

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
August 7, 2013
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage, Chair | Kari Kent for Christopher Brady, Mesa |
| Matt Busby for George Hoffman,
Apache Junction | * Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley |
| Charlie McClendon, Avondale | Carl Swenson, Peoria |
| * Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye | David Cavazos, Phoenix |
| Gary Neiss, Carefree | Greg Stanley, Pinal County |
| Rodney Glassman, Cave Creek | # Tracy Corman for John Kross,
Queen Creek |
| Patrice Kraus for Rich Dlugas, Chandler | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community |
| * Charles Montoya, Florence | Brad Lundahl for Fritz Behring, Scottsdale |
| * Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai
Nation | Chris Hillman, Surprise |
| Ken Buchanan, Fountain Hills | Andrew Ching, Tempe |
| * Rick Buss, Gila Bend | * Reyes Medrano, Tolleson |
| * David White, Gila River Indian Community | Joshua Wright, Wickenburg |
| Patrick Banger, Gilbert | Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown |
| Brent Stoddard for Brenda S. Fischer,
Glendale | John Nelson for John Halikowski, ADOT |
| Brian Dalke, Goodyear | John Hauskins for Tom Manos,
Maricopa County |
| Rosemary Arellano, Guadalupe | John Farry for Steve Banta,
Valley Metro/RPTA |
| * Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park | |
| Trisha Sorensen, City of Maricopa | |

- * Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Management Committee was called to order by Chair Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage, at 12:07 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tracy Corman, Queen Creek, joined the meeting via teleconference.

Chair Isom welcomed new members to the Management Committee: Rodney Glassman, Cave Creek; Rosemary Arellano, Guadalupe; Trisha Sorensen, City of Maricopa; and Greg Stanley, Pinal County.

Chair Isom proceeded to agenda announcements. He noted items at each place: the previously emailed materials for agenda items 5C, 5H, 5K, and 8, and the addendum to the agenda, and a set of revised minutes that reflected a change to the attendance.

Chair Isom announced that public comment cards were available to members of the public who wish to comment. Parking validation for those who parked in the MAG parking garage was available from staff and transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those who purchased transit tickets to come to the meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Isom stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Committee requests an exception to this limit.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Dianne Barker of Phoenix, who said she had taken light rail and the bus to Desert Ridge. Ms. Barker stated that transit is for the public good – it improves health and has a social value. She stated that she is a peer mentor at the Arizona Bridge to Independent Living and assists people with transit. Ms. Barker encouraged wheelchair-bound people to get out and about, and said there are numerous facilities with accommodations, including CityScape. Ms. Barker expressed her support for the pedestrian safety barriers put up by the City of Phoenix at the downtown YMCA building. Chair Isom thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from John Rusinek of Phoenix, who said he has spoken at the last three meetings on the dust problems that have been occurring on a neighboring driveway for eight years that still have not been resolved. He outlined the proper technique for dust-proofing using a particular chemical, and he noted that only water was used – the neighbor tried to scam the city. Mr. Rusinek said that he had been told that the case had gone to court, but then he was told in 2007 that there was no court record on file. Mr. Rusinek's time expired and he concluded his comments. Chair Isom thanked Mr. Rusinek for his comments. He noted that he wanted to let Mr. Rusinek tell his story, and perhaps next time he would discuss topics related to MAG. Chair Isom expressed appreciation for Mr. Rusinek's time.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest in the MAG region. Mr. Smith first displayed the distressed properties maps as of March 2010 (63,000+ distressed properties) and June 2013 (11,000+ distressed properties). He noted that the rate is now back to normal. Mr. Smith expressed that he hoped that the focus would continue on diversifying the region's economy beyond homebuilding.

Mr. Smith stated that a delegation from the City of Nogales, Sonora, participated in a business incubator tour on June 24, 2013, to experience how these incubators operate. He said that they toured SkySong, the Innovations Science & Technology Incubator, the Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation, AZ TechCelerator, and BioInspire in the cities Chandler, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Surprise. Mr. Smith stated that the day began at 7:30 a.m. at MAG. He noted that elected officials greeted the tour members in each city. He stated that there is ample opportunity to develop a supply chain between Sonora, Mexico, and the Valley.

Mr. Smith reported that October will be Domestic Violence Awareness month. He said that they are in the process of compiling a calendar of activities and trainings that will be distributed to local media and at the annual press conference in October. Mr. Smith noted that Renae Tenney staffs the Regional Domestic Violence Council.

Mr. Smith stated that for the 15th year in a row, MAG has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). He noted that the award was presented to the MAG Fiscal Services Division by the Government Finance Officers Association for the fiscal year 2012 CAFR. Mr. Smith congratulated the MAG Fiscal Services Division for its efforts on the CAFR.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Isom stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, #5J, #5K, and #5L were on the Consent Agenda. No requests for public comment were received.

Chair Isom asked members if they had questions or requests to hear a presentation on any of the Consent Agenda items. None were noted. He asked if there were any requests to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. None were noted.

Chair Isom called for a motion.

Mr. McClendon moved to recommend approval of Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, #5J, #5K, and #5L. Mr. Buchanan seconded. Chair Isom asked if there was any discussion of the motion. Being none, the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the June 12, 2013, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved the June 12, 2013, revised meeting minutes.

5B. Arizona Department of Transportation Red Letter Process

In June 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from January 1, 2013, to June 30, 2013. Of the 192 notices received, none had an impact to the State Highway System.

5C. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, FY 2014 Arterial Lifecycle Program, and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the amendments and administrative modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the FY 2014 Arterial Lifecycle Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010, and have been modified twenty six times, with the latest approval on June 19, 2013. Since then, there is a need to modify projects in the programs. An administrative correction is pending Arizona Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration approval. The requested project changes include Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Regional Area Road Funds, and locally funded projects. Projects included in the request may require a conformity consultation. On August 1, 2013, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval.

5D. MAG Design Assistance for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the following projects for MAG Design Assistance for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program: Phoenix: Van Buren Corridor Bike & Pedestrian Improvements for \$70,000; Apache Junction: Winchester/16th Street/Southern Sidewalk Design for \$45,000; Tempe: Highline Canal Multi-Use Path for \$65,000; Tempe: North South Rail Spur Multi-Use Path for \$65,000; Cave Creek: Shared Use Path Connector for \$55,000. The FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2013, includes \$300,000 for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Assistance Program. In accordance with federal law, any project which is not constructed after being designed with federal transportation funds could be required to return the funds used for design to the Federal Highway Administration. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for the preliminary design portion of a bicycle or pedestrian project. Eleven project applications were submitted by member agencies for the program. On July 16, 2013, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed and

ranked the applications and voted to recommend five projects for approval. On August 1, 2013, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval.

5E. MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Assistance Facilities Program On-Call Consultant List

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of the following consultants for the MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Assistance Facilities Program On-Call Consultant List: Coffman Studio, PLLC; Environmental Planning Group; Gavan & Barker, Inc.; Harrington Planning Design; J2 Engineering & Environmental Design, LLC; Lee Engineering, LLC; Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.; Kittelson & Associates, Inc.; Logan-Halperin Landscape Architecture LLC; Olsson Associates; Otak, Inc.; Stanley Consultants, Inc.; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.; and Wilson & Company, Inc. The FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2013, includes \$300,000 for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Facilities Assistance program. As part of this program, MAG develops a qualified consultant on-call list. On May 30, 2013, MAG published a Request for Qualifications. On June 27, 2013, MAG received 14 consultant proposals. On July 11, 2013, a multi-jurisdictional evaluation panel met to review the consultant proposals and recommended to MAG the selection of the 14 consultants. On July 16, 2013, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee voted to recommend the 14 consultants for approval. On August 1, 2013, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval.

5F. Amendment to the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of an amendment of the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP) to add the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan project and to increase the FY 2014 UPWP by \$2,500,000 with Regional Area Road Funding (RARF) for this related work from the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program. At the May 15, 2013, Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting, a presentation was made on the status of planning for Interstates 10 and 17 between the SR-101L/Agua Fria-Pima "North Stack" and SR-202L/Santan-South Mountain "Pecos Stack" traffic interchanges. During this presentation, the TPC was presented with the recommendation for establishing a corridor master plan in response to the 2012 suspension of environmental impact statements for both corridors. The decision for suspending these environmental efforts was to take time and identify whether the studies were consistent with the planning efforts identified in the Regional Transportation Plan, as well as with recent conclusions from MAG's continuing planning efforts through the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study and the Managed Lanes Network Development Strategy project. Staff from the Arizona Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, MAG, and Valley Metro, as well as the Cities of Chandler, Phoenix, and Tempe, met in a workshop to study this consistency and through discussion identified a path forward that includes establishing a corridor master plan for improving this central interstate route that represents the transportation Spine of the Valley. The purpose of this agenda item is to amend the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget with added funding for this related work from the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program to conduct the development of the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan.

5G. Consultant Selection for the MAG Regional Transportation Plan On-Call Consultant Services Program

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of the list of consultants to participate in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan On-Call Consultant Services Program for a three-year period, and for an amount not to exceed \$500,000. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2013, includes \$500,000 to conduct the MAG Regional Transportation Plan On-Call Consultant Services Program. The purpose of a Regional Transportation Plan On-Call Consultant Services Program is for expediting the delivery of consultant services at MAG. Qualified consultants were sought to assist staff in the following six services areas: (1) Civil Engineering, (2) Transportation Planning, (3) Transportation Operations, (4) Policy and Finance, (5) Public Involvement, and (6) Economic Development. A Request for Statements of Qualifications was issued on May 30, 2013, with a due date of June 28, 2013, for response. A total of 27 Statements of Qualifications were received. An internal team of MAG staff reviewed the Statements of Qualifications and on July 29, 2013, recommended to MAG the selection of 15 consultants for participation in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan On-Call Consultant Services Program.

5H. MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report, and of actions that defer, delete, advance, and change projects; and of the necessary amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines & Procedures, approved by the MAG Regional Council on October 26, 2011, outline the requirements for local agencies to submit status information on the development of their federally funded projects. The Project Development Status Report focuses mainly on projects funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds that are programmed to obligate in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013, 2014, and 2015 and the number of project deferrals. The Project Development Status workbook sent to member agencies in the May/June timeframe required that a project development schedule be completed and that project changes could be requested. Information submitted by local agencies was at times cross checked with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Local Government section for feasibility and further inquiries were made by MAG staff. The Project Development Status Report identifies the projects programmed to obligate in FY 2014 and 2015 that are requesting a deferral to a later year, requesting to be deleted or have funds reprogrammed, and that are projected to obligate based on the schedule submitted. The Project Development Status Report also is a final inventory for ADOT of the projects programmed to obligate in FFY 2013. A separate agenda item lists individual project change line items with the requested FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update amendments and modifications. On August 1, 2013, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval.

5I. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

A status report is being provided on the remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement. To assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, MAG is requesting that street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement be requested by the agency within one year plus ten calendar days from the date of the MAG authorization letter.

5J. Consultation on Proposed Transportation Conformity Processes for the 2014 MAG Conformity Analysis

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies on proposed processes for the conformity analysis on the Transportation Improvement Program and Plan. MAG is distributing for comment the proposed processes to be applied beginning with the upcoming conformity analysis on the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. Comments regarding this material were requested by August 16, 2013.

5K. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including various projects for the Arizona Department of Transportation, Avondale, Chandler, El Mirage, Gilbert, Glendale, Maricopa County, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Surprise, and Tempe. Comments on the conformity assessment were requested by August 16, 2013. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination.

5L. MAG Annual Municipality Population Projections for July 1, 2013, through July 1, 2040

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the MAG Annual Municipality Population Projections for July 1, 2013, through July 1, 2040. In accordance with Executive Order 2011-04, MAG prepares annual population projections by jurisdiction. A draft set of population projections for July 1, 2013, through July 1, 2040, was prepared utilizing the projections by Municipal Planning Area and Regional Analysis Zone approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 19, 2013. The resulting projections of population by jurisdiction for Maricopa County for July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2040, were recommended for approval by the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee on June 25, 2013.

6. Resolution of Appreciation

Chair Isom expressed that this was a bittersweet agenda item. He noted that Lloyce Robinson, one of the Management Committee's long serving members, will be retiring soon. Chair Isom read the Resolution of Appreciation that was prepared in recognition of her service to the citizens of the region. He expressed his congratulations to Ms. Robinson and said that he considered her a friend. Chair Isom requested a motion.

Mr. Dalke moved to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for Ms. Lloyce Robinson for her service to the MAG region. Mr. Buchanan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon presentation of the Resolution, Chair Isom invited Ms. Robinson to say a few words. Ms. Robinson stated that managers do not need to know everything, just know where to look or who to ask. She said that she knew who to call at MAG and she expressed her thanks to Dennis Smith for all of his assistance. Ms. Robinson expressed that it had been an honor to work with everyone at MAG. Ms. Robinson received a standing ovation.

7. Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness Update

Brandee Mead, staff member for the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness, reported on the Continuum's activities. She said that MAG has been working on homeless issues since 1987 and took on the responsibility of coordinating the Continuum of Care in 1999 as there was a need to have a regional approach to planning.

Ms. Mead stated that MAG assumed the responsibility of completing the annual funding application for federal funds and took on staffing the year-round planning process. She noted that the Continuum is a true partnership between the public and non-profit groups, and results in successful efforts.

Ms. Mead proceeded to an update on the Continuum's progress and key efforts, which include managing the HUD Continuum of Care program and homeless funding, completing an annual point-in-time homeless count, and coordinating the regional heat relief network. She noted that the heat relief network has tripled since the program began in 2006. Ms. Mead said that HUD designated this region as a priority community for ending homelessness, and due to this designation, the Continuum has leveraged the support of other federal agencies, is receiving technical assistance to implement proven strategies, and is being recognized for its work.

Ms. Mead stated that annual funding has grown from \$7 million in 1999 to \$25 million in 2012, a total of \$269 million in competitive homeless assistance funding. Through leveraged funding the Continuum now has more than 60 programs that provide housing and support services for homeless individuals and families.

Ms. Mead reported on how the Continuum of Care funding is being invested back into the community for housing programs and services. She noted that the investment in programs has made a difference. Preliminary data show that there has been an overall nine percent decrease in

homelessness, seven percent decrease in chronic homelessness, and a 50 percent decrease in veteran street homelessness. Ms. Mead stated that 83 percent of people placed in permanent housing have retained housing for a year or more, and 75 percent of people placed in transitional housing are moving to permanent housing.

Ms. Mead stated that in 2009, Congress passed legislation reauthorizing the HUD homeless assistance program, calling it the HEARTH Act (Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing). She noted that the HEARTH Act establishes a federal goal of ensuring that individuals and families who become homeless return to permanent housing within 30 days. At the same time, the first ever federal plan to end homelessness was developed. The plan has set 2015 as the target to end veteran and chronic homelessness.

Ms. Mead stated that the Continuum of Care is in the process of implementing changes to align with federal regulations and goals. They are in the process of making major changes to align with HEARTH requirements and leveraging opportunities through community initiatives, such as Mayor Stanton's Homeless Advisory Council.

Ms. Mead stated that they will be engaging more than 80 stakeholders from all sectors of community, charged with implementing federal regulations and creating a system that houses people quickly and effectively. Ms. Mead stated that there are numerous opportunities to participate in the Continuum of Care initiatives. Chair Isom thanked Ms. Mead for her report.

Mr. Smith stated that the Regional Council agreed that the Continuum of Care Committee would have the ultimate approval for homeless efforts in order to make the program a success. Mr. Smith stated that the committee is unique in that it has co-chairs – one from a nonprofit organization and one from the public sector. He noted that the MAG Continuum of Care is one of the top ten groups in the nation, and he expressed his appreciation to MAG staff who support the program.

8. Year End Closeout Report of Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Funds, and Evaluation of Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Levels

Teri Kennedy, MAG staff, reported on the closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 federal funds. She noted that the agenda packet included material that showed a decrease in federal funding to this region of 12.5 percent now that MAP-21 is in place.

Ms. Kennedy explained that obligation authority is the maximum amount of federal funds under Federal Highway Administration that an agency can spend. She said that MAG was authorized for \$113 million this year to which an obligation amount of 95.5 percent was applied. If any obligation authority is left unspent, it is at risk from such things as federal rescissions. Ms. Kennedy stated that ADOT has informed MAG that beginning with next year, any obligation authority left on the table will be swept. She advised that this means projects need to be scheduled on time and the funds utilized to the best of our ability.

Ms. Kennedy first addressed Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) projects. She reported that the Regional Council has already approved the maximum federal

amount for all CMAQ funded projects that could authorize in FFY 2013. Ms. Kennedy stated that since December 2012, seven projects have requested deferral and ten requested to cancel. She added that additional funds were also received.

Ms. Kennedy then addressed FFY 2013 Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects, which are typically Arterial Lifecycle Program (ALCP) projects. She said that funding was advanced to three federally funded eligible projects, including Northern Parkway. Ms. Kennedy stated that the outstanding obligation authority is approximately \$4,074,000. She noted that these funds can be carried forward, however, if the federal government enacts a rescission, they could be reduced, and are called funds at risk.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the Transportation Review Committee recommended advancing to the Mesa Main Street: Mesa Drive to Gilbert Road light rail extension CMAQ reimbursements in the amount of \$3.9 million, which comes close to utilizing the outstanding \$4 million.

Ms. Kennedy stated that by advancing funding there is a potential estimated ALCP program cost savings if the inflation rate is reinstated, debt service costs for the project would be reduced, and the project stays on schedule, in addition to protecting the obligation authority.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the action requested is to recommend approval for advancement of \$3.9 million of CMAQ funding for the Mesa Drive to Gilbert Road light rail extension project using un-programmed FFY 2013 Obligation Authority; and to the related amendments to the FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program, FY 2014 Arterial Lifecycle Program, and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

Chair Isom thanked Ms. Kennedy for her report and asked if there were questions.

Mr. McClendon asked if any other requests for these funds had been received. Ms. Kennedy replied that as part of the Project Status Report process, agencies were asked about their projects' current work schedules and if the projects can advance. She added that no other requests for advancing a project were received than the Mesa light rail project.

Mr. Banger stated that this is a good use of funds and extending light rail is a project of great regional significance.

Mr. Banger moved to recommend approval to proceed with the FFY 2013 Federal funding advancement of \$3.9 million of CMAQ funding for the Mesa Drive to Gilbert Road light rail extension project, and of amendments to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, FY 2014 Arterial Lifecycle Program, and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. Mr. Hauskins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. FY 2013 Draft Transit Program of Projects for Federal Funds

Alice Chen, MAG staff, reported on the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Draft transit program of projects for federal funds, which is utilized to develop the grant for submittal to the Federal Transit

Administration (FTA). Ms. Chen stated that the transit program of projects is a coordinated effort between MAG, City of Phoenix and Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA).

Ms. Chen stated that the current fiscal year transit projects are ready for obligation. Upon approval of the program of projects by the MAG Regional Council, the City of Phoenix (the region's designated grant recipient) develops the grant application. She said that once the application is approved, member agencies and eligible subrecipients can then draw down the funds. Ms. Chen stated that the Transit Guidelines, approved by the MAG Regional Council on March 27, 2013, were used to develop the FY 2013 program of transit projects with input from RPTA. Ms. Chen advised that the transit program is currently underprogrammed by \$3.9 million.

Ms. Chen then described the programming funding priorities and distribution of the FY 2013 funds. This includes an amount to the City of Phoenix for administration of the grant, preventive maintenance and operations, and apportionment to Job Access and Reverse Commute, bus replacement capital, and facility capital. Ms. Chen stated that a draft listing of projects was recommended for approval by the MAG Transit Committee and the MAG Transportation Review Committee.

Chair Isom thanked Ms. Chen for her report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

Mr. Buchanan moved to recommend approval the FY 2013 MAG Transit Program of Projects, amendments to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. Ms. Kent seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Update on the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and Exceptional Events

Lindy Bauer, MAG Environmental Programs Director, provided an update on the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and exceptional events. She stated that on May 23, 2012, the MAG Regional Council adopted the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan. Ms. Bauer stated that the EPA completeness determination on the plan on July 20, 2012, stopped the 18-month and 24-month sanctions clocks. On April 19, 2013, EPA proposed approval of several statutes for measures in the plan. Ms. Bauer reported that on April 30, 2013, the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest filed a lawsuit against EPA for not taking action on the plan in time, which was supposed to have taken place February 14, 2013.

Ms. Bauer stated that a major milestone was reached on July 1, 2013, when EPA completed its review of the 2011-2012 exceptional events documentation, and it concurred with 17 of the 18 packages submitted by ADEQ. Ms. Bauer noted that EPA took no action on one of the packages. She stated that with the EPA action, the exceedances will not count against the MAG region. Ms. Bauer stated that the region needs three years of clean data for EPA to find that the standard has been met.

Ms. Bauer stated that 2010 was a clean year with no violations of the standard, but in 2011 and 2012, dust storms and haboobs occurred one right after the other. She noted that providing the

documentation required by EPA to prove the exceedances were not manmade is costly and is very resource intensive. Ms. Bauer stated that documentation will be required for the three exceedances that have occurred in 2013. She stated that ADEQ intends to send a letter next week to EPA regarding the submission of documentation for those three days.

Ms. Bauer reviewed next steps. She said that EPA is continuing to review the plan in light of these exceptional event approvals. There were no violations of the PM-10 standard in 2010, 2011, and 2012. EPA needs to take approval action on the Five Percent Plan to avoid the imposition of a federal implementation plan. She noted the lawsuit by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest is asking for federal implementation since EPA failed to take action on time.

Ms. Bauer stated that the EPA Exceptional Events Process is still flawed and needs to be streamlined. Too much documentation is required, it is too expensive and time consuming. She advised that EPA intends to revise the Exceptional Events Rule and added that EPA, after review of MAG's exceptional events documentation, informally said that further streamlining is possible.

Chair Isom thanked Ms. Bauer for her report and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Smith expressed appreciation to Maricopa County for the early warning system and the calls made to jurisdictions. Ms. Bauer noted that the Management Committee recommended and Regional Council approved providing \$90,000 to the Maricopa County Air Quality Department to accommodate real-time monitor data on the County website. She noted that it previously had been one hour to one-and-one-half hours behind and that is too late when you are trying to prevent exceedances. Ms. Bauer stated that the efforts of the County, the cities and towns, and the private sector paid off with no violations of the PM-10 standards.

11. Legislative Update

No report.

14. Amendment to the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Chair Isom stated that the addendum to the agenda was emailed to members the morning before.

Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, stated that an amendment to the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being requested to add a public opinion survey on transportation issues for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. He stated that MAG is starting the NexGen Regional Transportation Plan. The purpose of the survey will be to gauge public attitudes and opinions on how the MAG regional transportation system is functioning, future needs, and revenue options. Mr. Anderson stated that the survey would help inform policy makers of citizen preferences. He explained that they originally were going to process a survey through the Regional Transportation Plan On-call, but then decided it would be better to contract with a polling firm. Mr. Anderson stated that upon approval, a Request for Qualifications would be issued for a firm that would conduct the survey.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Anderson for his report and asked if there were questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion.

Ms. Kraus moved to recommend amending the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add a public opinion survey on transportation issues for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Mr. Wright seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

12. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting were requested.

No requests were noted.

13. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Chair Isom noted the recent groundbreaking of the Northwest Valley Family YMCA on August 1, 2013. Chair Isom noted that funding for the construction of the facility was the result of a voter approved bond. He described the facility as approximately 28,500 square feet. Chair Isom noted that El Mirage and the YMCA have an innovative agreement for the management and operations of the facility

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Chair

Secretary