

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 8, 2014  
MAG Office, Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

\* 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 Acting Chair Chris Brady, Mesa, at 12:00 p.m.

2.     Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Greg Stanley, John Kross, Ken Buchanan, and Matt Busby joined the meeting via teleconference.

Acting Chair Brady 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

Acting Chair Brady 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.

Acting Chair Brady recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, a resident of downtown Phoenix. Ms. Barker noted that she was multimodal in her trip to the Management Committee meeting. She noted that the buses are running at greater capacity than ever but service is being decreased. Ms. Barker noted that there was an error in her comments contained in the public hearing transcript; it said, "great light rail," and it should have said, "at-grade light rail." She added that she understood this is a logical mistake because many people do not know what at-grade light rail is. Ms. Barker stated that there are other ways to have rail, such as elevated rail. She said she thought elevated rail should be considered. Ms. Barker stated there have been more than 100 light rail accidents and because some people do not have insurance, difficulties are encountered in collecting damages. Acting Chair Brady thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Spencer Isom arrived at the meeting.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Dr. Marvin Rochelle, who encouraged doing business with Mexico and having a representative of this region located in Mexico. Dr. Rochelle stated that Mexico is an up-and-coming country that is having success in solving its problems. He also encouraged the building of Interstate 11 and said that the connection of Loop 202 to Interstate 10 needs to be farther west than 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue in order to solve the pollution problems at 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Chair Isom thanked Dr. Rochelle for his comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest in the MAG region. He first called attention to the new podium in the Saguaro Room, which was built by Arizona Correctional Industries at a very reasonable price. Monique de los Rios-Urban at MAG has worked with the group and could provide contact information.

Mr. Smith stated that the regional transportation survey has been conducted. He said that the analysis is underway and will be presented at the January 29, 2014, Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council meetings.

Mr. Smith announced that the MAG Fiscal Services Division received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Mr. Smith added that only about three to five councils of governments in the country receive this award.

Mr. Smith noted that the call for applications for Transportation Alternatives Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure projects has been issued. He noted that a workshop is scheduled for January 9, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the MAG Office. Mr. Smith advised that the application deadline is February 6, 2014. Mr. Smith noted that \$400,000 is available, with a maximum project amount of \$45,000. Mr. Smith stated that examples of projects include studies, maps, events, and educational materials.

Mr. Smith displayed a photograph of the newly completed underpass in Litchfield Park. He said that this was a project that took a number of years to complete. Mr. Smith expressed appreciation to ADOT for their efforts on this project. He noted that the project is a great addition to the community.

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, and #5I were on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Ms. Barker, who noted that the minutes from the November 6, 2013, meeting accurately reflected her comments. She commented on agenda item #5F by noting that diagram ES6, transportation control measures, 82 percent goes to regional public rapid transit. Ms. Barker indicated she has been in favor of public rapid transit for years, which is the mode most competitive with cars but is the least advertised. She expressed that she thought it was time to elevate the image of buses because we have very nice buses in this region. Ms. Barker spoke of a presentation she saw regarding resurrecting the circulator bus at the Ellis Shackelford house. She stated that many buses are natural gas and do not have a bad odor. She also noted that light rail is not included as a transportation control measure. Ms. Barker encouraged seeing what we can do with flexible and less expensive buses. Chair Isom thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

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. Swenson moved to recommend approval of Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, and #5I. Mr. Crossman 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 November 6, 2013, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved the November 6, 2013, meeting minutes.

5B. Recommendation of Projects for FY 2014 Traffic Signal Optimization Program

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the list of Traffic Signal Optimization Program projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 and deferment of the two proposed projects as shown to FY 2015. On August 9, 2013, MAG announced a request for new projects for the FY 2014 Traffic Signal Optimization Program (TSOP). The budget available for new TSOP projects is \$347,000. Eleven project applications were received. Nine of the proposed TSOP projects have been recommended along with two additional projects that would involve performing and evaluation of before-and-after conditions and provide a workshop on traffic signal timing software. Two of the proposed projects, from the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County, are recommended to be deferred to the next TSOP program cycle for FY 2015. The execution of these projects would help improve freeway and arterial traffic signal coordination on parts of the I-10, Loop 303 and US-60 corridors and also on a number of local arterial streets. The total estimated cost for these projects is estimated at \$335,000. All projects will be carried out using MAG on-call consultants. On November 5, 2013, the MAG ITS Committee recommended approval. On December 12, 2013, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval.

5C. Amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept \$20,000 From the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) for the Town of Gila Bend Small Area Transportation Study and Amendment of the Corresponding Contract With Kimley Horn and Associates

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of an amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept \$20,000 from the Maricopa Department of Transportation (MCDOT) for the Gila Bend Small Area Transportation Plan Study and amendment of the corresponding MAG contract with Kimley Horn and Associates, to reflect additional scope and budget designated for the MCDOT funding amount. The FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, includes \$70,000 for the development of the Gila Bend Small Area Transportation Study. MAG, MCDOT and the Town of Gila Bend have established a mutual agreement for this project with shared funding (the original total funding amount for the project is \$95,000, which includes \$70,000 from MAG, \$20,000 from MCDOT, and \$5,000 from the Town of Gila Bend). This collaboration will allow MAG and partnering agencies to plan for future transportation infrastructure needs in the Gila Bend Planning Area. The project planning team has identified the need for additional analysis of key transportation corridors in the Gila Bend Planning Area, therefore, MCDOT is providing an additional \$20,000 toward the study to complete the additional analysis. An amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to accept the funds and an amendment to the contract with Kimley Horn and Associates is needed to reflect the additional scope and budget.

5D. Amendment to the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for a Bicycle/Pedestrian Associate

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of amending the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for a Bicycle/Pedestrian Associate not to exceed \$25,000. It is requested to amend the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add a MAG Associate position for bicycle/pedestrian planning in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. This will allow for a transition period from the current MAG Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner to a MAG Associate position for the remainder of this fiscal year. When the new work program is prepared, the associate position will be evaluated to determine if it is to be continued in the next fiscal year.

5E. 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.

5F. 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 and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including changes to Arterial Life Cycle Program projects. 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.

5G. Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan. The Draft 2014 MAG Conformity Analysis concludes that the Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Draft 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. On November 25, 2013, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft TIP, Draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, and Draft 2014 MAG Conformity Analysis. On December 3, 2013, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Draft 2014 MAG Conformity Analysis for the Draft TIP and Draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. Approval of the conformity finding by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan.

5H. On-Call Consulting List for the MAG Consultant Support for AZ-SMART Enhancement On-Call Project

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the list of on-call consultants for Area of Expertise A (Research, Data Collection, Demographic and Economic Analysis): Applied Economics, Elliot D. Pollack and Company, Planning Technologies LLC, Synthicity Inc., and University of Arizona Economic and Business Research Center; Area of Expertise B (Application Development, Geographic Information Systems, Database Management, and Socioeconomic Modeling) Planning Technologies LLC, Synthicity Inc., TerraSystems Southwest Inc., and University of Arizona Economic and Business Research Center; Area of Expertise C (Regional Economic Modeling and Economic Impact Analysis): Planning Technologies LLC, Regional Economic Models Inc., Synthicity Inc., and University of Arizona Economic and Business Research Center; for the MAG Consultant Support for AZ-SMART Enhancement On-Call Project. The FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2013, lists the MAG Consultant Support for AZ-SMART Enhancement On-Call Project in the amount of \$425,000. The purpose of the project is to enable MAG to solicit specialized consulting services in the area of socioeconomic modeling, data, reporting, and research. MAG issued a Request for Qualifications to create an on-call consulting list in three areas of expertise for the project and received seven Statements of Qualifications (SOQs). A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the SOQs and unanimously recommended to MAG that the following firms be included on a MAG on-call consulting list for the MAG Consultant Support for AZ-SMART Enhancement On-Call Project: Applied Economics, Elliot D. Pollack and Company, Planning Technologies LLC, Regional Economic Models Inc., Synthicity Inc., TerraSystems Southwest Inc., and University of Arizona Economic and Business Research Center.

5I. Status Update on the June 30, 2013 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2013. The accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on November 18, 2013, on the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated there were no reportable conditions in MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be material weaknesses, no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs. The Single Audit report had no new or repeat findings. The CAFR financial statements and related footnotes were prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) standards for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awards program. Management intends to submit the June 30, 2013, CAFR to the GFOA

awards program for review. If awarded the certificate for the June 30, 2013, CAFR, this would be the agency's 16th consecutive award.

6A. FY 2014 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity

Chair Isom stated that there would be a presentation and a question and answer period for each of the agenda items 6A, 6B and 6C. This would be followed by a public comment period and a motion.

Jason Stephens, MAG staff, reported on the input received during the Final Phase Input Opportunity. This was input received during the final opportunity for comment on the FY 2014-2018 Draft Transportation Improvement Program, the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, and the 2014 Conformity Analysis. Mr. Stephens stated that the Final Phase is summarized in the Final Phase Report, which was included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Stephens stated that MAG has a four-phase public involvement process, which is part of the public participation plan adopted by the MAG Regional Council in 2006. He noted that the Final Phase provides residents with their final opportunity to provide input into draft plans and programs before MAG policy committees take action.

Mr. Stephens stated that the public is notified of the public meeting to solicit input on the updated TIP and Plan, through postcards and display advertisements in the Arizona Republic, Arizona Informant and Prensa Hispana newspapers.

Mr. Stephens displayed a summary of comments received and said that all comments received a formal written response. Chair Isom thanked Mr. Stephens for his report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

6B. Approval of the Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Teri Kennedy, MAG staff, reported that the Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been under development since March 2012 in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, the Arizona Department of Transportation, and member agencies. She advised that the TIP incorporates the criteria of MAP-21 federal transportation legislation. Ms. Kennedy stated that the TIP includes all projects programmed with federal funds and all regionally significant transportation projects that are funded with federal and non-federal funds for the next five years.

Ms. Kennedy displayed a map of the MAG planning boundaries, expanded in May 2013. She pointed out that MAG has been working with the new Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization, which was designated in May 2013.

Ms. Kennedy displayed a summary of the 782 projects contained in the FY 2014-2018 TIP, totaling approximately \$4.43 billion. She noted that almost two-thirds of the funding goes toward highway projects. Ms. Kennedy then provided a summary of projected revenues and costs.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the TIP will be considered for approval by the MAG Regional Council on January 29, 2014. The approved TIP will then be submitted to Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, the Arizona Department of Transportation, and Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval of various areas of the TIP, RTP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Ms. Kennedy noted that completion of this process could take up to two months. She added that an Errata Sheet was included in the agenda packet and she advised members to contact MAG staff if they notice any corrections that need to be incorporated.

Ms. Kennedy stated that current programming activities include the FY 2014-17 Highway Safety Improvement Program, FY 2015-17 Transportation Alternatives infrastructure projects, FY 2014 PM-10 CMAQ street sweepers, and FY 2013-17 PM-2.5 CMAQ Paving Unpaved Roads. Future programming includes ADOT Competitive Transit Section 5307 and 5339, Transportation Alternatives Non-Infrastructure projects, Pinal County STP (currently is partially programmed), and the MAG Unified Planning Work Program (Traffic Signal Optimization Program, Design Assistance Program, and street sweepers).

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

6C. Approval of the Draft 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan

Roger Herzog, MAG staff, stated that a regional transportation plan is required to maintain eligibility for federal transportation funding and must be updated at least every four years. He noted that MAG's draft Plan extends through Fiscal Year 2035 and continues the established plans, priorities and policies contained in the current adopted Plan.

Mr. Herzog stated that the Plan is a comprehensive document, reviewing the status and strategies for a range of transportation activities in the MAG area. He stated that the Plan identifies the freeway/highway system, the arterial street network, the bus service network, the light rail transit/high capacity transit system, and a number of other transportation activities in the MAG region.

Mr. Herzog stated that activities for review of the draft Plan include opportunities for public input, such as early phase, mid phase, and final phase input opportunities, public meetings and hearings, and committee meetings. He reported that actions to conduct an air quality conformity analysis on the Draft 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan were taken previously by the Transportation Review Committee, Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee, and Regional Council. Mr. Herzog stated that the air quality conformity analysis has been successfully completed and demonstrated conformity. He said that a public hearing was held on November 25, 2013, and the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval on December 3, 2013. Mr. Herzog advised that the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft 2035 Plan on December 12, 2013.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Herzog for his report. No questions from the Committee were noted. No public comment cards were received.

Mr. Buss moved to recommend (6A) acceptance of the FY 2014 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity, (6B) approval of the Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the included errata sheet and table correction updates, contingent on a finding of conformity of the Draft TIP and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan with applicable air quality implementation plans, and (6C) approval of the Draft 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), contingent upon a finding of conformity of the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the 2035 RTP with applicable air quality plans. Mr. Swenson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Recommendation of Projects for the MAG Transportation Alternatives Program

Eileen Yazzie, MAG staff, reported that the Transportation Alternatives Program, a new federal program under MAP-21, consolidated three programs previously in place: Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, and Recreational Trails, and changed program management to MAG. Ms. Yazzie noted that MAP-21 has a more performance-based focus than previous transportation legislation.

Ms. Yazzie stated that the goals and objectives for the Transportation Alternatives Program were developed over the summer of 2013 and were approved by the MAG Regional Council on September 25, 2013. Ms. Yazzie noted that the application was developed and projects evaluated based on the approved goals and objectives. She said that key words in evaluating projects include accessibility, safety and connectivity. Ms. Yazzie stated that the project evaluation team reflected the multimodal aspects of the program and included members of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian, Safety, Transit, and Street Committees, and representatives from the Federal Highway Administration and the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Ms. Yazzie stated that there are not enough funds available to fund all of the projects that were submitted. She noted that 33 applications for a total of \$24 million were submitted for the \$12 million that is available for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017. Ms. Yazzie reported on the evaluation process. She explained there was the quantitative process, which came directly from the data submitted in the application. Ms. Yazzie stated that there was the qualitative process, where the evaluation team ranked the projects based on criteria. This was followed by a presentation process where the applicants presented their project to the evaluation team. Ms. Yazzie stated that from the processes, the evaluation team developed a ranked list of projects, which was included in the agenda material.

Ms. Yazzie noted that due to funding limitations, the top 13 projects were recommended for funding for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017. She stated that the MAG Transportation Review Committee, at its December 2013 meeting, modified the ranked list by removing the Phoenix project (Third Street Promenade: Roosevelt Street to Thomas Road, ranked 14) and the Mesa project (Consolidated Shared-Use Pathway – P2 Lighting, ranked 15), so that all other projects move up in ranking. If additional funds become available (e.g., a project does not obligate), projects will be funded in rank order.

Chair Isom thanked Ms. Yazzie for her report. No public comment cards were received. He asked if members had any questions.

Mr. Skocytec expressed appreciation to MAG staff for the process and the cities of Phoenix and Mesa for their decisions to modify the ranked priorities. He expressed the support of the Town of Gilbert for this item going forward.

Mr. Crossman referenced that 40 percent of the ranking is based on the presentation. He remarked that this is a heavy weight for someone to explain their project in three minutes. Mr. Crossman asked the criteria used in the ranking.

Ms. Yazzie replied that this question was raised at the Transportation Review Committee meeting. She explained that the TA ranking process mirrored the CMAQ ranking process that has been used by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for years. Ms. Yazzie noted that the TA team evaluated if the project was responsive to the goals and objectives, such as connectivity and safety, Safe Routes to School and populations of concern. She said that in preparation for FY 2018 programming, staff is planning a debriefing on how this evaluation process went and to see what modifications might be warranted.

Mr. Crossman expressed that he appreciated the idea of having a debriefing because he thought the process gave too much weight to a three-minute presentation that includes no audio/visual aids or letters of support.

Mr. Glassman echoed the comments by Mr. Skocytec and he thanked the leadership at the Cities of Phoenix and Mesa for allowing the Town of Cave Creek to move up and participate in this valuable process.

With no further questions, Chair Isom called for a motion. Mr. McClendon moved to recommend approval of the modified ranked list of projects for Transportation Alternatives funding for FY 2015-2017; amendment of the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program; and addition of projects to the Draft FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Glassman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report - May 2013 Through November 2013

John Bullen, MAG staff, reported that the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Status Report serves as the financial management tool for the arterial component of the Regional Transportation Plan. He said that the ALCP contains 198 projects across 13 jurisdictions. Mr. Bullen stated that the program is guided by the ALCP Policies and Procedures, which require that a status report is provided to MAG committee members. He noted that the ALCP report is traditionally done on a semi-annual basis and this report is for the period between May 2013 and November 2013.

Mr. Bullen stated that approximately \$36 million was collected in ALCP Regional Area Road Fund revenue during FY 2013. He noted that this amount represents an increase of about 5.5 percent from FY 2012 and is on target with the projections. Mr. Bullen stated that approximately \$15 million has been collected to date in FY 2014, an increase of approximately seven percent.

Mr. Bullen stated that member agency staff have done a tremendous job meeting the FY 2014 ALCP project requirements. He explained that 39 of the scheduled 46 project overviews, which

acts as a scoping document, were received. Mr. Bullen said that 33 of the scheduled 47 project agreements, which are the funding agreements between MAG and a member agency, have been executed. He stated that more than \$24 million of \$49 million in RARF has been reimbursed so far, and \$700,000 out of \$29 million in federal reimbursements have been made, which is on target with the anticipated schedule.

Mr. Bullen then reported on the status of FY 2014 ALCP projects. He said that of the 48 projects scheduled for work and/or reimbursement, 11 are in the design phase, 13 are in the right-of-way phase, and 24 are in the construction phase. Mr. Bullen stated that it is expected that 10 projects are or will be completed and open to traffic by the end of this fiscal year.

Mr. Bullen stated that work on the FY 2015 ALCP update will begin in February. He noted that workbooks will be sent to all of the member agencies. The Managers Working Group would consult if any rebalancing of the ALCP is needed. Mr. Bullen reported that the ALCP Working Group continues to work on revisions to the ALCP Policies and Procedures, which they anticipate will be complete in February, and will be considered through the Managers Working Group and the MAG committee process for approval.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Bullen for his report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

9. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, FY 2014 Arterial Life Cycle Program, the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update, and as Necessary, the Draft FY 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Teri Kennedy, MAG staff, reported that amendments to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft FY 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program for project changes were being requested. She advised that many of the projects affect 2013 funding for transit.

Ms. Kennedy stated that Table D contains amendments to the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). She requested that member agencies review Table D closely and in the Notes section, if their project is listed as “contingent upon a finding of eligibility,” they should contact ADOT to ensure that all of their required project information has been submitted for the projects to move forward. Ms. Kennedy added that ADOT has indicated it is very close to making all of the eligibility determinations, but there are a couple of agencies that might require some follow up.

Chair Isom thanked Ms. Kennedy for her report. No requests for public comment were received. No questions from the Committee were noted.

Mr. Hauskins moved to recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update and draft FY 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Swenson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Becky Kimbrough, MAG staff, reported that each year, the draft Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is presented from January through May, when it is submitted for approval by the MAG Regional Council. She noted that this allows sufficient time for input into the development of the Work Program. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the production timeline and draft Dues and Assessments were included in the agenda packet.

Ms. Kimbrough explained that due to the uncertainty of economic conditions, a fifty-percent reduction to the members' Dues and Assessments for FY 2009 was approved beginning with the FY 2010 budget. Dues and Assessments continued to be maintained at the 50 percent level each year through FY 2014. Ms. Kimbrough explained that during the time MAG Dues and Assessments were reduced, these additional costs have been covered using MAG reserve funds. On May 22, 2013, the Regional Council approved that member Dues and Assessments would continue at the 50 percent rate for FY 2014 with the understanding that the Dues and Assessments rate would be increased to 100 percent for FY 2015. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the CPI-U average for the last calendar year will be applied to the draft MAG Dues and Assessments. She noted that the CPI-U for December 2013 will be announced on January 16, 2014, and the adjusted final draft Dues and Assessments will be presented in February. Ms. Kimbrough advised very little change to the CPI-U is anticipated as the result of incorporating the December 2013 number.

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

11. Solar Ready II

Scott Wilken, MAG staff, reported that the Solar Ready II project is part of the U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative Rooftop Solar Challenge, which has a goal of reducing regulatory hurdles for residential solar, and to make it faster, easier and cheaper for households to go solar. He noted that the Solar Ready II project is a \$75,000 grant with an 18-month timeframe (October 2013 to March 2015).

Mr. Wilken stated that leads on the project are the Mid-America Regional Council, the National Association of Regional Councils, and the Meister Consultant Group out of Boston, MA. He added that MAG and eight other councils of governments are participating in the initiative. Mr. Wilken stated that the program's goal is to expand local solar by reducing non-hardware costs, such as installation labor, financing costs, permitting and inspection fees, etc.

Mr. Wilken stated that a solar stakeholders group will be assembled and he will be sending out an invitation later this week to member agency building officials, planning directors, and sustainability staff, and to utility companies and solar installation companies. He stated that the Sierra Club has expressed interest and the Governor's Office of Energy Policy has been involved in this project in the past. Mr. Wilken stated that the stakeholder group will set the direction and assistance will be provided by the National Association of Regional Councils and the consultant. He added that the first meeting of the stakeholder group is anticipated for February.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Wilken for his report. He asked if the recent changes to residential solar have resulted in impacts to school districts or cities that have been utilizing solar power purchasing agreements. Mr. Wilken asked for clarification if Chair Isom was referencing net metering. Chair Isom replied that was correct. Mr. Wilken replied that he was not sure if there was yet a definitive answer to that question. He stated that those who supported the change likely say there is no impact and those who opposed the change likely say there will be a great impact. Mr. Wilken added that he understood the change was not major and he did not anticipate a huge effect.

## 12. Legislative Update

Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. Mr. Pryor stated that for some time, MAG has been reporting on declining regional, state, federal transportation revenues. He indicated that the focus of his presentation today is the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF).

Mr. Pryor stated that over the past decade, the HURF has been subject to more than \$1 billion in sweeps by the state. He said that recently, a number of cities, towns, and other organizations have taken positions opposing HURF sweeps, and MAG staff is suggesting taking a position to stop the HURF sweeps and keeping the statutory limit for transfers to \$20 million annually. Mr. Pryor stated that \$126 million was swept in FY 2014 and \$234 million in FY 2013. He stated that he would be presenting this item to the Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council later this month for their input. Mr. Pryor stated that one option might be a letter to the Governor signed by the Regional Council.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Pryor for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Smith stated that he and MAG Transportation Director Eric Anderson participate in the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee at ADOT, where one of the topics of discussion is ADOT's Five Year Capital Program. Mr. Smith said that when they discussed the amount that might come to each region, he asked what was the assumption for the amount that might be swept. He stated that \$20 million per year is the amount allowed to be swept statutorily, however, in the current ADOT Five Year Capital Program, the amount is projected to be \$125 million per year – a total of half a billion over five years. Mr. Smith stated that Speaker Tobin, who presented at the Economic Development Committee meeting, said that he did not anticipate a sweep happening, however, the budget shows sweeps. Mr. Smith expressed hope that the sweeps could be kept to the \$20 million per year statutory limit.

Mr. Hauskins stated that HURF sweeps have been occurring for many years. He recalled that the sweeps began shortly after ADOT separated from the Department of Public Safety in 1983 or so. Mr. Hauskins said that he thought the reasoning was that DPS was eligible for HURF funding when it was the same agency as ADOT.

13. 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.

14. 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.

No announcements were noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary