

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 18, 2021

This meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom.

The link to a video recording of the meeting [can be found here](#).

MEMBERS ATTENDING

#Mayor John Giles, Mesa: Chair *Mayor Kenneth Weise: Vice Chair #Mayor Kate Gallego, Phoenix: Treasurer #Mayor Kevin Hartke, Chandler	#Mayor Les Peterson, Carefree #Mayor Alexis Hermosillo, El Mirage #Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale: Past Chair
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* Not Present

Participated virtually

1. Call to Order

Chair Giles called the virtual meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Call to the Audience

Chair Giles asked MAG staff if any public comments were received.

MAG staff read one comment received for the meeting from Elias Valencia, a resident of Surprise.

BEGIN COMMENT - Please consider doing anything in your powers to increase the tax for the prop 400 extension to be 2 cents or greater. Anything less creates an either or scenario and will also cripple our transportation infrastructure. the current proposed scenarios at 1/2 cent or 1 cent all are disastrously underperforming over the next several decades. The cost to play catch up later will go far and above any proposed increases in overall costs and in wealth generated by facilitating the metro's projected growth levels. END COMMENT

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Giles stated that items *3A through *3E were on the consent agenda. He noted that on December 13, 2021, the MAG Management Committee unanimously

recommended approval of items *3C through *3E. Chair Giles asked if any member had a question or would like a presentation on any of the consent items.

None were noted.

Mayor Weiers moved approval of the consent agenda. Mayor Hartke seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Chair Giles, Mayor Hartke, Mayor Hermosillo, Mayor Peterson and Mayor Weiers voting in favor of the motion.

*3A. Approval of September 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the September 13, 2021, meeting minutes.

*3B. MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee Vice Chair Appointment

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the appointment of Nathan Williams, Town of Gilbert as Vice Chair of the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee.

According to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures, officer appointments for technical committees, will be made by the MAG Executive Committee and are eligible for two-year terms with succession of positions occurring through the ascending order of officers. The current Chair of the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation (EPDT) Ad Hoc Committee has recently stepped down prior to serving out his two-year term. According to the policies and procedures, the committee's vice chair, Nathan Williams, Town of Gilbert, will ascend to the chair position and serve out the remainder of the term. A memo for Letter of Interest was solicited to the EPDT Ad Hoc Committee for a new vice chair to be appointed by the Regional Council Executive Committee.

*3C. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Biennial Budget to Accept Funding from the City of Phoenix to Support Homelessness Planning

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, gave its approval to accept \$200,000 from the City of Phoenix and amend the FY 2022-2023 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Biennial Budget to support an evaluation and change implementation of the Coordinated Entry System.

On May 26, 2021, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2022-2023 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Biennial Budget. On October 6, 2021, the City of Phoenix Council approved the allocation of \$200,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funding to the Maricopa Association of Governments in support of an evaluation and change implementation to the Coordinated Entry System (CES).

This system is a federally mandated program to screen people experiencing homelessness to determine eligibility for homeless assistance programs. The need to conduct this evaluation was determined by the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care and is included as one of the main areas of focus in the Racial Equity Plan. The Regional Homelessness Strategy Portfolio that was adopted by the MAG Regional Council in May 2021 also identified the need to evaluate and enhance the Coordinated Entry System.

The funding will be used to competitively select an experienced consultant to conduct the evaluation with input from the lead agencies within the Coordinated Entry System, the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care, and other stakeholders such as nonprofit providers. The analysis will include an assessment of impacts of COVID-19 on the Coordinated Entry System and the disproportionate impacts of the pandemic on Black and indigenous people, and people of color. It is necessary to accept this funding and amend the budget.

*3D. On-Call Consulting Services Selection for Fiscal Year 2022 MAG Transportation Performance On-Call

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the proposed list of qualified consultants for the FY 2022 MAG Transportation Performance On-Call.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 MAG Unified Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2021, includes \$250,000 for On-Call Consulting Services for the FY 2022 MAG Transportation Performance On-Call. A request for qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on July 23, 2021. Eleven proposals were received by the August 20, 2021, deadline. On September 3, 2021, a MAG evaluation team met and recommended MAG approve a list of qualified consultants.

*3E. On-Call Consulting Services Selection for FY 2022-2023 Behavioral Model Updates

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the list of qualified consultants for the FY 2022-2023 Behavioral Model Updates.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2021, includes on-call consulting

services for FY 2022-2023 Behavioral Model Updates. The total budgeted amount available for this project is \$650,000. The main purpose of this five-year project is to perform the necessary updates, recalibration and improvements to the MAG transportation models. This includes updates due to short and long-term changes in activity and travel behavior in transportation models due to the pandemic, updates to regional mesoscopic models, and the development of supporting tools for modeling data analysis. A request for qualifications was advertised on August 9, 2021, for technical assistance in two areas of expertise: (A) specification, estimation, calibration, validation and replication of advanced activity-based transportation models and the four-step model; updates to dynamic traffic assignment models and microsimulation models maintained by MAG, and (B) data collection, analysis, visualization. Twelve proposals were received by the September 14, 2021, deadline. On September 27, 2021, the multi-agency evaluation team met and recommended consultants to MAG to perform the technical assistance.

4. Draft MAG Policy Principles

MAG Policy Planner Sapna Gupta provided a report on draft updates to the MAG Policy Principles. The Principles summarize MAG's legislative positions and the agency's roles and responsibilities. The Principles were developed a few years ago and are updated annually. The updated Principles are presented to all of the policy committees for a vote each year at this time. The current format is a tri-fold brochure that can be shared with legislators and stakeholders, and left at meetings. In the month of September 2021, the draft updates to MAG Policy Principles were included in the consent agenda to the MAG Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council for review and input. The brochure was updated based on the input received from MAG member agencies. The updated MAG Policy Principles were approved with a unanimous vote by the MAG Economic Development Committee and MAG Management Committee in October 2021. Ms. Gupta mentioned Mayor Peterson has shared feedback with MAG about adding a heading on the page with the priority areas. She asked the committee for action and approval for the updated Principles.

Mayor Gallego requested that the language in the Human Services Section around homelessness be expanded to include using data driven solutions to reduce and hopefully end homelessness.

Mayor Peterson recommended approval of the Draft MAG Policy Principles. Mayor Weiers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Mayor Gallego, Chair Giles, Mayor Hartke, Mayor Hermosillo, Mayor Peterson and Mayor Weiers voting in favor of the motion.

5. Legislative Update

This item was not heard.

6. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Giles asked if there were any requests for future agenda items.

There were none.

6. Comments from the Committee

Chair Giles asked if there were any comments from the committee.

Mayor Weiers thanked Mayor Hermosillo for showing up to help at last weekend's 8th Annual "Glendale's Stand Up for Veterans" event. The event was a great success and Mayor Weiers was grateful to see Mayor Hermosillo there helping so many people.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Chair

Secretary