

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

December 8, 1999
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman	Supervisor Andy Kunasek for Supervisor Don Stapley, Maricopa County
Mayor Thomas Morales, Avondale	Mayor Wayne Brown, Mesa
Vice Mayor John Hawley for Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye	Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
* Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
* Mayor Vincent Francia, Cave Creek	Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Councilmember Boyd Dunn for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	* Mayor Mark Schnepf, Queen Creek
* Mayor Cel Arias, El Mirage	* President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* Mayor Sharon Morgan, Fountain Hills	Mayor Sam Campana, Scottsdale
* Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
Governor Mary Thomas, Gila River Indian Community	Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert	Mayor Dallas Gant, Wickenburg
Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	Mayor Eugene Russell, Youngtown
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
* Mayor Frances Osuna, Guadalupe	Bill Beyer, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
* Mayor Colin Barleycorn, Litchfield Park	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Giuliano announced that because of the length of the agenda, non-action items would be discussed after consideration of action items.

Chairman Giuliano introduced proxies Vice Mayor John Hawley for Mayor Dusty Hull from Buckeye, Councilmember Boyd Dunn for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny from Chandler, and Supervisor Andy Kunasek for Supervisor Don Stapley from Maricopa County.

Chairman Giuliano announced that this was the last Regional Council meeting for two members, Governor Mary Thomas from the Gila River Indian Community and Mayor Thomas Morales from Avondale. He presented a gift to each in appreciation for their service to the region.

Governor Thomas expressed her appreciation for the acknowledgment. She stated that she respected the efforts of MAG in leading the region in progress and improving quality of life. Governor Thomas stated that she had brought information packets on the Gila River Indian Community and invited all to visit. She summarized many of the recent advancements and improvements in her community. Governor Thomas stated that she had recently been appointed to the Farm Bureau.

Mayor Morales commented on the tremendous strides MAG has made. He summarized many of the recent accomplishments of his community. Mayor Morales stated that he has been an active mayor who served on the National League of Cities Board of Directors. Mayor Morales made a plea for elected officials to take action against racism. He indicated that this problem needs to be dealt with at a local level. He stated that educating youth is a good way to defeat racism.

Chairman Giuliano thanked Governor Thomas and Mayor Morales. He stated that he would leave the meeting early to accept an award on behalf of the Regional Council from the American Lung Association for the Clean Air Campaign. Chairman Giuliano announced that members of the Youth Stand Up!, a group dedicated to ending youth violence in America, was present at the meeting.

Chairman Giuliano announced that the RPTA has generously agreed to provide transit tickets for individuals who use the bus to get to the Regional Council meeting. He stated that tickets are available following the meeting from Ken Driggs of the RPTA.

Chairman Giuliano stated that agenda item #22, EPA Approvability Problem with the MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10, would be heard before consideration of agenda item #21, Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

22. EPA Approvability Problem with the MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who congratulated the City of Phoenix on the lead they have taken by paving alleys and purchasing street sweepers to improve the air quality. Mr. Crowley stated that congestion has gotten worse. He said you are a part of the problem if you are not a part of the solution. Mr. Crowley stated that rail should be considered as a part of the multi-modal solution to South Mountain transportation. Mr. Crowley stated that he will be a winner whether the transit tax passes or not. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Lindy Bauer stated that on November 9, 1999, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notified MAG by telephone and Governor Hull by letter that there was an approvability problem with the MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. If the plan cannot be approved by March 2, 2000, the first sanction will be imposed which involves two to one off-sets for major industrial sources. Ms. Bauer indicated that if the plan is not corrected by September 2, 2000, the second sanction will be imposed which involves the loss of federal highway funds. Ms. Bauer commented that if sanctions are imposed, conformity lapses and there could be a potential loss of \$2.8 billion in funding. She said that the EPA stated that they had issues with the plan: the 90 percent compliance by Maricopa County for the County's Fugitive Dust Rule 310, a lack of a strategy for paving unpaved roads and lack of measures to control dust on unpaved roads. Ms. Bauer noted that the 90 percent compliance figure

was agreed upon at the December 22, 1997 meeting of the PM-10 Subcommittee of the Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force. She stated that enforcement of the Rule 310 has been decreasing since 1997, based upon County data submitted to EPA. The EPA has indicated that the region has \$40 million of uncommitted CMAQ funds which could be used to address PM-10 problems. Ms. Bauer stated that more than \$350 million in projects have been submitted for consideration.

Ms. Bauer displayed slides showing the sequence of events for Serious Area PM-10 Plan schedule, beginning in August 1997. She listed the 2006 PM-10 emission reductions from committed control measures, such as better enforcement of dust control rules, paving of roads and shoulders, charbroiler controls, fuel reformulation, and traffic signal synchronization.

Ms. Bauer commented that the EPA said that four months is needed to review the Plan prior to their approval. She said that to avoid the March 2, 2000 sanction, the corrected Plan would have to be submitted by November 2, a week before the letter was written on November 9.

Ms. Bauer stated that to address the approvability problem, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended on November 23, 1999 that CMAQ funds be approved as follows: \$5.4 million for paving principal dirt roads in the County; \$5.4 million for paving the remaining dirt roads in the County with 130 average daily trips or greater; \$5.4 million for paving additional dirt roads, with MAG members to submit project proposals to MAG by December 2, 1999 and MAG staff to investigate options for additional funding of this category; and \$5.7 million for the purchase of approximately 48 PM-10 Efficient Street Sweepers. This recommendation was made with the understanding that the County will make every effort to attain a rate of 80% compliance with Rule 310 and that the County will assist in getting State legislation authorizing the County to impose sanctions administratively for violations. Following the TRC meeting, Maricopa County revised their project cost estimates from \$10.8 million to \$7.85 million to reflect only paving costs for the projects.

Ms. Bauer noted that the TRC recommended that the proposed paving projects for CMAQ funds be included in the FY 2001-2005 TIP for public comment. She noted that \$3.8 million for street sweepers would be included in the existing TIP and \$1.9 would be included in the 2005 TIP.

Ms. Bauer commented that Representative Carolyn Allen had conducted a meeting recently to discuss the approvability issues. Representative Allen indicated that she did not want to go forward at this time on legislating administrative penalties. The private sector was opposed to the administrative penalties and the County had reservations about the penalties. Mayor Rimsza commented on the adoption of a model ordinance. He stated that we have a better chance of private support to change the State law if we begin locally. Ms. Bauer stated that Christine Zielonka from the City of Mesa was present at the meeting and would discuss the City's model ordinance. Ms. Bauer stated that the Governor had written a letter to the EPA requesting an expedited review of the Plan by the EPA

Christine Zielonka from the City of Mesa handed out an information packet on the Particulate Pollution Control Program for the City of Mesa. She stated that the ordinance was adopted in 1998 to increase dust control enforcement efforts. Ms. Zielonka summarized the ordinance. She said that copies of County dust control permit and plan must be submitted prior to receiving a building permit. Effective control measures are required for all dust generating operations. Ms. Zielonka stated that enforcement provisions are based on existing nuisance code procedures, with civil penalties ranging from \$25-\$500 upon issuance of a citation. She mentioned there is also an habitual offender provision with penalties

up to \$2,500 or jail time. Ms. Zielonka stated that the imminent hazard declaration allows a public works manager to stop work. She indicated that the City inspectors work with violators to solve the problem, but notify to the County if the problem persists.

Chairman Giuliano thanked Ms. Zielonka for her presentation. He indicated that he would be leaving the meeting and turned the gavel over to Mayor Rimsza.

Mayor Rimsza asked Mayor Brown to summarize Mesa's experiences with their model particulate pollution control ordinance. Mayor Brown commented on the problems with leaf blowers, which end up blowing dust. He indicated that the City Council decided that if the County was not going to enforce dust control measures, they would. Mayor Brown commented on the Association of General Contractors' opposition to enforcement of PM-10. He stated that MAG could create a uniform code to enforce dust control measures with civil penalties. Mayor Brown stated that the cities need the ability to cite on the spot, not in 30 days, as now. He commented on the opposition felt by the Legislature from contractors. Mayor Brown stated that if we do not take the responsibility, then nothing will happen.

Mayor Rimsza moved to direct staff to draft a model ordinance that will allow member agencies to enforce dust control rules and cite violators. Mayor John Keegan seconded.

Mayor Rimsza asked Ms. Bauer if the motion's wording was in accord with modeling and compliance regulations. Ms. Bauer replied that it was fine.

Governor Thomas stated that the Gila River Indian Community's particulate problem was not as severe as the greater Metro area.

Hearing no further discussion, a vote was taken and it was unanimously carried to direct staff to draft a model ordinance that will allow member agencies to enforce dust control rules and cite violators.

Supervisor Andy Kunasek expressed his support for the motion. He indicated that a model ordinance and allowing the County to administratively enforce penalties and impose sanctions would be a wake up call for the business and development communities. He stated that they will become more cooperative when confronted with a serious ordinance.

Mayor Rimsza expressed to staff that the ordinance does not need to be limited to existing Mesa and County rules. He said that the ordinance should be stricter and quicker.

21. Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Paul Ward summarized the TRC project recommendations to be added to the TIP. Projects costing \$10.8 million are designed to reduce fugitive dust from unpaved roads with an average daily traffic count (ADT) of more than 130 vehicles per day, under the jurisdiction of Maricopa County. Maricopa County will provide an additional 50 percent match for these projects. It is important to note that these projects include private roads that are publicly maintained. This recommendation was made with the understanding that the County will make every effort to attain a rate of 80% compliance with Rule 310

and that the County will assist in getting State legislation authorizing the County to impose sanctions administratively for violations. The TRC also recommended an additional project, totaling \$5.7 million in funding, for the purchase of specially certified vacuum Street Sweepers. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program funds will be used for both the paving and purchase of sweepers. These changes are not expected to affect the MAG air quality conformity analysis and the required action is considered a “minor” TIP amendment, for which a formal public hearing is not necessary. Following the TRC meeting, on November 30, Maricopa County revised their project cost estimates from \$10.8 million to \$7.85 million to reflect only paving costs for the projects. Mr. Ward summarized the projects and their funding sources as shown in Table One attached to the information summary.

Mayor Keegan moved to approve an amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add the following projects, all with CMAQ funds: Maricopa County, paving dirt roads: Phases 1 & 2, FY 2001, \$1,700,000; Phases 3 & 4, FY 2002, \$3,070,000; and Phases 5 & 6, FY 2003, \$3,077,500 with the understanding that the County will make every effort to attain a rate of 80% compliance with Rule 310 and that the County will assist in getting State legislation authorizing the County to impose sanctions administratively for violations; and \$960,000 in each of FYs 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 for the purchase of PM-10 certified street sweepers. Mayor Campana seconded.

Mayor Thomas Morales commented on plans submitted for the TIP. Mayor Rimsza indicated that staff would meet with Mayor Morales later to answer any questions he might have.

Hearing no further discussion, a vote was taken and it was unanimously carried to approve an amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add the following projects, all with CMAQ funds: Maricopa County, paving dirt roads: Phases 1 & 2, FY 2001, \$1,700,000; Phases 3 & 4, FY 2002, \$3,070,000; and Phases 5 & 6, FY 2003, \$3,077,500 with the understanding that the County will make every effort to attain a rate of 80% compliance with Rule 310 and that the County will assist in getting State legislation authorizing the County to impose sanctions administratively for violations; and \$960,000 in each of FYs 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 for the purchase of PM-10 certified street sweepers.

23. The 1999 Brown Cloud Project for the MAG Area

Cari Anderson gave a presentation on the 1999 Brown Cloud Project for the MAG Area. She said the project is designed to review the existing source data and identify potential measures to reduce the visible Brown Cloud. The report includes information on brown clouds in western urban areas; the brown cloud in Maricopa County; emission sources contributing to the brown cloud; and potential control measures to decrease the brown cloud. Ms. Anderson displayed a slide of pie charts that identified emission sources that contribute to the Brown Cloud from data gathered in 1994 to 1995. Ms. Anderson stated the report recommends mandating the use of clean burning diesel fuel, encouraging retrofits and replacements of nonroad diesel engines and equipment, strengthening the voluntary onroad diesel vehicle retirement program, electrifying truck stops through a pilot program, implementing a toll-free number for smoking vehicle complaints, and implementing a smoking vehicle identification and citation program. She mentioned that two additional measures suggested for further study include the implementation of remote sensing devices for detecting smoking vehicles and the implementation of an inspection/maintenance program enhancement to detect or test for smoking vehicles or high emitters of particulate matter.

Mayor Rimsza commented that the presentation on the Brown Cloud report would be concluded after agenda items requiring action were considered, before a quorum was lost.

Mayor Keegan moved, Mayor Morales seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the 1999 Brown Cloud Project for the MAG Area and request that the potential implementing entities consider the recommended measures for implementation, if feasible.

24. MAG Policies on Smart Growth and Update on the Citizens Growth Management Initiative

Mr. Bourey stated that smart growth policies had been discussed at several meetings. He said that staff recommends that the Regional Council adopt a general policy position on growth related legislation, rather than on Growing Smarter or on the Citizens Growth Management Initiative. He stated that the Management Committee had recommended approval.

Mayor Keegan moved, Mayor Brown seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the MAG Policies on Smart Growth.

Councilmember Boyd Dunn asked under which agenda item the dust control ordinance had been approved. Mr. Bourey replied that the ordinance was considered under agenda item #22, EPA Approvability Problem with the MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10.

3. Approval of November 3, 1999 Meeting Minutes

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Mayor Rimsza asked for a motion to approve the November 3, 1999 meeting minutes.

Mayor Keegan moved, Mayor Gamez seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 3, 1999 meeting.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Mayor Rimsza asked if any member requested removal of any consent agenda item. Hearing no requests, Mayor Rimsza asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Bill Beyer moved, Mayor Morales seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, and #19.

7. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has requested a change to the MAG Regional Freeway Program. Freeway connections on the Pima Freeway at Scottsdale Road and Pima Road are being accelerated to provide safer conditions between phased construction in the corridor. This change does not involve an acceleration of the freeway facility between Scottsdale Road and Pima Road. The proposed project may be categorized as a minor project revision for which a conformity determination is not required.

8. Consultation for Project-Level Conformity Determination on the Proposed City of Phoenix South Central Avenue Transit Center

The City of Phoenix has requested concurrence for the project-level conformity determination prepared for the South Central Avenue Transit Center. The South Central Avenue Transit Center is proposed for the northwest corner of Central Avenue and Broadway Road in Phoenix. The project is in the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal year 2001. An amendment to the TIP is not required. As a bus terminal, this project was exempt from the regional emissions analyses according to the federal conformity guidelines. The estimated total cost of this project is \$4 million. Federal Transit Administration funding in the amount of \$3,200,000 has been programmed for this project. MAG has reviewed the air quality impact analysis prepared by the City of Phoenix for completeness and concurs with the findings.

9. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On November 23, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that projects be added to the MAG federally funded program to address EPA approvability issues with the 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. Projects costing \$10.8 million are designed to reduce fugitive dust from unpaved roads with more than 130 vehicles per day under the jurisdiction of Maricopa County. Maricopa County will provide an additional fifty percent match to be used for paving. It is important to note that these also include private roads that are publicly maintained. This recommendation was made with the understanding that the County will make every effort to attain a rate of 80% compliance with Rule 310 and that the County will assist in getting State legislation authorizing the County to impose sanctions administratively for violations. Additional projects totaling \$5.7 million in funding for the purchase of PM-10 certified street sweepers were recommended; \$1.9 million will be deferred until FY 2005. Available Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds will be utilized for both the street paving and the purchase of street sweepers.

Following the TRC meeting, Maricopa County revised their project cost estimates from \$10.8 million to \$7.85 million to reflect only construction/paving costs for the projects (November 30, 1999).

MAG has reviewed the proposed projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) and has found that the proposed projects may be categorized as a minor TIP amendment, for which conformity consultation is required. The current conformity finding of the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan Summary was made jointly by the Federal Highway

Administration and Federal Transit Administration in a letter dated June 10, 1999 and would be unchanged by the proposed TIP Amendment.

10. MAG Pedestrian Plan 2000

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the MAG Regional Pedestrian Plan 2000 for inclusion into the FY 2000 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan. In July 1993, the MAG Regional Council adopted the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and Update. This update included a Pedestrian Plan for the MAG region. In May 1998, the MAG Regional Council adopted the fiscal year 1999 Pedestrian Work Program. The Work Program includes a pedestrian component, and specifically identifies developing an update to the MAG Regional Pedestrian Plan. The current adopted Regional Pedestrian Plan was developed prior to the formation of the Pedestrian Working Group. Since the Pedestrian Working Group was formed, several additional projects and programs to encourage walking in the region have been implemented. These plans and programs have been included in the MAG Pedestrian Plan 2000. On November 10, 1999, the Pedestrian Working Group recommended approval of the MAG Regional Pedestrian Plan 2000 for inclusion into the FY 2000 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan.

11. Advancements of Scottsdale Road and Pima Road Interchanges on the Pima Freeway

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the accelerated construction of the Scottsdale Road and Pima Road traffic interchanges on the Pima Freeway to provide for better and safer traffic conditions, and if the freeway acceleration goes forward, it would include these interchanges. The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested a change to the MAG Regional Freeway Program to provide an improved and safer “end-of-freeway” condition on the Pima Freeway. ADOT has requested that the traffic interchanges at Scottsdale Road and at Pima Road on the Pima Freeway be advertised for construction in January 2000 with completion in March 2001. These two interchanges are currently included in the Pima Freeway segment to connect Pima Road and Scottsdale Road. This segment is the last segment of the Pima Freeway to be constructed and is approved for acceleration under an agreement between ADOT and the City of Scottsdale. With the acceleration, this last segment would have been completed near the time of completion of the two adjacent projects. Due to delays related to drainage issues with the US Army Corps of Engineers, however, the timing of the segment is uncertain. ADOT, therefore, is concerned with the “end-of-freeway” condition at Scottsdale Road and Pima Road that might have to be in place until the middle of 2003. ADOT is proposing to build the ramp connections, crossroad improvements, and the overpass structures at Scottsdale Road and Pima Road to optimize the flow of traffic in a safe condition. Constructing the two interchanges now will also reduce the traffic disruption in the future when the final segment of the Pima Freeway is built. If the freeway acceleration goes forward, it would include these interchanges.

To accomplish the request, \$7.8 million would be taken from the Scottsdale Road to Pima Road project to fund the traffic interchanges. Once the drainage issues are resolved, the roadway between Scottsdale Road and Pima Road would be built.

12. FY 2000 MAG Enhanced Early Phase Input Opportunity Report

The early phase input opportunity was conducted over the period of June through October, 1999. During this phase, public input is used to identify and address upcoming issues and work topics to address in the next update of transportation plans and programs. Various forums for input were used

during the FY 2000 Enhanced Early Phase Input Opportunity. The enhanced process began with a Regional Transportation Stakeholders Meeting on June 8, 1999. Several special events were held to obtain specific input regarding ongoing transportation planning and programming issues. MAG staff attended several community group meetings to gather input on transportation planning issues and funding priorities. Finally, a transportation survey was developed to solicit input on transportation issues and needs to consider in updating the LRTP and TIP. Throughout this process approximately 475 people were contacted to provide their input on transportation issues. This input is summarized in the FY 2000 Enhanced Early Phase Input Opportunity Report.

13. Consultant Selection for the Regional Off-Street System Plan

The Regional Council, by consent, approved selecting the consultant firm Robert Bein, William Frost and Associates to develop the Regional Off-Street System Plan for an amount not to exceed \$100,000. In May, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program which included \$100,000 in FHWA Planning Funds to develop a region-wide system of off-street pathways for non-motorized travel. A request for proposals (RFP) was advertised for consulting assistance for the development of the Plan. Three consultant proposals were received in response to the RFP. A multi-agency proposal review team interviewed the consultants and unanimously recommended that the consultant firm Robert Bein, William Frost & Associates be selected to develop the Regional Off-Street Pathways System Plan for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

14. Approval of the July 1, 1999 Municipality Resident Population Updates

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the July 1, 1999 Municipality Resident Population Updates. MAG staff has prepared draft July 1, 1999 Municipality Resident Population Updates. The Updates were prepared using data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies and a method that has been used over the past nine years. These Updates were also made consistent with a draft July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Update that was recommended for approval by the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) and by the Management Committee and were approved by the Regional Council on November 3, 1999. The MAG POPTAC recommended approval of the July 1, 1999 Municipality Resident Population Updates on November 2, 1999. The Director of the Department of Economic Security is required to forward the Updates to the Economic Estimates Commission by December 15th of each year. The Updates are used to allocate \$23 million in lottery funds to local jurisdictions and to determine expenditure limitations where appropriate.

15. Consultant Selection for MAG Database Enhancement Project

The Regional Council, by consent, approved that following firms be selected for the MAG Database Enhancement Project not to exceed the following amounts: (1) Terra Systems be awarded \$78,506 for Task 1; (2), InfoTech be awarded \$249,700 for Task 2; (3), Applied Economics be awarded \$80,878 for the database development components of Task 3, and that Arizona State University undertake Tasks 4 and 5, for a total of \$186,930. In May 1999, the Regional Council approved the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program, including consultant project(s) to update and enhance the MAG Socioeconomic Database at a cost not to exceed \$750,000. This update will form the base for developing new population and socioeconomic projections after Census 2000. The project includes the update of the MAG Street Centerline file, employment and land use databases, special populations and miscellaneous other data needed to prepare new projections. In August a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and nine proposals were received. The RFP contained five tasks. A multi-agency evaluation

group reviewed the proposals and recommended that: Terra Systems undertake Task 1 of the project, study oversight with emphasis on ensuring consistent Geographic Information System standards throughout all the tasks; InfoTech undertake Task 2, update of the MAG Street Centerline File; Applied Economics undertake Task 3, the compilation of the databases for employment, development and redevelopment; and that Arizona State University undertake Tasks 4 and 5, which involve the update of special populations and other data. It was also recommended that the Geographic Information System (GIS) portion of Task 3 be deferred until more work progresses on Task 2 (Street Centerline File Update) and that the \$153,986 earmarked for the work be reserved for a future contract.

16. MAG FY 2001 PSAP Equipment Funding Request and MAG FY 2001-2005 PSAP Equipment Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the MAG FY 2001 PSAP Funding Request and MAG FY 2001-2005 PSAP Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration. Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five year equipment program that forecasts future 911 equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). According to the ADOA Order of Adoption, which stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund, the funding request for FY 2001 is required to be submitted to the ADOA by December 15, 1999. On November 4, 1999, the MAG 911 Oversight Committee recommended that the funding request be submitted to the ADOA.

17. Update on Reductions of Social Services Block Grant Funds

The Regional Council, by consent, approved requesting that the State of Arizona to replace Social Services Block Grant funds that are reduced with funds transferred from the federal cash assistance program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. Also, if Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funds are not available, that these funds be replaced by general fund dollars. In addition, to approve the funding reductions recommended by the Human Services Coordinating Committee. Under a contract with the Arizona Department of Economic Security, the MAG Human Services Coordinating and Technical Committees annually identify which services should be funded with federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). Funding recommendations for the next fiscal year, beginning in July 2000 are to be reduced by \$638,690 due to a congressional funding reduction in the TEA-21 legislation which reduces the Social Services Block Grant from \$1.9 billion to \$1.7 billion. The congressional budget amounts for this current fiscal year reduced the SSBG to \$1.775 billion, a cut of \$134 million below FY 1999 levels. The Human Services Technical Committee has recommended cuts to existing programs to absorb these reductions. The Human Services Coordinating Committee is scheduled to consider these cuts at their meeting on December 7, 1999.

To alleviate reductions in the past, MAG has successfully worked with the Arizona State Legislature to transfer funds from the federal cash assistance program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). The authority to transfer TANF funds remains at 10 percent under the final congressional budget agreement.

18. Approval of the Homeless Planning Process

The Regional Council, by consent, approved submitting a regional grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal Stewart B. McKinney Act funds for homeless programs for this region and for MAG to assume the responsibility for the planning process for these federal funds and to amend the MAG budget to receive the foundation funding to support the planning process already initiated by the Stardust Foundation. On July 22, 1999, representatives of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requested that MAG convene a community planning process which would result in an application for federal Stewart B. McKinney Act Funds for homeless programs for our region. After examination of the implications and costs to take on this responsibility and meetings with numerous stakeholders, the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee recommended submitting a regional grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal Stewart B. McKinney Act funds for homeless programs for this region and for MAG to assume the responsibility for the planning process for these funds. A proposed structure for the regional planning process has been developed and working groups will begin to meet during December, pending Regional Council approval.

19. Amendment of Contract with Planning Technologies

The Regional Council, by consent, approved a contract amendment with Planning Technologies for an amount not to exceed \$10,000. The FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work program, which was approved by the Regional Council in May 1999, includes \$10,000 for support and enhancements to our socioeconomic model. This model is important for the analysis of the upcoming Census 2000 information. Due to increased testing and support needs, it is important that a contract amendment be initiated before the end of the year. It is requested that the contract with Planning Technologies be amended to add \$10,000 for increased support and model enhancements.

Mayor Rimsza asked Ms. Anderson to come forward and conclude her presentation on agenda item #23, The 1999 Brown Cloud Project for the MAG Area. Ms. Anderson stated that her presentation was concluded with the exception of a summary of prior committee actions.

4. Call to the Audience

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Mayor Rimsza recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who stated that more outreach was needed in the 2025 process. He stated that for agenda item #10, MAG Pedestrian Plan 2000, eliminating the right turn on red would be the best aid to pedestrians. Mr. Crowley stated that he had written the letter regarding hostility and requested it be entered into the record. He commented on federal regulations that state that the public must have input. Mr. Crowley stated that instead of just paving them, road shoulders should be turned into bike lanes. Mayor Rimsza thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Mayor Rimsza recognized public comment from Jennifer Storey, a representative from Youth Stand Up!, a group created to decrease youth violence. Ms. Storey stated that youth violence is a national crisis. She said that the Against Violence Rally is scheduled for April 20, 2000 at Veterans Memorial

Coliseum. Ms. Storey asked for everyone's support and circulated a joint proclamation for the Mayors' signatures. Mayor Rimsza thanked Ms. Storey for her comments.

5. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that a recently streamlined Regional Council Retreat agenda was at each place. He indicated that this streamlining would allow the Retreat to end at approximately 2:30 p.m. Mr. Bourey encouraged attendance by Regional Council members.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Management Committee Retreat is scheduled for Friday, December 10, 1999 at Arrowhead Country Club in Glendale.

Mr. Bourey announced that an Internet taxation forum is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on December 16, 1999 at the MAG office in the Saguaro Room. He said that State Representative Jeff Hatch-Miller, Dennis Kavanaugh, Councilmember from Mesa, and Terry Cross are scheduled speakers.

Mr. Bourey introduced three new MAG staff members. Anubhav Bagley was previously with SAIC and received his Bachelor's in New Delhi, India, and Master's in Environmental Planning from Arizona State University. Mr. Bourey introduced Brenda Geisen, formerly with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. He mentioned that she is completing her studies in Environmental Studies at ASU West. Ms. Geisen will work on the MAG 208 Water Quality Plan. Mr. Bourey introduced Ratna Korepella, who came to Phoenix from Baton Rouge. Ms. Korepella is a transportation modeler, who holds a Master's in Transportation Engineering, in addition to Bachelor's and Master's degrees she received in India.

20. Valley Vision 2025 Update

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Mr. Bourey stated that a summary report of the information received from the 12 public forums was at each place. He said that work on Greater Phoenix Leadership's participation in Valley Vision is continuing. Mr. Bourey stated that a statistically valid survey is needed to complete the process. He noted that he would continue to update the members. Mayor Rimsza thanked Mr. Bourey and asked if there were any additional questions.

25. Y2K Update

Kelly Taft stated that at a meeting of Valley Managers, it was suggested that MAG convene a series of Y2K forums to facilitate the sharing of information and best practices about preparing for Y2K. She stated that 7 forums have been held at the MAG office. Ms. Taft stated that a packet was at each place that contained a detailed summary on each forum. She indicated that Jim Wortham, Phoenix Fire, was present to answer any questions about the effects of Y2K on the region's 911 system. She stated that speakers at the forums gave presentations on electric, telephone, gas, and water utilities, city and state disaster services, public information, 911 operations, liability, public safety, health care, grocery industry, petroleum industry, aviation, and people with disabilities. Each forum also included roundtable discussions for cities to share information for dealing with Y2K.

Ms. Taft stated that most agencies reported significant progress in preparing for Y2K. Although there was a general feeling of optimism that there will be no significant crises, the majority of presenters felt it important to prepare for worst-case scenarios. Ms. Taft stated that concern was expressed for people's behavior during the rollover, specifically on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. For example, if people suddenly begin hoarding resources such as water, groceries, gasoline, medical supplies or cash, that behavior could in itself create shortages. Continually picking up the telephone to check the dial tone or call 9-1-1 to see if it is working could create disruptions in service.

Ms. Taft stated that a Valleywide Public Information Officer (PIO) Y2K team was formed to address many of these issues. She indicated that the PIO team will be working with the media before, during and after the rollover. The team produced a brochure, in English and Spanish, containing information on preparing for Y2K. 250,000 of these brochures have been distributed throughout the region.

Ms. Taft noted that safety concerns on New Year's Eve, especially at the city celebrations in Phoenix and Tempe, include traffic congestion, crime, random gunfire, alcohol consumption, available emergency room space, crowd control and numerous related problems. Ms. Taft noted there is a strong possibility of an overburdened 911 system. She explained that under normal circumstances, if one agency's lines become full, the next call is "rolled over" to another agency. However, because all systems are expected to experience heavy call volume, the rollover function will be "turned off" during New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. This means when the system is full, 9-1-1 callers will get a busy signal. She indicated that PIOs have been working to advise citizens to keep trying their call in the event of an emergency. Ms. Taft mentioned the importance of communicating to residents that they should only call 9-1-1 in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

Ms. Taft stated that another issue of concern during New Year's Eve and New Year's Day is the potential for overloaded emergency rooms and hospitals. The Valleywide PIO Y2K team has been working with Valley hospitals to determine how best to communicate to both emergency crews and citizens which hospitals are experiencing overflow, so that those needing medical attention can go directly to those facilities experiencing lighter patient volumes.

Ms. Taft indicated that many cities will station police officers or city staff members at every fire station or other "citizen contact centers" during the 24-hour period beginning December 31st. These centers will be manned by a city staff member equipped with a two-way radio connected to police and fire so that citizens can report emergencies in the event of phone system outages. Mayor Rimsza thanked Ms. Taft for her presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary