

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

June 13, 2022

This meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom.

The link to a video recording of the meeting can be found on [MAG's YouTube Channel](#).

<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY</u>	<u>MEMBERS NOT PRESENT</u>
Mayor John Giles, Mesa: Chair Mayor Kate Gallego, Phoenix: Treasurer Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale: Past Chair Mayor Kevin Hartke, Chandler Mayor Alexis Hermosillo, El Mirage Mayor Les Peterson, Carefree	Mayor Kenneth Weise, Avondale: Vice Chair

1. Call to Order

Chair Giles called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 2:01 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, *3C, *3D, *3E, *3F, and *3G 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 to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Hartke seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Mayor Gallego, Mayor Weiers, Mayor Peterson, Mayor Hartke, Mayor Hermosillo and Chair Giles voting in favor of the motion.

*3A. Approval of the May 16, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved of the May 16, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

*3B. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for Southwest Valley-Camelback Road Truck Study

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2022-2023 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to include a new Southwest Valley-Camelback Road Truck Study totaling \$360,000.

On May 26, 2021, the MAG Regional Council approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget. Since that time, an amendment is needed to support a sub-regional study of truck traffic in the Southwest Valley in and proximate to the City of Litchfield Park. This study will include the following activities: (1) surveying truck volumes and travel patterns in Litchfield Park and surrounding jurisdictions, (2) measuring noise and vibration impacts of trucks along Camelback Road, (3) identifying possible truck routes and infrastructure improvements, and (4) exploring possible remedies, including engineering, operational and policy measures. The study is expected to total \$360,000; funding is available from the allocation of transportation sales tax revenues for planning and implementation studies.

*3C. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to Accept Funding and Add a New Project for the Queen Creek Regional Transit Study

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved to accept \$345,943.46 from the Town of Queen Creek and to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the Queen Creek Regional Transit Study.

The Town of Queen Creek receives an annual allocation of Local Transportation Assistance Funds (LTAF) to support transit needs for the Town. The Town has an unspent balance of funding totaling \$345,943.46 that is due to lapse on June 30, 2022. In an effort to ensure use of this funding for applicable transit-related activities, it is requested that MAG accept the fund transfer from the Town of Queen Creek for use on a Queen Creek Regional Transit Study that will initiate in Fiscal Year 2023.

*3D. On-Call Consulting Services Selection for MAG FY 2022-2023 Emerging Technology Pilots On-Call

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved the list of qualified consultants for the MAG FY 2022-2023 Emerging Technology Pilots On-Call.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2021, includes \$1,000,000 for On-Call Consulting Services for FY 2022-2023 Emerging Technology Pilots On-Call. The on-call builds on the success of FY 2020-2021 Emerging Technologies Field Pilot On-Call and continues the emerging technology piloting and evaluation effort in the region. The goal is to identify and pilot emerging technologies that can be regionally scaled and aligned with priorities established in the Regional Transportation Plan - MOMENTUM. A request for qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on March 22, 2022, for technical assistance in two areas of expertise: (A) Emerging Technology, and (B) Transportation Technology Deployment Expertise in the MAG Region. Forty statements of qualifications were received by the April 27, 2022, deadline. On May 27, 2022, a multi-agency evaluation team met and recommended a list of consultants to MAG to perform the technical assistance.

*3E. Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee Vice Chair and Member Agency Positions

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, recommended to approve the appointments of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) vice chair and member agency positions.

The MAG EDC includes 21 MAG member agency positions that have one-year terms with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the Regional Council. On May 2, 2022, a memorandum was sent to the MAG Regional Council members soliciting letters of interest for the member agency positions on the EDC, including the vice chair position. Twenty letters were received for the 21 member agency positions. MAG staff is recommending moving forward to appoint the vice chair position according to Section 6.04 of the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures.

*3F. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to Extend Consultant Services for Policy AZ, LLC.

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, approved to amend the FY 2022-2023 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to extend the contract with Policy AZ for an additional year for \$84,000.

Policy AZ, LLC has been providing professional services to lobby on state legislative issues for the past several years. The contract with Policy AZ is scheduled to end on June 30, 2022. At the June 17, 2019 Executive Committee meeting, the Committee approved an amendment to the fiscal year (FY) 2020- 2021 MAG Biennial Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to include an increase of \$12,000 for a two-year period (from \$60,000 to \$66,000 annually) and to renew the contract with Policy AZ for two years, with an optional third year. Staff is recommending that the contract with Policy AZ be extended for an additional year, through June 30, 2023, at \$84,000 per year. FY 2023 is the final year of the contract before it has to be resolicited.

*3G. MAG Support for the Canadian Snowbirds Act

The MAG Executive Committee, by consent, recommended approval of MAG support for the Canadian Snowbirds Act.

Canada is an important trade partner to Arizona and its largest source of foreign direct investment. Tourism is another important economic driver for the state. The Arizona Office of Tourism estimates that short-term Canadian tourism brings over \$1 billion to Arizona. Many Canadians also spend the winter at a second home in Arizona. The Canada Arizona Business Council (CABC) estimates that Canadian Snowbirds bring an additional \$1.4 billion into the economy, bringing the total Canadian tourism impact to over \$2.4 billion for Arizona. Currently, Canadian visitors can spend a maximum of 182 days in the U.S. The Canadian Snowbirds Act, S. 2096, is federal legislation to allow Canadian Snowbirds to stay up to 240 days in the U.S. per year, if they are over the age of 50 and own or rent property in the U.S. The proposed bill is currently co-sponsored by Senator Sinema and Senator Kelly, and Florida Senator Scott and Senator Rubio.

4. Update on Legislation to Enable the Extension of Proposition 400

Mayor Weiers moved to recess the meeting to go into executive session to discuss and consult with MAG's legal counsel concerning legislation to enable the extension of Proposition 400. Mayor Gallego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Mayor Gallego, Mayor Weiers, Mayor Peterson, Mayor Hartke, Mayor Hermosillo and Chair Giles voting in favor of the motion.

Following executive session, Chair Giles resumed the regular meeting of the MAG Executive Committee.

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.

Mayor Peterson shared there was a series of accidents on Arizona State Route 51 recently due to wrong way drivers. He said the occurrence serves as a reminder of the urgency for the Committee to continue its work on the topic.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Giles adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Chair

Secretary