

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

April 16, 1997
MAG Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Stephen S. Cleveland, Goodyear, Chairman
Ruben Duran for Carlos Palma, Avondale
*Delbert Self, Buckeye
*Jon Pearson, Carefree
*Larry Paine, Cave Creek
Lloyd Harrell, Chandler
*J.R. Johnson, El Mirage
Paul Nordin, Fountain Hills
David Howard, Gila Bend
Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community
Kent Cooper, Gilbert
Martin Vanacour, Glendale
*Enrique Serna, Guadalupe
Robert Musselwhite, Litchfield Park
Mike Hutchinson for Charles Luster, Mesa

Jim Siket, Paradise Valley
Peter Harvey, Peoria
Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
*Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
*David Easchief, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian
Community
Dick Bowers, Scottsdale
Mike Branham for Dick McComb, Surprise
Pat Flynn for Gary Brown, Tempe
Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
David Siegel, Wickenburg
*Loyce Robinson, Youngtown
Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County
Victor Mendez for Larry Bonine, ADOT
Ken Driggs, RPTA

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Kulaga, Scottsdale
Peggy Carpenter, Scottsdale
Patrice Kraus, Chandler
Leslie Dornfeld, MAG
Leon Manuel, Guadalupe
Jim Huling, Mesa
Roy Levenda, Glendale
Harry Beck, Phoenix
Jim Wortham, Phoenix
Lindy Bauer, MAG
Roger Herzog, MAG
Jeff Martin, Mesa
Lisa Takata, Phoenix
Norris Nordvold, Phoenix

Marjorie Bresnahan, MCDOT
Chuck Eaton, ADOT
Lee Albertson, ADOT
Michael Bruder, ADOT
John Farry, MAGTPO
Paul Ward, MAGTPO
Terry Johnson, MAGTPO
Stephen E. Clark, Citizen
Dianne Barker, Citizen
Paul Walker, Luke AFB
Maura Finnerty, MAG
Dennis Smith, MAG
James M. Bourey, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Cleveland at 12:05 p.m. Chairman Cleveland introduced the following proxies: Pat Flynn for the City of Tempe, Reyes Medrano for the City of Tolleson, and Tom Candelaria for the Town of Wickenburg.

2. Approval of February 11, 1997 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Driggs moved, Mr. Fairbanks seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 12, 1997 Management Committee meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

Dianne Barker presented her concerns regarding the RPTA's use of federal funds for lobbying purposes. She indicated that in her examination of RPTA records, it is clear that federal funds are being used inappropriately and indicated that she wants the \$40,000 that has been used for lobbying purposes to be returned to the public fund.

Stephen Clark echoed Ms. Barker's concerns regarding the RPTA's use of federal funds for lobbying purposes. He also expressed his disappointment over continued efforts to bring rail to Phoenix and urged policy makers to "cease and desist" in their efforts to develop rail in the region.

4. Executive Director's Report

James Bourey provided the Management Committee with an update on MAG staff activities. Mr. Bourey discussed his participation at a conference that MAG co-hosted with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The conference was on the "Southwest Corridor," a proposal to develop and enhance the transportation/economic corridor between Los Angeles and Houston. Mr. Bourey indicated he will be participating on the steering committee that was formed to pursue this proposal, and will keep the Management Committee updated on its efforts.

Mr. Bourey discussed the progress of efforts to move MAG to its new location. Mr. Bourey indicated that the move should occur in mid-June. He also mentioned that work on the MAG Compensation and Classification Study had begun with assistance from the City of Phoenix and the City of Glendale. Copies of the new MAG organizational chart were distributed. Mr. Bourey concluded his presentation by reminding the members about attending the April 25, 1997, Management Committee retreat.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Comments from Dianne Barker and Stephen Clark were received regarding Agenda Item No. 8. Both individuals expressed their concerns that MAG uses too many consultants and that there would be significant cost savings if the work was done by MAG staff.

Mr. Bowers moved, Mr. Driggs seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Items 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 on the consent agenda.

6. Additional Project for Inclusion Into the Draft FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Management Committee recommended, by consent approval to include the traffic interchange reconstruction project at I-17 and Desert Hills Road in the Draft FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis.

7. Red Letter Notifications

The Management Committee reviewed, by consent, the Red Letter Process notifications received by ADOT through March 18, 1997. This notification process requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments, including actions on plans, zoning and permits. The purpose of this process is to coordinate actions to help prevent new development from being built in the future freeway right-of-way.

8. Consultant Selection for the 1997 MAG FIP Conformity Analysis

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, selection of the consulting firm, Earth Matters, a contract, for an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to conduct the 1997 MAG Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) conformity analysis for the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the 1997 Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

9. Membership of the MAG Building Codes Committee

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, the appointment of a staff representative from the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona to serve as an advisory, non-voting, member of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

10. Membership of the 9-1-1 Technical Oversight Subcommittee

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, the addition of new dial tone providers as non-voting members of the 9-1-1 Technical Subcommittee.

11. Recommended Approach for Developing the Region 2025 Vision Process

The Management Committee reviewed a detailed approach for developing the Region 2025 Vision Process. Mr. Bourey explained that in February 1997, the Regional Council approved the MAG Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations for a Regional Growth Planning Process. The Blue Ribbon Committee recommended that MAG appoint a Region 2025 Vision Committee to work with local jurisdictions to develop a vision for the region. The Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendations outlined general objectives for the Vision Process such as addressing open space and mobility and that the process should be "bottom up" and include broad representation from the region. Mr. Bourey explained that the recommendation did not include a detailed implementation program on how the vision should be developed nor did it provide a detailed structure of the Region 2025 Vision Committee.

Based on these Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations, Mr. Bourey explained that MAG staff had developed a detailed proposal for implementing the Region 2025 Vision Process. Mr. Bourey explained the role and functions of the Region 2025 Vision Committee and the local collaboratives which would participate. He described the proposal process will include: work of local collaboratives, a regional scan, a summit, development of the draft Region 2025 Vision, a forum, and a public participation process. Mr. Bourey noted that this Region 2025 Vision Process will be developed with more detail at the Management Committee Retreat on April 25, 1997.

The Management Committee discussed this proposal and raised various questions. Concerns related to the composition of the local collaboratives, resources available to staff of the local collaboratives, integration of local and regional plans, and public participation. There was also discussion about the Phoenix Futures Forum and how the process utilized for that program might be useful in conducting the Region 2025 Process. Management Committee members agreed that this would be a challenging project, one that will require active participation by each Management Committee members. Members indicated interest in evaluating this proposal in more detail at the April 25, 1997 Management Committee retreat.

Comments from the public were received from Dianne Barker and Stephen Clark. Ms. Barker expressed her concern that this proposal process did not provide sufficient public involvement. Ms. Barker also raised concern that there was no master implementation plan that would insure that the recommendations set forth by this process would implemented. Mr. Clark noted that the staff report was incorrect in stating the public had not commented on this process. Mr. Clark also questioned if true citizen activists would be represented in this process. In response, Mr. Bourey clarified that though the Region 2025 Vision Process had been reviewed by the public, the detailed implementation proposal had not yet been reviewed.

Following this discussion, Mr. Vanacour moved, Mr. Driggs seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval and initiation of the recommended approach for developing the Region 2025 Vision Process.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary