

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADHOC SUBCOMMITTEE

March 25, 2003
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Tilton, Phoenix, Acting Chairman
Don Hadder, Scottsdale
Monique de los Rios Urban, Scottsdale
John Zupon, Chandler
Ron Short, Glendale

Tom Ellsworth, Mesa
Mark Elma, Tempe
* Tim Bolton, Peoria
*Matt Holm, Maricopa County

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anubhav Bagley, MAG

Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Tim Tilton at 8:45 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2002

It was moved by Mark Elma, seconded by Monique de los Rios Urban and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of September 17, 2002.

3. Development of Updated Traffic Analysis Zone System

Anubhav Bagley explained that MAG has developed an updated Traffic Analysis Zone system for the MAG socioeconomic projections. This new zone system was developed with input from member agency transportation staff and contains additional Traffic Analysis Zones to account for anticipated growth. The new TAZ system will have 2123 TAZs: 1986 in the Maricopa County MPAs, 136 in the Pinal County MPAs, and 1 in the Yavapai County MPA. A map of the new TAZ system was displayed.

Tim Tilton inquired whether the new zone system would be available in a GIS format. Anubhav informed Mr. Tilton, that the new zone system would be available as GIS coverage and shape file.

4. Sub regional Socioeconomic Projections

Harry Wolfe explained that in October 2002 MAG prepared a second draft set of socioeconomic projections by Municipal Planning Area, Regional Analysis Zone and Traffic Analysis Zone for 2010, 2020, 2030 and 2040. These projections have been under review for the past six months. MAG staff have been assembling the comments on Draft Two of the projections and will be revising the projections based on comments received and preparing a third draft. Workshops to review the third draft projections with member agencies will be held on April 10th and 11th, prior to the April MAG POPTAC meeting. This third draft is needed for and will be used in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan and is expected to be voted on by POPTAC at the April 29th meeting.

Don Hadder inquired about the time frame on the Adopted Projections. Harry informed the subcommittee that the Adopted Projections are dependent upon receiving the County Control Totals from Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) that is delayed due non-availability of certain Census information. Ron Short asked Harry about the interface between MAG and DES. Harry Wolfe informed the group that MAG is a voting member at the State POPTAC.

Harry Wolfe reiterated the fact the projections currently being developed were to be accepted as Interim Projections until the Adopted Projections can be developed.

5. Maricopa County Interim Resident Population and Employment Projections

Anubhav Bagley explained that MAG is in the process of updating its Regional Transportation Plan, which needs to be completed shortly. This plan requires socioeconomic projections as input. DES is responsible for preparing the official state and county population control totals. However, DES has not prepared county control totals because of the unavailability of certain census data. Because MAG needs to develop control totals for our socioeconomic projections for the Regional Transportation Plan, MAG staff has developed a set of county control totals drawing upon work prepared by Arizona State University and the University of Arizona for the Department of Commerce State Economic Strategies Study and the MAG REMI (Regional Economic Models Inc.)

Anubhav discussed the methodology and process used to develop the control totals. He explained that these interim control totals would be used in developing a third draft of socioeconomic projections. Don Hadder inquired about the higher employment to population ratio for the County. Anubhav explained that this is due to the consideration of Maricopa and Pinal Counties as one region in the REMI model. Employment in Maricopa County also serves the population residing in Pinal County.

It was moved by Don Hadder, seconded by John Zupon and unanimously recommended to forward the Maricopa County Interim Resident Population and Employment Projections to the full MAG POPTAC for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.