

Draft RTP Performance-Based Framework: Vision Statement, Goals, Regionally Significant Definitions

In reviewing member agency's RTP Call for Project submissions and public feedback (values mapping), a draft vision statement, draft goals, and draft regional significance definitions have been prepared. These definitions support federal guidance for MPOs and are consistent with the region's historic investment programs (Proposition 300, Proposition 400). Feedback is sought on these items which will be used as the framework for the performance-based evaluation framework to develop MAG's next Regional Transportation Plan and strategic investment strategy for the extension of the dedicated transportation sales tax in Maricopa County.

The transportation system plays a critical role in ensuring a high quality of life for residents of the MAG region. The purpose of the Regional Transportation Plan is to establish a sustainable, resilient, multimodal transportation investment program that connects people with opportunities to prosper and thrive. Residents deserve a world-class transportation system that reflects the following mission-critical goals:

- **Economic Vitality** – support economic competitiveness and prosperity through strategic transportation investments.
- **Resiliency** – invest in a transportation system that expand travel choices, accommodates future growth, and is flexible to adapt to changing needs and innovations.
- **Quality of Life** – invest in a transportation system that supports health and well-being, and sustains the environment.
- **Safety** – provide for the safety and security of the traveling public.
- **System Preservation** – maintain our region's transportation infrastructure to protect existing investments and ensure continued mobility.
- **Mobility** – develop a multimodal transportation system that provides ease of movement for people and goods throughout the region and provides equitable access to essential services and destinations.

A **regionally significant project** is one that substantially contributes to the regional transportation system, benefitting the movement of people and goods across jurisdictions and connecting communities, activity centers, and destinations. The benefits of a regionally significant project should be as high for users outside the jurisdiction for which it is located as it is for those that reside within that jurisdiction. Projects are often high capacity (e.g., freeway, highway, rail, BRT) or contribute to a system network (e.g., regional bus network, grid arterial network, bridge/connect a gap).

A **regionally significant program** is one that is consistent with the regions values/vision and achieves unique or distinct priorities shared across the region.