

Minutes of the  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
Regional Council Executive Committee  
June 17, 2024

This meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom  
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<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Avondale: Mayor Kenneth Weise, Past Chair	Virtual
Buckeye: Mayor Eric Orsborn	Virtual
Chandler: Mayor Kevin Hartke, Vice Chair	Virtual
El Mirage: Mayor Alexis Hermosillo, Treasurer	Virtual
Gilbert: Mayor Brigette Peterson	Virtual
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 p.m. following adjournment of the MAG Information Center Board of Directors. 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. Informational Items**

Chair Gallego indicated that no items were on the agenda for information only.

**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 Consent Agenda. Mayor Weise 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, Mayor Peterson, and Mayor Weise.

**4A. Approval of the May 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the May 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

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

**4B. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation Phase II**

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 \$325,000 for the I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation Phase II.

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 October 16, 2023, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved an amendment to the UPWP and Budget to include the I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation totaling \$50,000. This represented the first phase of the project, which would establish evaluation methods for the various mitigation investments made by the region for the construction of the I-10 Broadway Curve. Since then, the first phase has been completed, resulting in an evaluation plan to conduct the second phase of the project in coordination with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). To that end, this agenda item represents a request to amend the FY 2024-2025 Biennial UPWP and Budget to add \$325,000 for the second phase of the I-10 Broadway Curve Construction Mitigation Evaluation project. A total of \$134,150 will be provided by ADOT while the balance of \$190,850 is available from the Freeway Life Cycle Program.

**4C. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the Regional Transportation Planning On-Call**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to amend the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to add \$650,000 to the Regional Transportation Planning On-Call.

The MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget was approved on May 24, 2023, and included \$750,000 for the FY 2020 Regional Transportation Planning On-Call (RTP On-Call). Following the approval of the FY 2024-

2025 UPWP, Senate Bill 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. To support implementation activities related to preparing for Proposition 479, on January 15, 2024, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved an amendment to add \$500,000 to the UPWP and Budget for the RTP On-Call. Since then, the need for additional planning efforts related to freeway development activities has been identified, including study efforts on SR 85, Loop 101/I-17 system interchange, and Interstate 10 in the East Valley. To that end, this agenda item represents a request to amend the RTP On-Call budget to add an additional \$650,000. Of the increase, \$50,000 will be transferred from the unused balance for the FY 2024-2025 Modeling and Data Assistance for On-Going Requests project included in the FY 2024-2025 UPWP. The remaining \$600,000 is available from the Freeway Life Cycle Program.

**4D. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the FY 2024-25 Multi-Resolution Modeling Support On-Call**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to transfer the balance of \$320,184 remaining for the FY 2022-2023 MAG Models Integration On-Call to the FY 2024-2025 Multi-Resolution Modeling Support On-Call.

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, and included \$493,890 of carryforward funding for the FY 2022-23 MAG Models Integration On-Call project. Since then, \$173,706 of this funding has been obligated to conduct analyses on MAG's Activity-Based Model (ABM) and no further work is planned under this On-Call. The FY 2024-2025 UPWP also included \$300,000 for the FY 2024-2025 Multi-Resolution Modeling Support On-Call. Since the approval of the FY 2024-2025 UPWP, additional model refinement needs have been identified for the various MAG model resolutions. To that end, this agenda item represents a request to transfer the balance of \$320,184 remaining for the MAG Models Integration On-Call to the Multi-Resolution Modeling Support On-Call.

**4E. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to include a MAG Associate Contract with Kurt Cotner for an amount not to exceed \$130,000**

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 a one-year MAG Associate Contract with Kurt Cotner for an amount not to exceed \$130,000.

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. A MAG associate is needed to assist in maintaining and updating parcel-based land use data sets and real estate models in support of the Regional Analytics Division and MAG's socioeconomic

and transportation modeling efforts. Funding is available through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) apportionment of Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds remaining after the closeout of the FY 2022-23 Socioeconomic Updates, Projections, Modeling and Analysis: AZ-SMART Phase 3 On-call.

**4F. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to Address Youth Homelessness**

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 \$1,711,373 to address youth homelessness.

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 June 6, 2024, MAG received notice of a Youth Homelessness System Improvement grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$1,711,373. The funding will support the Human Services Division's work to reduce and ultimately end youth homelessness. Grant funding will support data analysis and system modelling, capacity building, coordination with statewide partners, and, ultimately, strengthening of the regional youth homelessness prevention and intervention system.

**4G. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to Expand Learning Management System Resources**

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 \$68,250 for expansion of learning management system resources.

The MAG Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget was approved on May 24, 2023. In support with the Continuum of Care homeless work, MAG manages the region's learning management system (LMS) for homeless providers and stakeholders.

On May 6, 2024, the Maricopa County Department of Human Services notified MAG of a \$68,250 grant award in support of expanding the LMS to assist in development and delivery of new training modules and materials for use by the County, municipal entities, and stakeholders working to inform best practices and tactics in addressing homelessness.

**4H. Amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to add \$150,000 from Read On Arizona to Support Continued Development of MapLIT**

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 \$150,000 from Read On Arizona for continued development of MapLIT.

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. MAG has been providing technical support to Read On Arizona for the development of MapLIT, an early literacy mapping and analytics tool, since 2014. Read On Arizona and its partners would like to continue its work with the MAG Information Center (MAGIC) and enhance the current tools and analytics of MapLIT. Read On Arizona is the state's early literacy initiative that works to improve language and literacy for children from birth to age eight. Funding up to \$75,000 per year for two years is available starting September 2024.

**41. Consultant Selection for the FY 2024 Housing Opportunities in Mentorship and Education Technical Assistance Program**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved Matrix Design Group, Inc. for the FY 2024 Housing Opportunities in Mentorship and Education Technical Assistance Program On-Call.

On January 22, 2024, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved an amendment to the MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget to include \$500,000 in support of affordable housing technical assistance. Of that, \$360,000 has been identified for the FY 2024 Housing Opportunities in Mentorship and Education Technical Assistance Program On-Call (HOME TA On-Call). The intent of the HOME TA On-Call is for consultants to provide technical assistance on preserving and developing housing that is attainable to local and tribal governments to increase the supply of housing that is affordable throughout the region. A request for qualifications was advertised with one response received by the Matrix Design Group, Inc. by the May 15, 2024, deadline. On May 21, 2024, an evaluation team met and recommended approval of the qualified consultant.

**5. Air Quality Update**

Chair Gallego requested Ed Zuercher, Executive Director, to present this item. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

Mr. Zuercher indicated that work on air quality is continuing and an update will be provided to the Regional Council on June 26. He stated that the region experiences higher ozone levels during the summer months and that there have been several exceedances. He reported that MAG staff continues to work cooperatively with Maricopa County and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

**6. Executive Director's Report**

Chair Gallego asked Mr. Zuercher to present this item and he indicated he had no specific report and that he would move onto agenda item 7, Legislative Update.

## **7. Legislative Update**

Mr. Zuercher reported the legislature passed a budget on Saturday evening, June 15, 2024, that included an eight-year continuation of the Arizona Department of Transportation. He reported that MAG staff is continuing to track the funding status of specific transportation project appropriations and will provide a more detailed report next week at the Regional Council meeting.

Chair Gallego asked if there were any new parameters stipulated on ADOT as part of the continuation. Mr. Zuercher indicated a measure focused on enforcement authority near ports of entry at the Mexican border was included.

Chair Gallego asked if any members had questions or comments regarding the agenda item. None was noted.

## **8. Request for Future Agenda Items**

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

## **9. Comments from the Committee**

Chair Gallego announced this meeting would be the last Regional Council Executive Committee meeting for immediate past Chair, Mayor Weise. Chair Gallego stated that Mayor Weise was an exemplary leader for MAG and that the region benefited tremendously. She noted his success in helping to deliver enabling legislation for Proposition 479. Chair Gallego reflected on what a pleasure he has been to work with and thanked him for his service.

Mayor Weise said he looked forward to the next few months as Proposition 479 heads to the November ballot, in reflection of the hard work of current and previous members of the Regional Council Executive Committee. He commended Ed Zuercher's leadership, along with the work of Chief of Staff Audra Koester Thomas, Chief Transportation Officer John Bullen and MAG staff. He indicated the polling numbers look favorable and that he looks forward to connecting on election night. He added it was a pleasure to serve as Chair of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and MAG Regional Council after Mayor Giles and before Chair Gallego. Chair Gallego thanked him again for his service.

Chair Gallego asked members if there were any other comments from the committee. No comments were noted.

## **Adjournment**

Chair Gallego indicated that the next meeting of the Regional Council Executive Committee would take place on July 15, 2024. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.