

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Transportation Policy Committee

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Today's Agenda

- Since Our Last Meeting...
- Final Bill Provisions
 - Funding Amounts
 - Apportionment, Obligation, Redistribution
 - Competitive Grants
 - Reporting Requirements
- Federal Eligibility Criteria
- Highway Projects
- Coding and Status – Local Highway Projects
- Possible Project Selection Criteria
- Next Steps

Transportation Infrastructure Funds

NATIONAL	FUNDING AMOUNT	DISTRIBUTION METHOD
Highway and Bridge Construction	\$27.5 billion	Formula with suballocation
Competitive Surface Transportation Grants	\$1.5 billion	Competitively awarded
Transit	\$8.4 billion	Discretionary

ARIZONA	FUNDING AMOUNT	Notes
Highway Infrastructure Investment	\$521,958,000	Does not include Competitive Grants
Transit Formula Funding	\$99,892,259	Excludes Fixed Guideway Modernization
Transportation Enhancements	\$15,659,000	

MAG Region - Transportation Infrastructure Funds

MAG REGION	FUNDING AMOUNT
Highway - ADOT/State Discretionary	\$99.3 - \$188.6 Million
Highway - MAG Sub-Allocation	\$88.72 Million
TOTAL Highway	\$188.02 - \$277.32 Million
TOTAL Transit	\$65 - \$75 Million
TOTAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY	\$253.02 - \$352.3 Million

When Should We Expect Funding?

Funds are to be made available
no later than 21 days
after the date of enactment.

March 10, 2009

After which the clock starts ticking for...

Use It or Lose It

	Short Term	Short Term - Long Term
State	120 days to obligate at least 50%. July 18, 2009	One year to obligate the balance. February 17, 2010
MPOs	No 120 day obligation provision.	100% of funds to be obligated within one year of enactment. February 17, 2010
Transit	180 days to obligate 50%. September 16 th , 2009	100% of funds to be obligated within one year of enactment. February 17, 2010

Unobligated balances will be withdrawn and subject to redistribution to States that have had no funds withdrawn.

Competitive Grants for Transportation

- \$1.5 billion for competitive grants for transportation
- Directed to various transportation investments:
 - Highway
 - Transit
 - Passenger and freight rail
 - Improving the efficiency of freight movement
- Applications due 180 days after criteria publication.
- Project selection to occur by February 17, 2010.

Reporting Requirements

Use of Economic Recovery Funds will be required to report on:

- The amount of funds appropriated, allocated, and outlaid.
- The number of projects
 - that have been put out to bid.
 - for which contracts have been **awarded** amount of [stimulus] funds associated with such contracts.
 - for which **work has begun** under such contracts and [stimulus] funds associate with such contracts.
 - for which **work has been completed** under such contracts and [stimulus] funds associate with such contracts.
- The number of **direct, on-project jobs created or sustained** by the [stimulus] funds provided for projects.... And the extent possible, the **estimated indirect jobs** created or sustained in the associated supplying industries, including the **number of jobs-years created** and the **total increase in employment** since the date of enactment of the Act.
- For each covered program report information tracking the **actual aggregate expenditures** by each grant recipient from State sources for projects eligible... compared to the level of expenditures planned to occur during such period.

Reporting Deadlines

- 1st Report: 90 days; June 18, 2009
- 2nd Report: 180 days; Sept. 16, 2009
- 3rd Report: 1 year; February 17, 2010
- 4th Report: 2 years; February 2011
- 5th Report: 3 years; February 2012

Reporting to be posted on recovery.gov

Programming Projects for Economic Recovery

1. Federal Requirements
2. Status of Highway and Transit projects
3. MAG Sub-Allocation proposed projects
 - Coding per federal requirements
4. Other factors to consider
5. Proposed Project Funding Scenarios – Policy Discussion & Direction

Federal Eligibility Criteria

	Economic Recovery Funds can be used on projects that meet current Federal Programs
FINAL BILL	STP & STP-TEA

Most Flexible Federal Program:

- Road projects on Functionally Classified Roadways
- Transit Projects
- Bike & Pedestrian projects
- ITS projects on roadways
- ADA projects on Functionally Classified and local roads



Preparing to Program MAG Sub-Allocation

1. Federal Eligibility Criteria
2. Federal Requirements
 - Clearances: Right of Way, Utility and Design
 - Environmental Clearance/NEPA
3. TIP Status
 - In the TIP/STIP
 - Conformity Exempt
 - New Conformity Determination
4. Policy Direction



Highway - ADOT/State Discretionary

STATEWIDE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Transportation Enhancements	\$15.6 Million
MAG REGION	FUNDING AMOUNT
Highway - ADOT/State Discretionary	\$99.3 - \$188.6 Million

- TOTAL: 22 projects = \$329 million
- State Transportation Board meets Friday, February 20th, 9:00 am in Bullhead City, AZ

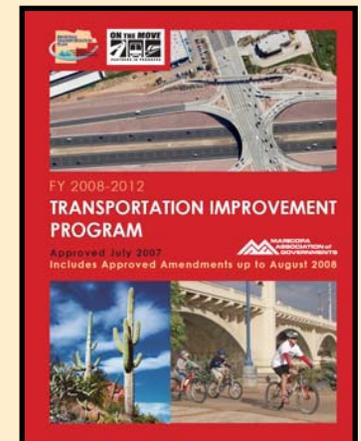
Transit

MAG REGION	FUNDING AMOUNT
TOTAL Transit	\$65 - \$75 Million

- 80 Transit Projects - \$1.8 Billion
- Possible additional funds in New Starts
- RPTA hosting meeting this Thursday after the Board meeting.

Coding MAG Projects

- MAG Staff and Member Agencies have coded projects per Federal Requirements for:
- Environmental Clearance/NEPA
 - Approved or Categorical Exclusions – Group 1 (A)
 - Categorical Exclusions – Group 2 (B)
 - Long Term (C)
- In Approved TIP/STIP
 - Projects in TIP (A)
 - Projects to be amended/administrative modify: Conformity Consultation, Conformity Neutral (B)
 - Projects to be amended: Conformity Determination (C)



Federal Requirements



Cat Ex Group 1 (examples)

- Pavement preservation – only on or within area of existing pavement
- Striping for bike lanes
- Purchase and Install of operating or maintenance equipt. within transit facility

Cat Ex Group 2 (examples)

- Pavement preservation
- Guardrails
- New/adjusted curbs
- Sign Upgrades
- Signal Upgrades
- Lighting Upgrades
- ADA compliance curb ramps

Factors To Consider

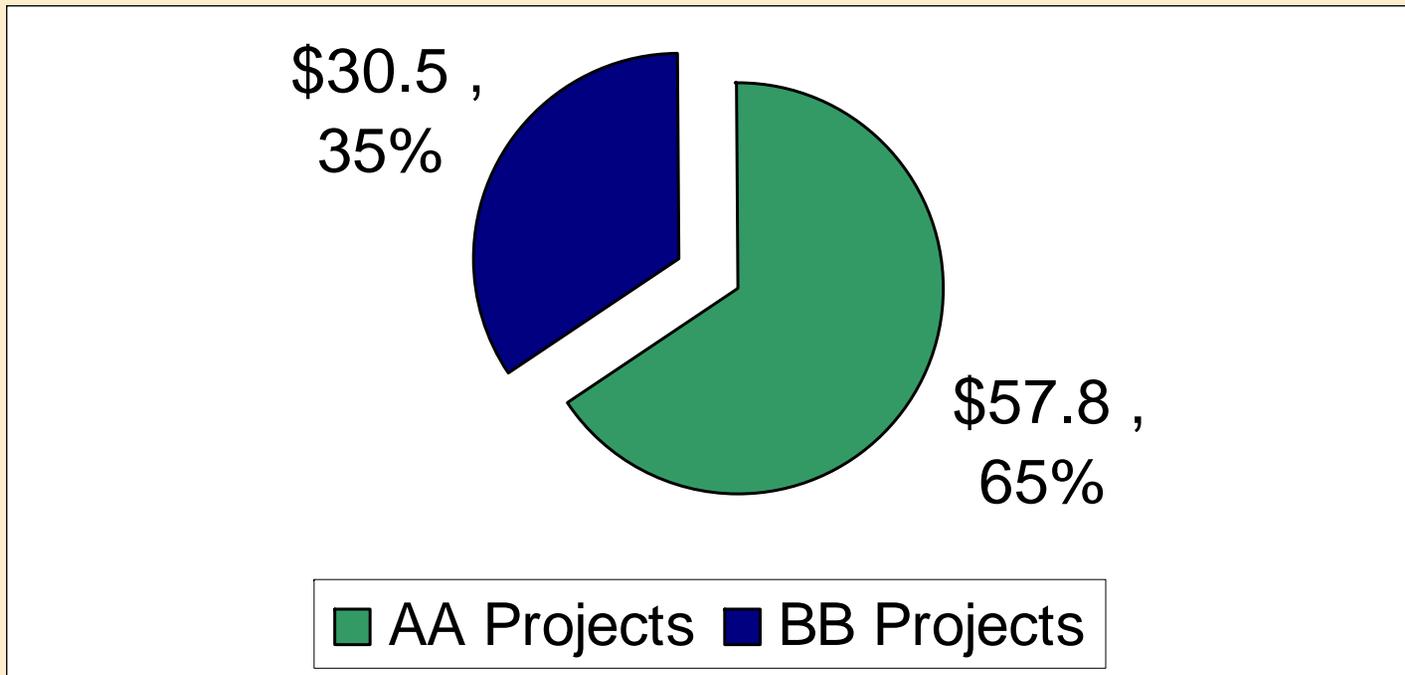
- 100% of Project Costs
- Timing & Project Readiness— Prepared to spend funds that other states and regions haven't spent
- FFY09 Federal Funds (STP and CMAQ) ***STILL NEED TO BE OBLIGATED***
 - Energy Bill – passed in Congress December 2007 allows CMAQ funds to fund 100% of project costs in 2008 & 2009
- Supplanting Economic Recovery Funds
 - Local, State, or other Federal Funds still need to be used on Transportation, same time period as Economic Recovery, and reported on.

Possible Project Selection Criteria

- Projects that can be obligated and/or constructed in short term
- Balance of funding for 'A' and 'BB'
- Construction vs. Purchases
- In a regional program
- Local Jobs Created – Jobs created multiplier
- Regional Priorities
- Regional Packages of Projects that fit Cat Ex –
 - Regional Pavement Preservation, Traffic Signal Optimization, Signal Replacement, Sign Replacement, ADA

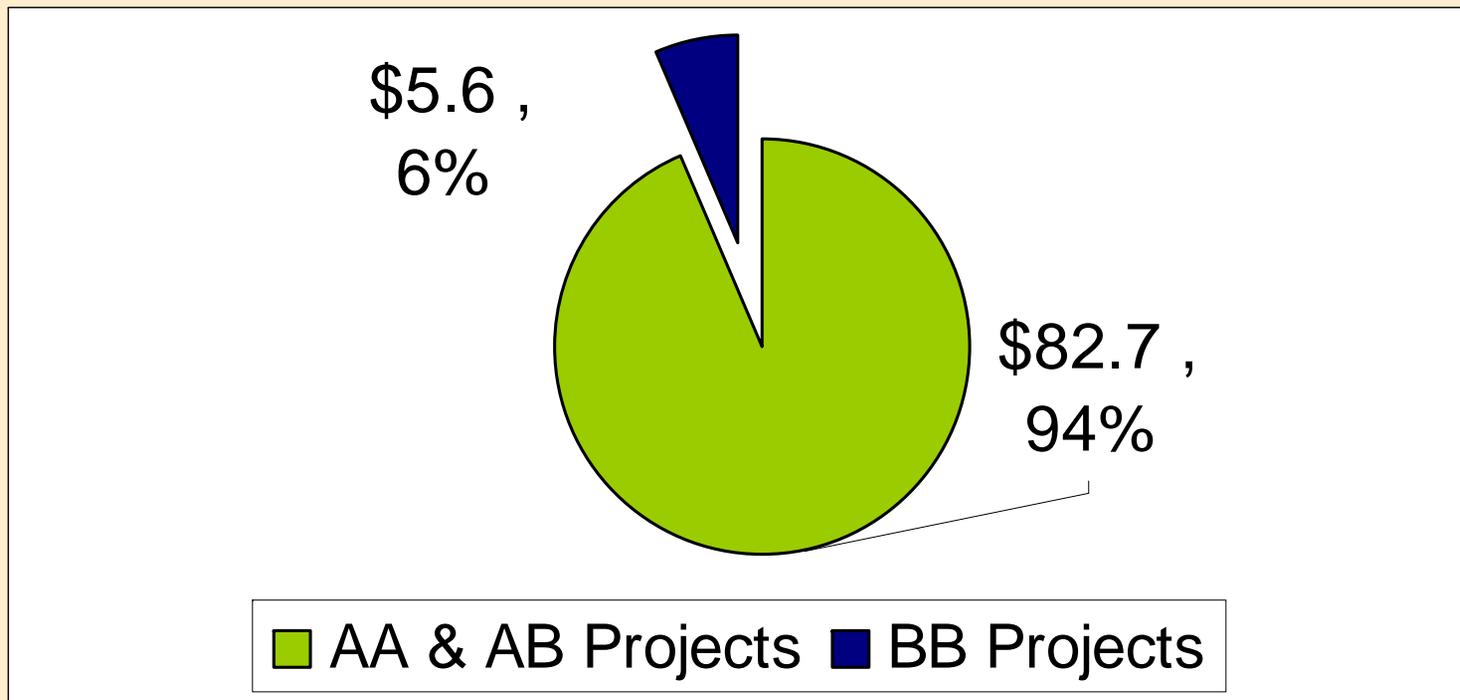
Proposed Project Funding Scenarios

- Scenario A – Economic Recovery Funds Only
- \$88.3 Million:
 - AA Projects 1st, then Member Agency Allocation for BB Projects



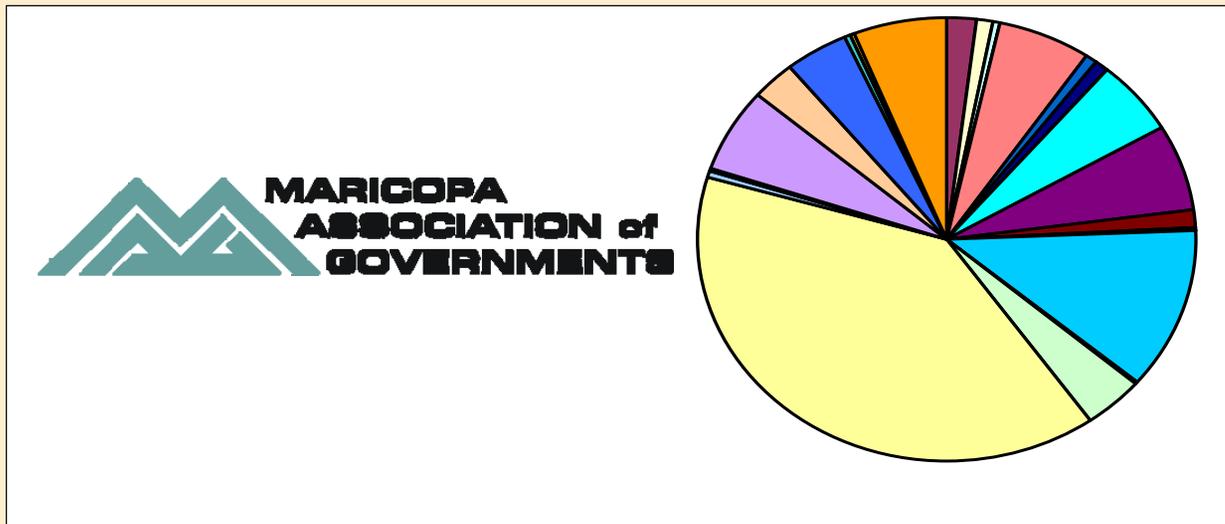
Proposed Project Funding Scenarios

- Scenario B – Economic Recovery Funds Only
- \$88.3 Million:
 - AA & AB Projects 1st, then Member Agency Allocation for BB Projects



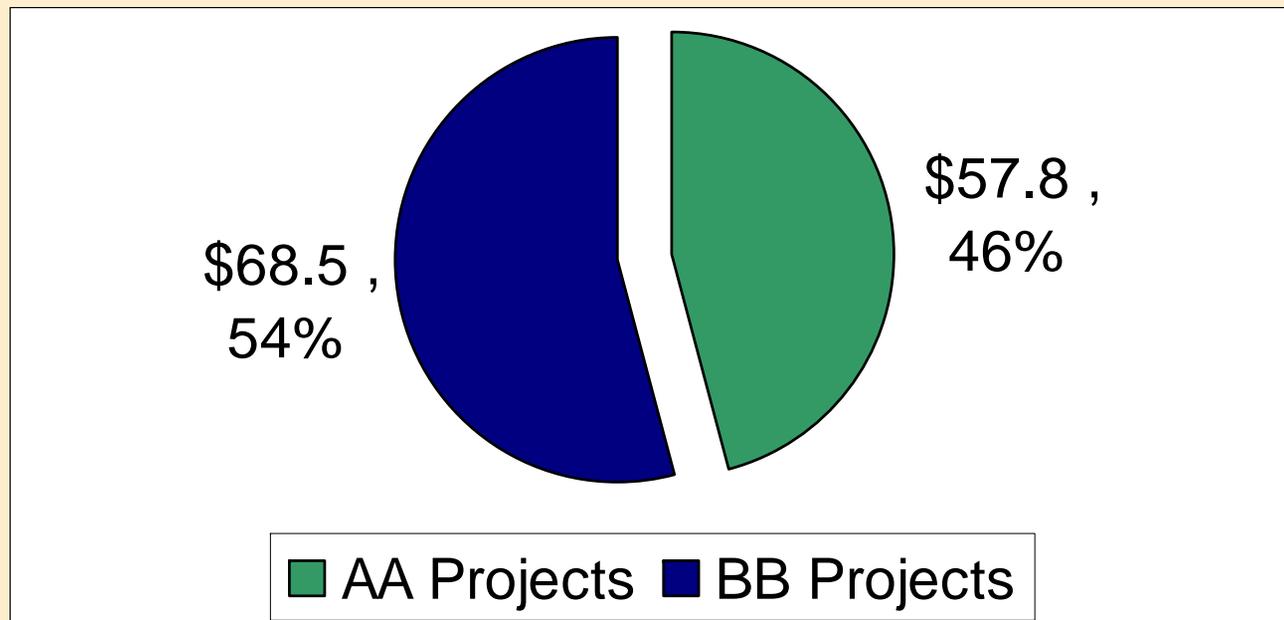
Proposed Project Funding Scenarios

- Scenario C – Economic Recovery Funds Only
- \$88.3 Million:
 - Member Agency Allocation for Projects ready to go: AA, AB, BB
 - Minimum funding amount (\$250K, \$500K, other amount), then population distribution.



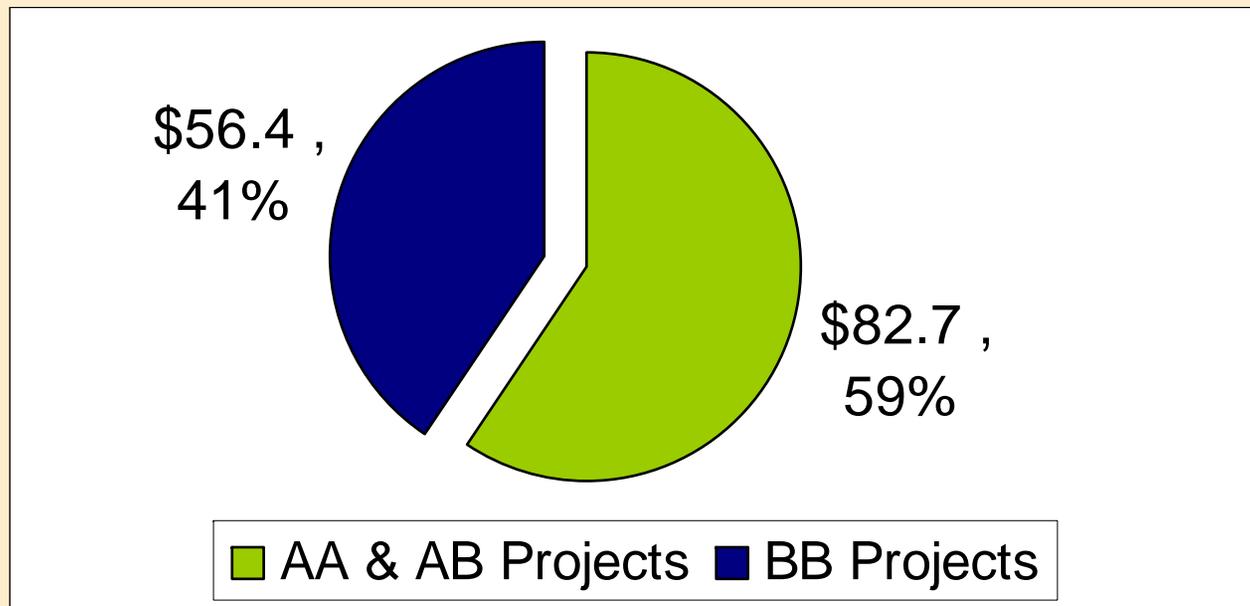
Proposed Project Funding Scenarios

- Scenario D – Economic Recovery Funds & Early Closeout
- \$126.3 Million:
 - AA Projects 1st, then Member Agency Allocation for BB Projects



Proposed Project Funding Scenarios

- Scenario E – Economic Recovery Funds & Early Closeout
- \$126.3 Million:
 - AA & AB Projects 1st, then Member Agency Allocation for BB Projects



Proposed Project Funding Scenarios

- Questions
- Discussion
- Other Suggestions

Next Steps

- Continue working with Valley Metro and ADOT
- Targeting February 25th Regional Council for:
 - Possible TIP amendment – Highway/Transit
 - Possible Conformity Consultation - Highway/Transit
- May need to call special Committee meetings in February and March if necessary

Questions, Comments, Discussion?

Additional Information:

FHWA: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/>

FTA: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

NARC: <http://narc.org/news/218/292.html>