

VIDEOCONFERENCING IS HERE!

What is the Regional Videoconferencing System?

It is a videoconferencing network of television/computer units located at the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) member agency locations across the region, including 24 cities and towns, the Gila River Indian Community, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Maricopa County, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and a main hub at the MAG offices. MAG's videoconferencing rooms are shared by the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA).

Who may use it?

Employees and elected officials of all MAG member agencies may use the System for MAG business and for agency business. Each agency should decide whether to allow public use of its equipment for non-agency business.

What is a videoconference like?

During a videoconference, all meeting participants will be able to see, hear, and talk with the other attendees on a large television screen, just as if everyone was sitting in the room across the table from each other.

What are some uses of the System?

The System will accommodate multiple smaller meetings at one time as well as large group meetings. Some suggested uses are: MAG meeting attendance, meetings with other organizations which have videoconferencing equipment, remote staff meeting attendance, employee training, job interviews of prospective candidates, remote citizen participation in meetings and forums, one-to-one videoconferences, and multiple audioconferences.

Why should I use it?

Videoconferencing saves time, reduces travel, improves participation in meetings and extends outreach to citizens. Videoconferencing helps reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality in Maricopa County.

Who can help me arrange a videoconference?

The Videoconferencing Site Coordinator at each member agency arranges participation at meetings via the Regional Videoconferencing System.

Regional Video conferencing System

Connecting Communities

The Future Is Now!



The future is now! The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Videoconferencing System is now available for your use. The System connects up to 27 sites for a videoconference and up to 48 sites for an audioconference. Each MAG member agency has the necessary equipment for you to attend MAG meetings without leaving your city or town.

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Videoconferencing can help you in many ways, such as:

- MAG meeting attendance
- Meetings with other organizations that have videoconferencing equipment
- Remote staff meeting attendance
- Training of your employees
- Job interviews of prospective candidates
- Remote citizen participation in meetings and forums
- One-to-one videoconferences



Videoconferencing saves you time. It also reduces travel, improves participation in meetings, and extends outreach to citizens. By videoconferencing whenever practical, you will be doing your part to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

The Site Coordinator at your organization will help you attend your next meeting via the MAG Regional Videoconferencing System.

For more information call your Site Coordinator, or call the MAG Regional Videoconferencing Office at (602) 452-5095.



WHAT ARE SOME USES OF THE SYSTEM?



The MAG Regional Videoconferencing System can be used to attend a wide variety of meetings and functions. The System can be connected to almost any video-conferencing system or unit in the world, as long as it is certified by your Site Coordinator prior to the videoconference. Below is a partial list of suggested uses:

- MAG meetings
- Agency-to-agency meetings
- Staff meetings
- One-to-one videoconferences
- Job interviews of prospective candidates
- Training by vendors
- Safety training
- Briefings of employees at remote sites
- Presentations by consultants and vendors
- Multi-party audioconference calls
- Continuing education training
- Non-profit and community organization meetings
- Special guest speakers for meetings and workshops
- Public outreach and input for regional forums and meetings

For more information, contact your Site Coordinator, or Heidi Pahl, MAG Videoconferencing Planner at (602) 254-6300.