

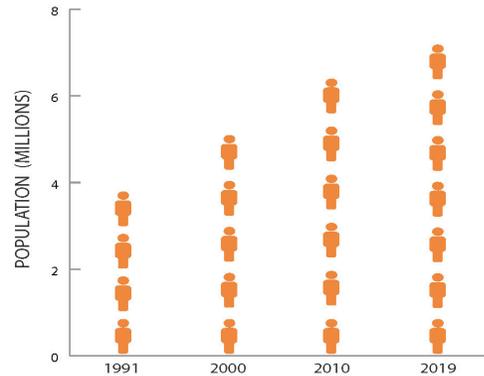
MAG POLICY PRINCIPLES

MAG Management Committee

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Did You Know?

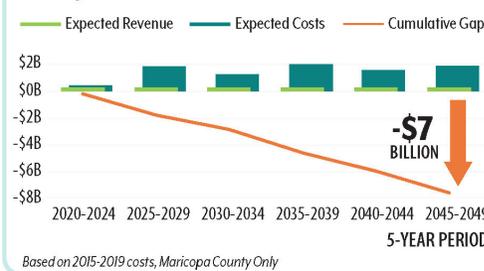
Arizona's 18¢ per gallon gas tax hasn't changed since 1991. Since that time, Arizona's population has almost doubled, while new fuel efficient technologies have emerged and the purchasing power of that 18 cents has decreased by 50%.



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



Cumulative Gap Between Expected Revenue and Maintenance Costs



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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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 continued development of a MAG Regional Transportation Plan, along with future pursuit of enabling legislation that would allow extension of the regional tax for transportation to be put before voters.
- Support MAG's federal responsibility for the development 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 analyses 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.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND PLANNING

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