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# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

MAG Transportation Review Committee

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# Background

- MAG staff compiled projects
- Over 750 projects
- Over \$7.4 billion in projects
- Local and national groups and associations
- Discussion with Arizona delegation
- Bill signing expected mid to late February

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<b>Transportation Infrastructure - NATIONAL</b>	<b>HOUSE</b>	<b>SENATE</b>	<b>DISTRIBUTION METHOD</b>
Highway and Bridge Construction	\$30 billion	\$27.1 billion	Formula with suballocation
Competitive Surface Transportation Grants		\$5.5 billion	Competitively awarded
Transit - New Construction	\$1 billion		Discretionary
Transit - Upgrades and Repair	\$2 billion		Existing fixed guideway formula
Transit Capital Assistance	\$6 billion	\$8.4 billion	Existing urban and rural transit formula
Amtrak and Intercity Passenger Rail Construction Grants	\$1.1 billion	\$1.1 billion	Competitively awarded
High Speed Rail Corridors		\$2 billion	Discretionary
Airport Improvement Grants	\$3 billion	\$1.1 billion	Discretionary
<b>Water - NATIONAL</b>			
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	\$6 billion	\$4 billion	Distributed by existing formula, obligated in 180 days
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	\$2 billion	\$2 billion	Distributed by existing formula, obligated in 180 days

Transportation Infrastructure - ARIZONA	HOUSE	SENATE	Notes
Highway Infrastructure Investment	\$522,668,808	\$502,431,000	Does not include Senate grants provision
Transit Capital	\$89,800,880	\$125,160,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$612,468,688</b>	<b>\$627,591,000</b>	

Transportation Infrastructure – MAG REGION	HOUSE	SENATE	Notes
Highway Infrastructure Investment	\$206,453,784	\$249,706,000	Approximately \$147,469,572 of the Senate amount suballocated to MAG

Non-transit, surface transportation projects for MAG region:

**\$3.8 billion** (approx.)

House version: **5.4%** of projects submitted

Senate version: **6.5%** of projects submitted

# Deadlines & Redistribution

- House
  - May require\* 50% of funding obligate within:
    - 90 days for the state
    - 75 days for MPOs
  - After deadline, monies are redistributed
- Senate
  - Suballocation to MPOs
  - Allow one year for MPOs to obligate funds

\* Depending upon adoption of House amendment being considered 1/28/09.

# Next Steps

- Regional Council Update - Consider draft letter to Arizona delegation
- Apply eligibility criteria to MAG project list
- Transportation Review Committee
  - Explore options
- May need to call special meetings in February if necessary

# Preparing to Program Economic Recovery

1. Federal Eligibility Criteria

2. Federal Requirements

- Clearances: Right of Way, Utility and Design
- Environmental Clearance/NEPA

3. TIP Status

- a. In the TIP/STIP
- b. Conformity Exempt
- c. New Conformity Determination



# Federal Eligibility Criteria

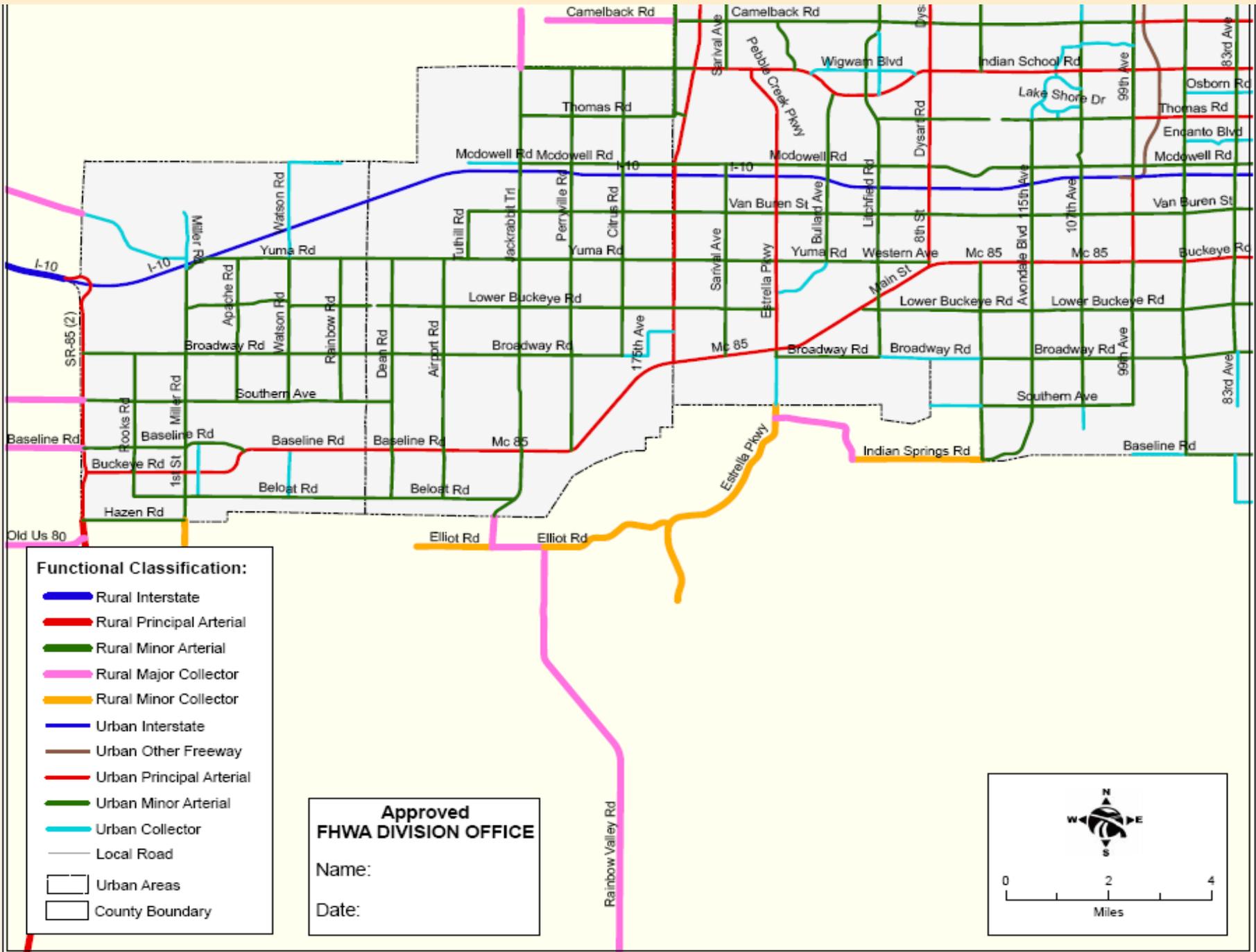


- STP (133), Bridge (144), Federal Aid Systems (103), Interstate Maintenance (119), Planning (134), Safety (148), and CMAQ (149)

- STP, Bridge, IM, Safety Eligible = Functionally Classified Roadway

<http://tpd.azdot.gov/gis/fclass/fcmaps.php>

- **Not Eligible** = projects on local, residential streets, parking lots, drainage, landscaping, infrastructure on non-classified streets



# Federal Requirements



- Clearances: Right of Way, Utility and Design
- Environmental Clearance/NEPA
  - Categorical Exclusions – Group 1
  - Categorical Exclusions – Group 2
  - Long Term
- Why are these possibly the deciding factors?
  - May require\* 50% of funding obligate within:
    - 90 days for the state
    - 75 days for MPOs

# Federal Requirements



- Coding of Projects:

Environmental Clearance/NEPA Status
A= Approved, OR Group 1 Catex, or Group 2 Catex submitted
B= Group 1 Catex, or Group 2 Catex not submitted or NEPA published and decision expected soon
C= Long Term NEPA , Projects that have not started the Process and are not Catex 1 or 2

# 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

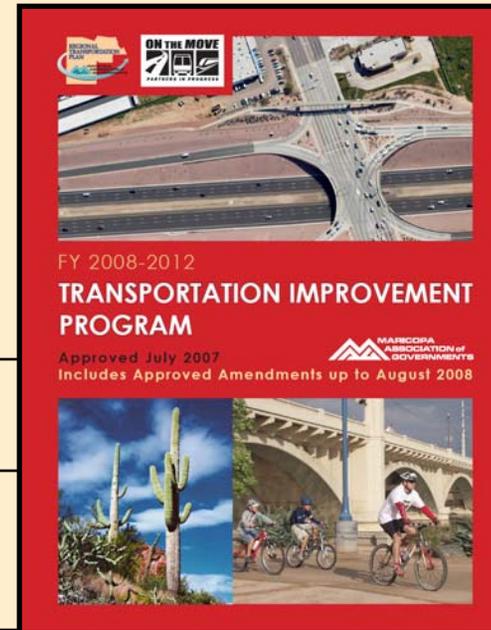
## Cat Ex Group 2 (examples)

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

# TIP Status

- Coding of Projects:

TIP Status
A= Currently in the TIP
B= Could be handled with amendment (AQ exempt or no new conformity finding needed)
C= Would require long term amendment (new AQ conformity determination)



# Other Ideas

- Packages of Projects that fit Cat Ex
  - Regional Pavement Preservation, Traffic Signal Optimization, Signal Replacement, Sign Replacement
  - *Still requires SPECIFIC LOCATIONS and COST ESTIMATES*

# Possible Timeline

## APPROVAL OF ACT/BILL

- Goal of Recovery Act – Approved/Signed by Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Feb 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> – Public Review Period
- Feb 23 – Clock begins running

## MAG Steps

- Throughout February – Working Group meetings
- TPC – February 18<sup>th</sup>
- Regional Council – February 25<sup>th</sup> approval of TIP amendment and Conformity Consultation

# MAG Member Agencies Preparation

- Prepare to attend working group meetings
- Review your list of projects
  - Specific Locations
  - Cost Estimates
- Prepare to review your list of projects for Federal Eligibility requirements, TIP Status, and Environmental/NEPA clearances

# Questions, Comments, Discussion