

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Due to the risks to public health caused by the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus at public gatherings, the Maricopa Association of Governments has determined that public meetings will be indefinitely held through technological means. Meetings will be open to the public through technological means. In reliance on, and compliance with, the March 13, 2020, Opinion issued by Attorney General Mark Brnovich, the Maricopa Association of Governments provides this special advance notice of the technological means through which public meetings may be accessed. While this special notice is in effect, public comment at meetings will only be accepted through written submissions, which may or may not be read aloud during meetings.

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September 14, 2020

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Jerry P. Weiers, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE
AGENDA

September 21, 2020 12:00 Noon
VIRTUAL MEETING

The Executive Committee meeting has been scheduled at the time noted above. The meeting will be **held as a virtual meeting only**, with no in-person attendance options available at this time. Instructions on how to participate will be provided to members of the committee. Members of the public will be able to view and listen to the meeting via a live video stream. You can watch the meeting online by [clicking here to go to MAG's YouTube channel](#). Public comments can be provided in written format through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment. If you have questions, please contact the MAG office at (602) 254-6300.

In 1996, the Regional Council approved a simple majority quorum for all MAG advisory committees. If the Executive Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have joined the meeting will be notified that a legal meeting cannot occur and the meeting will end. Your participation in the meeting is strongly encouraged.

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If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact MAG at (602) 254-6300.



MAG Executive Committee

TENTATIVE AGENDA

September 21, 2020

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Call to the Audience**

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to provide input through written comment to the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public are asked to submit written comments related to this meeting through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment, and indicate for which meeting the comment is intended. Comments may be sent at any time leading up to the meeting, but must be received at least one hour prior to the posted start time for the meeting. Comments received prior to the deadline will be read aloud during the meeting. Comments must not exceed three minutes in length. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that comments received for agenda items posted for action will be read at the time the item is heard.

Action Requested:

Information.

3. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

Action Requested:

Approval of the consent agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT *

***3A. Approval of the June 22, 2020, Meeting Minutes**

Action Requested:

Approval.

***3B. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021 MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2019, includes \$500,000 for the MAG Design Assistance program. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for the preliminary design portion of a bicycle or pedestrian project with no matching funds required. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Approve an amendment to the FY 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to include the prioritized list of projects, funding \$500,000 for Design Assistance projects, and allowing unfunded projects on the prioritized list to be eligible if additional funding becomes available.

***3C. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to Include a MAG Transportation Safety Associate Contract With Michael J. Kuzel for an Amount Not to Exceed \$80,000**

The focus of this request is to enhance capabilities of the MAG Transportation Safety Program by incorporating professional services of an individual with experience in analyzing human behaviors as it relates to the built roadway and other systems. The MAG Transportation Safety Associate will provide expertise to assist MAG in three key areas of safety planning, safety planning studies, administration of developed safety education programs, development and

implementation of the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to include a MAG Transportation Safety Associate Contract with Michael J. Kuzel for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4. **Contract Extension for Federal Government Relations Assistance**

On December 11, 2019, the Southwest Tourism Expansion Act was introduced in the United States Congress. This bill (HR 5405) is the result of MAG's efforts to improve the state and regional economy by allowing for statewide travel of Mexican visitors who have a Border Crossing Card. Capitol Strategies has been providing government relations assistance on this issue. The contract with Capitol Strategies was renewed in January 2020 for eight additional months for services through September 2020.

Action Requested:

Approve an extension of the Capitol Strategies contract for federal government relations assistance for \$4,600 a month for up to six additional months through March 2021.

5. **Draft MAG Policy Principles**

MAG staff has updated the draft regional policy principles, a document that summarizes MAG's legislative positions and the agency's roles and responsibilities. The MAG Policy Principles are updated annually or as needed. In the month of September 2020, the draft MAG Policy Principles are being presented to the MAG Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee, Executive Committee, and Regional Council for review and input. It is anticipated that the draft MAG Policy Principles will be presented for action at the October 2020 policy committees with approval at the October 28, 2020, Regional Council meeting. MAG staff will provide a report on the updated Draft MAG Policy Principles. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

6. COVID-19 Update

MAG's Executive Director will provide a summary of information related to the regional response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MAG's community outreach, accommodations to encourage public comments and engagement during committee meetings, and other steps the agency has taken to safely transition employees back into the office when health metrics have been achieved.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Executive Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

Action Requested:

Information.

8. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Executive Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Executive Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Action Requested:

Information.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
June 22, 2020
Web Conference via Zoom

MEMBERS ATTENDING

#Mayor Mark Mitchell, Tempe: Chair #Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale, Vice Chair #Mayor Kate Gallego, Phoenix #Mayor John Giles, Mesa: Treasurer	#Mayor Anna Tovar, Tolleson #Mayor Kenneth Weise #Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek: Past Chair
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* Not Present

Participated by web conference

1. Call to Order

Chair Mitchell called the virtual meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 12:10 p.m., immediately following the adjournment of the MAG Information Center (MAGIC) Board of Director's meeting. All committee members were in attendance.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Mitchell stated that items 2A through 2F were on the consent agenda. He asked if any member of the committee would like to remove an item for discussion or would like a presentation on the consent items. No requests were made.

Mayor Barney moved approval of the consent agenda. Mayor Giles seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

*2A. Approval of April 13, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the April 13, 2020, meeting minutes.

*2B. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Authorize an Additional Full-Time Equivalent Position in the Human Services Division

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to authorize one

additional full-time equivalent (FTE) position in the Human Services Division to be funded by an annual contract with the City of Phoenix utilizing Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 program funds.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 22, 2019. Since that time, a need to increase staffing has been identified to address a growing workload and critical human services transportation needs among vulnerable populations. To meet these needs, an additional full-time equivalent (FTE) position is requested in the MAG Human Services Division. The additional position would be funded through an existing contract with the City of Phoenix utilizing Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 program funds; no increase to the FY 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed. Future funding for the position will be ongoing with funding from the City of Phoenix Section 5310 contract.

*2C. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program to add \$650,000 for the FY 2020-2021 Emerging Technologies Field Pilots

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add funds in the amount of \$650,000 for FY 2020-2021 Emerging Technologies Field Pilots.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2019, includes a total of \$800,000 for FY 2020-2021 Emerging Technologies Field Pilots. Due to high level of interests from MAG member agencies and in order to ensure uninterrupted conduct of the identified pilot projects, MAG Regional Council Executive Committee on January 13, 2020, approved re-allocating \$400,000 from FY 2021 to FY 2020 for this program. Given positive feedback MAG received from the member agencies regarding the Emerging Technologies Field Pilots program and in order to continue with the testing of emerging technologies in the region, MAG staff proposes adding \$650,000 to the FY 2020-2021 Emerging Technologies Field Pilots program. The pilot program is designed to provide timely technical input to the development of the new Regional Transportation Plan and is aimed to inform future infrastructure investment decisions in the region.

*2D. Approval to Enter into an Agreement with the Arizona Commerce Authority and to Amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Funding

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved entering into an agreement and to accept up to \$15,000 from the Arizona Commerce Authority, and approval of the

amendment to the FY 2020- 2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add this funding for an increase to the overall budget of \$15,000.

MAG staff has been approached by the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) to update and enhance a website that was developed in collaboration with the ACA and is used for business attraction. MAG will provide technical expertise to enhance the website and will update data utilized in the website. Staff is requesting approval to enter into an agreement with the ACA to accept up to \$15,000 for enhancement and update of the ACA business attraction website, and approval to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add this funding for an increase to the overall budget of \$15,000.

*2E. Appointment of the MAG Economic Development Committee Member Agency Positions

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the appointment of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) member agency positions.

The MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC) includes 21 MAG member agency positions that have one-year terms with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the Regional Council. On May 4, 2020, a memorandum was sent to MAG Regional Council members soliciting letters of interest for the member agency positions on the EDC, including the Vice Chair position. Eighteen letters were received for the 21 member agency positions. MAG staff is recommending moving forward and reappointing the three member agency positions that did not submit a letter, unless they request otherwise. This will provide continuity on the committee, while not taking time away from the committee members as they attend to other pressing issues. The Executive Committee is requested to recommend approval of the EDC member agency positions.

*2F. MAG Business Process and ERP Implementation Advisory Services Consultant Selection

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the selection of Plante Moran for MAG Financial Business Process and ERP Implementation Advisory services for an amount not to exceed \$124,080.

MAG's current financial system, Microsoft Dynamics AX 2012, is being phased out, as our vendors – Microsoft and Tyler Technologies – have announced they will end system support on October 12, 2021. As such, MAG's Fiscal Services division is launching a project aimed at optimizing core business processes; documenting

comprehensive Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system requirements; developing a request for proposal for ERP software and implementation; selecting an ERP software and implementation vendor (project phases one and two); and, ultimately, implementing the selected ERP system (project phase three). MAG contacted four consulting firms who have extensive, specific expertise in assisting public entities with such projects. MAG received two proposals, including Avero Advisors and Plante Moran. On May 29, 2020, an evaluation team met, reviewed proposals, and recommended the selection of Plante Moran for an amount not to exceed \$124,080 for services related to project phases one and two. This recommendation is based on the firm's experience and expertise in performing similar work for comparable agencies such as Valley Metro, the lowest bid received, and responsiveness of the proposal. Additional costs associated with the third and final phase of the project will be determined once an ERP system and implementation vendor have been selected.

3. Coronavirus Update

MAG Executive Director Eric Anderson led the discussion on the effects the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is having on the region and the measures MAG is taking as an organization to keep its employees and the public safe. Mr. Anderson stated the situation is changing rapidly and MAG continues to exercise caution in transitioning employees back into the office. He reported MAG had planned to begin transitioning staff back into the office on July 1, but due to the high number of coronavirus cases in Arizona, the transition will be delayed at least through the end of summer. MAG continues to have a high level of productivity with staff telecommuting.

Mr. Anderson indicated an employee survey was conducted to determine issues and concerns employees might have relative to COVID-19 and if they need any support to continue working from home. He added MAG has prepared a draft transition plan that includes the appropriate State of Arizona and CDC guidelines to ensure a smooth transition back to the office when the time is right.

Mr. Anderson noted that at this Wednesday's Regional Council meeting, Greater Phoenix Leadership CEO Neil Giuliano and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona President and CEO Pam Kehaly will discuss the new Mask Up Arizona campaign.

4. Proposed Reduction in MAG Dues for Fiscal Year 2021

Mr. Anderson explained MAG looked at its budget for ways to mitigate some of the financial impact of lower revenue streams on member agencies due to the pandemic. MAG is proposing a 20 percent reduction in member dues for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, which would translate to a savings of just under \$50,000. He indicated MAG will be

able to cover the difference in revenue through savings such as not serving food at in-person meetings, vacant positions, and if needed, MAG contingency.

Mayor Weise moved to reduce MAG dues by 20 percent for FY 2021. Mayor Barney seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Mitchell asked if there were any requests for future agenda items.

There were none.

6. Comments from the Committee

Chair Mitchell asked if there were any comments from the committee.

Chair Mitchell commented today is his last day as chair of the committee. He added he would see everyone virtually on Wednesday.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Executive Committee

INFORMATION SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM # 3B

DATE

September 14, 2020

SUBJECT

Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021 MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program

CONTACT

Jason Stephens, MAG Active Transportation Program Coordinator, 602-452-5004

SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2019, includes \$500,000 for the FY 2021 MAG Design Assistance program. The Design Assistance program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for the preliminary design portion of a bicycle or pedestrian project with no local matching funds required.

A call for projects was made on May 7, 2020. Seventeen applications were successfully submitted by the deadline of July 10, 2020, at 5 p.m. A priority list of applications was presented for review and recommended approval at the August 18, 2020, meeting of the Active Transportation Committee.

Agencies that accepted full funding for Design Assistance include: Phoenix, Chandler, Glendale, Gilbert and Avondale.

Projects included on the prioritized list that do not receive full funding may be eligible if additional funding becomes available.

Please see attached prioritized listing for more information.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

PROS & CONS

PROS: This program assists MAG member agencies in designing bicycle and pedestrian facilities that help reduce congestion, improve air quality and public health.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS

TECHNICAL: This program encourages implementation of nationally-accepted bicycle and pedestrian facilities design practices; project identification occurs through a planning and evaluation process.

POLICY: According to federal law, any project funded through this program that is ultimately not constructed could be required to refund the design costs to the Federal Highway Administration. This call for projects is in accordance with the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures.

ACTION NEEDED

Approve an amendment to the FY 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to include the prioritized list of projects, funding \$500,000 for Design Assistance projects and allowing unfunded projects on the prioritized list to be eligible if additional funding becomes available.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS

This item is on the September 16, 2020, MAG Management Committee agenda for recommended approval of an amendment to the FY 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to include the prioritized list of projects, funding \$500,000 for Design

Assistance projects and allowing unfunded projects on the prioritized list to be eligible if additional funding becomes available. An update on action taken will be provided.

On August 18, 2020, the MAG Active Transportation Committee recommended an amendment to the FY 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to include the prioritized list of projects, funding \$500,000 for Design Assistance projects and allowing unfunded projects on the prioritized list to be eligible if additional funding becomes available. On August 27, 2020, MAG Transportation Review Committee also recommended approval.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jose Macias, El Mirage, Chair of Active Transportation Committee Susan Conklu, Scottsdale, Vice Chair Larry Kirch, Apache Junction #Robert Wisener, Buckeye Stacy Bridge-Denzak, Carefree Jason Crampton, Chandler Nathan Williams, Gilbert Ashley Knudsen, Glendale Christine McMurdy, Goodyear Kathy Borquez for Jason Bottjen, Pinal County #Bob Beane, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists Jessica May, MCDOT Randy Proch, Peoria Marielle Brown, Phoenix #Woodrow Scouten, Litchfield Park	Steven Ester, Queen Creek Stephen Chang, Surprise Robert Yabes, Tempe Grant Anderson, Youngtown #Tiffany Halperin, Arizona Society of Landscape Architects #Ryan Wozniak, Maricopa Molly Benton, MCDPH Ward Stanford, Avondale #Jeff King, FHWA #Donna Lewandowski, ADOT Omar Peters for Nathan Chadwick, Valley Metro Anh Harambasic, Fountain Hills Garrett Topham, Mesa
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#Members who did not attend the virtual meeting

TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

Apache Junction: Mike Wever	#Maricopa (City): Josh Plumb
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<p>ADOT: Gregory Byres Avondale: Tom Peterson as proxy for David Janover #Buckeye: Scott Lowe Cave Creek: Hal Marron Chandler: Ryan Peters/Jason Crampton El Mirage: Jorge Gastelum #Florence: Christopher Salas Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel Gila River Indian Community: Greg McDowell as proxy for Tim Oliver Gilbert: Rob Bohr Glendale: Purab Adabala as proxy for Trevor Ebersole Goodyear: Sumeet Mohan Guadalupe: Robert Thaxton Litchfield Park: Woody Scoutten</p>	<p>Maricopa County: Steven Wilcox Mesa: R. J. Zeder, Vice Chair Paradise Valley: Paul Mood #Peoria: Adina Lund Phoenix: Mario Paniagua, Chair Pinal County: Scott Bender Queen Creek: Troy White Scottsdale: Mark Melnychenko Surprise: Kristin Tytler Tempe: Shelly Seyler #Tolleson: Jamie McCracken #Valley Metro: Wulf Grote #Wickenburg: Herschel Workman Youngtown: Grant Anderson</p>
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EX-OFFICIO (NON-VOTING) MEMBERS ATTENDING

- #Street Committee: Maria Deeb, City of Mesa
- #ITS Committee: David Lucas, City of Tempe
- FHWA: Ed Stillings
- #Active Transportation Committee: Jose Macias, City of El Mirage
- #Transportation Safety Committee: Carl Langford, City of Phoenix

Agency	Application Title	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Aggregate Score
Phoenix	Pedestrian Bicycle Crossings of Rio Salado in Phoenix	80000	80000	0.875882353
Chandler	Frye Road Protected Bike Lanes	80000	80000	0.855
Gilbert	Western Powerline Trail Improvement: Gilbert Road to Lindsay Road	100000	100000	0.833529412
Glendale	Missouri Ave Active Transportation Improvements	74445	74445	0.825294118
Chandler	Highline Canal Shared Use Path: Orchid Lane to Tempe/ Chandler Border	35000	35000	0.818823529
Glendale	Maryland Ave Active Transportation Improvements	69030	69030	0.802941176
Avondale	Agua Fria Pedestrian Crossing	56000	56000	0.795882353
Avondale	Pedestrian Facilities On Lower Buckeye Road	22000	5525	0.791176471
Scottsdale	Jackrabbit Road Neighborhood Bikeway	75000	75000	0.787058824
Avondale	Pedestrian Improvement On El Mirage Road From Calle Hermosa to Elwood Street	31000	31000	0.778235294
Surprise	Rancho Gabriela Elementary- Pedestrian Multi Use Path	30000	30000	0.745294118
Chandler	Hunt Highway Traffic Calming and Separated Bike Lanes: Cooper to Val Vista	70000	70000	0.743529412
Fountain Hills	Sidewalk Gap Elimination on Fountain Hills Blvd between Palisades Blvd and Oxford Drive	50000	50000	0.740588235
Apache Junction	Delaware Drive Pedestrian and Safety Improvements	55000	55000	0.736470588
Peoria	New River Trailhead at Jomax Road	63000	63000	0.698823529
Surprise	Countryside Elementary Roundabout and West Point Elementary Pedestrian Refuge Enhancements	43000	43000	0.694117647
Tempe	Open Streets Implementation Design Guide	95000	95000	0.685882353

Executive Committee

INFORMATION SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM # 3C



DATE

September 14, 2020

SUBJECT

Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to Include a MAG Transportation Safety Associate Contract With Michael J. Kuzel for an Amount Not to Exceed \$80,000

CONTACT

Margaret Herrera, Transportation Safety Program Manager (602) 452-5072.

SUMMARY

A National Motor Vehicle Crash Causation Survey assigned the last failure in the causal chain of events leading up to the crash to the driver in 96 percent of those surveyed. Michael J. Kuzel, to be hired through this project, is uniquely qualified as a Human Factors expert with twenty-two years of experience in conducting analyses of events occurring in transportation systems and three years conducting medical research related to transportation related injuries. Mr. Kuzel has provided services as the Human Factors expert on teams conducting road safety assessments at more than 70 intersections and road segments in the State of Arizona, including the MAG region. The MAG Transportation Associate will provide services to assist MAG staff in all areas of transportation safety planning.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

PROS & CONS

PROS: Incorporate unique expertise for better understanding the human interaction with the roadway and other systems.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS

TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: This amendment and administrative modification request is in accord with MAG guidelines.

ACTION NEEDED

Approval of an amendment to the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and budget to include a MAG Transportation Safety Associate Contract with Michael J. Kuzel for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS

This item is on the September 16, 2020, MAG Management Committee agenda for recommended approval of an amendment to the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and budget to include a MAG Transportation Safety Associate Contract with Michael J. Kuzel for an amount not to exceed \$80,000. An update on action taken will be provided.

Executive Committee

INFORMATION SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM # 5



DATE

September 14, 2020

SUBJECT

Draft MAG Policy Principles

CONTACT

Nathan Pryor, Policy and Government Relations Director, (602) 254-6300.

SUMMARY

MAG staff has updated the draft regional policy principles, a document that summarizes MAG's legislative positions and the agency's roles and responsibilities. The MAG Policy Principles are updated annually or as needed. In the month of September 2020, the draft MAG Policy Principles are being presented to the MAG Management Committee, Executive Committee, Transportation Policy Committee, and Regional Council for review and input. It is anticipated that the draft MAG Policy Principles will be presented for action at the October 2020 policy committees with approval at the October 28, 2020, Regional Council meeting. Contact Nathan Pryor, Policy and Government Relations Director, with any questions and proposed input.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

PROS & CONS

PROS: Defining MAG's policy principles in a single document has been of benefit to member agencies and staff.

CONS: None

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS

TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: The MAG Policy Principles document is intended to inform MAG member agencies and external entities as to the positions the agency has on priority issues.

ACTION NEEDED

Information.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS

This item was on the September 16, 2020, MAG Management Committee agenda for information.



Transportation Policy and Planning

- Support legislative efforts to increase statewide transportation funding.
- Evaluate alternative revenue sources, in addition to the countywide sales tax, to fund needed future transportation investments.
- Support the pursuit of enabling legislation that would allow the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors the authority to put the extension of the county's regional tax for transportation before the voters.
- Support MAG's continued federal statutory responsibility as the developer of the multimodal Regional Transportation Plan.
- Oppose the transfer of Highway User Revenue Fund monies.
- Support funding distributions as agreed upon in the Casa Grande Resolves.
- Oppose diversions or sweeps of the regional voter approved half-cent transportation funds.

Transportation Technologies & Services

- Support analytical, planning and engineering efforts of MAG member agencies by providing technical services within available MAG resources.
- Support MAG's role in providing long-range transportation forecasts, technical services and data to MAG member agencies.
- Maintain MAG's role as a regional data hub and as a center for regional technical services in core planning areas.

Regional 9-1-1

- Support the MAG Maricopa Region 9-1-1 System. The 9-1-1 System must proactively address population growth and the implementation of new technologies to properly maintain public safety.
- Support the scope of new communication platforms with the ability to communicate to 9-1-1 Centers through voice, texting, live video, and smart devices.

Regional Analytics

- Support collaboration and data sharing with state agencies, universities, councils of governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and other private and public sector entities that develop data analytics to advance our state and regional economies.
- Support accurate data collected by the U.S. Census bureau through ongoing surveys and other efforts, which are used as the basis for planning efforts for the region and the state.
- Support consistency in the interpretation of building codes and provide a forum for construction, development, and other issues as they relate to building codes and building construction.
- Support MAG's role in development of long-range socioeconomic projections and regional datasets that are needed for planning and economic development activities.
- Support the development and publication of data and analysis to provide insight into issues that impact the MAG region and the state of Arizona.

Economic Development

- Support growing the economic vitality of the region through collaboration with regional, state, national and international organizations, the Ari-Son Megaregion Council, and Joint Planning Advisory Council, among others.
- Support passage of the Southwest Tourism Expansion Act, which would enable Mexican visitors, with a border crossing card, to travel statewide. This would have a positive economic impact of \$181 million to the state in the first year of implementation.
- Support MAG's efforts to provide additional tools for economic development, such as legislation to enable tax increment financing in Arizona that would enhance redevelopment efforts.
- Support communities and the region in utilizing smart technology to improve the lives of residents. This will be done by implementing MAG emerging technology pilot projects and by participating in community efforts such as the Connective, the Greater Phoenix Smart Region Consortium.



Human Services

- Support MAG's role as the collaborative applicant for the Continuum of Care homeless assistance funding.
- Support MAG's role in working collaboratively to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring.
- Support regional planning issues related to domestic violence and MAG as a forum for communication and coordinated action to effectively address, prevent, and eradicate domestic violence in the MAG region.

Environmental

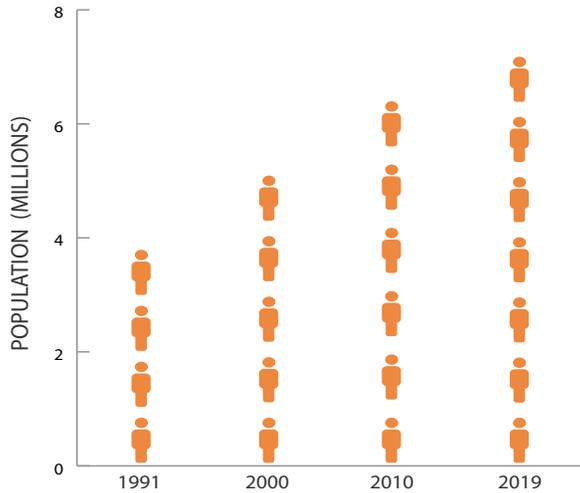
- Support federal legislation to streamline the documentation required to demonstrate to the Environmental Protection Agency that exceedances of the air quality standards were caused by Exceptional Events such as wildfires, high winds, and dust storms, as appropriate. Congress recognizes that exceptional events cannot be controlled by air quality plans.
- Support federal legislation to provide relief for areas with a significant amount of background ozone that cannot be controlled with state and local government measures, as appropriate. Background ozone is produced from natural sources like plants, vegetation, and wildfires. It can be transported downward during storms. Background ozone also can originate in other countries and be transported far distances.
- Support MAG's continued responsibility to develop regional air quality plans as the designated Lead Air Quality Planning Organization.
- Support MAG's continued responsibility to develop the areawide water quality management plan as the designated Regional Water Quality Management Planning Agency.
- Support MAG's continued responsibility to undertake areawide solid waste management planning as the designated Regional Solid Waste Management Planning Agency.

Administration

- Support MAG's continued participation in the Arizona State Retirement System. Transferability of ASRS is a significant tool in recruiting and retaining MAG employees who provide essential public services.
- MAG is committed to prohibiting discrimination in the planning and delivery of our programs and initiatives. MAG is a forum—for governments, stakeholders, and the public—that works to serve our communities and endeavors to improve the quality of life for all of our residents.

Did You Know?

Arizona's 18¢ per gallon gas tax hasn't changed since 1991. Since that time, Arizona's population has almost doubled, while the purchasing power of that 18 cents has decreased by 50%.



Today, 18¢ has the purchasing power of 9¢.



Cumulative Gap Between Expected Revenue and Maintenance Costs



Based on 2015-2019 costs, Maricopa County Only

If the level of maintenance funding for freeways and highways does not increase from 2015-2019 levels, there will be a cumulative revenue shortfall of more than **\$7 billion** by 2049 to address expected needs in Maricopa County.

About MAG

- The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is a Council of Governments (COG) and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for regional planning in the greater Phoenix region.
- Established in 1967, MAG provides regional planning and policy decisions in areas of transportation, air quality, water quality, human services, and economic development.
- MAG consists of 27 incorporated cities and towns, three Native nations, Maricopa County, and portions of Pinal County.
- The Regional Council serves as the governing board and includes representatives from the above agencies, as well as the Arizona Department of Transportation.

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