

Minutes of the
Maricopa Association of Governments
Regional Council Executive Committee
May 13, 2024

This meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom

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MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE
Avondale: Mayor Kenneth Weise, Past Chair	Virtual
Buckeye: Mayor Eric Orsborn	Virtual
Chandler: Mayor Kevin Hartke, Vice Chair	Virtual
El Mirage: Mayor Alexis Herмосillo, Treasurer	Virtual
Gilbert: Mayor Brigette Peterson	Not in Attendance
Mesa: Mayor John Giles	Virtual
Phoenix: Mayor Kate Gallego, Chair	Virtual

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Regional Council Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Gallego at 12:08. Roll call was taken to confirm a quorum of members was present.

2. Call to the Audience

MAG staff indicated that there were no online written public comments received for the Call to the Audience.

3. National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Chair Gallego indicated that item 3 was on the agenda for information only.

She asked if any member had questions or comments regarding these items. Vice Chair Hartke stated he would like to thank MAG Chief of Staff Audra Koester Thomas and her colleagues for providing the report on the regulation for primary drinking water for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). He had asked for the report to better understand the players in the sector as each city would be navigating the regulations. Chair Gallego indicated the City of Phoenix has retained outside counsel to try to understand their options in this area and many cities around Luke Air Force Base have done so as well.

Mayor Weise indicated that all cities in the region will be impacted by this issue, and it makes sense to be addressed on a regional basis to make the cities' voices louder rather than each city dealing with it alone. He indicated the City of Avondale has addressed this with their public works director and is preparing for a \$130 million expansion of their water treatment facility. The City of Avondale could be willing to work on this issue with

other cities. Chair Gallego concurred. MAG Executive Director Ed Zuercher noted MAG will continue to monitor this issue and will report back to the committee when there is new information.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Gallego stated that agenda items 4A through 4I were on the Consent Agenda.

She asked if any members had questions or would like a presentation on any of the Consent Agenda items. None were noted.

MAG staff indicated that there were no online written public comments received for the Consent Agenda.

Chair Gallego requested a motion to approve the agenda item. Vice Chair Hartke moved to approve the Consent Agenda for items 4A through 4I, and Mayor Orsborn seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following members voting in favor: Chair Gallego, Mayor Giles, Vice Chair Hartke, Mayor Hermosillo, Mayor Orsborn and Mayor Weise.

4A. Approval of the April 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee by consent, approved the April 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

4B. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the People-Oriented Transportation Linkages to Underserved Communities Program

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to add \$252,000 from Humana for the People-Oriented Transportation Linkages for Underserved Communities (POTLUCK) program

The MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget was approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 24, 2023. On April 18, 2024, Humana notified MAG of a \$252,000 grant award to Regional Community Partners in support of People-Oriented Transportation Linkages for Underserved Communities (POTLUCK). The purpose of POTLUCK is to make healthcare more accessible to older adults by providing rides, telemedicine vans, and telemedicine hubs at community locations such as libraries. This will be done in collaboration with public, private, and nonprofit partnering agencies.

POTLUCK is a new program through Age Friendly Arizona. MAG created and has staffed this statewide network since its inception in 2010. The goal of Age Friendly Arizona is to connect older adults with people of all ages in their communities. Local research indicates that access to transportation and healthcare are significant needs among older adults. POTLUCK builds on the foundation and success of the Rural Transportation Incubator, another Age Friendly Arizona initiative.

4C. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the Meridian Road Corridor Study

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to add \$485,000 for the Meridian Road Corridor Study.

The MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget was approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 24, 2023. An amendment is needed to add a new project for a corridor study of Meridian Road between Superstition Boulevard and State Route 24. This section of Meridian Road rests on the border of two counties and three cities and impacts six agencies. The study will help local jurisdictions in the study corridor understand the transportation needs along the roadway and develop a vision to support projected growth. The study will be done in partnership with the City of Apache Junction, City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Pinal County, and the Arizona Department of Transportation. The expected total cost of the study is \$485,000, and funding is available from MAG's annual apportionment of Federal Highway Administration formula funds.

4D. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the MAG Active Transportation Plan Update

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to add \$500,000 for the MAG Active Transportation Plan Update.

The MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget was approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 24, 2023. Since that time, Senate Bill (SB) 1102, legislation that authorizes a vote to extend Maricopa County's dedicated half-cent sales tax for transportation, was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. Following the approval of Senate Bill 1102, the MAG Regional Council approved conforming changes to the Regional Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Investment Plan (RSTIIP) on September 27, 2023. The RSTIIP guides the investments funded through an extension of the half-cent sales tax, also known as Proposition 479.

The RSTIIP includes a significant amount of funding for non-motorized transportation improvements. To prepare for the implementation of the RSTIIP, an update of the Active

Transportation Plan, previously approved by the MAG Regional Council in 2020, is required to inform these investments. This agenda item represents a request to amend the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial UPWP and Budget to add a new MAG Active Transportation Plan Update project with a budget not to exceed \$500,000. Funding is available from MAG's annual apportionment of Federal Highway Administration formula funds.

4E. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the Regional Systems Management and Operations Plan Update

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to add \$500,000 for the Regional Systems Management and Operations Plan Update.

The MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget was approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 24, 2023. Since that time, Senate Bill (SB) 1102, legislation that authorizes a vote to extend Maricopa County's dedicated half-cent sales tax for transportation, was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. Following the approval of Senate Bill 1102, the MAG Regional Council approved conforming changes to the Regional Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Investment Plan (RSTIIP) on September 27, 2023. The RSTIIP guides the investments funded through an extension of the half-cent sales tax, also known as Proposition 479.

The RSTIIP includes funding for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) improvements. To prepare for the implementation of the RSTIIP, an update of the Regional Systems Management and Operations (SM&O) Plan, previously approved by the MAG Regional Council in 2018, is required to inform these investments. This agenda item represents a request to amend the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial UPWP and Budget to add a new Regional SM&O Plan Update project with a budget not to exceed \$500,000. Funding is available from MAG's annual apportionment of FHWA formula funds.

4F. Consultant Selection for the FY 2024 Truck Parking Study and Plan

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the selection of Cambridge Systematics, Inc. for the FY 2024 MAG Truck Parking Study and Plan, and that if negotiations are not successful, that MAG pursue negotiations with its second choice, WSP USA, Inc.

The MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget includes \$250,000 for the FY 2024 Truck Parking Study and Plan. The study will provide information to better understand current truck parking needs, and will identify methodologies to address multiple types of truck parking solutions. Beyond the identification of potential locations for additional truck parking, MAG desires to explore both technology solutions and the viability of public-private partnerships to address the lack of urban truck parking in the MAG region.

A request for proposals was advertised on February 21, 2024, and MAG received three proposals prior to the March 20, 2024, deadline. On April 4, 2024, a multijurisdictional evaluation team met and recommended the selection of Cambridge Systematics, Inc. to conduct the study. The evaluation team also recommended that, if negotiations with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. are not successful, MAG pursue negotiations with the second highest scoring firm, WSP USA, Inc.

4G. Consultant Selection for the FY 2024 MAG Regional Transportation Planning On-Call

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the proposed list of qualified consultants for the FY 2024 MAG Regional Transportation Planning On-Call.

The MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget includes \$750,000 for the Regional Transportation Planning On-Call (RTP On-Call). The intent of the RTP On-Call is to enable MAG staff to augment existing resources by forming a pool of qualified consultants to provide specialized services that are required for executing tasks and projects. A request for qualifications was advertised with a total of 39 responses received by the April 3, 2024, deadline. On April 18, 2024, an evaluation team met and made recommendations for consultant qualification.

4H. Consultant Selection for the Pima Road Corridor Study

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the selection of Kimley-Horn for the Pima Road Corridor Study, and that if negotiations are not successful, that MAG pursue negotiations with its second choice, STRAND Associates.

The MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget includes \$250,000 for the Pima Road Corridor Study. The City of Scottsdale and the Town of Carefree are jointly undertaking two projects funded through the Arterial Life Cycle Program along Pima Road, spanning from Las Piedras to Cave Creek Road. In coordination with both agencies, this study will evaluate roadway improvements that will improve capacity, operational efficiency, safety, and develop a synchronized implementation plan that will guide future roadway improvements as development progresses along the corridor. A request for proposals was advertised with a total of three proposals received by the April 10, 2024, deadline. On April 24, 2024, an evaluation team met and recommended the selection of Kimley-Horn. Additionally, the evaluation team recommended that if negotiations with Kimley-Horn are not successful, MAG pursue negotiations with the second highest scoring consultant, STRAND Associates.

41. Officer Appointments for the MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee and MAG Transit Committee

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved appointments of the MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee vice chair, and MAG Transit Committee chair and vice chair, through December 31, 2025.

According to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures, officer appointments for technical and other policy committees are made by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee for two-year terms with succession of positions occurring through the ascending order of officers. Appointment to fill vacancies of the MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee vice chair, and MAG Transit Committee chair and vice chair, are requested.

5. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Gallego asked members if there were any requests for future agenda items. None were noted.

6. Comments from the Committee

Chair Gallego asked the members if there were any comments. Vice Chair Hartke indicated that this meeting exemplified the virtual format and usage of Zoom and thanked MAG staff for making it possible to join virtually. Mr. Zuercher said that MAG's Air Quality staff thanked him and Chair Gallego indicated that important work was conducted in an efficient way.

Adjournment

Chair Gallego indicated that the next meeting of the Regional Council Executive Committee would take place on June 17, 2024. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.