

May 20, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Eric Anderson, Transportation Director

SUBJECT: FY 2016-2018 HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Member agencies are invited to submit project applications for qualifying road safety improvements in fiscal years(FY) 2016-2018, to be funded with federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. Project applications must be submitted via email to: hsip@azmag.gov by noon on Tuesday June 30, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted.

In fiscal years 2016 through 2018, a total of \$1.9 million/year in HSIP funds were suballocated by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to the MAG region for qualifying road safety projects. These funds in FY2015 through FY2017 were fully programmed by MAG for projects. However, due to changes to project schedules, some HSIP funds have become available to be reprogrammed in FY2016 and 2017. Below is a summary of HSIP availability in the MAG region:

	<u>HSIP Suballocation to MAG</u>	<u>MAG Funds Available</u>	<u>Statewide Funds Available</u>
FY2016	\$1.9m	\$323,000	\$32.6m
FY2017	\$1.9m	\$257,054	\$32.6m
FY2018	\$1.9m	\$1.9m	\$32.6m

Note: Statewide funds available shown above are estimates.

On May 5th, 2015, ADOT announced a number new guidelines for future programming of HSIP funds, described in the 2015 HSIP Manual. Some key features of the new HSIP process: (1) Starting in FY2019, there will be no suballocation of HSIP to the MAG region. (2)The total cost of each new HSIP project must be \$250,000 or more. (3) If the projects recommended by MAG for any year exceeds the MAG Funds Available, which projects will be funded will be determined by ADOT based on criteria described in the HSIP Manual.

All applications must be submitted to MAG using the Excel-based project application form provided by ADOT. Guidance on information required on projects is provided on the project application form. For additional information refer to the ADOT HSIP Manual available at:

http://azdot.gov/docs/default-source/traffic-library/2015-hsip-manual_with-appendices.pdf?sfvrsn=2

The Excel-based project application form can be downloaded from the MAG website at:

[http://www.azmag.gov/Documents/TSC_2015-05-19_Highway-Safety-Improvement-Program-\(HSIP\)-Project-Application-FY2016-2019.xlsx](http://www.azmag.gov/Documents/TSC_2015-05-19_Highway-Safety-Improvement-Program-(HSIP)-Project-Application-FY2016-2019.xlsx)

This call for projects will result in a MAG recommendation to ADOT, by July 31, 2015, containing a list of road safety improvement projects in FY 2016-2018, and the associated project applications. It is anticipated that this project list will include one project in FY2016, one project in FY2017 and a maximum of 7 projects in FY2018.

The final eligibility of MAG recommended projects for HSIP funds will be determined by ADOT, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration, and communicated to MAG by September 30, 2015. The list of projects eligible for HSIP funds will be programmed in the MAG TIP for FY2016-2020, in October 2015. Member agencies that have HSIP eligible projects in FY2016 must submit project initiation letters to ADOT by November 1, 2015.

An ADOT webinar on the HSIP Call for Projects is planned for Thursday June 4th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. This will be followed by a MAG workshop to assist local agencies in preparing project applications to be held from 9:00 to 11:00a.m. on Wednesday June 17th in the MAG Offices, 2nd Floor Ironwood Room.

Please contact MAG staff if you need assistance in connection with safety projects that you may be considering for this funding source. Additional information can also be found on the Transportation Safety Program webpage at <http://www.azmag.gov/safety>.

For additional information or if you have questions, please contact Sarath Joshua or Margaret Boone at (602) 254-6300.

Cc: Intergovernmental Representatives
Transportation Safety Committee