

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

March 23, 2022

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 Hermsillo, 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 9:00 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

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

No public comments were received for today's meeting.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Giles stated that items \*3A, \*3B, \*3C, \*3D, and \*3E were on the consent agenda and 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 Weise seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Mayor Weise, Mayor Weiers, Mayor Peterson and Chair Giles voting in favor of the motion.

\*3A. Approval of January 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the January 24, 2022, meeting minutes.

\*3B. Appointment of the MAG Economic Development Committee Member Agency Position

Mayor Les Peterson noted that Supervisor Galvin is very knowledgeable, yet has a significant workload in the short term, as he is still working at his law firm and learning to be County Supervisor, as well as running for reelection this Summer. Mr. Anderson noted that it is in the EDC bylaws that one seat is dedicated to a County Supervisor and that it is up to the Chair of the Board of Supervisor to nominate someone for that seat on the EDC.

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, recommended approval to appoint Supervisor Thomas Galvin as the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors representative on the MAG Economic Development Committee.

The MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC) includes 35 members, 21 MAG member agency positions and 14 business members. The member agencies have one-year terms, and the business members have two-year terms, with appointments requiring recommendation by the Executive Committee and approval from the MAG Regional Council. MAG received a letter from Chairman Bill Gates, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, requesting Supervisor Thomas Galvin serve as the new representative on the MAG EDC.

\*3C. Consultant Selection for the Sun Cloud AID Grant – Phase II Project

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of High Street Consulting Group to conduct the Sun Cloud AID Grant – Phase II project for an amount not to exceed \$650,000.

The MAG Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget, approved by MAG Regional Council on May 26, 2021, amended on January 26, 2022, includes \$650,000 for the Sun Cloud AID Grant – Phase II project. The goal of the project is to develop a data portal serving the transportation planning needs of the five counties within the Sun Corridor of Arizona. The data portal will increase and improve the accessibility, usability and quality of data and analytical tools that are vital to transportation planning. A request for proposals was advertised on February 8, 2022. The deadline for proposals was March 8, 2022. On March 11, 2022, an evaluation team met and selected High Street Consulting Group.

\*3D. On-Call Consulting Services Selection for MAG FY 2022-2023 Travel Data and Surveys On-Call

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the list of qualified consultants for MAG FY 2022-2023 Travel Data and Surveys On-Call.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 26, 2021, includes \$780,000 for Consulting Services for the FY 2022-2023 Travel Data and Surveys On-Call. The objective of this On-Call is to conduct travel surveys and collect or acquire the travel data necessary to better understand ongoing changes in activity and travel behavior, especially considering the COVID-19 pandemic. A continuous travel survey approach is envisioned to provide rolling updates of travel and traveler characteristics throughout the year and from year-to-year. The survey results and travel data obtained from this On-Call will be utilized to update transportation forecasting tools in order to better support new planning and forecasting needs for MAG and its member agencies. A request for qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on January 5, 2022, for technical assistance in two areas of expertise: (A) Regional Travel Survey, and (B) Travel Data Acquisition and Collection. Eight statements of qualifications were received by the February 14, 2022, deadline. On February 28, 2022, a multi-agency evaluation team met and recommended a list of qualified consultants.

\*3E. Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to add Mesa CONNECTED Transit Oriented Development Pilot Program Grant Award

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of an amendment to the FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to include the Mesa CONNECTED Transit Oriented Development Pilot Program Grant award of \$920,000.

On January 20, 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the award of \$920,000 to support planning for a future proposed streetcar extension to Mesa. The competitive funding award is through FTA's Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning and is intended to support local planning and strategies to increase transit access and encourage ridership through mixed-use and mixed-income development near public transportation projects. The award has a \$230,000 required local match provided by the city of Mesa.

4. Amendment to the FY 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for a One-Time Cost-of-Living Adjustment

MAG Deputy Executive Director, Amy St. Peter, stated that MAG is requesting to amend the FY 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Work Program and Budget to increase salary adjustments by 4 percent, resulting in a total of up to 7.5 percent including a one-time cost of living adjustment of 5 percent for all staff effective April 1, 2022, and an additional average 2.5 percent merit-based increase effective July 1, 2022.

Historically, MAG has implemented an average 3 percent salary raise based on performance following annual and midyear reviews. No increases were given during past periods of economic crisis, such as the Great Recession. However, inflation for the Phoenix area has increased by 10.9 percent from 2021 to 2022. This request is also aligned with member agency increases, and a 7.6 percent average increase across the region. The impact of a net increase of 4 percent to the budget is \$1.2 million. However, this cost is absorbed by deferred inactive project cost savings.

Chair Giles stated that this item is on the agenda for approval of an amendment to the FY 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to increase salary adjustments by 4 percent, resulting in a total of up to 7.5 percent including a cost of living adjustment of 5 percent for all staff effective April 1, 2022, and an additional average 2.5 percent merit-based increase effective July 1, 2022.

Mayor Weise moved approval of an amendment to the FY 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Work Program and Budget. Mayor Peterson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Mayor Weise, Mayor Gallego, Mayor Weiers, Mayor Peterson, and Chair Giles voting in favor of the motion.

5. 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.

There were none.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Giles adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

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Chair

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Secretary