

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
May 12, 1999
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, Chairman	Mike Hutchinson for Charles Luster, Mesa
Ruben Duran for Carlos Palma, Avondale	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Joe Blanton, Buckeye	Phillip Hubbard for Terry Ellis, Peoria
Jon Pearson, Carefree	Dee Anne Thomas for Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
*Kerry Dudek, Cave Creek	David Easchief, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Lloyd Harrell, Chandler	Dick Bowers, Scottsdale
*Maggie Reese, El Mirage	Mike Branham for Dick McComb, Surprise
Jeff Valder for Paul Nordin, Fountain Hills	Patrick Flynn for Gary Brown, Tempe
*Gila Bend: Carl Stephani	Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg
Kent Cooper, Gilbert	*Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
Ed Beasley for Martin Vanacour, Glendale	Mary Peters, ADOT
Melissa Newell for Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County
*Luis Gonzales, Guadalupe	Ken Driggs, RPTA
Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kevin Adam, Mesa	Jeff Martin, Mesa
Eric Anderson, MAG	Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Dianne Barker, Citizen	Norris Nordvold, Phoenix
Lindy Bauer, MAG	Suzanne Quigley, MAG
James M. Bourey, MAG	Harry Reed, ADOT
Dawn Coomer, MAG	Art Rullo, MAG
Blue Crowley, Citizen	Tom Schmitt, ADOT
Valerie Day, MAG	Audrey Skidmore, MAG
Chuck Eaton, ADOT	Dennis Smith, MAG
Ed Fritz, MCDOT	Kelly Taft, MAG
Barbara Goldberg, Steptoe & Johnson	Lisa Takata, Phoenix
Jim Huling, Tempe	Steve Tate, MAG
Terry Johnson, MAG	Chris Thomas, Glendale
Debbie Kohn, Avondale	Gordon Tyus, MAG
Carol Kratz, MAG	Chris Voigt, MAG
Patrice Kraus, Chandler	Rita Walton, MAG
Kathie Lee, SRP	Paul Ward, MAG
Ray Madaghiele, Transformational Learning Ctr	Shauna Warner, Tempe
	Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, at 12:10 p.m.

Chairman Fairbanks proxies Ruben Duran for Carlos Palma from Avondale, Jeff Valder for Paul Nordin from Fountain Hills, Ed Beasley for Martin Vanacour from Glendale, Melissa Newell for Stephen Cleveland from Goodyear, Tom Buick for David Smith from Maricopa County, Mike Hutchinson for Charles Luster from Mesa, Phillip Hubbard for Terry Ellis from Peoria, Dee Anne Thomas for Cynthia Seelhammer from Queen Creek, Mike Branham for Dick McComb from Surprise, and Patrick Flynn for Gary Brown from Tempe.

2. Approval of the April 14, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Lloyd Harrell moved, Tom Martinsen seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 14, 1999 Management Committee meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who stated that the Governor's Vision 21 Task Force will meet on Thursday, May 13, 1999 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Peoria City Hall. She said that multi-modal issues will be discussed. Ms. Barker stated that she hopes all will attend this very important meeting. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that excess payments from assessments for the 1995 Special Census will be mailed to member agencies next week.

Mr. Bourey stated that a Special Management Committee meeting was held to update the members on the court decision that could affect our air quality conformity. He indicated that our conformity has been reconfirmed. Mr. Bourey noted that close to 20 regions, such as Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Nashville, cannot proceed with their transportation projects, because their air quality conformity plans have lapsed. Mr. Bourey expressed thanks to staff who put forth a great amount of effort in resolving this problem. He mentioned that a special Regional Council meeting will be held on June 9, 1999. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the TIP, LRTP and air quality conformity analysis.

Mr. Bourey expressed concern that the Census Bureau has decided that they will do verifications on the update of the address list. The cities will be able to make corrections only by going through an appeals process.

Mr. Bourey stated that while we have not received a FAA grant for \$150,000 for Phase 1 of the update of the Regional Aviation System Plan, we are awaiting word that we may receive the full \$300,000 to complete Phases 1 and 2.

Mr. Bourey stated that a memorandum will go out next week requesting applications for Transportation Enhancement Funds. He encouraged the members to be active on submitting projects.

Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions or comments.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Chairman Fairbanks announced that agenda item #6 is on the consent agenda.

Chairman Fairbanks asked for a motion for approval of the consent agenda. Ed Beasley moved, Dick Bowers seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of the consent agenda item #6, Consultation on Revised Processes for the 1999 Conformity Analysis.

6. Consultation on Revised Processes for the 1999 Conformity Analysis

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state and local air quality and transportation agencies on methodologies proposed for the conformity analysis on the transportation program and plan. The proposed methodologies to be applied in the 1999 Conformity Analysis were provided for consultation in February 1999. On March 2, 1999, the U.S. Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia issued an opinion in the transportation conformity lawsuit, Environmental Defense Fund v. Environmental Protection Agency, which resulted in changes to the federal conformity rule that require corresponding changes in the methodology to be applied in conformity analyses prepared across the nation. As a result, MAG is distributing the revised methodology applied in the conformity analysis of the MAG 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update (LRTP). Comments regarding this material are requested by May 26, 1999.

7. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Mr. Bourey stated that there was not time to discuss the Valley Vision 2025 Update at the Special Management Committee on April 28, 1999. He commented that he would spend time today briefing members on Valley Vision 2025 issues. Mr. Bourey indicated that a packet of information about the project is at each place. Mr. Bourey updated the members on the Valley Vision 2025 Process Milestones.

Mr. Bourey stated that reports from 14 of the collaborative groups were developed. These collaborative efforts involved several hundred people in providing input from their communities. He noted that collaboratives from some communities have been more successful than others in reaching broader areas of the public and not all communities are represented in the reports.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Valley Vision Committee divided into nine thematic subcommittees. Eight reports have been produced addressing each aspect of the vision for the region.

Mr. Bourey stated that approximately 12 committee members met in March and April to redesign and refine the process for developing the Vision. The services of Collaborative Economics was retained to aid them in their efforts. A draft framework is being developed and is currently under review by the Valley Vision Steering Committee and a refined process is being created to complete the vision. Mr. Bourey stated that a smaller leadership group has been formed as a subset of the full Committee. He indicated a presentation of the leadership group will be made in early June to the full Committee.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Valley Vision 2025 budget is included in the packet. He gave a summary of payments to consultants as of March 31, 1999. Mr. Bourey indicated that the contract with Vernon Swaback and Associates has been closed out. Mr. Bourey stated that the project started out with a budget of \$1.6 million, which was revised to \$984,000. He commented that the budget is under review again.

Mr. Bourey stated that a resolution to adopt the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is at each place. He noted that a section of the resolution refers to the Valley Vision 2025 project. He stated that the resolution restricts the use of the \$250,000 of funds budgeted for the consultant expenditures on Valley Vision 2025. Mr. Bourey stated that funding for consultant expenditures may not be used without the specific authorization of the Regional Council. If the funds are not used for consultant expenditures, the funds may be reprogrammed with the specific authorization of the Regional Council. Mr. Bourey commented that he would like to discuss the revised budget and spending plan with the Management Committee. Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any questions.

Kent Cooper asked the process for deciding the makeup of the Advisory Committee. Mr. Bourey replied that it was a decision of the co-chairs. The Advisory Committee does not have actual authority and represents the area geographically and is representative of the regional interests. Mr. Cooper asked the makeup of the 17 people who visited Silicon Valley. Mr. Bourey replied that the group included 2 to 3 members of the Vision Committee and represented the business community at higher levels. Mr. Cooper stated that he is anxious to see the solution. He commented that contributors want to see that what they worked on will be used. Mr. Cooper stated that his community's representative recommended that one chair be selected in order to maintain a neutral position as facilitator. Mr. Bourey replied that the process would be easier with one chair. Mr. Cooper stated that he is impressed with the effort involved in the reports. He commented that we need to move forward and make this project a success. Mr. Cooper remarked that business community input is important. He noted that if key stakeholders are not involved, the report might not be implemented.

Dick Bowers expressed appreciation for the efforts to involve the Managers. Mr. Bowers commented that he would vote against the UPWP resolution because it limits and attacks the process that needs our support. He noted that other projects are not listed in the resolution. Mr. Bowers commented that this project is vitally important to our region. He stated that the Vision process is funded by a minimum amount of money and has cost us very little. Mr. Bowers reminded the Committee about other previously completed regional studies. Mr. Bowers gave examples of successful vision projects throughout the country. He encouraged re-examination of this strategy and commented that important things could come of the Vision project.

Mike Hutchinson stated that the process has taken awhile and we need to move forward on the project and arrive at a completion date. Mr. Bourey replied that we want to ensure a conclusion. At the outset, it was indicated that the project would take a minimum of two years. He reiterated his past comments that this is the hardest project we will ever attempt. Mr. Bourey noted that the Vision is important to our future.

Chairman Fairbanks stated that he was an advocate at the beginning. A goal is vitally needed for the benefit of all and he hopes we accomplish this. MAG needs successes to show that all have worked cooperatively. Chairman Fairbanks stated that he recommended that the process start with limited projects, but a broader scope was tackled instead. He noted that he had made efforts

to provide direction to the Valley Vision project, but felt additional focus for the project was needed. Mr. Fairbanks generally commented that the competitive actions by cities for sales tax funds often times made cooperation on the regional level difficult. He encouraged members to treat each other fairly and support the measure to bring the study to a reasonable conclusion.

8. Suggested Revisions to the Existing Planning and Programming Processes

Mr. Bourey stated that a meeting was held in Casa Grande last month to discuss proposed changes to the transportation planning and programming process. The meeting was attended by representatives from ADOT staff and the State Board, COGs, MPOs, and TMAs. Mr. Bourey stated that MAG was formed in 1967 as a regional forum to address regional issues. Showing a slide of the regional planning districts in Arizona, Mr. Bourey stated that the Governor created these districts in 1970 to organize regional planning on a statewide basis. In 1973, MAG was designated by the Governor as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Mr. Bourey said that MPOs ensure involvement of local elected officials and comprehensive and cooperative planning in urban areas over 50,000 in population. He commented that the redesignation of the MPO must be agreed upon by both the Governor and local government.

Dennis Smith displayed a timeline of transportation planning milestones. He noted that, starting in 1956, the development of an interstate highway system began with the passage of the Federal Aid Highway Act. The Federal Highway Act in 1962 required regional planning and the Metropolitan Development Act in 1965 provided the impetus for MAG to be formed in 1967. Regional Planning Districts were formed in 1970, followed by the passage of the Federal Transportation Act in 1973, when MAG was designated as MPO. He explained that in 1978, MAG was designated as Lead Air Quality Planning Agency. When it was determined that the freeway system could not be completed without an additional source of funding, Proposition 300 was passed in 1985 and MAG defined the plan and priorities. Conformity was required by the Clean Air Act Amendments in 1990. ISTEA legislation passed in 1991 and MAG was designated one of the two TMAs in Arizona. Mr. Smith noted that prior to ISTEA, we received only \$10 million per year, then \$40 million after the legislation. ADOT and MAG were audited and, as a result, legislation was passed in 1992 that clearly stated that MAG set priorities, approve cost changes, and issue an annual report. He indicated that, with the passage of TEA-21 legislation, MAG and ADOT would cooperatively develop funding estimates for the region. Mr. Smith indicated that the timeline illustrates that we must adapt to constant changes and that the process developed by ADOT to build the interstate system needed to be re-directed and the revised programming process developed in a meeting hosted by ADOT was more of a regionally-based process that would reflect the specific needs of the region. Mr. Smith reviewed how the funding estimates would be decided through a consensus process.

9. Draft FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Art Rullo stated that each year MAG develops a Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the coming year. The purpose of this document is to outline the Regional Council's policy direction and fiscal commitments in the agency's regional planning efforts. The FY 2000 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represents the second year that the annual work program and budget are combined into one consolidated and integrated document. He indicated the FY 2000 budget of \$9,382,687 is balanced and represents a 1.41 percent increase over the amended FY 1999 budget. For FY 2000, the member dues and assessments were

adjusted to reflect population growth and inflation. The proposed member dues for FY 2000 are \$156,711. The proposed assessments for FY 2000 are: solid waste planning (\$30,137), water quality planning (\$72,328) and 911 planning (\$37,178). New for FY 2000 are proposed assessments for human services planning (\$56,000) and the 208 Water Quality Plan Update (\$250,000). Mr. Rullo stated that we are waiting for word on two outstanding grants, a \$300,000 grant from FAA and a \$30,000 grant from ADEQ. Mr. Rullo showed a presentation using pie charts to illustrate sources of funding and expenditures by program and line item. He indicated that hourly time allocations have been added to this year's UPWP. The budget will be submitted to GFOA. Mr. Bourey noted that MAG has just received notification from the GFOA that we were awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for our June 30, 1998 CAFR. He mentioned that very few COGs receive this award. Mr. Rullo stated that the UPWP is available for review by interested parties in the library on the third floor.

Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that this year's UPWP format is more difficult to understand. He stated that there are not enough transit, bike and pedestrian projects. Mr. Crowley expressed thanks to Mr. Overton for his work in eliminating the tax. He commented that this is one of five opportunities for public comment on the UPWP and mentioned that there should be more. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Fairbanks asked for a motion to approve agenda item #9. Lloyd Harrell moved to recommend approving the resolution adopting the FY 2000 MAG UPWP and Annual Budget and dues and assessments. Mike Branham seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

10. Update on the MAG Regional Plan on Domestic Violence

Carol Kratz stated that there are no borders to prevent domestic violence. In May 1998, the Regional Council approved the development of a regional plan on domestic violence. The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee formed a subcommittee to guide the development of the Plan and working groups were formed to work on specific elements of the Plan. Ms. Kratz stated that the domestic violence planning process produced a safety plan for general distribution and a local government resolution adopted by the League of Cities and Towns. Approximately 150 stakeholders participated in developing 41 recommendations on prevention/early intervention, crisis and transitional response, system coordination and long term response. These recommendations provide a comprehensive coordinated community response to domestic violence in the Valley. Ms. Kratz stated that over 150,000 copies, in both English and Spanish, of the domestic violence safety plan brochure have been distributed.

Ms. Kratz stated that in 1998, 39 deaths resulted from domestic violence situations. In 1997, almost 100,000 domestic violence calls were made in Maricopa County, which works out to one call every 5 minutes. She noted that 2,271 women and children received shelter in 1998, but 14,397 were turned away. Ms. Kratz commented that domestic violence impacts the stability of families and neighborhoods, the learning ability of children, the resources for police, fire, human services, and courts, and costs to business.

Ms. Kratz stated that local and national best practices were examined and incorporated. The 41 recommendations were given in the areas of prevention and early intervention, crisis and transitional response, long term response, and system coordination and evaluation.

Ms. Kratz stated that the project could be housed at MAG for the first year. The plan needs to be implemented by creating a coordinating body to bring stakeholders together, continue utilizing current plan participants and develop a regional coordinating body, and the addition of a full time staff person.

Ms. Kratz stated that comments from the public hearing held on March 23, 1999 are being incorporated into the plan. She stated that the public hearing was taped by Channel 11 and broadcast on many government access channels. Ms. Kratz expressed thanks to Channel 11 for taping the hearing. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Ms. Kratz for her report and stated that this is a critical issue for everyone. Chairman Fairbanks expressed appreciation for the work of the committees and staff and asked if there were any questions.

Mike Branham expressed appreciation for the hard work and fine job on the Domestic Violence Plan.

Chairman Fairbanks asked for a motion to recommend approval of agenda item #10. Mike Branham moved, Fred Carpenter seconded, and it was unanimously recommended to approve the MAG Regional Plan on Domestic Violence.

Dick Bowers requested the motion for agenda item #9, Draft FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, be reconsidered. He stated when the vote was taken he was unaware that the motion included the resolution limiting expenditures for Valley Vision 2025. Phillip Hubbard stated a point of order that the request to reconsider must be made by a person voting on the prevailing side. Mr. Bowers clarified that he had voted on the prevailing side.

Mike Branham moved to reconsider the motion, Fred Carpenter seconded.

Lloyd Harrell moved to recommend approving the resolution adopting the FY 2000 MAG UPWP and Annual Budget and dues and assessments. Mike Branham seconded. The motion carried, with Dick Bowers voting no.

11. Maricopa County Department of Animal Control Services Draft Agreement

Chairman Fairbanks announced that this item was removed from the agenda since the Maricopa County Animal Control Director was unable to attend the meeting.

Ralph Velez made a motion to discuss the item. Fred Carpenter seconded.

Mr. Velez stated that he would like an update on the status of the agreement and what discussion the County has had on this issue. Ruben Duran stated that he served on an animal control committee with the County. MAG had decided at that time to end their involvement. Mr. Smith stated that MAG, as a COG, is the forum for regional issues. He commented that when the Director returns, we would have a discussion on this issue. Chairman Fairbanks stated that we are not the body to approve a contract, but need to be informed. He requested that the Director be asked if he could attend the next Management Committee to discuss this issue.

Mike Branham stated that Dick McComb, Manager for City of Surprise, announced his retirement effective December 9, 1999. He commented that Mr. McComb will serve as a consultant for one year after his retirement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary