

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

April 18, 2022

This meeting was conducted in person with a virtual option 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 in-person or virtually

1. Call to Order

Chair Giles called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 12:10 p.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, and *3C 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 Peterson moved approval of the consent agenda. Mayor Hermosillo seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Mayor Weise, Mayor Gallego, Mayor Weiers, Mayor Peterson, Mayor Hartke, Mayor Hermosillo and Chair Giles voting in favor of the motion.

*3A. Approval of March 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the March 23, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

*3B. Amendment to the FY 2022 – FY 2023 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to Accept Funding from the Town of Fountain Hills to Support the Regional Homeless Public Education Campaign

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to accept funding in the amount of \$10,000 from the Town of Fountain Hills to offset a portion of the media expenses associated with the implementation of the Regional Homeless Education Campaign as part of Pathways Home: A Regional Homelessness Action Plan for Local and Tribal Governments.

The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget was approved on May 26, 2021. On March 17, 2022, the Town of Fountain Hills offered to provide \$10,000 toward a regional homeless public information campaign.

In December 2021, Regional Council unanimously approved the Pathways Home: A Regional Homelessness Action Plan for Local and Tribal Governments. The plan, which aims to reduce homelessness regionally by 25% during the next five years, includes developing a public information campaign to reduce the stigma of homelessness and increase workforce/affordable housing. The campaign will communicate the importance and success of this regional work to address homelessness, highlight the work of local partners, reduce the stigma of homelessness, and increase the access to a range of housing options including workforce housing and affordable housing.

The Town of Fountain Hills has committed to provide Regional Community Partners with \$10,000 to offset media expenses associated with the campaign. The campaign will include various forms of media to bring attention to the region's need for additional affordable housing.

*3C. Consultant Selection for the Congestion Management Process Update Project

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the selection of Cambridge Systematics, Inc. to conduct the Congestion Management Process Update project for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 MAG Unified Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 26, 2021, includes \$200,000 for a Congestion

Management Process Update project. The MAG region is mandated by the Federal Highway Administration to have a Congestion Management Process to identify recurring and non-recurring congestion and propose strategies to improve travel safety and reliability for people and goods. The existing Congestion Management Process was established in 2010 and an update is required. A request for proposals was advertised on January 20, 2022. The deadline for proposals was February 18, 2022. On March 4, 2022, a MAG evaluation team met and recommended the selection of Cambridge Systematics, Inc. to conduct the Congestion Management Process Update.

4. Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

Chair Giles stated the next item is the annual performance review of the MAG Executive Director. He asked if there was a motion to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session to discuss the evaluation.

Mayor Gallego moved to recess the meeting and go into executive session. Mayor Peterson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Mayor Weise, Mayor Gallego, Mayor Weiers, Mayor Peterson, Mayor Hartke, Mayor Hermosillo and Chair Giles voting in favor of the motion. The meeting went into executive session at 12:15 p.m.

5. Possible Action on the Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:12 p.m. to take action on the Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director.

Mayor Gallego thanked Mr. Anderson for his service and made a motion to increase the MAG Executive Director's salary by 7.5 percent effective April 9, 2022. Mayor Peterson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Mayor Weise, Mayor Gallego, Mayor Weiers, Mayor Peterson, Mayor Hartke, Mayor Hermosillo and Chair Giles voting in favor of the motion.

6. Legislative Update

MAG Policy and Government Relations Director Nathan Pryor provided an update on enabling legislation efforts for the extension of Proposition 400.

Mr. Pryor explained that SB 1356 sponsored by Senator Pace reached a significant milestone last month, passing the Senate floor with a 21-9 vote and the emergency clause intact. SB 1356 was forwarded to the House and passed the House Transportation Committee on March 23. The bill is awaiting to be heard in the Rules Committee, but is tied up because the Rules Committee Chair prefers to have 16

affirmative votes of the Majority caucus before putting a bill on the agenda. Mr. Pryor noted that staff is working with leadership and bill sponsors to address this issue, and reminded the Committee that there is also a striker bill, HB 2685, sponsored by Senator Pace that serves as a contingency vehicle.

Mr. Pryor encouraged the committee members to continue to reach out to State House representatives regarding the extension of Proposition 400. He also noted that John MacDonald from Policy AZ will provide a legislative update at the April MAG Transportation Policy Committee.

Chair Giles thanked Mr. Pryor for the update. He also emphasized what a great sponsor Senator Pace has been on these bills and further encouraged the committee members to continue their outreach efforts. There were no other comments or questions.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

Mayor Weiers requested that there be an item on a cost of living increase for all employees of MAG as well as an opportunity for the Executive Committee to discuss and vote on it if necessary.

Mayor Peterson requested an updated presentation on homelessness efforts, specifically with tightened objectives.

8. Comments from the Committee

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

Mayor Peterson shared that December 2022 will end his fourth and final term as Mayor. Chair Giles noted that Mayor Peterson will surely be missed.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Giles adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Chair

Secretary