



South Mountain Freeway Clears Final Legal Hurdle

After several years of legal challenges, the South Mountain Freeway has cleared what appears to be its final legal hurdle. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld an August ruling by the U.S. District Court that allowed the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to move forward with construction. That means the South Mountain Freeway remains on track to open by late 2019.

“This is a win, not only in the courts, but for all drivers in the Maricopa region,” said Buckeye Mayor Jackie Meck, chair of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). “The freeway will provide a direct link between the East Valley and West Valley, and a much-needed enhancement to the Valley’s transportation system.”

ADOT Director John Halikowski said the ruling helps ADOT deliver on a promise to Maricopa County voters to complete the Loop 101 and Loop 202 system, connecting communities and employment centers while helping position the Phoenix region for growth and opportunity.

“This is a clear victory for one of the nation’s fastest-growing regions, ensuring that progress will continue on a project that will make this a better place to live and do business,” Halikowski said. “ADOT has worked closely with the city of Phoenix, the Maricopa Association of Governments and Federal Highway Administration to develop the most extensive environmental review of any highway project to date in Arizona, and the courts have taken notice of this by ruling in favor of this project at every step.”

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Message From the Chair



Mayor Jackie Meck, City of Buckeye

Our cover story is about the legal success that paves the way for the continued construction of the South Mountain Freeway. I applaud this success as both the chair of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and as the leader of a West Valley community that will see an important new connection to the East Valley. I also know that the decision is a testament to three decades of hard work, dedication and leadership by MAG, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to bring to fruition an important freeway corridor that will improve mobility throughout the region.

Since the freeway was first introduced as the South Mountain Loop in 1985, these agencies have worked to develop a range of reasonable alternatives for the freeway. While funding limitations stalled the freeway for many years, eventually a coordinated process moved forward and these alternatives were put through a rigorous environmental review. The study involved identifying, comparing, and eliminating alignment options based on many factors. These included input from the public; a comparison of alignment alternatives; an analysis of the impacts on surrounding communities; identification of resources; the historical context of the freeway; and projected regional traffic conditions with and without a freeway.

One concern has been that the freeway will proceed through the edge of South Mountain Park. The only way to avoid bringing the freeway through the park would have been an alignment on land owned by the Gila River Indian Community. The Community is a valued member of MAG, and while an on-reservation alignment was pursued during the process at the request of the Community, in 2012 Community members voted in favor of the no-build option. MAG and ADOT will continue to work closely with the Gila River Indian Community to address culturally or historically significant sites and ensure access to South Mountain.

There are other aspects of the process to celebrate. The construction project, the largest in state history, is a public private partnership being built under a Design-Build-Maintain contract, which will speed up the construction process by 3.5 years and reduce the cost of the project by approximately \$1 billion. It also will help bring cost certainty to the freeway program.

While the final ribbon has yet to be cut, I want to congratulate our current and former Regional Councils and our regional, state and federal partners for getting us within sight of the finish line on a project that will bring increased mobility and economic development opportunities to our region. 



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Voices From the Council



We were excited to begin early utility relocation work over the summer for Tempe Streetcar, which will be the first new streetcar line in the Valley. Tempe Streetcar will serve one of the highest transit ridership centers in the region and connect riders to some of our most historic neighborhoods, Arizona State University, major business centers—including the rapidly growing Rio Salado corridor and downtown Tempe—along with Valley Metro Rail and regional destinations.

—Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell

I am honored to serve as this year's host for the 7th Annual East Valley Mayors' Prayer Breakfast on March 7 at 7:30 a.m. at the Chandler-Gilbert Community College Williams Campus - Aviation Hangar Building. With a theme of "serving one another," the Prayer Breakfast is a wonderful, regional event that brings together leaders from government, nonprofits, businesses, and the faith community. More information can be found at EVMPPB.org.

—Queen Creek Mayor Gail Barney



Chandler was recently joined by several MAG communities on WalletHub.com's list of "Best Cities in America to Find a Job." While Chandler ranked No. 1, job generation by any city positively affects the entire region. Let's keep up the momentum in 2018!

—Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny

Phoenix is committed to building a sustainable economy that works for every family—and we're seeing results. Currently, 60 percent of Phoenix workers hold jobs in advanced industries, such as precision manufacturing, the biosciences and technology. We've worked hard to build our economy into one rooted in innovation—and we'll continue to work relentlessly to attract these high-wage jobs to our city and region.

—Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton



The expertise of MAG does not stop at planning a world-class transportation system. Their proficiency in capturing and analyzing data has been an important resource for the entire region. Tools such as industry cluster maps, workforce labor shed maps, and a multitude of demographic information have proven to be critical components in our smart growth plans for the future.

—Peoria Mayor Cathy Carlat

South Mountain Freeway (cont. from page 1)

In its December ruling, the Ninth Circuit affirmed an August 2016 ruling by the U.S. District Court of Arizona on all issues.

The 22-mile freeway was first approved by Maricopa County voters in 1985 and again in 2004 as part of a comprehensive regional transportation plan.

Major construction on the Loop 202/South Mountain Freeway began early this year, and progress is evident throughout the entire 22-mile corridor. In Ahwatukee Foothills, interchanges are taking shape at 17th Avenue and 40th Street. In Laveen, crews are building

two half-mile-long bridges that will provide a much-needed grade separated crossing over the Salt River. In the West Valley, the skyline is changing daily along Interstate 10 as work continues to create an interchange connecting with the South Mountain Freeway at 59th Avenue, including several flyover ramps.

More information on the freeway's construction can be found at www.SouthMountainFreeway.com.



Construction continues on the South Mountain Freeway.

Regional Profile: President Bernadine Burnette



President Bernadine Burnette,
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation



Longevity, Leadership Mark Tribal Presidency

If she needs to take a deep breath and relax, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation President Bernadine Burnette knows she can step out her front door and simply stargaze.

“The nation is located adjacent to Fountain Hills, and there are not very many city lights or traffic out here,” says President Burnette. “The skies are very, very dark. I love the dark skies.”

While she enjoys the natural beauty of her remote location, leading a small community of about 900 also has its challenges. One priority for Burnette is developing infrastructure, a task that can be difficult when competing with other communities for limited funding.

“We are only 10 miles long and four miles wide. Sometimes I feel there are barriers when it comes down to numbers and needs,” says President Burnette. “We have to work a little harder at times to secure resources than larger communities.”

Burnette was elected president of the Fort McDowell Yavapai



President Burnette at the 2017 Arizona Indian Gaming Association Expo Chef's Challenge at La Puesta.

Nation in January 2016, but she is no stranger to tribal leadership. President Burnette has served for more than two decades as a Tribal Council member and during that time has held the positions of secretary, vice president and president.

Burnette worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a tribal operations specialist before deciding to take a leave of absence and return home. The decision changed her life.

“When I came and saw what we had, I was like, ‘oh, my God, we need help,’” recalls Burnette. “I had elders come to me because I spoke and understood the language fluently and I was young in

age, a woman, and very assertive and outspoken. They thought it was time for me to get in and try to carry on because I knew and understood their visions, such as permanency of economic development, jobs, housing, and services for the community.”

Her first order of business was developing a new, updated constitution. That was quickly followed by assuming leadership of the tribe's Bingo Hall and other properties, which led to compacts for a new casino that has fueled the nation's economic development. Burnette says she has enjoyed seeing the positive changes in her community.

“The workforce is continuously growing here. A lot of our people have moved back home because they are able to work here, and we have provided more housing right here at home.”

Beyond her leadership at the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, President Burnette also has served on many boards of organizations, including positions as vice president of the Arizona Indian Gaming

December groundbreaking ceremony for new homes to be built in 2018.



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President Burnette and Tribal Council member Paul Russell at the 2017 Health Fair.

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Association and as secretary of the National Indian Gaming Association. Her current and past memberships include the National Congress of American Indians, the National Tribal Environmental Council and the National Indian Education Association.

President Burnette was selected as “Woman of the Year” by former Arizona Governor Jane Hull and honored in 1999 by the Arizona Republic for her resolute leadership as one of only seven female Native American tribal presidents in the nation. In 2012, then Vice President Burnette was named “Indian Gaming Advocate of the Year” by the National Indian

Gaming Association for her work to preserve gaming rights.

In her spare time, Burnette says she is a bargain shopper who likes to “shop ‘til I drop.” She and her family also enjoy traveling to other communities.

“We like to go to traditional events—powwows, traditional ceremonies. We just like to go see other cities, towns and communities. And I love casinos, so I give back to Indian country,” she jokes.

President Burnette anticipates that she will run for at least one more term when her current term expires in 2020. 



The Tribal Council and Ms. Ft McDowell at the 2017 Christmas tree lighting event.

Applications Open for Desert Peaks Nominations



Have an awesome regional project that you want to highlight? Every day, local governments partner with each other, other public sector agencies, and the private sector to make our region a great place to live, work, play and raise a family. The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) wants to honor those efforts through its biennial Desert Peaks Awards Program.

Applications are now open for the prestigious regional awards, which are offered in six categories: Public Partnership, Public-Private Partnership, Professional Service, Regional Partnership, Outstanding Economic Development Champion, and Regional Excellence.

MAG initiated the Desert Peaks Awards in 1998 to recognize individuals and partnerships that have demonstrated a commitment to regionalism through their cooperative efforts. By working together, local governments can solve common problems, proactively address concerns that affect all communities, and produce impressive results that strengthen both individual communities and the region. These joint efforts often lead to a better use of resources and service delivery to citizens.

Application materials and instructions are available on the MAG website at <http://www.azmag.gov/Programs/Public-Outreach/Desert-Peaks-Awards>.

The deadline for nominations is March 9, 2018.

Recipients will be honored at a special celebration at 5:00 p.m. on June 27, 2018 (location pending). 

Volunteers Count Homeless People Living on the Street

2018 “Point in Time” Count Conducted in January

On the frigid dark morning of January 23, 2018, hundreds of volunteers in communities throughout the Valley searched alleys, parks, riverbeds and other areas in an effort to get an accurate count of the number of people experiencing homelessness. The effort was part of an annual “Point in Time Homeless Street Count” designed to provide a snapshot of the number of homeless men, women and children on the streets.

Coordinated by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), the count utilizes volunteer teams that include city, county and state representatives, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and private residents.

“The volunteers canvas areas to count and interview people experiencing homelessness, many of whom are living in situations not suitable for human habitation,” says Buckeye Mayor Jackie Meck, chair of the MAG Regional Council. “The count is the most accurate means we have for

determining how many people need resources and what kinds of services are most effective.”

Chandler Vice Mayor Kevin Hartke co-chairs the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Board, which is tasked with addressing homelessness in the region. He said the volunteers do their best to engage the individuals they come across. “We want to know their personal stories,” says Hartke. “The more we understand about each specific situation, the better we can tailor resources to help people access services and find housing. At the same time, we also can identify trends and get an overall understanding of the resources most needed in our communities.”

Last year’s count showed a slight reduction in the overall number of people experiencing homelessness in the region—from 5,702 in 2016 to 5,605 in 2017. However, it also found an increase in the number of individuals and families living in “unsheltered” situations, or on the street, from 1,646 in 2016 to 2,059.

Just prior to the count, the Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the Maricopa region \$25.8 million for 41 local homelessness programs. Since 1999, the region has been awarded approximately \$400 million to provide permanent housing and services for people who are homeless.

“The annual street count is critical in securing federal funding for permanent housing resources,” said Continuum of Care Board Co-chair Amy Schwablenleder, who also serves as the vice president of community impact for Valley of the Sun United Way. “It can be used along with other data to prioritize resources to make the most of the dollars provided.”

Numbers from each jurisdiction’s count are compiled, double-checked for potential duplicates, and analyzed. The final numbers are expected to be released sometime in the spring. 



Mayor Jackie Meck, City of Buckeye



Phoenix volunteers gather for a cold pre-dawn photo before deploying to their assigned grids on the morning of the count.

“Point in Time” Count



Region Receives \$25.89 Million for Homeless Programs

Newly awarded federal funding will help the Maricopa region provide housing and services to people experiencing homelessness and will help homeless families, youth, and people who are chronically homeless to obtain permanent housing.

On January 11, 2018, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson announced Continuum of Care program grant funding to help end homelessness and provide critically needed support to local programs serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care was awarded \$25.89 million for 41 local homelessness programs. Last year, the region was awarded \$25.4 million. Although the overall award increased, unfortunately, not all projects recommended by the Continuum of Care received funding.

“It is great news to have the federal government continue its investment toward solutions in the region,” said Valley of the Sun United Way Vice President of Community Impact Amy Schwabender, co-chair of the Continuum of Care Board. “At the same time, we know that the award does not meet all of the needs of the community. We are working with the programs that lost funding to ensure that their clients move into housing and not back to the streets. It is important for state, local and private sector partners to bring additional resources to the table to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless.”

Chandler Vice Mayor Kevin Hartke, co-chair of the Continuum of Care Board, noted the importance of the two new projects funded by HUD. A Permanent Supportive Housing project funded in the amount of \$346,797 will help those experiencing chronic homelessness. A Rapid Re-Housing project in the amount

of \$347,990 is targeted toward families. “These are much-needed resources for our region,” said Hartke. “This funding will provide housing units and services to families experiencing homelessness and the chronically homeless population.”



Vice Mayor Kevin Hartke, City of Chandler

“We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of unsheltered homeless people in the region,” said MAG Regional Council Chair and Buckeye Mayor Jackie Meck. “We are grateful to have the federal government partner with local communities in our efforts to end homelessness. Funding for these programs will provide much-needed help to get people back on their feet and into permanent housing. At the same time, we are also very aware that homelessness is increasing in our communities and we are working hard to develop solutions that will keep people safe.”

The funding will support the following:

- 37 programs that provide housing and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- \$855,158 for the Coordinated Entry project to prioritize and place individuals and families in appropriate housing.
- Continuum of Care planning and implementation of the Homeless Management Information System, a local information technology system used to collect data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The funding was included in \$2 billion in grants announced by HUD January 11, 2018, to provide funding to 7,300 local homeless housing and service programs across the U.S. 

Air Quality Legislation Seeks Relief for Dusty Regions

When the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals determined that contingency measures for air quality cannot be implemented early, it came as a blow to regional efforts to prevent unhealthy dust levels that could cause exceedances of air quality standards.

Now, Arizona congressional leaders are challenging that decision by pursuing an amendment to the Clean Air Act.

Contingency measures can be thought of as “extra” measures in air quality plans that are above and beyond what is needed to meet air quality standards. The Maricopa region has followed a long-held practice of implementing these measures early, to further protect public health. The Ninth Circuit, however, determined that these measures should be held in reserve, so that when air quality violations occur, regions

have backup measures available to address the problem.

The region served by the Ninth Circuit Court is the only region in the country which is not allowed to implement air quality contingency measures early.

“Our position has been that by implementing the measures early, we are preventing unhealthy dust levels from occurring,” said MAG Chair Jackie Meck, mayor of Buckeye. “From our perspective, this seems to be the more responsible approach.”

Congressional relief would be needed to allow for the early implementation of contingency measures. Late last year, U.S. Representative Martha McSally of Arizona introduced House Resolution (HR) 4730, the Clean Air Contingency Measures Act of 2018, as an amendment to the Clean Air Act to allow for the early implementation. She noted that when contingency measures are held in reserve, the funding to implement them also has to be held in reserve, meaning that money needs to be set aside indefinitely for measures that may never need to be implemented. The amendment has not yet gone to a congressional vote.

Without the amendment, a disapproval of the contingency measures in the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 would constitute a partial plan disapproval. The Clean Air Act sanctions clock would be triggered, which could ultimately result in sanctions on businesses and even the withholding of federal highway funds.

MAG Moment



A collaborative effort that seeks to save taxpayers money by analyzing budget and schedule risks of transportation projects is being recognized as an innovative transportation solution. In November, the Metropolitan Phoenix Chapter of Advancing Women in Transportation (WTS) announced that it selected the Risk Management for MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program for the **2017 Innovative Transportation Solutions Award**. The award will be presented in March 2018.

MAG Transportation Engineer Quinn Castro (left) and Senior Transportation Engineer Chaun Hill (right) are among the MAG staff who work with the Arizona Department of Transportation on the “cost risk assessment” process, which helps to better estimate project costs and schedules. To date, the process has helped identify about \$150 million in project savings that can be reprogrammed for other transportation projects. 🏞️

New Transit Van Improving Lives of Guadalupe Seniors

A new 16-passenger van may not make headlines in some cities, but for seniors in Guadalupe it means improved access to medical care, shopping, and vital social connections. The van was purchased in part through a federal grant and was introduced to the town during a ribbon-cutting ceremony in November.

“A van that is able to transport a larger capacity of passengers is greatly appreciated by all who depend on it for some of their transportation needs,” said Manuel Gonzales, a regular visitor to the Guadalupe Senior Center where the bus drops off passengers daily.

At the ceremony, Guadalupe Mayor Valerie Molina told the crowd that the Guadalupe senior bus transit program provides critical connections to older adults. Last year, the bus program provided more than 2,000 trips to senior centers, medical stops, recreational locations, and shopping.

“I stand here today very proud that the small community of Guadalupe can offer this program,” said Mayor Molina. “Transportation is one of the most basic and elemental human needs. Without it, individuals and even whole families can become isolated. This program allows our seniors the ability to access their doctors and pharmacies, and a means of getting groceries to feed hungry families.”

Molina noted that the new, more reliable vehicle permits the older, deteriorating



Mayor Molina and seniors on the first official ride.



A ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating the new Guadalupe van.

buses to be retired. For more than 20 years, the only transit vehicles in Guadalupe were two aging buses that Guadalupe leased for \$1.00 per year.

The purchase of the van and one future van is possible through a federal grant and years of determined efforts of the Town of Guadalupe, the City of Phoenix, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), and two District 7 congressional representatives, including Congressman Ruben Gallego and former Congressman Ed Pastor. Congressman Pastor recalls the van grant was one of the last earmarks he initiated while serving in Congress.

“Unfortunately, due to the matching requirements, Guadalupe was not able to get it done sooner. Thanks to MAG and the City of Phoenix and their staffs, (the buses) are now a reality,” said Pastor, who currently serves as the chair of the Phoenix Citizens Transportation Commission.

Congressman Ruben Gallego, the current District 7 Representative, also has been a steadfast supporter of transit investments.

“Access to transportation (is something) that we need to continue to push for in

the federal government, to do the right thing in connecting people to a quality of life,” said Luis Heredia, district director for Congressman Gallego.

Along with those listed above, other champions of the project include the Area Agency on Aging and the Guadalupe Senior Center.

The total amount of the grant from the Federal Transit Administration was \$150,000. The Town of Guadalupe contributed just over \$10,000 to purchase the new \$63,000 van, with the option to purchase a second van in the future. Acquisition of the second van is currently underway. 

In Fiscal Year 2016/2017, the Guadalupe Senior Bus Transit Program provided the following services:

- 2,044 trips to the Senior Center for lunch, socialization, exercise and crafts.
- 3,107 home delivered meals.
- 68 trips to medical and pharmacy appointments.
- 274 recreational trips, to such places as picnics, exercise facilities, local events and other senior centers.
- 220 trips to shop for grocery items.
- 32 trips to shopping malls during holiday seasons.



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Seeking Export Success: 2018 Sun Corridor EDGE Program Accepting Applications

Are you a business experiencing international success? Submit your export story for recognition and help others learn from your success. The application period has begun for the 2018 Sun Corridor EDGE (Economic Development for the Global Economy) Program recognizing excellence in exporting. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 28, 2018.

global reach, this can increase profits, improve their financial stability and create jobs,” said Oro Valley Mayor Satish Hiremath, chair of the Pima Association of Governments’ Regional Council. “Together, we can show the world that the Sun Corridor is open for business.”

The goal of the program is ultimately to invite more companies

Planning Organization. For example, participants in the EDGE Program who meet eligibility requirements may participate in one of two Export Tech boot camps offered by the Arizona Commerce Authority and the U.S. Commercial Service. Participating companies also are featured in press materials and a video that will be shown at the EDGE recognition event on April 26, 2018.

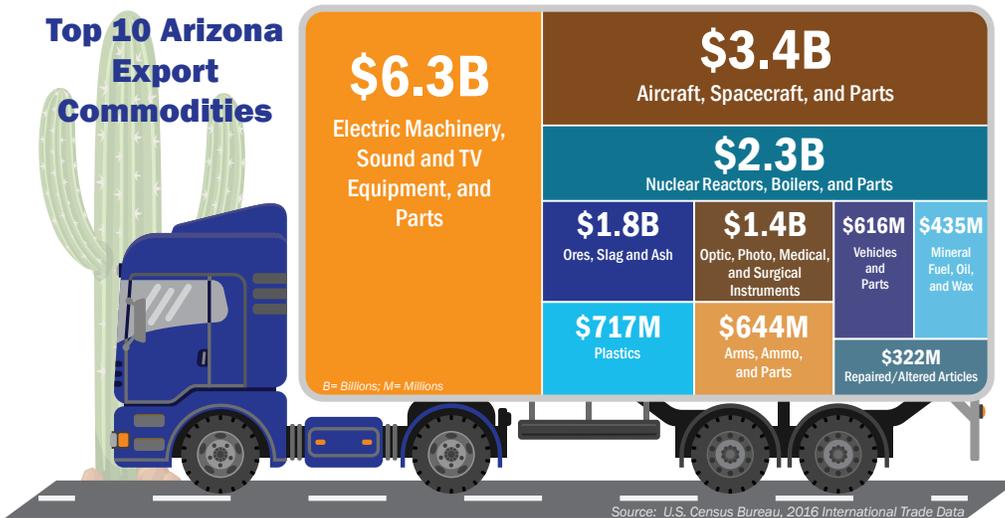
“Arizona continues to be a leader in international trade and investment,” said Sandra Watson, Arizona Commerce Authority President and CEO. “It is important to showcase the Arizona companies that contribute to our state’s global competitiveness, and support new companies who are interested in exporting, and we’re proud to do so through the EDGE Program.”

ServerLIFT, a Phoenix company that exports machines to more than 60 countries internationally, was one of the companies recognized as an expert exporter in the first year of the program. “Being part of (the EDGE) program gave my business national recognition and credibility,” said CEO Ray Zuckerman.

Exporters of all sizes in all sectors can participate in the program. Each applicant is placed in one of the following categories: emerging, proficient or expert. Large companies with more than 100 employees are evaluated separately from small- to mid-size companies. 

Applications are due February 28, 2018, and materials are available at <http://www.jpacaz.org/>.

Top 10 Arizona Export Commodities



“With more than 95 percent of the world’s population and 80 percent of the world’s purchasing power outside the United States, our future economic growth and available jobs increasingly depend on expanding trade in the global marketplace,” said Buckeye Mayor Jackie Meck, chair of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). “The EDGE Program was created to increase awareness among businesses and policy leaders about the importance of international exporting,” he said.

“Business owners work hard to be successful. By expanding their customer base to new markets with

in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal counties to export.

“Every company has experienced both challenges and successes,” said Queen Creek Councilmember Robin Benning, chair of Central Arizona Governments. “It is important for us to know what elements are working and what businesses need in order to grow.”

“The EDGE Program will recognize businesses with international sales, help them develop strategies to increase sales, and connect them with resources,” said Pinal County Supervisor Steve Miller, chair of the Sun Corridor Metropolitan



Summit Focuses on Binational Collaboration

As the year wound to a close, state and regional leaders from both sides of the border met in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico (also known as Rocky Point) to discuss successes and struggles in the megaregion and how to collaborate moving forward into 2018.

The Arizona Mexico Commission (AMC), in collaboration with the

Comisión Sonora-Arizona, held the annual summit Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2017. This was the first year MAG organized a meeting for local elected officials from Sonora and Arizona. Participants from the MAG region included Mesa Vice Mayor David Luna, Tolleson Vice Mayor Juan Rodriguez, Carefree Councilmember Michael Farrar, and State Transportation Board

Member Jack Sellers. During the local elected officials meeting, participants discussed the development of a best practices model to keep key economic development initiatives moving forward in the Ari-Son Megaregion. MAG will continue to work with AMC on the annual summit and other binational events. 



Summit participants, panelists and speakers.

2018 Binational Business Seminar

In January, ProMexico, Crescent Crown and MAG started off the New Year by collaborating to bring the 2018 Binational Business Seminar to our region. The event created an opportunity to introduce Mexicali, located in Baja California, to businesses, elected officials and other regional leaders. During the seminar, Bill Jordan, CEO of Allied Tool

and Die Company, described the competitive advantage he and his company gained because they expanded into Mexicali.

Mexicali is the closest state capital in Mexico to our region, with more than 1 million inhabitants and a highly diversified industrial ecosystem. In general, Baja California specializes in aerospace, medical

devices, auto manufacturing, rich agricultural fields, and even wineries. Its sandy beaches have become one of the most heavily visited parts of Mexico by Americans and Canadians. The city is seeking to continue creating successful initiatives with strategically located partners. 



Mesa Vice Mayor David Luna addresses participants at the seminar.



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February

- 1st 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee (Saguaro)
- 1st 2:00 p.m. Regional Domestic Violence Council (Ironwood)
- 6th 11:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee (Saguaro)
- 7th 1:30 p.m. Standard Specifications and Details Committee (Ironwood)
- 8th 10:00 a.m. Public Safety Answering Point Managers Group (Saguaro)
- 8th 1:30 p.m. Human Services Technical Committee (Chaparral)
- 13th 1:00 p.m. Street Committee (Ironwood)
- 14th 9:30 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee (Chaparral)
- 14th 12:00 p.m. Management Committee (Saguaro)
- 15th 9:30 a.m. Transit Committee (Saguaro)
- 20th 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee (Ironwood)
- 20th 1:00 p.m. Active Transportation Committee (Ironwood)
- 21st 12:00 p.m. Transportation Policy Committee (Saguaro)
- 21st 2:00 p.m. Building Codes Committee (Ironwood)
- 22nd 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Saguaro)
- 27th 10:00 a.m. Population Technical Advisory Committee (Chaparral)
- 28th 11:30 a.m. Regional Council (Saguaro)

All meetings, unless indicated otherwise, will be held in the conference rooms located in the MAG office on the 2nd floor of the building, 302 N. 1st Ave., Phoenix. The dates, times and locations of all meetings may change. Other committees not listed may meet during these months. For confirmation, call (602) 254-6300.

March

- 1st 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee (Saguaro)
- 6th 11:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee (Saguaro)
- 7th 1:30 p.m. Standard Specifications and Details Committee (Ironwood)
- 13th 1:00 p.m. Street Committee (Ironwood)
- 14th 9:30 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee (Chaparral)
- 14th 12:00 p.m. Management Committee (Saguaro)
- 15th 9:30 a.m. Transit Committee (Saguaro)
- 15th 10:00 a.m. Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee (Cholla)
- 19th 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee (Ironwood)
- 20th 10:00 a.m. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Ironwood)
- 20th 1:00 p.m. Active Transportation Committee (Ironwood)
- 21st 12:00 p.m. Transportation Policy Committee (Saguaro)
- 21st 2:00 p.m. Building Codes Committee (Ironwood)
- 22nd 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Saguaro)
- 27th 10:00 a.m. Transportation Safety Committee (Ironwood)
- 27th 10:00 a.m. Population Technical Advisory Committee (Chaparral)
- 28th 11:30 a.m. Regional Council (Saguaro)
- 29th 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee (Saguaro)
- 29th 10:00 a.m. Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee (Chaparral)

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April

- 3rd 11:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee (Saguaro)
- 4th 1:30 p.m. Standard Specifications and Details Committee (Ironwood)
- 5th 2:00 p.m. Regional Domestic Violence Council (Ironwood)
- 10th 1:00 p.m. Street Committee (Ironwood)
- 11th 10:00 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee (Chaparral)
- 11th 12:00 p.m. Management Committee (Saguaro)
- 12th 1:30 p.m. Human Services Technical Committee (Chaparral)
- 16th 9:00 a.m. Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee (Cholla)
- 16th 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee (Ironwood)
- 17th 9:00 a.m. Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee (Cholla)
- 17th 1:00 p.m. Active Transportation Committee (Ironwood)
- 18th 12:00 p.m. Transportation Policy Committee (Saguaro)
- 18th 2:00 p.m. Building Codes Committee (Ironwood)
- 19th 9:30 a.m. Transit Committee (Saguaro)
- 24th 10:00 a.m. Population Technical Advisory Committee (Chaparral)
- 25th 11:30 a.m. Regional Council (Saguaro)
- 26th 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee (Saguaro)
- 26th 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Saguaro)

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