to meet the growing needs of a backlogged justice system. Creatively designed to care for victims as well as defendants, lawyers and judges, the facility is also an energy-efficient facility.



Maricopa County is also working on the rehabilitation of the historic Gillespie Dam bridge (part of the old US-80 coast-to-coast highway). This bridge is significant both historically as well as a prime example of early transportation engineering. The county has submitted the project for centennial legacy project designation.

## Mesa

**Most Significant Event(s):** One of the most significant events in Mesa in the last century kicked off a legacy of aviation not only for Mesa but for the entire state of Arizona. In 1941, two military air fields—Falcon Field and Williams Field—were opened to train British Royal Air Force pilots and U.S. Army Air Force pilots for World War II. Since then, both airfields have become thriving airports that define the Mesa community. Falcon Field is one of the busiest and safest general aviation airports in the country, with more than 850 based aircraft. Williams Field is now Phoenix–Mesa Gateway Airport, one of the most successful military reuse projects in the country, home to two growing passenger airlines and a hot spot for aerospace research.

**Celebration:** Mesa is celebrating the Arizona Centennial with *Mesa Takes Flight*, a year-long celebration that features events, displays, performances and installations that capture the essence of flight from various perspectives and disciplines. See *First Flight: Rulers of the Prehistoric Skies* at the Arizona Museum of Natural History or the *World War II Aviation in Arizona* exhibit at the Mesa Historical Museum. *Mesa Takes Flight* continues through March 18, 2012. A full listing of events, including the *Mesa Takes Flight Festival* at the Mesa Arts Center February 10-12, can be found at [www.mesaaz.gov/mesatakesflight](http://www.mesaaz.gov/mesatakesflight).



Incoming freshman girls pose in front of the historic Peoria High School, 1929.

## Paradise Valley

**Most Significant Event(s):** Fifty years ago, the town of Paradise Valley decided to incorporate, basing the new government on land use policies and limited government. Those initial views have held ever since the town's incorporation in 1961.

**Celebration:** Paradise Valley celebrated the town's history with a 50th birthday party in May 2011. The golden anniversary party was attended by more than 300 people.

## Peoria

**Most Significant Event(s):** The incorporation of the city is considered the most significant event to take place in Peoria over the past 100 years. Beginning as a small farming town, Peoria quickly attracted followers ready to root themselves in the area. By 1954, with boundaries covering one square mile of land, Peoria was incorporated. Today, Peoria spans 178 square miles and is home to more than 155,000 residents.

**Celebration:** Peoria will hold a two-day event February 3-4, 2012. The Friday evening event at the Peoria Sports Complex will feature

a baseball game following 1912 rules, kids' activities, and a fireworks display. Saturday morning will include the dedication of a brand new *Centennial Plaza and Decades Walk*, which is an approved Arizona Historical Advisory Commission Legacy Project. Previously called the Municipal Office Complex Park, the project involves the development of the open space between the Public Safety Administration Building, and the Development and Community Services Building on the municipal campus. Included within the park is a timeline featuring significant dates from Peoria's history. The event also will include baseball exhibits, live entertainment, food vending, painting stations, and even a grand cupcake display.

## Phoenix

**Most Significant Event(s):** The most significant event to take place in the city of Phoenix is the development of Sky Harbor International Airport. Scenic Airways founded Sky Harbor



New control tower at Sky Harbor Airport

Airport in 1928. In 1930, American Airlines brought passenger and air mail service to Arizona. In 1935, the city purchased the airport for \$100,000, and by 1948 the Civil Aeronautics Administration declared that it was the busiest airport in the United States. Terminal 1 was built in 1952, Terminal 2 opened in 1962, Terminal 3 was completed in 1979, and Terminal 4 in 1990. In 2010, the Sky Train bridge was completed and the first planes taxied underneath.

**Celebration:** The city of Phoenix organized a multi-department work group to identify, coordinate and implement centennial projects and events throughout the city. Projects ranged from temporarily rebranding transit passes with the centennial logo, exhibiting art pieces from local Arizona artists at Sky Harbor International Airport and City Hall, and several events at public libraries that focused on Arizona and its history. Parks and Recreation staff hosted the annual *Electric Light Parade* and are also helping to coordinate the February 2012 *Best Fest* event to be held in the State Capitol Mall area. Phoenix will host the Febru-

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# MAG Members Celebrate the Arizona Centennial *(continued)*

ary 14, 2012, *Fandango Dinner Event* at the Phoenix Convention Center. These events are a sample of the many projects and efforts dedicated to celebrating the state's centennial. In addition to events, the city's Streets Department partnered with the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Arizona Centennial Commission on a street enhancement project between 7th Avenue and the State Capitol on Washington Street.

## Queen Creek

**Most Significant Event(s):** The town's incorporation in 1989, making it the state's 84th municipality, was the largest milestone for the community.

**Celebration:** Queen Creek is celebrating Arizona's centennial by moving its award winning festival, *Passport to Discovery*, to Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Desert Mountain Park, 22201 S. Hawes Road, Queen Creek. This year it is celebrating *Amazing Arizona!* in which performances, displays and cultural demonstrations will showcase Arizona's fascinating history and diversity. This family event combines art, culture, science and fun in an all-in-one community festival. *Passport to Discovery* offers families opportunities to enjoy an interactive *Discovery Zone and Art Adventures* area, multicultural performances on the Cultural Rhythms Stage, and craft and food vendors.

## Scottsdale

**Most Significant Event(s):** The natural environment, preservation and innovation have shaped the Scottsdale community since its founding more than 100 years ago. The Indian Bend Wash defined early Scottsdale. The flood-prone area was difficult to build near and



Bicyclists on Scottsdale's Indian Bend Recreation Area.

physically divided emerging neighborhoods. The Army Corps of Engineers wanted to create a massive concrete channel to tame floodwaters in the 1960s. Residents had a different idea. They wanted to work within the natural environment to create a network of parks, lakes and open space to corral floodwaters and enhance their growing community. In 1973, voters approved a \$19 million bond project to begin the project. More than a decade of construction would follow before the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt Flood Control Project was formally dedicated in 1985. Today, the greenbelt is an oasis of parks, lakes, paths and golf courses traversing 11 miles through the heart of Scottsdale. This world-renowned flood control project is rated among the top urban "green spaces" in Arizona. To learn more about the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt, visit: [www.scottsdaleaz.gov/parks/greenbelt](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/parks/greenbelt).

Less than a decade after the greenbelt was dedicated, Scottsdale citizens turned their attention north to the spectacular McDowell Mountains and the surrounding Sonoran Desert. Development was threatening to encroach into this wilderness rich in rock formations, diverse plants and wildlife. Scottsdale voters approved a dedicated sales tax in 1995 to purchase land in an area whose boundaries would grow to encompass roughly 34,000 acres—nearly a third of the city. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve was born. About 19,000 acres have been protected to date, including several key state land purchases made in 2011. The preserve also continues to grow in popularity as a place to hike, sightsee and learn about the Sonoran Desert. Scottsdale maintains nine trailheads and two dozen trails in the preserve, totaling 60 miles. To learn more about the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, visit these websites: [scottsdaleaz.gov/preserve](http://scottsdaleaz.gov/preserve); [mcdowellsonoran.org](http://mcdowellsonoran.org).

**Celebration:** Scottsdale plans to celebrate the Arizona Centennial with a special Mayor and City Council Breakfast February 14 honoring the community's history. Details are pending.

## Surprise

**Most Significant Event(s):** A defining moment for the city of Surprise was the opening of the Surprise Recreation Campus (SRC), celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2012. Major leaguers, tennis pros and more than a million people from around the world enjoy the SRC every year, resulting in a \$35 million economic impact to the community. The crown jewel of the SRC is nationally-acclaimed Surprise Stadium, the spring training home of the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals. Just a short walk from the stadium is the award-winning Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex, which hosts the annual *Cancer Treatment Centers of America Tennis Championships*, where tennis greats such as John McEnroe, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, Anna Kournikova and others compete each fall. With tennis pros on site and 25 full-size courts, players of all skill sets enjoy this facility. Adjacent DreamCatcher Park, a national award winner, is the first adaptive sports facility of its kind in Arizona. Open since 2007, the park features a unique playing surface for athletes using mobility devices. Every summer, thousands beat the



Surprise Recreation Campus is home to the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals.

heat in the neighboring Aquatics Center. Surprise loves visitors, and encourages them to come explore the Surprise Recreation Campus. To learn more, visit [www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation).

**Celebration:** In January, the city of Surprise and Surprise Historical Society were proud to co-host *Marshall Trimble & Friends*, an official Arizona Centennial Event, in which Marshall Trimble performed music and recited humorous tales of Arizona. It was a well-attended event and fun for all.

## Tempe

**Most Significant Event(s):** In Tempe's 140-year history, there have been many significant events, one of the first being the impact of the creation of the GI Bill following World War II. Not only did it enable thousands of veterans to attend Arizona State Teachers College, it also helped create a population explosion in Tempe (which increased by more than 40,000 between 1945 and 1965). In 1958, the school became the beloved Arizona State University, now the country's largest public university. In the mid-sixties, the Tempe city code was established and the charter form of government was adopted. Shortly after, the Tempe Municipal Building was built at its current location. At the time, this was the catalyst for revitalizing Downtown Tempe. It remains one of Tempe's most talked about buildings. In 1999, Tempe Town Lake opened. Today, it is the backdrop and/or home to thousands of community events year round. Second only to the Grand Canyon, Town Lake is one of Arizona's most visited destinations.

**Celebration:** Tempe will host several official centennial events,

including a *Walk Through History* walking tour of Downtown Tempe; *Tales From Double Butte*, featuring stories about some of Tempe's founding figures buried at the Tempe Double Butte Cemetery; the restoration of the Eisendrath House; *The Pictures Tell the Story: Continuity and Change in Tempe* photo exhibit at the Tempe History Museum, and more.

## Tolleson

**Most Significant Event(s):** Tolleson's most significant event of the last 100 years was the court case *Gonzales v. Sheely and the Tolleson Elementary School District*, a landmark case that was the first anti-segregation suit in Arizona, which led to the desegregation of the Tolleson Elementary School District.

Tolleson is exploring an evolutionary depiction with several mile markers that includes the anti-segregation action; Tolleson's first Little League State Champions, who nearly reached the World Series in Williamsport; the evolution of the city's robust economy; the significance youth hold in the community; and of course, the moniker for which Tolleson is best known, "The Vegetable Center of the World."

## Wickenburg

**Most Significant Event(s):** It's hard to pinpoint a single, most significant event for Wickenburg in the past 100 years, although the community has been a key part of Arizona and Maricopa County for the past century. In addition to being involved in the founding of the state's capital city, Phoenix (Wickenburg was home to Jack Swilling, who is credited with starting the first successful, modern irrigation project in the Salt River Valley),



An aerial view of Tempe Normal School in 1929. The school later became the Arizona State Teachers College, and in 1958, Arizona State University.

Wickenburg is also the fourth-oldest city in Arizona, incorporated in 1909. As such, in 2009, Wickenburg celebrated an achievement not many cities in the state have yet had the chance to do: it celebrated its own centennial, recognizing 100 years of growing while preserving the culture of the American West.

**Celebration:** Wickenburg is proud to celebrate the Arizona Centennial and the party has already started! Beginning in 2011, several major community events have been designated as official Arizona Centennial events, culminating with the *64th Annual Gold Rush Days* February 16-19, 2012. Visitors from around Arizona are encouraged to join residents at this signature event to commemorate 100 years of both Wickenburg's and the state's history.

## Youngtown

**Most Significant Event(s):** The town of Youngtown started development in 1954, when a 320-acre cattle ranch, owned by Frances Greer, was born with an idea by Ben Schleifer to create the first active retirement community in the nation. The Youngtown clubhouse was the original Greer home, which still displays the Greer Ranch brand ("T Lazy V") on the chimney. The Youngtown Building Inspector Office and Town Hall once served as housing for the ranch employees.

In 1957, Youngtown was featured on the national TV show *Wide, Wide World* by Dave Garroway. This led to national attention, and the national retirement movement began. In 1998, the Senior Age Overlay was overturned and families started moving in to Youngtown.

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The Youngtown Historical Museum is a log cabin building located in the Town Square, next to the Town Library, and houses a detailed history of the town. Tours are available by calling (623) 974-3401.

**Celebration:** Youngtown has been working toward the centennial celebration for several years. Late Councilmember Lucille Retheford and current Councilmember Susan MacKay put together a local committee in conjunction with the town's historical society to create a series of panels that would show the town's history; the results of their efforts are seven thematic panels, which are on permanent display in the town's Historical Museum. Youngtown has made these panels available for Council meetings and various events and they will be an integral part of additional anniversary events planned throughout the year. Youngtown invites members of the public to tour its Historical Museum. Youngtown will also include centennial celebrations in both in its *Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods* (G.A.I.N.) event and in a winter event later this year.

## Valley Metro

**Celebration:** An Old West style of transportation met modern day transit as Valley Metro and METRO light rail celebrated the debut of the *Arizona Commemorative Centennial Transit Pass* on Friday, January 6, 2012. The special event, held at Central Station in downtown Phoenix, included members of the Arizona Gunfighters with special guest, Concho the horse.

**Transit History Tidbit:** In 1887, the first public transit service began in Phoenix with mule-drawn streetcars. 🏔️

## Native American Indian Communities

*MAG's membership includes three Native American Indian communities: the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and the Gila River Indian Community. Recognizing that tribal history transcends the 100-year history of Arizona, here are a few historical highlights provided by the communities during a recent series on tribal contributions to the region.*

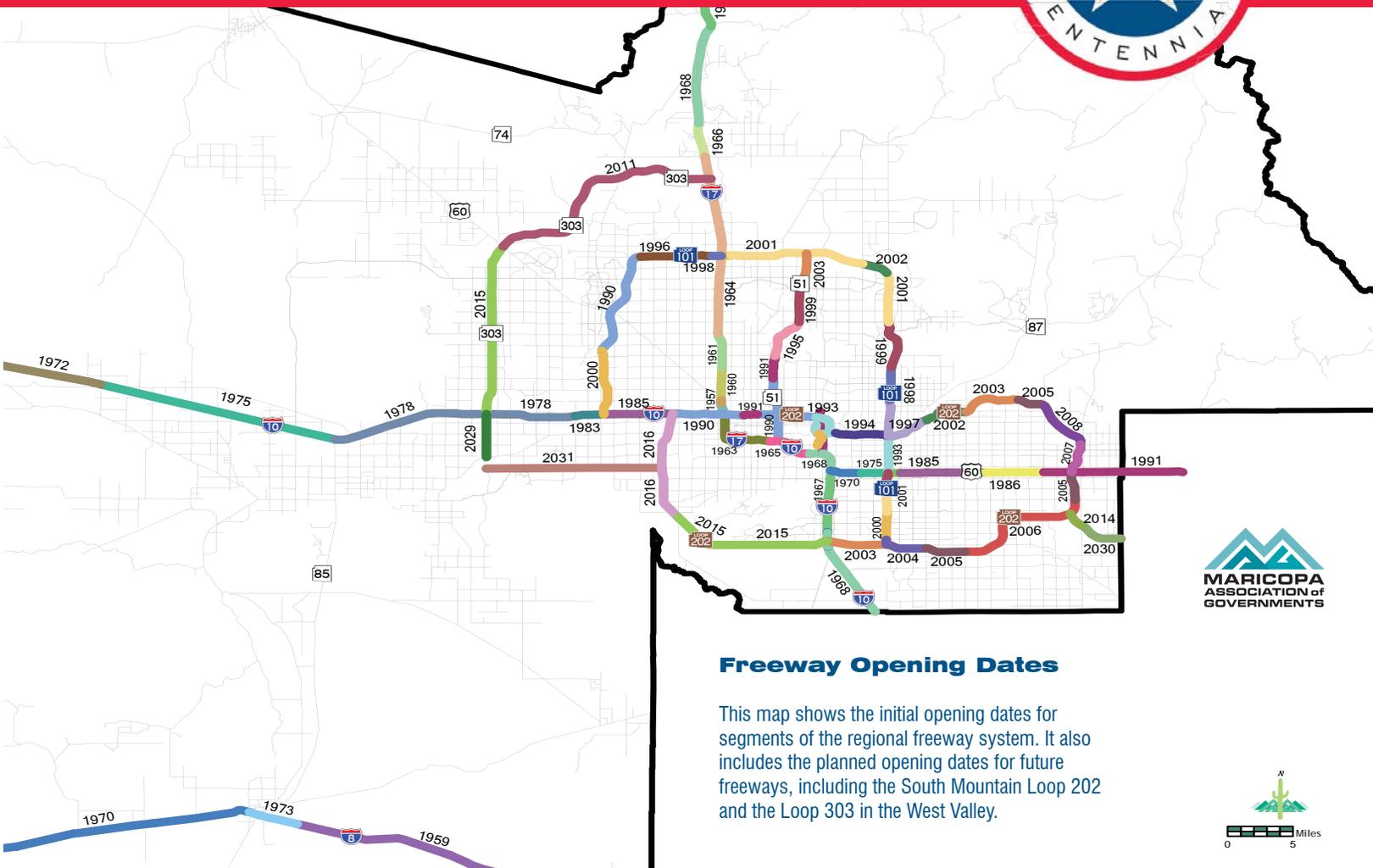
**Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation**—According to tribal legend, the Yavapai people were born through the union of sun and water in Montezuma's Well. While the history of the Yavapai people goes back centuries, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, formally known as Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Community, was officially created by Executive Order on September 15, 1903. Over the past 160 years, the Nation has had to overcome enormous adversity from outside pressures. For example, soldiers forcibly removed the Yavapai from their homeland on frequent occasions. Years later, the Nation successfully fought against the Orme Dam, which would have flooded most of the reservation and forced the tribe to relocate permanently. In 1984, the tribe operated a small bingo hall that provided a source of revenue to support the community's needs. However, on May 12, 1992, the FBI raided the bingo center. The resulting controversy culminated in the signing of a gaming compact that paved the way for the Arizona Indian gaming seen today.

**Gila River Indian Community**—The Gila River Indian Community is home to two separate and culturally distinct people: the "Akimel O'otham" (River People or Pima) and the Pee Posh (People or Maricopa). The Pee Posh are a Yuman-speaking people who originally lived along the Colorado River. These members began arriving in central Arizona in the early 1800s, when they confederated with the Akimel O'otham. Together the tribes agreed to provide for their mutual defense and prosperity. The Akimel O'otham are descended from the prehistoric Huhugam civilization (archaeologists refer to the Huhugam as the Hohokam). The gold rush of the 1800s brought tens of thousands of travelers to the peaceful community. These travelers, many starving and ailing, relied on the generosity of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh for stores of wheat and corn that saved them from starvation. In 1859, Congress established the first reservation in Arizona, encompassing 372,000 acres along the Gila River. However, the tribe's lifeline—Gila River water—was cut off in the 1870s by construction of upstream diversion structures, leading to famine and economic decline. Conditions began to improve in the 1930s, when the Coolidge Dam was constructed, creating the San Carlos Reservoir. Today, the community has 20 diverse business enterprises and has developed as a tourist destination.



**Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**—The history of the Pima and Maricopa people tells a story richly woven within legend and fact. The Community comprises two Native American tribes: the Pima, "Akimel O'odham" (River People) and the Maricopa, "Xalychidom Piipaash" (People Who Live Toward the Water). The tribe's ancestors built elaborate canal irrigation systems in the Salt River Valley. The Pima consider their ancestors to be the Huhugam, a people who created an advanced society in central Arizona from about A.D. 300 to A.D. 1200. The ancestors of the Maricopa are the Patayan, who originated from the Parker/La Paz area as five separate groups of people. A small band moved to what is now the Lehi area of the Community. Although its history goes back many centuries, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was officially established by Executive Order on June 14, 1879, by President Rutherford B. Hayes. 🏔️

# MAG Highlights Freeway Accomplishments



## Freeway Opening Dates

This map shows the initial opening dates for segments of the regional freeway system. It also includes the planned opening dates for future freeways, including the South Mountain Loop 202 and the Loop 303 in the West Valley.

## Major Milestones in MAG History

Maricopa Association of Governments formed.	Federal Transportation Act. Governor designates MAG as MPO.	Governor designates MAG as the Regional Water Quality Management Planning Agency.	Prop 300. MAG defines plan and priorities for Regional Freeway System. 9-1-1 System implemented.	ISTEA. MAG designated Transportation Management Area (TMA).	MAG Regional Freeway Program schedule revised for completion by 2014.	Outer Loop freeway accelerated from 2014 to 2007.	HB 2292 recognizes MAG's establishment of the TPC. The TPC and Regional Council approve the RTP in November.	HB 2456 authorizes an election to extend the half-cent sales tax to fund the RTP. Prop 400 passes in November.	Freeway program rebalanced in October.
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1970	1978	1979	1990	1992	1998	2000	2002	2007	
Regional Planning Districts formed by Executive Order of the Governor.	Governor designates MAG as Lead Air Quality Planning Agency.	Governor designates MAG as the Regional Solid Waste Management Planning Agency.	Clean Air Act Amendments "Conformity" required.	HB 2278 MAG sets priorities, approves cost changes, issues Annual Report.	TEA-21 requires cooperatively developed funding estimate for transportation.		MAG Domestic Violence Council formed.	MAG Regional Council creates the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) to develop a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).	MAG celebrates 40 year anniversary.

# Border Trips Spotlight Need for Partnership

They left in the dark and returned in the dark 14 hours later, but members of a fact-finding trip to the Nogales Ports of Entry made the most of the time in between to explore opportunities to improve the border crossing with a focus on increasing competitiveness and efficiency.

The December trip was organized by the MAG Economic Development Committee in cooperation with the Arizona Mexico Commission, the Central Arizona Association of Governments, the Pima Association of Governments and the city of Nogales. More than 50 people participated in the tour.

“Mexico represents the 13th largest economy in the world and is Arizona’s largest trading partner. It is time we started paying attention to strengthening our partnerships for the benefit of both countries,” said MAG Economic Development Committee Chair Thomas Schoaf, mayor of Litchfield Park. “Mexican visitors—and we are talking about legal Mexican visitors—spend more than seven million dollars every day in our state. Yet we are far behind other states like Texas when it comes to trade with Mexico and the efficient movement of vehicles and goods through customs,” he said.

The Nogales Ports of Entry (POE) represent a two-way trade value of \$18 billion to \$20 billion a year. In

2010, the ports of entry in Nogales recorded 307,000 commercial vehicles crossing into the United States from the south. In addition to the yearly commercial traffic, the ports of entry in Nogales also accommodate passenger vehicles (2.66 million), buses (10,320), trains (602), and pedestrian traffic (11 million).

“Despite the high traffic volumes, we found there is a lack of adequate staffing,” said Youngtown Mayor Michael LeVault, who serves on the MAG Executive Committee. “Commercial wait times at the border can represent up to four to eight hours of lost production due to a lack of adequate staffing. The Mariposa crossing at Nogales needs at least 250 additional border staff to monitor the border crossing effectively and efficiently,” he said.

It is estimated that Arizona annually exports about \$5.1 billion worth of products to Mexico and beyond. The top exports heading south are computers and electronic products, transportation equipment, agricultural products, electrical equipment, appliances and parts.

“The trade and commerce impact to inland communities is great, and we are losing a great economic development opportunity,” said Mesa Mayor Scott Smith. “Texas continues to improve its ports and we continue to be in danger of losing trade to Texas,” he said.

## MAG Moment



In addition to the Nogales trip, the Economic Development Committee also organized a trip to San Luis. MAG leaders met with Mayor Juan Carlos Escamilla of San Luis, Mayor Martin Porchas of Somerton, and Mayor Alan Krieger of Yuma, along with representatives from the Yuma County Board of Supervisors, Yuma Metropolitan Planning Office, Greater Yuma Port Authority, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Arizona Department of Transportation. The group discussed ways to address issues at ports of entry and in turn promote economic development for the region.

“We are committed to working with our fellow elected leaders in the Yuma region, as well as those in Douglas, Nogales, and other border cities with ports of entry, to maximize economic development for them and for the greater state of Arizona,” said Avondale Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, who serves as vice chair of MAG and is a member of the Economic Development Committee. 

More than 50 participants travel to the Nogales Ports of Entry to learn more about increasing competitiveness at the Arizona border.

# Audit Shows MAG Delivering Prop 400 as Promised

A performance audit on the countywide Regional Transportation Plan, which was the foundation for Proposition 400, shows that the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is delivering projects as promised to voters. The audit was released in December.

The Auditor General reported that MAG has made great strides in establishing and managing a complex, multimodal transportation network in Maricopa County. The performance audit was conducted to assure county residents that they are receiving the transportation benefits promised to them in the 20-year, countywide sales tax.

MAG Regional Council Chair and Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman said MAG welcomes the opportunity to improve processes and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the transportation program.

“On behalf of the MAG Regional Council, we are thankful for the efforts of the audit team,” said Hallman. “We are even more thankful for the audit’s positive findings. Despite the serious economic downturn that still grips the Valley, partners in regional cooperation have found ways to deliver transportation solutions that work—and we will continue to do so.”

With the passage of Proposition 400 in 2004, the voters in Maricopa County renewed the regional sales tax for transportation. The MAG Regional Transportation Plan provides the blueprint for the implementation of Proposition 400. The Regional Transportation Plan identifies specific projects and revenue allocations by transportation mode, including freeways and other routes on the State Highway System, major arterial streets, and public transportation systems.

“The Regional Transportation Plan has provided real economic opportunities throughout Maricopa County. Investing in infrastructure is one of the most important things that government can do to help foster economic prosperity,” said Mesa Mayor Scott Smith, who serves as MAG treasurer. “The freeways, streets, buses and light rail included in Proposition 400 connect residents to jobs. The plan also has opened up new economic opportunities by connecting the region to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. In addition, the construction jobs created by these projects have come at an opportune time for the local economy.”



An aerial photo of the construction of the Loop 303 freeway.

The inclusion of an audit for Proposition 400 was partly due to concerns about anticipated light rail performance. The 20-mile light rail system not only met initial projections for daily light rail ridership, but it exceeded them by approximately 70 percent.

In addition to light rail, many other important components of the Regional Transportation Plan have been completed in recent years. Proposition 400 has brought 450 lane miles of freeway to the region, including 210 miles of high occupancy vehicle lanes. For arterial streets projects, approximately \$153 million has been disbursed to MAG member agencies for 33 completed projects. The regional bus transit system has seen increased levels of service and route coverage area plus a new mobility center to address the special mobility needs of riders with disabilities.

The recent and ongoing economic downturn has posed significant challenges to the Regional Transportation Plan. MAG is responsible for the budgeting aspects of the Regional Transportation Plan and ensuring that the plan is in fiscal balance. Declining sales tax revenue has meant a reduction of approximately \$6 billion in the plan. Despite this reduction, MAG has provided safe and efficient transportation facilities in a strategic manner to better position the region for economic opportunities.

“During these challenging economic times, MAG is still realizing major transportation improvements for the region,” said Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs. “An example of this can be seen with the long awaited construction of the Loop 303. This freeway will serve as an important connection that will benefit Maricopa County citizens and attract new businesses.”

The Regional Transportation Plan performance audit is located at [www.azauditor.gov](http://www.azauditor.gov).



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## Spring 2012 Calendar

### February 2012

- 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee (Ironwood)
- 1<sup>st</sup> 1:30 p.m. Standard Specifications and Details Committee (Ironwood)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30 p.m. Domestic Violence Council (Saguaro)
- 7<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee (Saguaro)
- 8<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. Management Committee (Saguaro)
- 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Transit Committee (Ironwood)
- 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. Continuum of Care Planning Subcommittee (Chaparral)
- 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee (Ironwood)
- 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. Street Committee (Chaparral)
- 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. Building Codes Committee (Ironwood)
- 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Transportation Policy Committee (Saguaro)
- 20<sup>th</sup> President's Day Holiday - Office Closed
- 21<sup>st</sup> 12:30 p.m. Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee (Ironwood)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> (Time TBD) Regional Council (Saguaro)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee (Saguaro)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Saguaro)
- 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Population Technical Advisory Committee (Chaparral)
- 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. 3-1-1 Business Plan Committee (Ironwood)

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### March 2012

- 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee (Saguaro)
- 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. Standard Specifications and Details Committee (Ironwood)
- 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Transit Committee (Saguaro)
- 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. Human Services Technical Committee (Chaparral)
- 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. Continuum of Care Planning Subcommittee (Chaparral)
- 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. Street Committee (Chaparral)
- 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. Management Committee (Saguaro)
- 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee (Ironwood)
- 19<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee (Ironwood)
- 20<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m. Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee (Ironwood)
- 20<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. Planners Stakeholders Group (Chaparral)
- 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 p.m. Building Codes Committee (Ironwood)
- 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 p.m. Transportation Policy Committee (Saguaro)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Saguaro)
- 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness (Saguaro)
- 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Population Technical Advisory Committee (Chaparral)
- 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. 3-1-1 Business Plan Committee (Ironwood)
- 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Transportation Safety Committee (Cholla)
- 28<sup>th</sup> (Time TBD) Regional Council (Saguaro)
- 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee

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### April 2012

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee (Saguaro)
- 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee (Ironwood)
- 4<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. Standard Specifications and Details Committee (Ironwood)
- 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. Domestic Violence Council (Saguaro)
- 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. Street Committee (Chaparral)
- 11<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. Management Committee (Saguaro)
- 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. PSAP Managers Group (Saguaro)
- 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Transit Committee (Ironwood)
- 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. Human Services Technical Committee (Chaparral)
- 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee (Ironwood)
- 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. Continuum of Care Planning Subcommittee (Chaparral)
- 17<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m. Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee (Ironwood)
- 18<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. Building Codes Committee (Ironwood)
- 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Transportation Policy Committee (Saguaro)
- 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Population Technical Advisory Committee (Chaparral)
- 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. 3-1-1 Business Plan Committee (Ironwood)
- 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Human Services Coordinating Committee (Chaparral)
- 25<sup>th</sup> (Time TBD) Regional Council (Saguaro)
- 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee (Saguaro)
- 26<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

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