

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE  
May 6, 2020  
City of Phoenix WebEx Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| #Robert Yabes, City of Tempe, Chair        | #Wendy Miller, City of Phoenix     |
| +Matt Dudley, City of Glendale, Vice Chair | #Kim Perez, City of Goodyear       |
| #Joan Freeman, City of Scottsdale          | #Kristen Taylor, City of Surprise  |
| *Autumn Grooms, City of El Mirage          | +Tom Young, Valley Metro           |
| +Edward Jones, City of Mesa                | #Carolyn Ballard, Town of Florence |
| #Nathan Williams, City of Gilbert          |                                    |

\*Neither present nor represented by proxy.

#Attended by telephone conference call.

+ Attended by videoconference

OTHERS ATTENDING

DeDe Gaisthea, MAG

Hezequias Rocha, MAG

1. Welcome and Introductions

Robert Yabes, City of Tempe, Chair of the Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities (EPDT) Ad Hoc Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Introductions ensued. DeDe Gaisthea, MAG, conducted a roll call for attendance and quorum was established.

2. Amendment of the 2020 Section 5310 priority listing for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA

Chair Yabes introduced next meeting agenda topic, the amendment of the 2020 Section 5310 priority listing from the previous round of meetings. Ms. Gaisthea noted that during a review from MAG and City of Phoenix staff a miscalculation was found in the funding formula in meeting the required 55 percent funding for capital projects. She noted the committee has an opportunity to amend the motion to meet the required 55 percent before forwarding for recommendation for approval. Ms. Gaisthea clarified that the previous recommendation did not meet the 55 percent federal requirement for capital funds.

Wendy Miller, City of Phoenix, reviewed the previous recommended priority listing. She noted the priority listing based on application scores, not utilizing previously guideline of \$125,000 increments for operating projects, would not meet the 55 percent federally

required funding for Section 5310 capital projects. Ms. Miller reviewed an amendment in which the minimum 55 percent funding for capital request would be met. Ms. Miller described the scenario which first will accept the funding requests only for the capital fund requests, according to application scores, until the minimum 55 percent is met, then goes back to the top of the list and funds operation requests in increments of \$125,000 to application scores. Ms. Miller noted both scenarios are possible to move forward, however the previous recommendation does not meeting 55 percent minimum and would require future compensation on the next Section 5310 process to balance out the difference. Ms. Gaisthea noted utilizing the \$125,000 increments for the eligible operational requests adheres to guidelines previously decided by the committee in earlier discussions to fund the minimum 55 percent for capital requests. Ms. Miller noted the City of Phoenix is in support of the amendment of utilizing \$125, 000 increments.

Kristen Taylor, City of Surprise, noted two operating requests would have some cuts, compared to the previous approved priority listing, RPTA-Valley Metro and City of Phoenix. She noted these requests would be disproportionately affected by the suggested amendment since RPTA-Valley Metro had a cut of fund allocation of about 35 percent while the City of Phoenix request although scoring lower had only a cut of about 25 percent. Nathan Williams, City of Gilbert, noted that he understands the allocation works well with the \$125,000 increments to spread out the funds available but also points out the purpose of ranking, or scoring, the applications might lose meaning if high scores do not mean full funding once the funding will be spread among the applicants. Vice Chair Dudley noted in review of the information provided and following the Section 5310 guidelines for this year's the suggested amendment follows federal guidelines. He agreed in the need for further discussion for operating projects requests in the next process.

Ms. Miller noted that each year the requests for Section 5310 funding is exceeds the apportionment for the region. She noted the committee was worked to put guidelines in place to not move forward requests not meeting a minimum score of 70 percent. Ms. Miller added the priority listing is utilized when there is additional funding available based on rank order. This provides the opportunity to fund projects that were ranked for awarding but were not awarded due to limited funding apportionments. Committee discussion ensued with a consensus to amend the recommendation to move forward for approval to meet federal funding requirements. Ms. Miller noted there continues to be the opportunity discuss changes to the methodology by the committee as a new possible guideline. Chair Yabes agreed the methodology should be reviewed, not for this process but for future processes. Chair Yabes clarified the amendment is to utilize the methodology of \$125,000 increments for operating project requests to meet the required 55 percent for capital projects.

Chair Yabes called for a motion to amend the priority listing recommendation to meet federal requirements. Vice Chair, Matthew Dudley, motioned for projects to be awarded on

rank order utilizing \$125,000 increments for operating projects in order to meet the federal funding requirement of 55 percent for capital projects, until funding is expended. The priority order meets the federal requirement of awarding not less than 55 percent for traditional capital requests. Joan Freeman, City of Scottsdale, seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjournment

Chair Yabes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Dudley motioned to adjourn. Mr. Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.