

Minutes of the  
Maricopa Association of Governments  
Regional Council Executive Committee  
June 16, 2025

This meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom

[Video recording of the meeting](#)

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Buckeye: Mayor Eric Orsborn, Treasurer	Virtual
Chandler: Mayor Kevin Hartke, Chair	Virtual
El Mirage: Mayor Alexis Hermsillo, Vice Chair	Virtual
Glendale: Mayor Jerry Weiers	Virtual
Mesa: Mayor Mark Freeman	Virtual
Phoenix: Mayor Kate Gallego, Past Chair	Virtual
Queen Creek: Mayor Julia Wheatley	Virtual

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Regional Council Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Hartke at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was taken to confirm a quorum of members was present.

**2. Call to the Audience**

Chair Hartke indicated that there were no requests to speak received for the Call to the Audience.

MAG staff indicated that online written public comments for the Call to the Audience received prior to the deadline were provided to the members for consideration. Please see the attached report.

**3. Informational Items**

Chair Hartke indicated that there were no informational items on the agenda for this meeting.

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Chair Hartke stated that agenda items 4A through 4H were on the Consent Agenda.

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

Chair Hartke indicated that there were no requests to speak received for the Consent Agenda.

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

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

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

#### **4A. Approval of the April 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the April 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

#### **4B. Amendment to the MAG FYs 2026-2027 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the Regional Transportation Planning On-Call**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved to amend the MAG Fiscal Years (FYs) 2026-2027 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget to add \$150,000 for the Regional Transportation Planning On-Call.

The MAG FYs 2026-2027 Biennial UPWP and Budget was approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 28, 2025. As part of the UPWP and Budget, \$3,000,000 was identified for the Regional Transportation Planning On-Call. Since then, an amendment is needed to add \$150,000 to conduct a study of Loop 202 (Santan Freeway) between Val Vista Drive and US 60 (Superstition Freeway), specifically focusing on the area around the Loop 202 (Santan Freeway)/State Route 24 system interchange. Funding is available through the allocation of funding for preliminary engineering in the Freeway Life Cycle Program.

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

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved of an amendment to the MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial UPWP and Budget to accept \$15,000 from the Town of Wickenburg and increase the budget for the Transportation Planning and Projects Federal On-Call.

The MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial UPWP and Budget was approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 24, 2023. On January 22, 2025, the MAG Regional Council approved an amendment to the FY 2024-2025 UPWP and Budget to add \$200,000 for the Regional Transportation Projects and Programs Federal On-Call. Since then, MAG has been coordinating with the Town of Wickenburg to conduct a transportation master plan of the

area. The majority of the funding to conduct the project will come from the Federal On-Call while a portion will come from the town. As a result, an amendment to the Federal On-Call is needed to accept additional funding totaling \$15,000 from the Town of Wickenburg for the effort.

#### **4D. Consultant Selection for the City of Maricopa Transit Study**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the City of Maricopa Transit Study and if negotiations are not successful, that MAG pursues negotiations with its second choice, AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

The MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial UPWP and Budget includes \$400,000 for the City of Maricopa Transit Study. The purpose of this study is to evaluate existing and future transit needs and develop an implementation plan to guide transit investments. A request for proposals was advertised on April 23, 2025, with a total of eight proposals received by the May 21, 2025, deadline. On May 29, 2025, an evaluation team met and recommended the selection of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Additionally, the evaluation team recommended that if negotiations with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. are not successful, MAG pursue negotiations with the second highest scoring consultant, AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

#### **4E. Consultant Selection for the Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved of AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for the Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study, and if negotiations are not successful, MAG pursues negotiations with its second choice, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

The MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial UPWP and Budget includes \$795,000 for the Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study. The purpose of this study is to conduct a comprehensive transportation study for the northwestern Sun Cities subarea. The study will be done in partnership with Maricopa County and Valley Metro. A request for proposals was advertised with a total of four proposals received by the May 19, 2025, deadline. On June 2, 2024, an evaluation team met and recommended the selection of AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Additionally, the evaluation team recommended that if negotiations with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. are not successful, MAG pursue negotiations with the second highest scoring consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

#### **4F. Consultant Selection for the FY 2026-2028 Transportation Planning and Projects Federal On-Call**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the proposed list of qualified consultants for the FY 2026-2028 Transportation Planning and Projects Federal On-Call.

The MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial UPWP and Budget, includes \$200,000 for the Transportation Planning and Projects Federal On-Call. The MAG FY 2026-2027 UPWP and Budget includes an additional \$1,785,000 for the Federal On-call. The intent of the Federal 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 and 43 proposals were received by the May 21, 2025, deadline. On May 29, 2025, an evaluation team met and made recommendations for consultant qualification.

**4G. MAG Associate Contract for MAG Enterprise Resource Planning Project, Change, and Training Management Services for an amount not to exceed \$245,000**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved of a MAG Associate Contract for MAG Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project, Change, and Training Management Services with Somer Phegley through December 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$245,000.

The MAG FY 2024-2025 Biennial UPWP and Budget was approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 24, 2023. The budget includes funding for MAG ERP Project, Change, and Training Management Services. A MAG associate is needed to provide support to the project, specifically focusing on testing management to help facilitate implementation, provide quality assurance, and support decision making throughout the duration of the project. MAG has selected Somer Phegley as the associate to perform this work. Funding is available through the MAG ERP Project.

**4H. MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures Amendments**

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, recommended approval of amendments to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures.

The MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures were originally adopted on July 22, 2009, and last updated by the MAG Regional Council on November 29, 2023. As part of the annual review process, updates are needed to reflect the dissolution of three human services committees and creation of a new Community Initiatives Coordinating Committee, which Regional Council approved on April 23, 2025, as well as updates to the technical committee chair and vice chair appointment process to eliminate staggering of officer appointments as approved by MAG Regional Council on January 22, 2025.

**5. Executive Director's Report**

Chair Hartke introduced Executive Director Ed Zuercher to report on this item. This item was on the agenda for information only.

Mr. Zuercher explained that the actions taken during the meeting enable MAG to secure approximately \$1 million in outside funding to support critical regional initiatives in the areas of housing, education, and senior programs.

Mr. Zuercher noted that the bylaw clean-up efforts previously discussed will reduce the frequency of future meetings.

Mr. Zuercher announced that MAG had recently received a national award from the National Association of Regional Councils for its Regional Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Investment Plan. The award was given in honor of the plan's excellence in quality and regional planning. Mr. Zuercher congratulated the committee and MAG staff for their contributions, underscoring that this recognition reflects the collective efforts of all involved.

## **6. Legislative Update**

Chair Hartke introduced Samantha Klakulak, government relations project manager, to report on this item. This was on the agenda for information and discussion.

Ms. Klakulak began noting that the legislature was in its 23rd week of session. The Arizona House of Representatives had convened to introduce a series of budget bills. Following this, the House Appropriations Committee met to vote on the proposed measures, which then advanced to the floor for the Committee of the Whole and third read hearings on Friday, June 13. The Senate had been in a multi-week recess but was expected to reconvene within the week to consider their version of the budget bills, of which they have been in active negotiations with the Governor's office.

Ms. Klakulak reported that House Concurrent Resolution 2035, along with its companion Senate Concurrent Resolution 10004, vehicle mileage tracking tax prohibitions, were third read and flipped in the House and passed later that evening. The resolution passed with 31 "yes" votes, while 29 members did not cast a vote. She stated that the resolution would be placed on the ballot for the upcoming general election. She noted that, if approved by voters, the resolution could present a significant challenge to the modernization of transportation funding mechanisms, particularly in response to declining Highway User Revenue Fund revenues. Furthermore, it could have implications for MAG's air quality and transportation planning efforts.

Chair Hartke asked if any members had questions or comments regarding the agenda item.

Chair Hartke asked about the status of the animal and pet cruelty bill, Senate Bill 1658, which he noted had still been circulating within the legislature. Ms. Klakulak responded that no floor agendas had been released for that bill at the time of the meeting and that she would continue monitoring its progress for any further developments.

With no further questions, Chair Hartke thanked Ms. Klakulak for her report.

**7. Request for Future Agenda Items**

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

**8. Comments from the Committee**

Chair Hartke asked the members if there were any comments.

Chair Hartke noted he would be attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Tampa and looked forward to seeing others who plan to attend.

**Adjournment**

Chair Hartke indicated that the next meeting of the Regional Council Executive Committee will take place on August 18, 2025. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

## Regional Council Executive Committee

### **PUBLIC COMMENT REPORT**

**Comments Received From:** April 14, 2025 **to** June 16, 2025

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**Date Received:** 4/22/2025 9:46:07 AM

**Name:** Patrick Briody

**City/State:** Glendale AZ

**Comment:** Two Ideas for Your Consideration by connecting Westgate w/light rail for:  
1. potential Summer Olympic bid?  
2. Last two cars restaurants bid & rotate for lovely happy hour & dinner across Maricopa county by rail. Possibly weekend brunch, too. Revenue raised from MAG rail night dinners & brunch may go toward rail safety & security. Light rail must have security at all stops and MAG rail riding security: ASU Tempe, Downtown PHX & Gdale Westgate.

## **Report Parameters**

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# Regional Council Executive Committee

## INFORMATION SUMMARY

### Agenda Item # 4F

#### DATE

June 9, 2025

#### SUBJECT

Consultant Selection for the FY 2026-2028  
Transportation Planning and Projects Federal On-Call

#### CONTACT

Tim Strow, Major Projects Manager, (602) 254-6300

## SUMMARY

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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 January 22, 2025, the MAG Regional Council approved an amendment to the FY 2024-2025 UPWP and Budget to add \$200,000 for the Regional Transportation Projects and Programs Federal On-Call (Federal On-Call). On May 28, 2025, the MAG Regional Council approved the MAG FY 2026-2027 UPWP and Budget which included an additional \$1,785,000 for Federal On-Call. The intent of the Federal 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. These areas of expertise include: (A) Transportation Planning; (B) Transportation Performance; (C) Transportation Operations; (D) Communications and Public Involvement; (E) Intelligent Transportation Systems; (F) Transportation Safety Planning; (G) Active Transportation; (H) Policy and Finance; (I) Economic Development; (J) Translation Services; and, (K) Transportation Modeling.

A request for qualifications was advertised with a total of 43 responses received by the May 21, 2025, deadline. On May 29, 2025, an evaluation team met and recommended the following consultants be pre-qualified for the FY 2026-2028 Transportation Planning and Projects Federal On-Call:

		Area of Expertise										
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
		Transportation Planning	Transportation Performance	Transportation Operations	Communication and Public Involvement	Intelligent Transportation Systems	Transportation Safety Planning	Active Transportation	Policy and Finance	Economic Development	Translation Services	Transportation Modeling
1	Texas A&M Transportation Institute	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
2	Toole Design Group, LLC	•					•	•				
3	ETC Institute				•							•
4	Mobility Matrix, LLC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
5	RDV Systems, Inc.				•		•					
6	Global-5				•							
7	Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.	•	•	•			•	•				•
8	STV Incorporated	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
9	Parametrix, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		
10	GHD Inc.	•		•	•	•	•	•				
11	Cambridge Systematics, Inc.	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•
12	Lee Engineering, LLC			•		•	•	•				
13	HR Green, Inc.	•	•	•		•	•	•				
14	Stanley Consultants, Inc.	•		•		•	•					
15	WSP USA, Inc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
16	EBP US, Inc.	•	•		•				•	•		
17	Lokahi	•		•	•		•	•				
18	High Street Consulting Group, LLC	•	•		•		•		•	•		
19	Iteris, Inc.	•	•	•		•	•	•				•
20	Deloitte & Touche, LLP	•	•	•	•		•		•	•		•
21	Alta Planning+Design, Inc.							•				
22	Engineering Alliance, Inc.	•						•				
23	Avenue Consultants	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
24	Caliper Corporation											•

		Transportation Planning	Transportation Performance	Transportation Operations	Communication and Public Involvement	Intelligent Transportation Systems	Transportation Safety Planning	Active Transportation	Policy and Finance	Economic Development	Translation Services	Transportation Modeling
25	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
26	Michael Baker International Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
27	United Civil Group		•	•		•	•					
28	Davidson Belluso				•						•	
29	Fehr & Peers	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
30	Central Creative, LLC				•							
31	Burgess & Niple, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•
32	Wilson & Company Inc, Engineer & Architects	•		•				•				
33	T.Y.Lin						•	•				
34	Kittelson & Associates	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
35	The Barnhart Co.				•						•	
36	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
37	CR Associates	•	•				•	•				
38	Y2K Engineering	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
39	Olsson, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•
40	Harrington Planning+Design							•				
41	Works Consulting LLC	•	•				•	•				•
42	Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
43	CivTech Inc.	•	•	•		•	•	•				•

The evaluation team included the following members:

Justice Beruman, MAG  
Hannah Quinsey, MAG  
Kay Bork, MAG  
Cole Brown, MAG

Quinn Castro, MAG  
Petya Maneva, MAG  
Tom Remes, MAG  
Patrick Stone, MAG

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

No public input has been received.

## **TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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TECHNICAL: The added capabilities of this on-call ensures that MAG is able to quickly and efficiently move forward the initiatives of the Transportation Planning Program. Data received from the task orders will be used in current and future projects. This on-call will be implemented in a manner that is consistent with others that are presently being administered at MAG.

POLICY: Timely regional transportation planning and analyses provides policy makers with accurate information upon which to make decisions.

## **ACTION REQUESTED**

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Approval of the proposed list of qualified consultants for the FY 2026-2028 Transportation Planning and Projects Federal On-Call.

## **PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

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This item is on the June 11, 2025, MAG Management Committee agenda for recommended approval of the proposed list of qualified consultants for the FY 2026-2028 Transportation Planning and Projects Federal On-Call.