

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
June 13, 2001
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Lloyd Harrell, Chandler, Chairman	Terry Ellis, Peoria
Scott Schrader, Avondale	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Joe Blanton, Buckeye	Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
Jon Pearson, Carefree	*David Easchief, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Steve Olson for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale
Stuart Brackney, El Mirage	Bill Pupo, Surprise
*Paul Nordin, Fountain Hills	Randy Gross for Will Manley, Tempe
Shane Dille, Gila Bend	Chris Hagen-Hurley for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	*Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg
Kent Cooper, Gilbert	*Petra Mendez, Youngtown
Martin Vanacour, Glendale	Mary Lynn Tischer for Mary Peters, ADOT
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County
Tom Morales, Guadalupe	Ken Driggs, RPTA
Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park	*+Curtis Shook, Apache Junction
Kevin Adam for Mike Hutchinson, Mesa	
Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

+ Non-voting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lloyd Harrell, Chandler, at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman Harrell stated that for agenda item #11, Requested Changes to the Regional Freeway Program, a revised schedule reflecting adjusted right of way costs that have been provided by ADOT since the mailing was at each place. For agenda item #13, Constitutional Commemoration Committee, information from the Committee was at each place.

Chairman Harrell stated that transit tickets were available following the meeting from Ken Driggs from the RPTA.

2. Approval of May 9, 2001 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Harrell asked if there were any other changes to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Shane Dille moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2001 Management Committee meeting. Horatio Skeete seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Harrell stated that a timer is available to assist the public with their presentations. He noted that public comments have a three minute time limit. Chairman Harrell stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, cards are available from the staff who will bring it to the Chairman. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Chairman Harrell noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

4. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that the fourth annual Desert Peaks Awards Dinner will be held Thursday, June 21, 2001. He mentioned that 40 nominations for the awards had been received and judged. Mr. Bourey encouraged attendance at the event.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Management Committee recommended that a Governance Task Force be established to study broadening participation in MAG. The Regional Council approved the recommendation and a Task Force of six mayors and five managers has been formed. Information on the Task Force, including a roster and meeting schedule, has been sent out. Mr. Bourey stated that the first Task Force meeting was held on June 11, 2001. The next scheduled meeting is June 18, 2001.

Mr. Bourey stated that the next meeting of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force is scheduled for June 27, 2001. He indicated that the Task Force may modify their recommendations. Mr. Bourey stated that the Task Force is holding a series of statewide public meetings.

Mr. Bourey provided an update on the Regional Transportation Plan. He stated that five expert panel forums have been held. More than 200 participants have attended the series of focus groups currently being conducted. Mr. Bourey stated that the focus groups have identified that the automobile will continue to dominate modes of travel. They also recognized that more options and linkage among transportation modes are needed.

Mr. Bourey introduced Craig Chenery, a new MAG employee. Mr. Chenery will provide automation technical support. He received his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Suffolk College. Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Bourey for his presentation and asked if there were any questions.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Harrell stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for action items on consent. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. He stated that any member of the Committee may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually.

Chairman Harrell stated that agenda items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, were on the consent agenda. Noting that no public comment cards had been turned in, he asked if the public had comment on

any of the consent items. Chairman Harrell asked members if there were any requests to hear a consent item individually.

Hearing none, Chairman Harrell requested a motion to approve consent agenda items # 6, #7, #8, #9, and #10. Kent Cooper moved, Terry Ellis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Consultation for Project-Level Conformity Determination on the Proposed SR 51/Bell Road Park-and-Ride Facility

The City of Phoenix has requested concurrence for the project-level conformity determination prepared for the SR 51/Bell Road Park-and-Ride facility. The project is in the amended FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal year 2001. The project was exempt from the regional emissions analyses according to the federal transportation conformity guidelines as a “bus terminal and transfer point.” A conformity determination is required for federal-aid assisted projects under the transportation conformity guidelines. The City of Phoenix has prepared an air quality impact analysis, which includes a carbon monoxide hot-spot analysis for this project. The analysis concludes that the SR 51/Bell Road Park-and-Ride facility will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of the carbon monoxide standard. MAG has reviewed the air quality impact analysis for completeness and concurs with the findings.

7. Amendment of Contract with Planning Technologies for Model Enhancements

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended increasing the contract between MAG and Planning Technologies by \$50,000 from \$210,000 to \$260,000 for socioeconomic model enhancements. The FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program, approved by the Regional Council in May 2001, includes a work element to enhance the Subarea Allocation model that MAG uses for the preparation of socioeconomic projections. This custom model was developed for MAG by Planning Technologies. The enhancements to the model are needed to project special populations (seasonal, transient and population in group quarters) and work at home employment (telework and home based businesses) in preparation for the next round of socioeconomic projections. MAG is requesting an amendment to increase the contract with Planning Technologies by \$50,000 from \$210,000 to \$260,000 to cover these model enhancements.

8. Amendment of MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Contract with TerraSystems Southwest to Perform Consistency Checks

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended amending the contract between MAG and TerraSystems Southwest by \$75,000 from \$107,900 to \$182,900 to ensure consistency between MAG databases, Census 2000 data, and the base data compiled through the MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Project. The FY 2002 Unified Planning Work Program, approved by the Regional Council in May 2001, includes a work element to ensure consistency between MAG databases, Census 2000 data, and the base data compiled through the MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Project. TerraSystems Southwest is currently under contract to MAG to perform quality assurance/quality control tasks on the \$750,000 MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Project. The consistent data from the MAG GIS and Database Review for Census 2000 Consistency will provide the base from which new socioeconomic projections will be

prepared. MAG is therefore requesting an amendment to increase the contract with TerraSystems by \$75,000 from \$107,900 to \$182,900 to cover the additional work.

9. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Phoenix North Gateway Water Reclamation Plant

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Phoenix North Gateway Water Reclamation Plant. On May 31, 2001, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing for the Draft 208 Plan Amendment for the City of Phoenix North Gateway Water Reclamation Plant. The Phoenix Draft 208 Amendment includes the North Gateway Water Reclamation Plant with an ultimate capacity of 32 million gallons per day (mgd). The facility is identified in the current MAG 208 Plan as the proposed Biscuit Flats Water Reclamation Plant with an ultimate capacity of 12.5 mgd. Excess reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and discharge to Skunk Creek. The Flood Control District of Maricopa County has indicated they do not object to the proposed facility. Following the public hearing, the Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment.

10. Amendment to the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Additional Funds From the Arizona Department of Economic Security and Amendment of the MarketNow Contract to Develop an Enhanced MAG Web Page for Human Services

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended amending the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$35,000 from the Arizona Department of Economic Security to further the activities of the MAG Human Services Program and to amend the contract between MAG and MarketNow by \$35,000 from \$60,000 to \$95,000 to develop an enhanced web page for human services. On April 16, 2001, the Arizona Department of Economic Security provided MAG \$35,000 in Social Service Block Grant Funds to further the activities of the Human Services Program. It is necessary to amend the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to include these funds, and also to amend the contract between MAG and MarketNow by \$35,000 from \$60,000 to \$95,000 to develop an enhanced web page for human services.

11. Requested Changes to the Regional Freeway Program

Dennis Smith stated that in 1992, House Bill 2278 was passed that mandated that ADOT would draft an annual Life Cycle Program report to keep the freeway program in fiscal balance. Mr. Smith reported that the Arizona Department of Transportation requested a number of changes to the Regional Freeway Program. These changes include moving the road design and construction funds for the South Mountain two years into the future to allow for the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement; and a landscape project in the Pima Freeway corridor is being delayed one year. Mr. Smith stated that the projects being added include a landscape project at the Pima / I-17 TI that was inadvertently omitted from the program. Projects to incorporate the local participation of communities for enhancement and other city-related needs are being added. The amounts for these projects correspond to the funds being provided by the community. An archaeology study in the Red Mountain Corridor is needed as well as funds for risk management and right of way plans and titles. Mr. Smith stated that since the Management Committee mailing, ADOT provided a revised schedule of requested changes. The revised

schedule reflected adjusted right of way costs. Mr. Smith noted that Chuck Eaton and Mary Lynn Tischer from ADOT were present to answer questions.

Mr. Vanacour stated his support for agenda item #11. He stated that the money being allocated for landscaping freeways not yet built. Mr. Vanacour noted that \$4.5 million is needed to fund landscaping on 33 miles of freeway for which no funding is allocated. He mentioned that if a freeway had landscaping that was removed for installation of cable median barriers, that landscaping has not been replaced. Mr. Vanacour requested support to make the unfunded landscaping a priority during upcoming the MAG/ADOT/RPTA stakeholder meeting. Chairman Harrell asked for discussion and consideration of the requested main action first, after which Mr. Vanacour could make a motion regarding support for landscape funding.

Mr. Adam expressed his support for Mr. Vanacour's comments. He noted reductions to the landscaping budgets for the Red Mountain and Santan Freeways and requested clarification of the basis for unit costs. Mr. Eaton responded that until last year, a per mile basis for landscaping costs was used. This amounted to approximately \$650,000 per mile plus contingency, a total of \$720,000 to \$730,000 per mile. When the 30 percent plans are completed, then the landscape budget is converted to a per acre basis. He stated that the spending levels are equivalent.

Tom Martinsen moved to recommend approval of the requested changes to the MAG Regional Freeway Program. Tom Buick seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vanacour moved to recommend that support be given to 33 miles of unfunded freeway landscaping in the upcoming stakeholder process. Mr. Ellis seconded. Chairman Harrell asked if there were comments. Ms. Tischer requested that maintenance costs be addressed in the discussion.

Chairman Harrell asked for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

12. Amendment to the FY 2001 and FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

Paul Ward gave a presentation on the closeout of FY 2001 federal funds. Each year, MAG conducts a close out process to use the MAG federal funds and he briefly reviewed the closeout procedures. At the beginning of the federal FY, available funds are identified and compared with programmed projects. Uncommitted funds and available Obligation Authority can then be ascertained. By March 1, member agencies notify MAG of which projects need to be carried forward from the current year to the next year. Projects are then identified that can use the funds released in the current year.

Mr. Ward stated that in May 2001, the Regional Council approved \$12.2 million in projects of \$14.4 million available. He stated that the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of \$2.1 million in additional projects, including \$1.8 million for transit and the advance design of two Superstition Freeway projects, and \$320,000 for three new Work Program projects, as part of the Interim Close Out of the FY 2001 MAG Federally Funded Program.

Mr. Ward stated that the three TRC recommended non-Work Program projects were: \$716,000 for Phoenix Bus Rapid Transit vehicles, \$600,000 for the advance design of two arterial

crossings at US 60, and \$500,000 for regional light rail development. Mr. Ward noted that Regional Council action on these projects is anticipated next month along with final closeout projects.

He stated that the three Work Program projects recommended by the TRC include an additional \$100,000 for the MAG Freeway Bottleneck Removal Study, an additional \$200,000 for the Commuter Rail/High Capacity Transit Study and an additional \$120,000 for the RPTA Telework Program. Mr. Ward stated that, in order to use the FY 2001 MAG federal funds for studies, the funds have to be obligated during the current FY 2001 Work Program. Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Ward for his presentation and asked if there were questions.

Mr. Vanacour stated that originally, the requested motion to the TRC included \$200,000 for the Freeway Bottleneck Removal Study. He asked for clarification of the reason that the TRC reduced funding by \$100,000. Mr. Ward explained that \$340,000 was originally allocated to this project as part of the original closeout. Discussion at the TRC deemed that an additional \$100,000 would be sufficient for this study. Mr. Bourey stated that there may have been an unclear understanding of the potential scope of the study at the TRC meeting. Mr. Bourey indicated that the study would identify solutions, in addition to identifying bottlenecks. Mr. Bourey stated that staff feels that \$200,000 is necessary to complete this study. He noted Mr. Fairbanks raised the issue of identifying solutions at the May Management Committee meeting.

Chairman Harrell recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that the City of Phoenix should abandon the I-10 express terminal to the State if they are not going to complete it. This could open up the opportunity that the State could complete the project. He noted that the express terminal could be utilized with light rail. Mr. Crowley commented that money allocated to light rail in the Short Range Transit Plan is not shown in the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Crowley spoke in regard to the Telework Program. He stated that State, County, and City employees should be mandated to not use single occupant vehicles one day per week to go to work. He stated that MAG is reaching out to the business community, but not themselves, to increase telework. Mr. Crowley stated that siting of light rail stations needs better coordination.

Mr. Vanacour stated that he supported restoring the \$100,000 cut from the MAG Freeway Bottleneck Removal Study by the TRC. He noted that I-17 is the most congested freeway in the system and solutions are needed to ease this congestion. Mr. Vanacour moved to add \$100,000 for the MAG Freeway Bottleneck Removal Study. Mr. Cleveland seconded.

Before a vote was taken, Chairman Harrell asked if there were financial implications to restoring the \$100,000. Mr. Ward responded that this would not impact other projects and that he expected sufficient funds would be available.

Mr. Cooper commented on the \$340,000 already allocated to the study and on the additional expenditure. Mr. Smith stated that after discussion at the May Management Committee meeting to examine capacity in addition to identifying bottlenecks, staff surveyed other cities on their solutions. He indicated that the additional scope would assist in estimating rough costs. Mr. Smith indicated that the capacity study would complement the Northwest Valley, Southeast Valley and Southwest Valley Transportation Studies. Mr. Smith stated that having prepared information would be valuable if a vote is taken.

Chairman Harrell asked if there were further questions. Before a vote was taken, he repeated that the motion on the table was to add \$100,000 for the MAG Freeway Bottleneck Removal Study. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Harrell asked for a motion on the original requested action. Mr. Cleveland moved to recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2001 and FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to include \$200,000 for the MAG Freeway Bottleneck Removal Study; \$200,000 for the Commuter Rail/High Capacity Transit Study; and \$120,000 for the RPTA Telework Program. Mr. Pupo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Constitutional Commemoration Committee

Chairman Harrell introduced Lisa Fink, Chair of the Constitutional Commemoration Committee, informed members how to promote public understanding of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Ms. Fink stated that information on Constitution Week was at each place. She stated that Constitution Week will be celebrated the week of September 17, 2001. Ms. Fink asked for support in efforts to promote or sponsor activities for Constitution Week observances. She played a video on Constitution Week celebrations.

Chairman Harrell introduced Senator David Petersen, who addressed the body on Constitution Week. He quoted President Woodrow Wilson, who stated that, "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know where we came from or what we have been about." Senator Petersen stated that the purpose of the Constitution Committee is to help bring about discussion and activities of the Constitution. He noted that retired General Williams, Larry Chesley, legislators, educators, and city councilmembers serve on the Committee. Senator Petersen requested that members contact Representative Miranda at (602) 542-3391.

Ms. Fink stated that the handout shows examples of celebrations held by cities. She stated that Terry Ellis could provide an update on the City of Peoria's Constitution Week activities. Mr. Ellis stated that Peoria observed Constitution Week last year. He indicated that the celebration was very positive. Mr. Ellis stated that he had been told that this was the first exposure to the Constitution for many. He stated that he would assist anyone interested in learning more about the City's activities. Ms. Fink stated that the Cities of Mesa and Scottsdale have celebrations planned for September 17, 2001. The activities include picnics, dramatic presentations, bands, and prizes. Chairman Harrell thanked Ms. Fink and Senator Peterson for their presentations.

14. Election of Officers

Chairman Harrell stated that each June, the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected by the Management Committee. He asked if members had nominations.

Mr. Cleveland stated that it has been traditional for the Chair and Vice Chair to serve two year terms. He moved to nominate Lloyd Harrell as Chair and Martin Vanacour as Vice Chair of the MAG Management Committee. Mr. Ellis seconded.

Chairman Harrell asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none, he asked for a vote. The motion carried unanimously to elect Lloyd Harrell as Chair and Martin Vanacour as Vice Chair of the MAG Management Committee.

There being no further business, Chairman Harrell asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Martinsen moved, Mr. Fairbanks seconded and the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary