

## **MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Amendments (as of 12-14-15)**

The MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 29, 2014. The air quality conformity analysis of the plan that is required by federal regulations was approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation on February 12, 2014. By nature, long-range regional transportation planning is a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process. Accordingly, the 2035 RTP has undergone several amendments since it was initially approved.

### **Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

One of the most important sources of changes to the 2035 RTP has been amendments to the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The MAG TIP, by definition, is an element of the RTP, describing in detail the projects and funding covering the early years of the RTP. As a result, any amendments to the TIP represent corresponding changes to the RTP.

Actions by the MAG Regional Council to amend to the MAG TIP (beginning with the MAG FY 2014 - FY 2018 TIP) were taken at the meetings listed below. Details of these actions may be accessed on the MAG website at:

<http://www.azmag.gov/Committees/Committee.asp?CMSID=1009> (see Meetings, Agendas and Minutes).

- February 26, 2014
- March 26, 2014
- May 28, 2014
- June 25, 2014
- August 27, 2014
- October 22, 2014
- January 28, 2015
- February 25, 2015
- March 25, 2015
- May 27, 2015
- June 24, 2015
- August 26, 2015
- October 28, 2015

### **Major Amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan**

The process to implement a major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is specified in A.R.S 28-6353. Among other requirements, this section requires MAG to consult with the State Transportation Board, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, the Indian Communities, the cities and towns in Maricopa County, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee. Following that consultation, the proposed amendment is brought back through the MAG committee process for consideration. A

major amendment to the RTP was approved by the MAG Regional Council at the meeting listed below. Details of this action may be accessed on the MAG website at:

<http://www.azmag.gov/Committees/Committee.asp?CMSID=1009> (see Meetings, Agendas and Minutes).

- December 3, 2014 - Approval of a Major Amendment to the MAG Regional Transportation Plan to Add a Light Rail Transit Extension on Central Avenue: Washington/Jefferson St. to Baseline Rd. (Air Quality Conformity Analysis was approved on June 24, 2015.)

### **Other Amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan**

In addition to TIP changes and major amendments, the RTP may be revised in ways that do not constitute a major amendment but still represent an important alteration to the plan. Also, the RTP may be amended in concert with actions on other MAG planning programs. In the latter case, action to approve or amend a given plan or program also represents an associated amendment of the RTP. Other amendments to the RTP were approved by the MAG Regional Council at the meetings listed below. Details of these actions may be accessed on the MAG website at:

<http://www.azmag.gov/Committees/Committee.asp?CMSID=1009> (see Meetings, Agendas and Minutes).

- May 28, 2014 - Approval of Priority Listing for FFY 2014 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program.
- June 25, 2014 - Approval of the FY 2015 Arterial Life Cycle Program.
- October 22, 2014 - Approval of Amendments to the Arterial Life Cycle Program.
- March 25, 2015 - Approval of: (1) Revised Alignment and Cost Changes to the Tempe Streetcar, and (2) Revised Alignment and Cost Changes to the Phoenix Northwest - Phase II Light Rail Transit Extension. (Air Quality Conformity Analysis was approved on June 24, 2015.)
- June 24, 2015 - Approval of Priority Listing for FFY 2015 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program.
- June 24, 2015 - Approval of the FY 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program.