

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

November 3, 1999
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman	Supervisor Don Stapley, Maricopa County
Mayor Thomas Morales, Avondale	Mayor Wayne Brown, Mesa
* Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye	Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
* Mayor Vincent Francia, Cave Creek	Vice Mayor Joe LaRue for Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
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
Lt. Governor Cecil Antone for 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 5:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Giuliano introduced Mayor Edward Morgan from Carefree and presented him with his Regional Council membership certificate.

Chairman Giuliano announced that Mayor Douglas Coleman from Apache Junction was present at the meeting.

Chairman Giuliano introduced Vice Mayor Joe LaRue as proxy for Mayor John Keegan from Peoria.

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 #16, Apache Junction Request for Representation on MAG Boards, would be heard after consideration of the consent agenda.

3. Approval of September 22, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Giuliano asked for a motion to approve the September 22, 1999 meeting minutes.

Mayor Dallas Gant moved, Bill Beyer seconded, and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the September 22, 1999 meeting. Mayor Barleycorn did not vote.

Mr. Beyer stated that Mr. Blue Crowley had asked about submitting a letter for the record. Chairman Giuliano stated that documents submitted become public record.

4. Call to the Audience

Chairman Giuliano noted that we have a timer to assist the public with their presentations, which have a three minute time limit. When two minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. He said that at the end of the three minute time period, the red light will come on. Members of the audience who wish to speak fill out a card and give it to the MAG staff who will bring it to the Chairman.

Chairman Giuliano stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. He indicated that for the action items on the agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is heard. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from D. D. Barker, who spoke about the Valley Vision 2025 forums. She stated that she attended the forum in Mesa. Ms. Barker commented that children need to become more involved in the process and noted that staff has promoted attendance of children at the forums. Ms. Barker congratulated the City of Scottsdale on the high voter turnout at Tuesday's election. She expressed hope that the City of Phoenix would be able to increase their voter turnout. Chairman Giuliano thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that he had only three minutes to comment for non-action and non-agenda items. Mr. Crowley stated that the charge for him to get a set of the conformity documents would cost \$500. Since he could not pay for the documents, he would be reviewing them in the MAG library. He stated that the RPTA did not have to pay for their documents, so why do citizens, who have already paid for them with taxes? He commented that the federal process requires that information be provided. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

5. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that a joint meeting of MAG and PAG was held on October 27, 1999 in Casa Grande. Agenda items discussed included transportation funding, the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force, Growing Smarter and the Citizen's Growth Management Initiative, and upcoming State legislation. Mr. Bourey thanked the Regional Council members who attended.

Mr. Bourey stated that a joint meeting of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force and the Regional Council is scheduled for November 4, 1999 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the MAG office in the Saguaro Room. He indicated that funding needs and options and governance are on the agenda.

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. Mayor Rimsza suggested inviting retailers to the forum. He commented that this is a crucial issue for all and the retail community is concerned over sales on the Internet.

Mr. Bourey stated that he recently attended the Arizona Town Hall, whose theme was "Uniting a Diverse Arizona." He remarked that discussion focused on urban and rural centers, ethnic diversity, and uniting the cities in Arizona.

Mr. Bourey stated that he attended a meeting of the Census Advisory Committee. He said that all addresses in the mail out-mail back area provided by cities will be mailed a questionnaire, however, there will not be follow up by the Census Bureau on questionnaires not returned.

Mr. Bourey introduced a new MAG employee, Christopher Bruce, a GIS Analyst. Mr. Bruce was formerly with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Resources. He received his Bachelor's from the University of Florida and Master's from North Carolina State University.

Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions. Mayor Morales asked for clarification of the Census Bureau process of updating the address list. Mr. Bourey replied that a questionnaire will be sent out to all reported addresses, whether validated or not by the Bureau. He stated that new construction is a concern and that a process has been agreed to by the Census Bureau to update the list until April 1, 2000.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Giuliano stated that prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience are provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda.

Chairman Giuliano noted that items #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13 were on the consent agenda.

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who spoke on agenda item #7, Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Amendments to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. He said his previous comment about the situation should have been included in the transmittal. For agenda item #9, Construction of Median Cable Barriers on the MAG Freeway System, Mr. Crowley commented that it is indeed an emergency situation. For agenda item #8, Consultant Selection for the MAG Park and Ride Site Selection Study, he commented that more formal planning is needed for park and ride locations. He said that the Governor's Vision 21 Task Force meeting agenda should note that the DASH is available for transportation to the Capitol for their meeting following the joint meeting with the Regional Council at MAG. For agenda item #13, Approval of the Draft July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Resident Population Update, Mr. Crowley commented that the estimate shows there is substantial undercounting. He stated that more effort is

needed to count the homeless. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments and asked if any member requested an item be removed from the consent agenda. Hearing no requests, he asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Mayor Dallas Gant moved, Bill Beyer seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve consent agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

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

On September 21, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that seven projects be added to the 2000 MAG federally funded program, including the necessary amendments of the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The projects implement median barriers on the regional freeway system as countermeasures for reducing median cross over crashes on urban freeways. Available federal Hazard Elimination Safety funds (HES) will be utilized to retrofit all existing freeways with cable median barriers.

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 exempt, for which conformity determinations are not 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 Amendments.

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

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the selection of 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. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation.

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

The Regional Council, by consent, approved: 1. Funding median cable barriers on new freeways (including new freeways under construction) with MAG freeway funds; 2. Funding median cable barriers on all existing freeways with ADOT Hazard Elimination Safety funds; 3. Amending 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) & 7th 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 recommended that MAG fund installation of median cable barriers on all new freeways (including freeways under construction). The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. All of the projects are regarded as exempt for air quality conformity analysis purposes, and consultation on the status of these projects is included in a separate agenda item. It is therefore expected that only a "minor" amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program will be necessary, in order for these projects to proceed.

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

The Regional Council, by consent, approved 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. The Management Committee recommended amending the Work Program to include the enhanced rideshare amount.

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

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee has completed 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. The summary of these recommendations has been 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.

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

The Regional Council, by consent, approved 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. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Committee.

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

The Regional Council, by consent, approved 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 MAG POPTAC, recommended 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. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation.

16. Apache Junction Request for Representation on MAG Boards

This agenda item was heard out of order.

Chairman Giuliano introduced Mayor Douglas Coleman from Apache Junction. Mayor Coleman thanked the Council for considering the City's request for a non-voting membership. He stated that Apache Junction is requesting a place at the table for discussion of issues that could impact their City. Mayor Coleman stated that the City's future is a part of the Metropolitan Phoenix area. He remarked that official recognition as members will provide a more complete representation for the City than as public participants. Mayor Coleman indicated that Queen Creek, whose jurisdiction lies within both Maricopa and Pinal Counties, was recently granted membership in Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG). Mayor Coleman noted that Apache Junction is a part of the non-attainment area for PM-10, and is included in regional transportation plans. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mayor Coleman and asked if there were any questions for Mayor Coleman.

Mr. Bourey stated that Apache Junction is in the urbanized area as defined by the US Census Bureau, included in the MAG TIP and LRTP and subject to MAG conformity analysis. He indicated that their population has been part of the calculation for MAG federal transportation funds. If our region's conformity is not successful, Apache Junction's spending on transportation is affected. Mr. Bourey stated that Apache Junction is a part of our non-attainment area for PM-10. The City is also fully integrated into the region's 911 system. Mr. Bourey noted that Apache Junction had an opportunity to join another 911 system, but chose to remain in the MAG system. Mr. Bourey displayed a slide showing a map of the region and noted that Peoria, Queen Creek, and the Gila River Indian Community have portions of their jurisdictions outside of Maricopa County. He displayed a map showing the modeling boundaries. He commented that these are significant reasons to allow them a seat at the table and it is important to allow them to participate in regional discussions.

Mayor Rimsza moved to grant the City of Apache Junction membership as a non-voting member. Supervisor Stapley seconded. Chairman Giuliano asked for discussion.

Mayor Campana asked why Apache Junction was not included as a member in MAG from the beginning. Dennis Smith explained the processes that took place to form planning districts and Councils of Governments. He indicated that Apache Junction joined CAAG prior to ISTEAA.

Vice Mayor LaRue expressed concern for consistency in the By-Laws if membership is granted. He stated that the first step should be amendment of the By-Laws, if needed. Mayor Rimsza stated that the intent of his motion was to give direction for staff to begin the process. Mr. Bourey stated that the motion would grant Apache Junction a seat at the table, not voting status. He commented that staff would present a fully researched report on membership issues at the Regional Council Retreat in January.

Vice Mayor LaRue stated that other organizations have requested membership. Mayor Rimsza stated that Apache Junction is an incorporated city with elected officials and is in a different category than those who are governed by associations. Vice Mayor LaRue expressed concern with the potential damage to the By-Laws. He commented that Maricopa County, the State Transportation Board, and Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee represent those that are not members, but are within Maricopa County. Vice Mayor LaRue stated that he had many unanswered questions.

Mayor Shafer expressed concern that granting membership to Apache Junction could open the door to membership requests from other entities, such as Sun City and Sun City West. Mayor Rimsza clarified his position as supporting their membership by explaining the difference between Apache Junction as an incorporated city with elected officials and other associations, such as Sun City and Sun City West, that are not incorporated nor have elected officials.

Mayor Scruggs stated that this issue had been discussed at previous Regional Council Executive Committee meetings. She commented on the sloppy work done by staff on this issue. No mention had been made previously of the federal funds the region receives because Apache Junction is included in MAG plans. Mayor Scruggs stated that this is a procedural issue. She indicated that membership of the Gila River Indian Community is spelled out in the By-Laws. Representation of non-members by Maricopa County is intended unless it is spelled out in the By-Laws. Mayor Scruggs expressed concern with the status of memberships not previously defined opening the door to other requests. She indicated that requests were made at the Executive Committee meetings to research other classes of

membership, amend the By-Laws if needed, and then proceed with membership requests. She commented on the process of the last revision to the By-Laws in 1996.

Mayor Brown asked for clarification of the motion. Mayor Rimsza stated that his motion is to direct MAG staff to begin the process to add Apache Junction as a non-voting member. He explained that a formal direction is needed to begin the process. Formal direction results in a more efficient use of staff time and resources.

Mayor Brown commented that staff has not been given a formal direction to proceed and should be given this direction. He commented on the quality work that staff has done. He commented that Apache Junction is different from Sun City and Sun City West. Mayor Brown indicated that Apache Junction is included in MAG regional plans. He stated that the City would be a great addition to the organization and their input could assist in discussions of the problems the region faces. Mayor Brown stated that he supports Apache Junction being granted membership.

Mayor Schnepf commented that Apache Junction is in the same situation as Queen Creek, which lies in both Maricopa and Pinal Counties. He indicated that Queen Creek recently went through the process to join the CAAG. Mayor Schnepf stated that Queen Creek has constant dialogue on mutual interests with Pinal County. It was a decision that allows them to sit at the table and offer input. Mayor Schnepf stated that CAAG reviewed their By-Laws to ensure compliance.

Mayor Dunham commented that being inclusive results in better business decisions. She stated that she supports staff researching any By-Laws issues. She remarked that any legal issues could then be considered.

Vice Mayor La Rue asked for clarification of the motion. He expressed concern that action would go beyond what is stated in the By-Laws. Mayor Rimsza replied that the motion is to grant Apache Junction non-voting membership and direct staff to review the By-Laws for consistency.

Chairman Giuliano stated that the motion would direct staff to study consistency with the By-Laws. If changes are required to the By-Laws, the amendment would be presented to the Regional Council for a vote. Chairman Giuliano stated that action would only grant Apache Junction a seat at the table.

Mayor Barleycorn expressed concern with the issues raised by Vice Mayor LaRue. He commented that the motion is confusing. Mayor Rimsza stated that his motion is to add Apache Junction as a non-voting member and to direct staff to study the By-Laws to determine if any legal or technical work would be required. He indicated that this is a policy decision, and technical issues would be determined after research by staff. Mayor Barleycorn stated that research of the By-Laws should be undertaken first, then consideration of membership requests afterward. Mr. Beyer stated that this is a situation of putting the cart before the horse, otherwise, staff will be given an impossible task. He stated that staff should research the issue and report to the members if any changes to the By-Laws would be required.

Mayor Lowry indicated that if the motion were adopted to add Apache Junction and it was then determined that it was not permitted by the By-Laws, then the action would not be effective. He stated that an effective date of the action being consistent with the By-Laws would clarify the motion. Mayor Rimsza indicated that he would accept this as a substitute motion.

Mayor Lowry moved to add Apache Junction as a non-voting member, subject to staff's report on any legal issues with the By-Laws, which would be presented to the Regional Council for action, if needed. Supervisor Stapley seconded. Chairman Giuliano asked for discussion.

Lt. Governor Antone stated that he supported granting Apache Junction non-voting membership.

Mayor Scruggs questioned on the urgency of taking action tonight when the membership issue would be discussed at the Retreat. Chairman Giuliano replied that Apache Junction's membership has been an issue since he became Chairman. He indicated that he considered it appropriate to discuss their request. Before a vote was taken, Chairman Giuliano asked Mayor Lowry to repeat his motion.

Mayor Lowry stated that his motion is to add Apache Junction as a non-voting member, subject to staff's report on any legal issues with the By-Laws, which would be presented to the Regional Council for action, if needed.

Vice Mayor LaRue expressed concern that the By-Laws had not been researched. Mr. Bourey replied that staff has researched this issue for 1½ years. An analysis was done and a report was delivered to the Executive Committee. Mr. Bourey stated that MAG's attorney was consulted and stated that membership could be interpreted as consistent with the By-Laws. He remarked he takes issue with comments on the quality of staff's work.

Mayor Shafer remarked on the many comments made tonight that the By-Laws are being ignored. She stated that the By-Laws have not been presented for review of this issue.

Chairman Giuliano asked for a vote. The motion passed with Mayor Arnold, Mayor Barleycorn, Mayor Gant, Vice Mayor LaRue, Mayor Russell, Mayor Scruggs, and Mayor Shafer voting no. Mr. Arnett voted yes and Mr. Beyer voted no. Chairman Giuliano noted that in this instance, votes from ADOT or CTOC are not counted, due to the By-Laws restricting ADOT's vote to transportation-related matters and CTOC's vote to matters dealing with the sales tax funded freeway system.

14. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Mr. Bourey stated that a Greater Phoenix Leadership meeting was scheduled for later in the week to discuss the further participation in Valley Vision 2025. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Bourey and asked if there were any additional questions.

15. Update on Transportation Funding Estimate

James M. Bourey displayed a presentation on the funding estimates for the MAG and PAG regions. He stated that after a meeting of Arizona transportation officials was held in April 1999, the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC) was formed. The RAAC has recently made recommendations. Mr. Bourey displayed pie charts that showed that the MAG region received 10.5 percent and the PAG region received 7.4 percent of state and federal ADOT discretionary funds in 1998. After the fair share analysis, it was determined that the MAG region should receive 38 percent and the PAG region should receive 19.8 percent. Mr. Bourey stated that ADOT proposed 17.3 percent for MAG and 6.9 percent for PAG last year. The next pie chart showed the adopted ADOT program for 2000-2004 that allocates 24.1 percent to MAG and 10.0 percent to PAG. Mr. Bourey indicated

that the RAAC recommendation for 2005 allocates 39 percent to MAG and 13 percent to PAG. This averages the shares for the 2001-2005 proposed ADOT program to 28.1 percent for MAG and 9.3 percent for PAG. Mr. Bourey stated that if additional funds should become available, it is anticipated that MAG and PAG would share the funds. He noted that a federal budget increasing transportation funds by \$1.57 billion has recently been adopted. Mr. Bourey stated that distribution of these additional funds is still being determined. He noted that in a Congressional action passed, a one percent cut was included. Mr. Bourey stated that he would continue to keep the members updated.

17. Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force Draft Final Report
18. Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines

Corey Cox 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 gave a presentation and 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. He mentioned that Bill Scalzo was Co-Chair of the Task Force. 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. He 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. He showed a slide showing the landforms and elevations studied in the plan. He stated that 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. Mr. Burke thanked MAG staff for their assistance on the project. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Burke for his presentation and asked if there were any questions.

Chairman Giuliano announced that a progressive dinner in Suite 300 upstairs would be held for the members of the Regional Council and their staff who had confirmed their dinner reservations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary