

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

October 29, 1997
MAG Office
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale, Chairman	Councilmember Sara Moya, Paradise Valley
Councilmember Al Carroll for Mayor Tom Morales, Avondale	Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Mayor Mike Baker, Buckeye	Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
Mayor Hugh Stevens, Carefree	*Mayor Mark Schnepf, Queen Creek
Mayor Tom Augheron, Cave Creek	*President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
*Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	Councilmember Mary Manross for Mayor Sam Campana, Scottsdale
*Mayor Maggie Reese, El Mirage	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
Mayor Jerold Miles, Fountain Hills	Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe
Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Cecil Antone for Governor Mary Thomas, Gila River Indian Community	Mayor Dallas Gant, Wickenburg
Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert	Mayor William Kosanovich, Youngtown
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
Mayor Frances Osuna, Guadalupe	Chuck Coughlin, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
Mayor Richard Vasiloff, Litchfield Park	
Supervisor Don Stapley, Maricopa County	
*Mayor Wayne Brown, Mesa	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Chairman Elaine Scruggs at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Scruggs introduced Councilmember Mary Manross as proxy for Mayor Sam Campana from the City of Scottsdale, and Vice Mayor Melinda Diaz for Mayor Adolfo Gamez from the City of Tolleson.

Chairman Scruggs announced that if you have used the Norwest Bank garage, parking validation is available following the meeting from the MAG staff. Chairman Scruggs indicated that RPTA has generously agreed to provide transit tickets for individuals who used the bus to get to the Regional Council meeting. She stated that tickets are available following the meeting from Ken Driggs from the RPTA.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of September 17, 1997 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Richard Vasiloff moved, Councilmember Sara Moya seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 17, 1997 Regional Council meeting.

4. Call to the Audience
5. Showcase Agency

Chairman Scruggs stated that the showcase tonight will be the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Chairman Scruggs introduced Director Larry Bonine to share with the Regional Council information about ADOT. Mr. Bonine thanked Chairman Scruggs and the members of Regional Council for the opportunity to showcase the Arizona Department of Transportation. Mr. Bonine showed a brief video covering an overview of ADOT functions. He then introduced Mr. Victor Mendez of ADOT.

Mr. Mendez began a slide presentation with the Agua Fria Freeway (Loop 101). He stated that his first slide showed the west half of a major freeway-to-freeway traffic interchange at the junction of Interstate 17 and Loop 101. This phase of construction started in the Fall of 1995 at a cost of \$37 million. He indicated that in late 1996 and early 1997 a ramp that connects south bound I-17 to west bound Loop 101 and another ramp that connects the east bound Loop 101 to south bound I-17 opened. Mr. Mendez noted that the project should be completed in early 1998. At that time, the ramp that connects north bound I-17 to west bound Loop 101 and east bound Loop 101 to north bound I-17 will open.

Mr. Mendez then addressed the Pima Freeway. He indicated that an embankment is being placed between Cave Creek Road and 56th Street. This embankment material is waste material that is coming from the Squaw Peak Freeway construction. Mr. Mendez then moved to the eastern leg of the Pima Freeway, the Shea to McDonald segment. He noted that construction started last month at a cost of \$55 million. This segment is scheduled to open in the Fall of 1999.

Mr. Mendez continued with the Pima Freeway looking south at the Desert Cove entrance to 90th Street connector. He stated that on this project, there is a major detour that takes traffic off of Pima Road between Desert Cove and Via Linda and onto 90th Street. Mr. Mendez noted that some south bound lane restrictions will be removed next week to further enhance the traffic flow.

Mr. Mendez reviewed the McDonald to Thomas segment of the Pima Freeway. He noted that this segment started in the Spring of 1997 at a cost of \$27 million. This segment is scheduled to open in the Summer of 1998.

Mr. Mendez indicated that the Price Freeway includes another major freeway-to-freeway traffic interchange at the Price Freeway and the Superstition Freeway. This third phase of construction started in early 1997 at a cost of \$42 million, and is scheduled to be completed in late 1998.

Mr. Mendez noted that south on the Price Freeway is the bridge at Baseline Road. He stated that this bridge project was recently completed at a cost of \$13.5 million.

Mr. Mendez stated that Baseline Road to Guadalupe Road is another segment of the Price Freeway under construction. This project started in the Spring of 1997 at a cost of \$17 million, and is scheduled to open in late 1998.

Mr. Mendez reviewed the construction in North Phoenix on the Squaw Peak Freeway. He noted that this is a \$36 million segment from Shea Boulevard to Thunderbird Road. The project started in the Fall of 1996 and will open in late 1998. Mr. Mendez indicated that this project includes a Park-n-Ride lot at Shea Boulevard. The lot consists of 250 parking spaces and will allow direct to and from access for express buses to exit, load, and return to the freeway. He stated that this Park-n-Ride lot was made possible through a cooperative effort between the City of Phoenix, the Federal Highway Administration and ADOT.

South on the Squaw Peak Freeway is an adjacent segment from Thunderbird Road to Bell Road. He noted that this \$28 million project started in the Fall of 1996, with an opening date targeted for late 1998. Mr. Mendez stated that within this segment is a pedestrian structure at Nisbet Road. He noted that the City of Phoenix funded the architectural enhancements.

Mr. Mendez stated that on I-17, there is a \$17 million project that will replace the bridges at Dunlap Avenue and Northern Avenue. This project started in the Spring of 1997 with the replacement of the Dunlap Avenue structure. He indicated that the south half of the bridge will be open by Thanksgiving to allow all traffic movements in time for the holiday shopping season. Mr. Mendez stated that the bridge will then be completed in early 1998, and the Northern Avenue structure will be completed in early 1999.

Mr. Mendez stated that a \$21 million project on I-10 from Baseline Road to Chandler Boulevard was recently completed. He noted that this project added capacity to this I-10 segment.

Mr. Mendez showed a slide of a \$1.2 million landscape project including a Hopi Bowl Land Form on Hohokam Expressway and SR 153 Sky Harbor Access.

Mr. Mendez stated that the Beeline Highway (SR 87) is not a part of the MAG Regional Freeway System, however, it is part of the ADOT Phoenix District. He indicated that on the Beeline Highway, there is a \$27 million project from Sycamore Creek to Sunflower that began in the Fall of 1996. This is Arizona's first segmental bridge and completion is anticipated in the Fall of 1999.

Mr. Mendez stated that construction on the Red Mountain Freeway (Loop 202) began in 1993. The final phase will provide connections to and from the east at an estimated cost of \$12 million. He noted that construction of the final phase will begin in mid 1998 and open in late 1999. Mr. Mendez stated that the \$11 million segment between McKellips Road and Country Club Road is expected to open in late 1998.

Mr. Mendez reviewed the segment on the Red Mountain Freeway from the Pima Freeway to McKellips Road. He noted that construction on this \$29 million project started in the Spring of 1996, and the opening dedication ceremony will be held tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.

Victor Mendez thanked the Regional Council for their time and attention.

Chairman Scruggs presented a new member certificate to Mayor John Keegan from the City of Peoria.

Mayor Tom Augherton informed Chairman Scruggs and the Regional Council that Mr. Blue Crowley missed the Call to Audience because they were in a discussion in the hall. Mayor Augherton asked that Mr. Crowley get an opportunity for public comment.

Chairman Scruggs noted that there is a new timing system to assist the speaker in the public comment portion of the agenda. She explained that citizens are requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their remarks. The yellow light indicator is a reminder to the speaker that there is one minute left. The red light will come on after three minutes. Chairman Scruggs recognized Mr. Blue Crowley for public comment.

Blue Crowley stated that all issues were not addressed in the Transportation Plan. He also noted that meeting announcements, public hearings and the open house were not posted on the buses. Mr. Crowley stated that the postings are important to the public and for public involvement.

6. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey informed the Regional Council that he has been chosen to be the ICMA representative of the 2000 Census Advisory Committee. Travel expenses will be paid for by the Census Bureau.

Mr. Bourey stated that there has been a schedule change in the Rail Task Force. He said that the November completion date was extended to March.

Mr. Bourey updated the Regional Council on the Partnering Session with ADOT and MAG. The session was held on October 3, 1997. ADOT and MAG agreed that they have a good, active relationship, however, it can always be improved. There were a number of action items which they will both be working on.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Mayor of Mesa requested that MAG work with ADOT on a study involving High Occupancy Toll Lane throughout the valley. He noted that the Executive Committee discussed this topic and decided that the policy issues of whether or not HOT lanes should even be considered should be brought before the Regional Council.

Mr. Bourey informed the Regional Council that Phoenix has been designated as a Clean City from the U.S. Department of Energy. MAG has developed a very broad Clean City coalition to help in this effort.

Mr. Bourey stated that he is very excited about the MAG web site. He indicated that the web site address needs to be shorter, but the development of the web site is progressing nicely. Mr. Bourey stated that the MAG web site provides links to other city web sites, and the cities and towns that do not have Internet access will be able to use our site as their home page. He noted that the minutes and agendas will be available on the web site also.

Mr. Bourey briefed the Regional Council on the latest in the ISTEA Reauthorization. He indicated that it is an ongoing debate in Congress.

Mr. Bourey introduced a new MAG employee, Ms. Christy Eusedio. Ms. Eusedio is the new Accountant in MAG's Fiscal Services Department. Mr. Bourey noted that Christy is a former employee of the City of Phoenix.

Mr. Bourey informed the Regional Council that ADOT approved funding for several transportation enhancement projects. He listed the funded projects.

Chairman Scruggs thanked Mr. Bourey and asked if members had any questions.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Scruggs stated that agenda items number 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 are listed on the consent agenda. She informed the members that for item 9, Consultant Assistance for PM-10 Five Year Extension Request, a memorandum is at your place recommending that Sierra Research be selected for an amount not to exceed \$200,000, contingent upon the Regional Council directing the staff to prepare an extension request for PM-10. The Regional Council will consider the extension request on agenda item 16, Air Quality Update. Chairman Scruggs stated that she is removing item 9 from the consent agenda and the Regional Council will consider it following the discussion of the PM-10 under the Air Quality Update. She asked if any member wished to speak on the consent items. No member responded.

Chairman Scruggs called for public comments on any consent agenda item.

Mr. Blue Crowley stated that he is speaking under protest because he is only entitled to three minutes for four consent agenda items. He indicated that the LRTP, the TIP and the public hearing process was very convoluted, and it is stifling public input. Mr. Crowley noted that there is never enough time giving for meaningful public input.

Ms. Dianne Barker commented on agenda item #8A and #8B. She asked the governor to give citizens time at the beginning and the end. Ms. Barker stated that MAG does not have dedicated local funding, and should not move forward with these projects.

Mayor Neil Giuliano moved, Mayor Chuck Turner seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve items 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13 on the consent agenda.

8A. Approval of FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Council approved, by consent, the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans. Each year, MAG develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists all required transportation related projects in the MAG region for the next five years. In March 1997, the MAG Regional Council approved the Draft FY 1998-2002 TIP for a conformity analysis. The conformity analysis has been performed and a public hearing was held on October 14, 1997. The TIP comprises 984 highway projects, costing \$2.172 billion (\$446 million federal) and 158 transit projects costing \$460 million (\$295 million federal). The Management Committee recommended approval of the TIP, contingent upon a finding of conformity.

8B. MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update

The Regional Council approved, by consent, the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the Plan and Update with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans. The MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Summary and 1997 Update address all modes of transportation through the year 2020. To ensure a reasonably feasible and balanced funding plan, the Long Range Plan Update continues to be based on a trend extension of the existing revenue sources. New additions to the 1997 Update include updated freeway priorities and a fixed guideway starter corridor for the MAG region. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Summary and Update.

8C. Consultation on Regional Emissions Analysis for Proposal to Accelerate the Warner Road to Frye Road Segment of the Price Freeway and the Pima Road to Scottsdale Road Segment of the Pima Freeway.

In September 1997, the Regional Council approved advancing the completion of the Warner Road to Frye Road segment of the Price Freeway to December 2000 from December 2001 and the completion of the Pima Road to Scottsdale Road segment of the Pima Freeway to the fourth quarter of 2000 from September 2003. Both accelerations were approved contingent upon the air quality conformity analysis being conducted. MAG has conducted, for the Arizona Department of Transportation, a regional emissions analysis for these accelerated segments. As the agency responsible for approving and implementing these projects, ADOT is required to make a conformity finding. In accordance with adopted MAG procedures, documentation regarding the regional emissions analysis is being provided for consultation. The deadline for submitting comments to MAG was October 24, 1997.

8D. Amendment to the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Accelerate the Country Club to Gilbert Road Segment of the Red Mountain Freeway

The Regional Council approved, by consent, to amend the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to advance the completion of the Red Mountain Freeway from Country Club Road to Gilbert Road from December 2003 to January 2002 contingent upon completion of the required air quality conformity actions. In September, the Regional Council approved advancing the completion of the Country Club to Gilbert Road segment of the Red Mountain Freeway to January 2002 from December 2003. This acceleration was approved contingent upon the air quality conformity analysis being conducted. For this project, an amendment to the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program is required. On October 14, 1997, a public hearing on the proposed acceleration was held. A report on the comments received at the public hearing will be provided under agenda item 14. The Management Committee recommended approval of the accelerations.

10. Draft MAG Conformity Finding

The Regional Council approved, by consent, the conformity finding for the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update, the MAG 1998-2002 Transportation Improvement Program and the proposed amendment to advance completion of the Country Club Drive to Gilbert Road segment of the Red Mountain Freeway from December 2003 to January 2002. On March 26, 1997, the Regional Council authorized a conformity analysis to be prepared for the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as well as the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan

Summary and 1997 Update. The draft findings indicate that the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan meet the federal conformity requirements. Also, an amendment to the FY 1998-2002 TIP advancing completion of the Country Club to Gilbert Road segment of the Red Mountain Freeway from December 2003 to January 2002 was found to meet conformity requirements. Approval of the conformity findings by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and Transportation Plan. The Management Committee recommended approval of the conformity analysis. The MAG Air Quality Policy Committee recommended approval of the conformity analysis on October 23, 1997.

11. Approval of Draft July 1, 1997 Maricopa County Resident Population Update

The Regional Council approved, by consent, the July 1, 1997 Maricopa County Resident Population Update provided that it is within one percent of the Draft Update of 2,720,575. The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) has prepared a Draft July 1, 1997 Resident Population Update for the State of Arizona and the counties within Arizona. DES derived a resident population of 4,600,225 for the State of Arizona and 2,720,575 for Maricopa County. For Maricopa County, this represents an increase of 85,950 people in the last year, an increase of 3.3 percent. The Resident Population Update was transmitted to members of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) and to an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the POPTAC. On September 25, 1997, the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommended approval of the July 1, 1997 Maricopa County Resident Population Update. This approval was contingent upon the action by the State POPTAC on October 31, 1997 being within one percent of the initial draft update. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Update.

12. Amendment of Planning Technologies Consultant Contract

The Regional Council approved, by consent, the amendment of the consultant contract with Planning Technologies for an additional amount of \$10,000 to provide trip generation data and enhance the Sub-Area Allocation Model and to authorize the MAG Executive Director to execute the amendment. In October 1996, the Regional Council selected Planning Technologies Inc. to revise the MAG Sub-Area Allocation Model to reflect the 1995 census and the 1995 employment information. Since then, new population and employment forecasts have been developed and adopted. Staff is requesting that the contract with Planning Technologies Inc. be increased by an additional amount of \$10,000 to provide trip generation data and enhance the Sub-Area Allocation Model. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment.

13. Selection of MAG Auditor for Fiscal Years 1997 Through 2001

The Regional Council approved, by consent, the selection of the public accounting firm Deloitte & Touche LLP to serve as the independent certified public accountants to conduct the MAG audit for fiscal years 1997 through 2001 and to authorize the MAG Executive Director to execute the contract for these services. In recent months, MAG has solicited the services of a professional audit firm to conduct the MAG audit. A multi-year proposal was requested, and a Request for Proposals was sent to four national/international accounting firms and two regional firms. Two proposals were received. A review committee was formed, including the Finance Director from the City of Glendale. Following this review, MAG is recommending that the firm Deloitte & Touche LLP be selected to serve as the independent

certified public accountants to conduct the MAG audit for fiscal years 1997 through 2001. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation.

14. Input Opportunity Report, FY 1997 Final Phase

John Farry stated that in September, the final phase of the MAG FY 1997 Public Involvement Process was conducted. He indicated that draft updates of the FY 1997 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and 1998-2002 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were approved for conformity analysis in March 1997. Mr. Farry stated that the LRTP, the TIP, the Conformity Analysis, and a TIP amendment to advance the completion of the Red Mountain Freeway from Country Club to Gilbert Road were made available for a 30-day public comment period on September 12, 1997. The final phase meeting was held on October 14, 1997. He noted that the meeting was sponsored by MAG, ADOT and RPTA. Mr. Farry stated that the meeting included an informational open house, followed by a public hearing held before representatives from the MAG Transportation Review and Air Quality Policy Committees. The meeting provided an opportunity for review and final comment on the LRTP, TIP, Conformity Analysis and a TIP amendment. Mr. Farry stated that approximately 50 people attended the meeting. Ten people spoke during the public hearing and ten participants submitted written comments. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the report.

Chairman Scruggs recognized public comments on this agenda item.

Mr. Blue Crowley noted that it is impossible to give his comments on all three reports in just three minutes. He noted that the public involvement process is lacking. Public comments are supposed to help achieve a balance. Mr. Crowley stated that there needs to be a regional system because it takes everyone to get the job done.

Ms. Dianne Barker stated that she attended the City of Phoenix / MAG meeting. She noted that she did not know about the 30-day public comment period. This shows that there is not enough information provided to the public. Ms. Barker suggested going back to capital planning. She noted that she believes in a flexible bus system, and that rapid transit does not have to be fixed rail.

Mayor Vasiloff moved, Councilmember Moya seconded, and it was unanimously carried to accept the Input Opportunity Report, FY 1997 Final Phase.

16. Air Quality Update

Lindy Bauer stated that in the past several months, the MAG staff has been preparing air quality plans for carbon monoxide and particulate matter (PM-10). The MAG member agencies have been preparing commitments for these plans. Ms. Bauer stated that the deadlines for these plans are approaching and action by the Legislature will be considered. The Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan is due by February 28, 1998, and the attainment date is December 31, 2000. Based upon the air quality modeling data presented in October 1997, it appeared that the Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan would demonstrate attainment by December 31, 2000. It is important to note that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is evaluating the EPA model assumptions for the final emission test cutpoints to determine if they are too optimistic. Ms. Bauer stated that since the October Management Committee,

ADEQ has indicated that additional carbon monoxide control measures may be needed, pending the outcome of the final test cutpoints.

Ms. Bauer indicated that according to current PM-10 modeling information, it appears that the committed particulate measures do not result in attainment by the required date. Ms. Bauer stated that it appears that the example additional PM-10 measures needed to demonstrate attainment by the federal deadline are not technologically or economically feasible. Therefore, an extension of the attainment date for up to five years was recommended for inclusion in the PM-10 Plan by the Management Committee. Ms. Bauer indicated that the attainment extension was not a delay tactic, and that the extension requirements would be very challenging to meet for EPA approval. Ms. Bauer then reviewed the requirements for an extension request.

Ms. Bauer indicated that the Management Committee requested a summit with other areas who are in the same situation.

Ms. Bauer stated that following the Management Committee meeting, officials from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX conducted a meeting in Phoenix on October 23, 1997 to discuss the issues with the Serious Area Particulate Plan. The meeting was attended by the Governor's Office, Senator Spitzer, Representative Gardner, and staff from the Legislature, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Maricopa County and MAG.

Ms. Bauer indicated that at the meeting, EPA suggested an approach designed to ensure that the Serious Area Particulate Plan is effective in demonstrating attainment and approvable by EPA. Specifically, EPA recommended that the current committed measures from the State and local governments be submitted to demonstrate progress to reduce particulate pollution on December 10, 1997. She noted that the submittal of the full PM-10 Plan would occur after measures have been adopted in the 1998 Regular Legislative Session and all necessary technical analyses and administrative procedures have been completed. While the plan is being completed, EPA would be required to trigger the 18 month sanction clock and 24 month Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) clock due to failure to submit the plan by December 10, 1997. Ms. Bauer indicated that the sanctions clock would stop when the plan is submitted, and the FIP clock would stop when the plan is approved by EPA.

Ms. Bauer stated that representatives from the EPA also discussed the ADEQ 24 Hour Particulate Standard Plan that was partially disapproved by EPA in August 1997. EPA indicated that on March 20, 1998, a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) would be proposed for this area to provide controls on unpaved roads, parking lots, and vacant lots. She noted that local government measures and ordinance are due by February 20, 1998 to avoid EPA final action (July 18, 1998) on the FIP. If measures and ordinances are received by EPA on February 20, 1998, EPA would propose approval of the local measures so that a final FIP would not be imposed. For those not submitting the measures and ordinances by February 20, 1998, EPA would not propose removing the FIP in March.

Ms. Bauer stated that the Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan was also discussed by EPA at the October 23, 1997 meeting. For this plan, EPA recommended that the Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan be submitted after measures have been adopted in the 1998 Regular Legislative Session and all necessary technical analyses and administrative procedures have been completed. During the process to

complete the plan, EPA would be required to trigger the clock on sanctions and the FIP due to failure to submit the plan by February 28, 1998.

Chuck Coughlin stated that Lindy is clearly an expert in this area and is well prepared. He indicated that cities/towns should demonstrate a commitment to clean up carbon monoxide and PM-10. Mr. Coughlin noted that Maricopa County had zero carbon monoxide violations this year. He agreed with the Management Committee's recommendation to organize a summit. He also requested more discussion on our area and the different environment. Mr. Coughlin asked if we should be using the same standards as other areas that have more rain, humidity and vegetation.

Mayor Rimsza stated that he supports the summit concept, but suggested that we focus on figuring out what we can do now. He suggested looking at individual items because the whole picture can be overwhelming. He explained how the City of Phoenix uses vacuum sweepers during street repair to vacuum the dust from the cracks in the pavement instead of the blowers. Mayor Rimsza reminded the Regional Council that a couple years ago, who would have thought we would get as far as we have in improving air quality. He indicated that inspection maintenance is an excellent example of an aggressive measure. Mayor Rimsza stated that we need to work together on this issue, one piece at a time.

Chairman Scruggs stated that she needed to leave and Mayor Rimsza will continue the meeting. She stated the agenda item 9 was removed from the consent agenda and will be heard next.

9. Consultant Assistance for PM-10 Five Year Extension Request

Cathy Arthur indicated that in order to meet the deadlines for the PM-10 measures, consultant assistance will be required. She noted the critical parts of the study will need to be completed for the upcoming 1998 Legislative session. This project involves demonstrating to the satisfaction of the EPA administrator that the plan for this area includes the most stringent measures included in the plan of any State or achieved in practice in any State, and can be feasibly implemented in this area. Ms. Arthur noted that to meet this accelerated schedule, MAG has initiated a consultant selection process. This selection will be contingent upon the Regional Council requesting a five-year extension. Ms. Arthur stated that the amount of the study is expected not to exceed \$200,000. Federal planning funds are available from the FY 1998 Unified Planning Work Program.

Mayor Gant stated that Mayor Giuliano had to leave the meeting, but requested that he read a statement and motion. Mayor Giuliano feels that it is important to continue to take decisive action in cleaning up the air. He feels that we need to move expeditiously to send to EPA our committed measures for PM-10 by December 10, 1997. Mayor Giuliano noted that significant work remains to be done on the submittal of the Particulate Plan for PM-10 and we need an opportunity to work with the Governor and the Legislature in the next session to develop measures to address PM-10 in addition to Carbon Monoxide and Ozone.

Action on agenda items 9 and 12 will be combined.

Mayor Gant moved, Mayor Turner seconded, and it was unanimously carried to direct staff to prepare a request for up to a five-year extension of the attainment date to be included in the Serious Area PM-10 Plan for submittal following action by the Legislature, to direct staff to plan for an Air Quality Summit

with policy makers at all levels involving this issue, and to contract with Sierra Research as a consultant to provide assistance for the PM-10 Five Year Extension Request for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

Acting Chairman Rimsza recognized public comment on this agenda item.

Dianne Barker asked that the record show that Mayor Rimsza called for a vote prior to hearing public comments. Ms. Barker stated that the government oversteps its bounds. She disagrees with continuously extending deadlines and is opposed to the hiring of a consultant. Ms. Barker noted that we need programs to save our environment and extending deadlines will not help.

Blue Crowley stated that he opposes the consultant selection also. He noted that focus needs to be on the little things like crushing vehicles and abolishing drive-in restaurants.

Terrence Schlesinger stated that he has been doing research on pollution that may benefit this region. His study includes the environment in Los Angeles and Arizona. Mr. Schlesinger noted that these regions are extremely dense. He indicated that he has ideas that he would like to present to MAG.

Acting Chairman Rimsza directed Mr. Schlesinger to contact the Executive Director, James Bourey, at MAG.

15. Draft Graffiti Model Ordinance and Recommendations

Councilmember Mary Manross briefed the Regional Council on the importance of the Graffiti Model Ordinance. She then introduced Jana Sorensen, a Deputy County Attorney and Chairman of the Graffiti Working Group. Ms. Sorensen stated that the Graffiti Working Group developed a package of recommendations to fight graffiti at the request of the Youth Policy Advisory Committee. The Graffiti Working Group developed recommendations in five areas — prevention, clearinghouse of information, consequences of enforcement, partnerships, and a draft model regional ordinance. Ms. Sorensen stated that the model ordinance was forwarded to municipal attorneys for review and comment.

Ms. Sorensen indicated that great progress has been made in the last 2 ½ years in battling graffiti. She stated that it is a strong belief of those who know the most about this problem, that should we let up on this fight, we will once again be overcome with graffiti in the Valley.

Ms. Sorensen indicated that the purpose and intent of the draft model ordinance is to reduce graffiti vandalism and expedite graffiti removal. She stated that the draft model ordinance explains possession, limiting access and storage and display. The ordinance also covers prohibition and removal, penalties and state law penalties for the act of graffiti. Ms. Sorensen commented that children were also inhaling the spray paint, which causes severe health damage.

Councilmember Manross thanked Jana Sorensen. She stated that graffiti is a problem and feels it is very important for the cities and towns to work together. Councilmember Manross indicated that this item is for information and discussion only. The Regional Council will take action on this item at the December 3, 1997 meeting.

Acting Chairman Rimsza informed the Regional Council that the question on December 3 will be if you want to have a *Model Ordinance* for City consideration. He indicated that a model ordinance would be a great vehicle to unify cities and town.

Acting Chairman Rimsza announced that a progressive dinner would be held for the members of the Regional Council and their staff who have confirmed their dinner reservations. He stated that this dinner will be held in Suite 300. A floor plan was provided describing the different food stations that have been set up.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary