

MAG Federal Funding Process – Update

Management Committee

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What is the MAG Federal Fund Program?

- **Projects that are programmed in the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with Federal Funds**

- **Annually, there is a competitive application process for:**
 - PM-10 Certified Street Sweepers
 - Pave Unpaved Road projects
 - Bicycle Projects
 - Pedestrian Projects
 - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects



Federal Funded Projects are Different

- **Strict requirements for design, environmental, right of way, and bid process**
- **Construction projects require at least 18-24 months of prior clearance work**
- **Each project goes through the ADOT Local Government section**
 - **Less work with ADOT if agency is self certified**
- **Federal Requirement to spend funds authorized that year – ‘Closeout’**



Annual Schedule related to Fed. Fund Projects

- August to January - competitive application process through the MAG Committee process
- March to July – MAG Closeout process through MAG Committee process
- February to June – new TIP modeled for transportation and air quality, and approved through MAG Committee process



Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Allocation

Allocation of MAG Federal Funds Modal Classification and Fund Type

Modes	CMAQ	STP
Freeways	19.1%	
Streets & ITS	13.4%	100.0%
LRT	35.9%	
Bicycle/ Pedestrian	17.0%	
Air Quality	14.6%	
Total	100.0%	



Need for a Review, Update & Establish Principles

1. Clarify Application Process and expectations of programming process
2. Review and revise process to ensure consistency with SAFETEA-LU & CMAQ Federal Regulations
3. In Federal Fiscal Year 2007 - over \$59 million in project deferrals
4. New staff at agencies and MAG
5. RTP Federal Fund allocations
6. MAG Information Exchange Effort



1st Working Group Meeting - March 13, 2007

MAIN FOCUS – CLOSEOUT PROCESS

- Closeout Process – Prioritization of Unobligated Funds
 - Maintain modal categories throughout the closeout process
- Re – distributed Obligation Authority (OA)
 - Regional Priority option



2nd Working Group Meeting - November 6, 2007

MAIN FOCUS – MAG Federal Fund Program: Project Programming Principles for the Region

1. Application Process
2. Programming Federal Fund Projects
3. Programmed Federal Fund Projects
4. Closeout Process – Prioritization of Unobligated funds
5. Closeout Process – Deferrals
6. Re-distributed Obligation Authority (OA)



Next Steps

1. **Additional input from Management Committee**

2. **Suggested 3rd Meeting**
January 29, 2007 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
 - Draft Document from meeting input

3. **Goal – Approve Principles by Regional Council**

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