

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 13, 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	Terry Ellis, Peoria
Jon Pearson, Carefree	Scott Rigby for Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
Kerry Dudek, Cave Creek	David Easchief, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Lloyd Harrell, Chandler	Roger Klingler for Dick Bowers, Scottsdale
*Maggie Reese, El Mirage	Mike Branham for Dick McComb, Surprise
Jeff Valder for Paul Nordin, Fountain Hills	Jim Huling for Gary Brown, Tempe
Carl Stephani, Gila Bend	Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg
Tami Ryall for Kent Cooper, Gilbert	Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
Jim Book for Martin Vanacour, Glendale	Mary Peters, ADOT
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County
*Luis Gonzales, Guadalupe	Matt Ortega for Ken Driggs, RPTA
*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park	

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Anderson, MAG	Jeff Martin, Mesa
D.D. Barker, Citizen	Dennis Mittelstedt, FHWA
Lindy Bauer, MAG	Norris Nordvold, Phoenix
James M. Bourey, MAG	Steve Olson, Scottsdale
Chris Bruce, MAG	Chris Plumb, MCDOT
Jim Burke, Phoenix	Audrey Skidmore, MAG
Barbara Carpenter, Scottsdale	Dennis Smith, MAG
Corey Cox, MAG	Kelly Taft, MAG
Jim Creedon, Landry & Associates	Lisa Takata, Phoenix
William 'Blue' Crowley, Citizen	Mary Lynn Tischer, ADOT
Valerie Day, MAG	Gordon Tyus, MAG
Chuck Eaton, ADOT	Chris Voigt, MAG
Barbara Goldberg, Steptoe & Johnson	Rita Walton, MAG
Phillip Hubbard, Peoria	Paul Ward, MAG
Terry Johnson, MAG	Jerene Watson, Goodyear
Debbie Kohn, Avondale	Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Lloyd Harrell, Chandler, at 12:10 p.m.

Acting Chairman Harrell introduced proxies Ruben Duran for Carlos Palma from Avondale, Jeff Valder for Paul Nordin from Fountain Hills, Tami Ryall for Kent Cooper from Gilbert, Jim Book for Martin Vanacour from Glendale, Tom Buick for David Smith from Maricopa County, Mike Hutchinson for Charles Luster from Mesa, Scott Rigby for Cynthia Seelhammer from Queen Creek, Matt Ortega for Ken Driggs from RPTA, Roger Klingler for Dick Bowers from Scottsdale, Mike Branham for Dick McComb from Surprise, Jim Huling for Gary Brown from Tempe, and Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez from Tolleson.

Acting Chairman Harrell announced that Kerry Dudek, Cave Creek, had resigned her position as Town Manager to pursue other opportunities. Acting Chairman Harrell expressed appreciation to Ms. Dudek for her service to the region and wished her good luck.

2. Approval of September 1, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Mike Branham moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 1999 Management Committee meeting. Jim Huling seconded. Before a vote was taken, Terry Ellis stated that he wished to clarify his comments as written in paragraph 5 of page 9 for agenda item #16, MAG Regional Videoconferencing System Recommendations. He indicated that the minutes did not adequately reflect his understanding that the substitute motion pertained to Regional Council meetings. Mr. Ellis stated that he voted No on the agenda item because of this understanding. He requested the sentence be corrected to read: "He indicated that the process of encouraging participation in videoconferencing at Regional Council meetings on pollution advisory days should not be a part of the recommendation."

Mr. Branham, as maker of the motion and Mr. Huling as the second, accepted the modification. Acting Chairman Harrell asked if there was further discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 1, 1999 Management Committee meeting with the correction in the minutes as noted.

3. Call to the Audience

Acting Chairman Harrell stated that we have a timer to assist the public with their presentations. He noted that public comments have a 3 minute time limit. When 2 minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have 1 minute to sum up. At the end of the 3 minute time period, the red light will come on. He stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, cards are available from the staff who will bring it to the Chairman. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items.

Acting Chairman Harrell recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who thanked Mary Peters for the bicycle information. Mr. Crowley indicated that he had not yet received a letter from Mr. Bourey. He commented that the open house for early input began at a different time than published. Mr. Crowley said that he federal regulations state that bicycle safety must be considered when redesigning freeways. He commented that he is waiting for a bike tunnel at I-17 and the Grand Canal. Acting Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Acting Chairman Harrell recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who expressed appreciation for the opportunity to speak. She stated that MAG is progressive in offering opportunity for public comment, a process aided by the efforts of Dick Bowers. Ms. Barker spoke of the advantages of using the express bus service. She stated that she rode the express

bus from Power Road to downtown Phoenix, a trip that took only 45 minutes, with no traffic to deal with. She expressed appreciation to the Department of Transportation for HOV lanes. Ms. Barker encouraged members to see the benefits of using transit in their communities. She mentioned that privatization should be a consideration. Ms. Barker stated that she had attended the Valley Vision 2025 forum in Mesa the previous week. She encouraged participation by all in the Valley Vision project. Ms. Barker mentioned that Valley Vision forums for public input would be held in Paradise Valley that evening and in Glendale the next. Acting Chairman Harrell thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

#### 4. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that the Management Committee Retreat is tentatively scheduled for December 10, 1999 at the Arrowhead Country Club in Glendale. The agenda for the January 7, 2000 Regional Council Retreat will be discussed.

Mr. Bourey stated that a joint meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee, the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee and the PAG Regional Council has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on October 27, 1999 at Francisco Grande Resort in Casa Grande. He stated that all Regional Council members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Bourey stated that he recently attended the Executive Directors Committee Conference. He indicated that major issues focused on growth management, neo-traditional development, transportation funding, governance, and public participation.

Mr. Bourey introduced Christopher Bruce, a new MAG staff member. Mr. Bruce was previously with the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management and received his Bachelor's from the University of Florida and Master's from North Carolina State University.

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

#### 5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Acting Chairman Harrell stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for consent items. After hearing public comment, any member of the Committee may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Acting Chairman Harrell noted that agenda items #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 were on the consent agenda.

Acting Chairman Harrell recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on agenda item #6, Consultant Selection for the MAG Park and Ride Site Selection Study. He expressed concern that improvements would result from the \$370,000 spent for the study. Mr. Crowley stated that park and ride lots have been determined in the past by a handshake, rather than dedicated lots. Mr. Crowley encouraged community cooperation and progressive ideas. He commented that all government employees should take transit. Mr. Crowley commented on agenda item #7, Construction of Median Cable Barriers on the MAG Freeway System. He stated that installation of the barriers is an emergency situation. Acting Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Fairbanks joined the meeting.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if any members had questions, discussion or requested removal of any item on the consent agenda. Lloyd Harrell asked for clarification of the Executive Committee's action noted on the transmittal summary for agenda item #7, Construction of Median Cable Barriers on the MAG Freeway System, in regard to funding. Mr. Bourey replied that ADOT safety funds would be used for existing freeways and MAG funds would be used to pay for new freeways and those under construction.

Hearing no additional discussion, Chairman Fairbanks asked for a motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda. Carl Stephani moved, Fred Carpenter seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of consent agenda items #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

6. Consultant Selection for the MAG Park and Ride Site Selection Study

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended selecting the consultant firm KJS Associates Incorporated to conduct the MAG Park and Ride Site Selection Study for an amount not to exceed \$370,000. In May, the Regional Council approved the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program which included funding for a park and ride site selection study. The purpose of the study is to identify park and ride lots that would support both express bus service and car and van pooling, and help to increase the use of HOV lanes on the regional system. A request for proposals was advertised and six proposals were received. A multi-agency review panel evaluated the proposals and four were selected for interviews. The review panel recommended that the consultant firm KJS Associates, Incorporated, be selected to conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$370,000. MAG staff concurred with this recommendation.

7. Construction of Median Cable Barriers on the MAG Freeway System

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval to: 1) Fund median cable barriers on new freeways (including new freeways under construction) with MAG freeway funds; 2) Fund median cable barriers on all existing freeways with ADOT Hazard Elimination Safety funds; 3) Amend the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the following median cable barrier projects in FY 2000 with ADOT Hazard Elimination Safety funding: (i) Agua Fria from Northern Avenue to I-17, (\$2.75 million); (ii) I-10 from Dysart Road to Stack (I-17) & 7<sup>th</sup> Street to I-17, (\$2.79 million); (iii) Pima Freeway from Shea Blvd. to Salt River, (\$1.81 million); (iv) Price Freeway from Loop 202 to Guadalupe Road, (\$0.76 million); (v) Red Mountain from Loop 101 to Country Club Road, (\$0.67 million); (vi) Squaw Peak Freeway from Glendale Avenue to Bell Road, (\$1.34 million); (vii) Superstition Freeway from Signal Butte Road to Mountain View Road, (\$1.00 million). And, 4) Encourage ADOT to provide for the maximum landscaping feasible. Governor Hull has requested that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) implement median barriers on the regional freeway system as a countermeasure for reducing median cross over crashes on urban freeways. The MAG freeway system has been designed primarily to have a 46-foot median width for which a median barrier is considered optional, according to design standards. An ADOT team has reviewed the state-of-practice for placement of median barriers on urban freeways. This included a review of traffic and crash data in other states and has resulted in a Draft Median Barrier Guideline for Urban Freeways. This guideline recommends barriers on medians less than 75 feet in width. According to this recommendation median barriers are required on all existing and planned urban freeways in the region. The guideline also recommends the use of cable median barriers as the most cost effective barrier. ADOT is planning to utilize available federal Hazard Elimination Safety funds (HES) for retrofitting all existing freeways with cable median barriers. It is proposed

that MAG fund installation of median cable barriers on all new freeways (including freeways under construction).

8. Amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the Regional Rideshare Program

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended amending the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the enhanced rideshare amount of \$200,000. In May 1999, the Regional Council approved the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program, which included funding for the Regional Rideshare Program. In addition, in June 1999, the Regional Council approved an enhancement to the Rideshare Program for \$200,000 in the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This additional amount was inadvertently not included in the Work Program. Therefore, staff is recommending that the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget be amended to include the enhanced rideshare amount of \$200,000 that was previously approved in the TIP.

9. Proposed 1999 Revisions to MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee is completing its review of proposed 1999 revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction. In prior years, the MAG Public Works Committee reviewed a summary of their Specifications and Details Committee's recommendations prior to approving the revisions. The Public Works Committee has now been dissolved. It is proposed that in early October, the summary of these recommendations be mailed to members of the MAG Management Committee and to MAG Public Works Directors for review for a period of one month. Following this review, if no objections are received, the proposed revisions will be regarded as approved and printing of the final document will proceed. Resolution of any objections to the proposed revisions will be sought by the co-chairmen of the Specifications and Details Committee. It is anticipated that the annual update packet will be available for purchase in early January 2000.

10. Consultant Selection for the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Revision

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended selecting the consultant firm of Carollo Engineers to develop the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Revision for an amount not to exceed \$223,840. In May 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program which included \$225,000 for consultant services for the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Revision. Twenty years in scope, the MAG 208 Plan is comprised of two major elements. The Nonpoint Source Element of the plan describes federal and State program activities to control nonpoint source pollution. The Point Source Element describes the existing and future wastewater treatment systems for the local jurisdictions. The last revision of the 208 Plan was adopted by the Regional Council in 1993. A request for proposals was advertised and four proposals were received. A multi-agency review team evaluated the proposals and the consensus of the team was that Carollo Engineers be selected to develop the Plan revision for an amount not to exceed \$223,840. On October 5, 1999, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended Carollo Engineers to conduct the Plan revision. MAG staff concurred with the recommendation of the Committee.

11. Approval of the Draft July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Resident Population Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approving the July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Resident Population Update provided that it is within one percent of the draft update of 2,913,475. The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) has prepared a Draft July 1, 1999 Resident Population Update for the State of Arizona and the counties within Arizona. DES derived a draft resident population of 4,924,350 for the State of Arizona and 2,913,475 for Maricopa County. For Maricopa County this represents an increase of 107,375 residents in the last year, or 3.8 percent. On October 22, 1999, the state and county updates will be presented to the State Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) for consideration. Because the Maricopa County update could change based on comments received at the State POPTAC meeting, the Management Committee is requested to recommend approval of the July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Resident Population Update, provided that it is within one percent of the draft update of 2,913,475.

12. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Mr. Bourey stated that a packet containing the Valley Vision 2025 forum schedule and draft goals report was at each place. He said that this packet is the same as the packet handed out to forum attendees. Mr. Bourey stated that public comment on the 2025 project will be solicited at these forums. The forums will be advertised in major and local community newspapers. In addition to the public input received at the forums, input from a telephone survey will be reviewed and the draft goals refined by the full Committee. Mr. Bourey indicated that this process would continue until the end of the year and would then be presented to the Management Committee and Regional Council. Mr. Bourey stated that private sector commitment has been received for funding of the forums and the survey. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Reyes Medrano asked if the schedule had been sent to the collaboratives. Mr. Bourey replied that it had, in addition to many other interested parties. He indicated that individual meetings could be set up with the collaboratives, if requested.

Chairman Fairbanks noted that a public comment card had been turned in. He explained that no public comment was allowed since the agenda item was for information only.

13. Update on Transportation Funding Estimate

Mr. Bourey stated that the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC) was formed of representatives from ADOT, MPOs and COGs to annually recommend estimates for the distribution of state and federal revenues. He noted that a number of meetings of the RAAC have been held and recommendations have been made. Mr. Bourey stated that in 1998, the MAG region received 10.5 percent of state and federal ADOT discretionary funds. After analysis, it was determined that for dollar in, dollar out, the region should receive 38.1 percent. Mr. Bourey stated that ADOT proposed 17.3 percent last year and MAG proposed 24.1 percent. Significant progress has been made in adjusting the funding received. Mr. Bourey expressed appreciation for the cooperative efforts of ADOT staff on funding. Mr. Bourey stated that the COGs and MPOs are working cooperatively to arrive at a fair agreement. He noted that 37 percent is the ultimate goal for our region. Mr. Bourey indicated that could not be accomplished quickly, and over the next five years, our region will receive 28 percent of the funding. He explained that to arrive at that point, the region needs 39 percent. Mr. Bourey stated that if additional funds should

become available, MAG and PAG would share the funds to make up the difference. Mr. Bourey handed out a summary of the RAAC recommendations.

Mary Peters expressed appreciation for the cooperative effort. She indicated that sufficient money is not available for all. Ms. Peters stated that the RAAC recommendations are a fair solution at this point in time. She noted that item #10 on page 4 of the handout, "Significant consideration will be given to reaching the agreed upon allocation share," is an area of concern. Ms. Peters mentioned that it is unlikely additional funds will be received. In the event additional funds are received, they would most likely be earmarked for certain projects, and not discretionary funds.

14. Update on the Recommendations of Governor Hull's Growing Smarter Commission

Mr. Bourey stated that the Growing Smarter recommendations were discussed at the July Management Committee and Regional Council meetings. He said that the Growing Smarter Commission issued their recommendations on September 1, 1999. Mr. Bourey noted that a meeting to receive additional input from the member agencies requested by the Regional Council Executive Committee had been held. Mr. Bourey stated that the consensus was to delay action for a month on the Growing Smarter recommendations until further statement of principles could be developed. Corey Cox summarized the recommendations the Regional Council supported and opposed at their July meeting.

Chairman Fairbanks asked for confirmation of his understanding that the recommendation was that action on this item would be continued until next month. Mr. Bourey replied that continuing action until the following month was the consensus.

Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on recent newspaper articles on growth. He stated that growth is not necessarily smarter. Mr. Crowley encouraged examination of the Sierra Club initiative. He referred to Ms. Barker's previous comments that MAG is a forum for accomplishing goals. Mr. Crowley stated that infill needs to be dealt with sensitively. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Fairbanks noted that we need to ensure that the Indian tribes are mentioned in the Growing Smarter recommendations.

Chairman Fairbanks asked for a motion to continue the action another month on the recommendations until further statement of principles could be refined and developed. Lloyd Harrell moved, Stephen Cleveland seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

15. Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force Draft Final Report

16. Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines

Chairman Fairbanks introduced Jim Burke, Deputy Director of Phoenix Parks, Recreation, and Library Department, Chairman of the MAG Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force, and member of the MAG Desert Spaces Subcommittee. Mr. Burke stated that he would give one presentation for agenda items #15 and #16, since they are closely interrelated.

Mr. Burke stated that the Regional Council approved the Desert Spaces Plan in 1995 to protect sensitive open spaces. The Desert Spaces Implementation Task Force was formed in 1996 and included 17 members from federal, state, local and conservation related agencies. The purpose of the Task Force was to develop supportable actions to create a contiguous open space system that sets priorities and identifies processes to implement the Desert Spaces Plan. Mr. Burke stated that developers and homebuilders were also included in the process. The Task Force summarized their work and accomplishments in the *Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Final Report*.

Mr. Burke stated that the MAG Design Guidelines Subcommittee was formed to develop strategies to protect retention areas identified in the Desert Spaces Plan. Mr. Burke mentioned that the Subcommittee was chaired by Mr. Phil Moreland from the Bureau of Land Management. The Subcommittee conducted a survey in 1998 of more than 800 homes to determine a level of support for funding. Mr. Burke stated that the Subcommittee considered the various landforms and elevations in the Valley and made recommendations in the *Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines* document that would be considered by the Regional Council for adoption. These recommendations would be a guideline for communities to use in making decisions for projects built in retention areas.

Mr. Burke stated that the Task Force recommended that they remain in place as a Task Force, continuing to provide leadership as needed; form a citizens committee representing a broad group of open space stakeholders; disseminate the policies and design guidelines in the Desert Spaces Plan; and support funding efforts for open space. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Burke for his presentation and expressed appreciation for the good job done by the Task Force and the Subcommittee. He indicated that these agenda items were presented for information only and would be considered for action before the adoption phase. He asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Klingler expressed his thanks for the good job. He stated that many voters in Phoenix and Scottsdale have shown their support for funding open space, when there is usually not much support for new taxes. He asked when the plans would be considered for action. Mr. Bourey replied that date is to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary