

**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**TRANSIT COMMITTEE**

April 10, 2014

Maricopa Association of Governments; Ironwood Room;  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

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| ADOT: Nicole Patrick                      | *Paradise Valley: Jeremy Knapp          |
| #Avondale: Kristen Sexton                 | Peoria: Bill Mattingly as Proxy         |
| #Buckeye: Andrea Marquez                  | Phoenix: Maria Hyatt                    |
| Chandler: Dan Cook for RJ Zeder           | Queen Creek: Mohamed Youssef            |
| El Mirage: Jorge Gastelum                 | Scottsdale: Madeline Clemann, Chair     |
| Gilbert: Kristin Myers                    | Surprise: David Kohlbeck                |
| Glendale: Debbie Albert for Cathy Colbath | #Tempe: Robert Yabes                    |
| Goodyear: Cato Esquivel                   | *Tolleson: Chris Hagen                  |
| #Maricopa: David Maestas                  | Valley Metro: Ben Limmer for Wulf Grote |
| *Maricopa County DOT: Mitch Wagner        | Youngtown: Grant Anderson               |
| Mesa: Jeff Martin for Jodi Sorrell        |   |

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy. + - Attended by Videoconference  
# - Attended by Audioconference

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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| Eileen Yazzie, MAG   | Kevin Link, Glendale     |
| Marc Pearsall, MAG   | Dianna Evans, Phoenix    |
| Alice Chen, MAG      | Ken Kessler, Phoenix     |
| Teri Kennedy, MAG    | Ted Mariscal, Phoenix    |
| Julie Walker, MAG    | Wendy Miller, Phoenix    |
| #Margaret Boone, MAG | Martin Lucero, Surprise  |
|                      | Abhi Dayal, Valley Metro |
|                      | Jim Schumann, CK Group   |
|                      | Jen Pyne, URS            |

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Clemann. She welcomed everyone in attendance and announced that a quorum was present. She noted that four members were joining the meeting by teleconference: Kristen Sexton of Avondale, Andrea Marquez of Buckeye, David Maestas of Maricopa and Robert Yabes of Tempe. Chair Clemann asked if there were any public comment cards, and there being none, proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

## 2. Approval of Draft March 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Chair Clemann asked if there were any comments or corrections to the Draft March 13, 2014 meeting minutes. Hearing none, she called for a motion. Mr. Mattingly of Peoria moved to approve the motion, Mr. Anderson of Youngtown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Clemann then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

## 3. Call to the Audience

Chair Clemann stated that she had not received any request to speak cards from the audience and moved onto the next item on the agenda.

## 4. Transit Program Manager's Report

Chair Clemann invited Eileen Yazzie of MAG to brief the Committee with the Transit Program Manager's Report.

Ms. Yazzie thanked all of the member agencies for working with Valley Metro with the Transit Standards and Performance Measurements program over the past year and encouraged them to continue to do so in order to create a useful tool for the region. She also thanked the member agencies as well as for working with Valley Metro on the upcoming transit operations changes planned for the October schedule and Transit Book. She completed her brief report.

Chair Clemann thanked Ms. Yazzie for her report and asked if there were further questions or comments regarding the agenda item. Hearing none, she moved onto the next item on the agenda.

## 5. Fiscal Year 2014 MAG Region Transit Program of Projects and Project Change Request

Chair Clemann then invited Ms. Alice Chen of MAG to present the Fiscal Year 2014 MAG Region Transit Program of Projects and Project Change Request. Chair Clemann noted that the item was on the agenda for possible approval.

Ms. Chen explained that pursuant to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines, each year, each recipient of a Section 5307 formulas grant shall develop, publish and submit for approval a program of projects (POP). She noted that within the project listing for all FTA formula funds, these included Section 5307 Phoenix-Mesa & Avondale-Goodyear Urbanized Area, 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, 5337 High Intensity Fixed Guideway State of Good Repair and 5337 Fixed Guideway Modernization program. She said that the items needed to be in the TIP by end of June. She thanked the staff of all of the agencies for working under a very tight window of time in order to make the deadlines.

She also added that the list did not include projects currently funded by Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality improvement funds flexed from the Federal Highway Administration. She said that the region was fully programmed so there were no discretionary grants this year and advised that the

JARC applications were due the following week. She referred to the attachments for additional information and the detailed listing of the projects and explained the public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP development process would satisfy the FTA's Program of Projects requirements. She then briefly explained some of the clarifications, line items, purchases, deletions, PM, capital and security from the spreadsheet. She added that there was an updated spreadsheet available for the STP apportionments courtesy of ADOT, and the funds were slightly lower than last year. Ms. Chen noted that the item was on the agenda for information, discussion and possible discussion to recommend approval of the FY 2014 MAG Transit Program of Projects, amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation.

Chair Clemann thanked Ms. Chen for her presentation and asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the agenda item. Chair Clemann noted that Scottsdale would be adding six additional vehicles, so they would be coordinating with MAG and Bob Antila for the accommodation. Ms. Chen noted that if they were TLCP buses, then MAG would work to include them. Mr. Martin inquired as per the previous process of two years earlier on how to divide PM allocation. He wondered if all the agencies effected were satisfied with the allocation distribution process that was established. No dissatisfaction was heard by the members. Ms. Yazzie noted that in 2010 the data-driven distribution methodology process that was initiated to replace and phase out the previous antiquated process, and she noted that the region was in the final few months of phasing out of the old allocation methods. She added that she would create a summary of the completed phasing later in the summer in order to show the finalized four year cycle.

Chair Clemann asked if there were any additional comments. Hearing none, she called for a motion. Mr. Mattingly of Peoria moved to approve the motion, Ms. Hyatt of Phoenix seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Clemann then proceeded to the next item on the agenda. Chair Clemann thanked the committee and asked if there were further questions or comments regarding the agenda item. Hearing none, she moved onto the next item on the agenda.

#### 6. Draft - Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Regional Strategy

Chair Clemann then invited Ms. Yazzie to present the Draft - Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Regional Strategy

Eileen Yazzie explained that before the committee was a joint approval of the Draft Regional TOD Strategy developed in conjunction with Valley Metro. She noted that in 2013, the TOD Working Group, which is open to all member agencies in the Valley, agreed that as stewards of implementing the transit program in the region, Valley Metro and MAG should have a joint TOD strategy committing support to the improvement of connections between high demand transit, job centers, and housing. She added that the proposed TOD Strategy provided the opportunity to leverage these transportation investments and work collaboratively with communities to boost market opportunity to levels feasible for TOD and economic development. She said that some unique elements had transpired in the past few months via the working group, with Valley Metro studying new funding scenarios and mechanisms as well as Avondale and Goodyear advising on the land-use planning components of their new General Plans.

Ms. Yazzie further explained that the purpose of the TOD Strategy was to promote the integration of land use and transportation by leveraging the regional transit system. She said that the focus would be on existing and future transit corridors as approved in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as well as high-demand corridors associated with activity centers within the region.

She also noted that MAG's goal was not to present a study that would go against the wishes of each city's visions and goals, but rather to compile all of those elements into a working plan and document for the Region's benefit, enabling agencies to partner with the private sector, as well as working with the Sustainable Communities collaborative. She reiterated that the TOD Strategy established a framework for implementation through collaborative partnerships with MAG, Valley Metro, member cities, and others including the development community. She closed by noting that the item had already been approved by Valley Metro and was on the agenda for recommended approval of the Draft Regional Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Strategy and to move forward with developing a regional TOD plan.

Chair Clemann thanked Ms. Yazzie for her presentation and asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the agenda item. Mr. Cook thanked the MAG and Valley Metro staff for their diligent work on the effort as the project was critical for cities' plans for enhanced local bus service, BRT or even light rail. Mr. Martin noted that he understood that City of Phoenix had early concerns about the TOD Strategy and inquired as to what the document will do moving forward. Ms. Yazzie replied that the TOD strategy was simply to assist agencies with a comprehensive, tool box and how-to guide on enabling and managing Transit Oriented Development plans, partnerships with developers, showcases the economic development benefits of TOD and necessary elements and land uses required to have a successful TOD project.

Chair Clemann noted that the plan offers regionally consistent guidelines, should the agencies choose to adopt its recommendations. Further discussion included brief comments by Grant Anderson, Eileen Yazzie and Maria Hyatt on the STLUIS study, proceeding with caution in having too selective a policy on funding TOD projects, and the three elements of the strategy: compact walkable, transit served and TOD overlays and coordination efforts.

Chair Clemann asked if there were any additional comments. Hearing none, she called for a motion. Mr. Martin of Mesa moved to approve the motion, Ms. Myers of Gilbert seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Clemann then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

#### 7. MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan Update

Chair Clemann explained that agenda item #7 would not be heard due to staff illness, and that Ms. DeDe Gaisthea would instead be presenting the agenda item on MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan Update at the next Transit Committee meeting in May.

Chair Clemann moved onto the next item on the agenda.

## 8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Clemann asked the members of the Committee if there were any issues that they would like added as future agenda items.

Margaret Boone advised that she would like to present an update in May on the on-going MAG project to develop a comprehensive Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP). She noted that the Transit Committee's input was crucial to helping to develop a better and more inclusive plan that includes transit's profile. She explained that the current phase of the development of the STSP will look at potential regional policies and practices that could be promoted for improving overall road safety performance in the MAG planning area. She concluded that research done for this task included a review of the 2008 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) document Pedestrian Safety Guide for Transit Agencies. Chair Clemann replied that the item would be put on the May agenda.

Chair Clemann asked the members of the Committee if there were any additional issues that they would like added as future agenda items. Hearing no further comments, Chair Clemann proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

## 9. Next Meeting Date

Chair Clemann thanked those present and announced that the next meeting of the MAG Transit Committee would be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Chaparral Room. There being no further business, Chair Clemann adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.