

MINUTES OF THE MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

November 9, 2021

This meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom.

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING

#Tempe: Andrew Ching, Chair	#Glendale: Ryan Lee as proxy for Kevin Phelps
#Peoria: Jeff Tyne, Vice Chair	#Goodyear: Julie Karins
#ADOT: Jodi Rooney as proxy for John Halikowski	#Guadalupe: Jeff Kulaga
#Apache Junction: Bryant Powell	#Litchfield Park: Matthew Williams
*Avondale: Charles Montoya	*City of Maricopa: Rick Horst
#Buckeye: Roger Klingler	#Maricopa County: Joy Rich
#Carefree: Gary Neiss	#Mesa: Christopher Brady
*Cave Creek: Carrie Dyrek	*Paradise Valley: Jill Keimach
#Chandler: Joshua Wright	#Phoenix: Jeff Barton
*El Mirage: Crystal Dyches	*Pinal County: Leo Lew
#Florence: Brent Billingsley	#Queen Creek: Heather Wilkey for John Kross
*Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation: Phil Dorchester	#Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community: Jennifer Jack
#Fountain Hills: Grady Miller	*Scottsdale: Jim Thompson
*Gila Bend: Kathy Valenzuela	#Surprise: Mike Frazier
*Gila River Indian Community: Kathyleen Curley	#Tolleson: Reyes Medrano, Jr.
#Gilbert: Rob Bohr as proxy for Patrick Banger	#Valley Metro/RPTA: Alexis Tameron Kinsey for Scott Smith
	*Wickenburg: Les Brown
	*Youngtown: Jeanne Blackman

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated virtually.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Management Committee was called to order by Chair Andrew Ching at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was taken to confirm a quorum of members was present. Chair Ching provided the committee with additional meeting instructions.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to provide input through written comment to the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public were asked to submit written comments related to this meeting through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment, and indicate for which meeting the comment is intended. Comments may be sent at any time leading up to the meeting, but must be received at least one hour prior to the posted start time for the meeting.

Chair Ching asked if MAG staff had received any public comment.

MAG staff responded no public comment had been received for the meeting.

3. Executive Director's Report

MAG Executive Director Eric Anderson reported on items of general interest in the MAG region.

1. Mr. Anderson stated on October 18, the MAG office welcomed Hermosillo Mayor Antonio Astiazarán and some of his staff. The event included important discussions around the economic development linkages between Arizona and Sonora, particularly the industrial expansion that's happening in Hermosillo. MAG was invited to visit Hermosillo, Mexico next year.
2. MAG had the opportunity to participate in a welcome dinner with the Ambassador to the United States from Mexico, Ambassador Moctezuma. Chair Giles, Mayor Hermosillo, Governor Lewis, Mayor Ortega, Mayor Les Peterson welcomed the Ambassador. It was a successful event cementing the relationship between Mexico and Arizona.
3. The Ari-Son Megaregion Council Webinar held on October 22 was well attended again this year, the second year it has been held virtually. The former ambassador to Mexico from the United States Christopher Landau attended, as well as a number of other representatives from Mexico and the United States. R. Glenn Williamson, Honorary Consul of Canada in Arizona participated for the first time this year. Mayor Hermasillo moderated the event. Mr. Anderson thanked MAG Policy Planner Elsa Beljean and the MAG Policy Team for putting the event together.
4. MAG has now become a member of the Institute for Automated Mobility. This organization was set up by Governor Ducey a couple years ago. MAG has been participating in the Institute but formalized membership recently. There is much going on in this space, MAG has an Emerging Technology Program up and running in the field, which makes this a natural extension of the work done at MAG.

Chair Ching asked members to contact Mr. Anderson after the meeting with any questions.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Ching stated that agenda items 4A through 4J were on the Consent Agenda. He asked if any member of the Management Committee had questions or would like a presentation on any of the Consent Agenda items. None were noted.

Mr. Miller moved to recommend approval of Consent Agenda items 4A through 4J. Mr. Klingler seconded the motion. Mr. Powell, Mr. Klingler, Mr. Ness, Mr. Wright, Mr. Billingsley, Mr. Miller, Mr. Bohr, Mr. Lee, Ms. Karins, Mr. Kulaga, Ms. Rich, Mr. Brady, Mr. Tyne, Mr. Barton, Ms. Wilkey, Ms. Tameron Kinsey, Ms. Jack, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Rooney and Mr. Ching voted in favor of the motion, which carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of the October 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved the October 13, 2021, meeting minutes.

4B. Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft MOMENTUM 2050 MAG Regional Transportation Plan

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft MOMENTUM 2050 MAG Regional Transportation Plan.

The Draft MAG Conformity Analysis concludes that the Draft FY 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Draft MOMENTUM 2050 MAG Regional Transportation Plan meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. On September 13, 2021, the Draft TIP, MOMENTUM 2050 MAG Regional Transportation Plan, and Conformity Analysis were made available for a 30-day public review period and comments were requested by October 13, 2021. On October 28, 2021, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee may recommend approval of the Draft MAG Conformity Analysis for the Draft TIP and Draft MOMENTUM 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Approval of the conformity finding by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2022 CMAQ Funding

The MAG Management Committee, by consent recommended approval of a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2022 CMAQ funding and retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2022 CMAQ funds that may become available due to closeout or additional funding received by this region.

The FY 2020-2024 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contains \$1,268,705 in FY 2022 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funding to encourage the purchase and utilization of PM-10 Certified Street Sweepers. On October 28, 2021, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) may recommend a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2022 CMAQ funding and to retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2022 CMAQ funds that may become available due to closeout or additional funding received by this region. Prior to the AQTAC recommendation, the MAG Street Committee reviewed the proposed street sweeper applications on October 12, 2021 in accordance with the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4D. Consultant Selection for Transportation Policy and Program Visualization Support

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of Kittelson & Associates, Inc. to conduct the Transportation Policy and Program Visualization Support for an

amount not to exceed \$400,000. If negotiations with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. are not successful, that MAG pursue negotiations with its second choice, High Street Consulting.

The fiscal year 2022-2023 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 26, 2021, includes \$400,000 for Transportation Policy and Program Visualization Support. The intent of the Transportation Policy and Program Visualization Support is to enable MAG staff to augment existing resources by selecting a qualified consultant to deliver data visualization and data analytic services to MAG to support programs, projects, and policy development associated with the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. MAG received 12 proposals prior to the September 24, 2021, request for proposals deadline. On October 25, 2021, the evaluation team met and recommended the selection of Kittelson & Associates, Inc. In addition, the evaluation team recommended that if negotiations with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. are not successful, MAG pursue negotiations with the second highest scoring firm, High Street Consulting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4E. Approval of the Draft July 1, 2021, Municipality Resident Population Updates

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the draft July 1, 2021, Municipality Resident Population Updates for MAG member agencies provided that the Metropolitan Statistical Area control total is within two percent of the final control total.

MAG staff has prepared draft July 1, 2021, Municipality Resident Population Updates for MAG member agencies. The updates, which are used to prepare budgets and set expenditure limitations, were prepared using the 2020 Census as the base and updated with housing unit data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies. Since there may be changes to the Maricopa County and Pinal County control totals by the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity, on October 26, 2021, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of these draft updates provided that the Metropolitan Statistical Area control total is within two percent of the final control total. The Pinal County control total and sub-county figures will be approved through Central Arizona Government's process. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4F. On-Call Consulting Services Selection for MAG FY 2022-2023 Vehicle Trajectory Data Acquisition

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the list of qualified consultants for the MAG FY 2022-2023 Vehicle Trajectory Data Acquisition On-Call services.

The fiscal year 2022-2023 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2021, includes \$500,000 for On-call Consulting Services for FY 2022-23 Vehicle Trajectory Data Acquisition. The main purpose of the three-year project is to acquire region-wide connected vehicle data and vehicle trajectory data, and seek related data analysis and management services in support of regional transportation system analysis, transportation system operations transportation planning and modeling. The project efforts include region-wide data acquisition of vehicle trajectory data from connected vehicle technology during the on-call period, and analysis and management of connected vehicle data and vehicle trajectory data. A request for

qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on August 26, 2021, for technical assistance in two areas of expertise: (A) Vehicle Trajectory Data, (B) Data Analytics and Management. Twelve proposals were received by the October 5, 2021, deadline. On October 12, 2021, the multi-agency evaluation team met and recommended consultants to MAG to perform the technical assistance.

Twelve Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) were received from Caliper Corporation, American Transportation Research Institute, University of Maryland (CATT Lab), MS2, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Moonshadow Mobile, Inc., Downtown AI, Inc., CommunityLogiq software, Inc., Iteris, Inc., Wejo Limited, AirSage, Inc., and Burgess & Niple, Inc. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the SOQs and recommended to MAG that the following firms be included on a MAG on-call consulting list for FY 2022-23 Vehicle Trajectory Data Acquisition:

Area of Expertise A (Vehicle Trajectory Data): Caliper Corporation, American Transportation Research Institute, University of Maryland (CATT Lab), MS2, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Moonshadow Mobile, Inc., Downtown AI, Inc., Iteris, Inc., Wejo Limited, AirSage, Inc., Burgess & Niple, Inc.

Area of Expertise B (Data Analytics and Management): Caliper Corporation, American Transportation Research Institute, University of Maryland (CATT Lab), MS2, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Moonshadow Mobile, Inc., Downtown AI, Inc., CommunityLogiq software, Inc., Iteris, Inc., Wejo Limited, AirSage, Inc., Burgess & Niple, Inc.

4G. 2021 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

This item was on the agenda for information.

Proposition 400 was approved by the voters of Maricopa County in November 2004, and authorized the extension of a half-cent sales tax for use on transportation projects in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. Arizona Revised Statute §28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on projects included in Proposition 400, addressing factors such as project status, funding, and priorities. The 2021 Annual Report is the 17th report in the series and covers the status of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and public transit. The full report is available on the MAG website. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4H. MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report I

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended acceptance of the MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report.

The MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures, approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 24, 2015, outline the requirements for local agencies to submit status information on the development of their federally funded projects. MAG produces the Development Status Report twice each year, with project changes completed quarterly or as needed.

The report is limited to projects that receive sub-allocated federal funding administered by the Federal Highway Administration and that are developed for federal authorization through the

ADOT administered, federal design and review process. Arterial Life Cycle Program projects and projects in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program are not included in the Report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4I. Request to Add One Security and Meeting Support Staff Position

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of adding one Security and Meeting Support FTE to the FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

On April 13, 2020, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved the consultant selection to conduct a safety assessment of the MAG meeting space and offices. The report was presented to the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee in October 2020. For the past year, MAG staff have been implementing the recommendations of the plan. In addition, MAG staff have been responding to the increased demands resulting from transitioning staff and meetings to a virtual format due to the pandemic. As the agency plans to return to in-office and in-person operations, there is a need for an additional Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff position. Responsibilities of this staff position would include supporting continued implementation of the MAG Security Assessment and Strategies Report and responding to the heightened needs of offering hybrid meetings with attendees participating both in-person and virtually. The previous position was shared between Office Services and IT. Sharing this position is no longer realistic given the increased workload. In order to fully respond to the meeting and safety needs of member agencies and visitors participating in MAG meetings, this request is submitted to add one Security and Meeting Support FTE. The position will be supported through MAG's overhead budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4J. Proposed 2022 Revision to the 2020 Edition of the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee has completed its review of proposed revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction. These revisions have been recommended for approval by the committee and have been reviewed by MAG member agency Public Works Directors and/or Engineers. It is anticipated that the 2022 Revision will be available online and for purchase in early January 2022. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. MAG Fiscal Year 2023 Public Safety Answering Point Annual Element/Funding Request and Fiscal Year 2023-2028 Equipment Program

City of Phoenix 9-1-1 Administrator Liz Graeber provided updates on what's going on in the 9-1-1 world in the region. The State of Arizona finished and awarded a next generation 9-1-1 contract in July. This is a great leap forward for all of us. It was awarded it to a company called Next Gen Communications. The project will create a 911 IP Network for all of the PSAP's outside of the

Maricopa region. It also allows for the Maricopa region to keep their own 9-1-1 network. Go-live is set for July of 2022. Once it goes live, we will start the process of connecting and interfacing those networks together. The goal is to allow the two networks to be fallbacks for one another to avoid 9-1-1 outages that have occurred throughout the state. If there's an outage in one area, it will shift the calls to another network. Eventually having the calls route to the appropriate PSAP's using a different network would be the ultimate goal. This will add a great service to not only those citizens and residents within Maricopa region but for the whole state.

Ms. Graeber shared that the CENS Report (community emergency notification system) have had 122 launches year to date, setting records the last couple of years. This is used for missing children, endangered adults, police incidents and occasionally a fire incident by request. The platform currently used for these notifications will end in the next four years. New technology is being reviewed and will be reported on at a later date. Text to 9-1-1 has grown each year since installed, in April of 2018. The program receives an average of 750 text sessions monthly, with Phoenix Police Department receiving the most. We average 250,000 9-1-1 calls a month, so it's not as high, but is increasing. There have been many successful calls that assistance was provided because the text to 9-1-1 feature was there.

Ms. Graeber informed members of two projects for MAG Fiscal Year 2023. Phoenix Police Department is moving to a new building, where new equipment is being installed. The second project is with Luke Air Force Base. The project is smaller than the one with Phoenix, but it requires a unique certification through the Department of Defense, making it just as complex as any of the other projects. Ms. Graeber offered to take questions or comments from Management Committee members.

Chair Ching thanks Ms. Graeber for her presentation and stated that agenda item 5 was on the agenda to recommend approval. He asked if any member of the Management Committee had questions. None were noted, and he then asked for a motion to recommend approval of the MAG FY2023 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY2023-2028 Equipment Program with the requirement of running the additional call taking working stations requests through the formula that the Governance Working Group is developing.

Ms. Karins moved to recommend approval of the MAG FY2023 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY2023-2028 Equipment Program with the requirement of running the additional call taking working stations requests through the formula that the Governance Working Group is developing. Mr. Billingsly seconded the motion. Mr. Powell, Mr. Klingler, Mr. Ness, Mr. Wright, Mr. Billingsley, Mr. Miller, Mr. Bohr, Mr. Lee, Ms. Karins, Mr. Kulaga, Ms. Rich, Mr. Brady, Mr. Tyne, Mr. Barton, Ms. Wilkey, Ms. Tameron Kinsey, Ms. Jack, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Medrano and Mr. Ching voted in favor of the motion, which carried unanimously. voted in favor of the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Draft MOMENTUM 2050 MAG Regional Transportation Plan, Draft FY 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and Public Input Report

MAG Transportation Planning Program Manager Audra Koester Thomas informed members she

would be discussing the final stage of the plan development process which includes the air quality conformity analysis as well as the final public comment period, and next steps prior to recommending action by the Management Committee.

Ms. Koester Thomas showed members a slide detailing the schedule and outlining the final stages of the plan development process. The work over the last two years has largely been focused on an investment plan to be supported by an extension of the dedicated transportation half-cent sales tax in Maricopa County. She indicated the work presented for action today is a culmination of those decisions packaged into federally required planning documents.

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) looks long-range into the future, articulating a vision for how the region will provide for the efficient movement of people and goods throughout the region. It is required to have at least a 20-year horizon and focus on regionally significant, large capital projects and programs funded through federal funding and other resources available to the region.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a companion to the RTP and is a short-range list of projects with a horizon of at least four years. It must include all regionally significant projects regardless of funding source and by definition serves as the first four years of our Regional Transportation Plan.

She indicated that both the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program must be performance based, and be fiscally constrained, containing only projects and programs that have committed revenue sources. Both the RTP and TIP must also be updated at least every four years, although in practice MAG typically updates both documents more frequently.

For purposes of today's action, the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program include the last five years of the Proposition 400 program, investments proposed for the 25-year extension of Proposition 400, Pinal County RTA projects, and any wholly locally funded, regionally significant projects. And as is required by federal statute, both of these documents—and the projects contained here-in—must be air quality conformant.

Ms. Koester Thomas indicated that as part of the Air Quality Conformity Process, a 30-day public comment period on the draft Regional Transportation Plan, draft Transportation Improvement Program and draft Conformity Analysis concluded on October 13, 2021. As part of that final review process, any public feedback provided is brought back for consideration prior to action. Anticipating action today the Transportation Policy Committee would then consider action next week culminating on December 1, 2021, for MAG Regional Council's adoption. MAG expects concurrence of a finding of air quality conformity by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration early in the new year.

The final public comment period facilitated was consistent with MAG's adopted public participation plan. The thirty-day public comment period is the final opportunity to provide feedback on these draft documents. Notice was issued in the Arizona Republic and e-blasts to over 15,000 stakeholders, residents, and agencies. Use of MAG and the MOMENTUM websites and social media accounts were also utilized to invite review of these documents and public comment.

All three documents are contained with today's meeting materials, including the Public Input Report. MAG did receive a few dozen comments ranging from specific project to large, broad themes.

Summarizing feedback received, Ms. Koester Thomas indicated significant recognition of the fast growth this region and the need for continued investment in our transportation system. There was notable support specifically for the I-10/Jackrabbit Trail traffic interchange project that included in the approved investment plan supported by continuation of the extension of Proposition 400. She noted strong support for the continued expansion of investments in alternative modes, notably transit and active transportation—a theme MAG has heard throughout the two-year planning process, noting that these kinds of investments help to positively support outcomes and safety, as well as public health. Finally, Ms. Koester Thomas reflected that several comments received expressed an increased interest in environmental sustainability, and recognition that transportation and local land use choices impact the environment.

While the planned development process is now completed, Ms. Koester Thomas indicated the focus of the work now moves to the legislative process to enable a 25-year extension of the dedicated half-cent sales tax first established in 1985 to be placed on Maricopa County ballots next November, 2022.

With that in mind, Ms. Koester Thomas indicated that information and educational resources are under development as MAG moves from the plan development process to the plan education and information process. MAG will continue to use our MOMENTUM website as a forum to educate the public and stakeholders about what's included in the plan and the benefits of a continued investment.

Ms. Koester Thomas acknowledged the breadth and scope of work can largely be attributed to the Management Committee and the Management Committee RTP work group. Two years ago, Management Committee formed a volunteer work group committed to investigating and analyzing technical planning elements. Over the course of the last two years, members of the work group became transportation experts. Ms. Koester Thomas acknowledged Mr. Kross and Ms. Karins for their leadership and their staff's work together with MAG.

Ms. Koester Thomas, on behalf of Executive Director Eric Anderson and all of MAG's staff, extended appreciation for the commitment of Management Committee and particularly of the work group in reviewing a considerable amount of analysis and content, working in partnership with MAG to ensure our collective success and specifically in preparing policy makers to make difficult decisions about future investments in transportation.

Ms. Koester Thomas offered to answer any questions from members.

Chair Ching thanked Ms. Koester Thomas for her presentation and asked members if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Klingler thanked Ms. Koester Thomas, Mr. Anderson and MAG staff for getting through this

process, always being open to suggestions, and following-up on ideas.

Chair Ching stated that item 6 was on the agenda to recommend approval. He asked if any other member of the Management Committee had questions or comments. None were noted, he then asked for a motion.

Ms. Karins moved to recommend approval of the Draft MOMENTUM 2050 MAG Regional Transportation Plan and errata sheet changes, and the Draft FY 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and errata sheet changes, contingent on a finding of conformity; and recommended acceptance of the Public Input Report. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. Mr. Powell, Mr. Klingler, Mr. Ness, Mr. Wright, Mr. Billingsley, Mr. Miller, Mr. Bohr, Mr. Lee, Ms. Karins, Mr. Kulaga, Ms. Rich, Mr. Brady, Mr. Tyne, Mr. Barton, Ms. Wilkey, Ms. Tameron Kinsey, Ms. Jack, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Williams, Ms. Rooney and Mr. Ching voted in favor of the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Regional Homelessness Action Plan

MAG Deputy Executive Director Amy St. Peter presented an update on regional homelessness efforts and the associated Regional Homelessness Action Plan, Pathways Home. She was joined in the presentation by MAG Regional Homelessness Project Manager TJ Reed.

Ms. St. Peter thanked members of the committee for the opportunity to present Pathways Home, the Regional Homelessness Action Plan for Local and Tribal Governments. This item is for action after a year of intensive learning, outreach, data analysis, and most importantly, listening. Each community has entered this work from different places, marked by varying levels of need, resources, and connections. Through this plan, we can all move forward together, each contributing in ways that resonate with our capacity and priorities. We share the priority of addressing homelessness regionally. This does not mean we are all doing the same things. It does mean we are all working together with the shared purpose of reducing homelessness and ensuring that people can receive help throughout the region. We did not reach this day lightly or without some difficult conversations. The ability to hear, address, and integrate divergent perspectives has made this plan more relevant and stronger than it would have been otherwise. Ms. St. Peter thanked members for staying in the conversation and offering candid, constructive feedback.

The action plan was built on the foundation of this communication. The implementation of the plan will be successful by continuing this conversation. Ms. St. Peter gave a special thanks to the Regional Homelessness Coordination Team for driving the development of the action steps and shaping the plan. She informed members that their staff have represented members' priorities well and were instrumental in identifying the most viable opportunities for regional action. She also thanked community partners, such as the Regional Collaborative on Homelessness, for continuing to offer their leadership and support. Ms. St. Peter also acknowledged the MAG Team: the Homelessness Planning team, the Regional Analytics team, Policy and Government Relations team, IT, Communications, and fiscal staff.

The action plan is built on three pillars of activity with finer detail within each area.

1. Commit to work regionally to reduce homelessness.
2. Increase safe housing options
3. Support diverse partnerships to address homelessness.

The three pillars were offered for information and discussion last month. Since then, we have made additional revisions based on the feedback received, particularly during October's Regional Council meeting. Ms. St. Peter reviewed highlights of these most recent improvements. In the category of Regional Resources: clarified no physical transfer of funds, clarified the letters of commitment will be for one year, added that MAG staff are available to support communities in identifying financial and/or in-kind contributions and changed "increase" to "develop" regional resources. In the category of Additional data: added an evictions map, added trend data for older adults, veterans, and youth referenced the Homelessness Assets and Need Data for Unified Planning (HANDUP) tool to support communities in identifying areas in need of additional services, support, and housing and added that additional cost data will be provided before letters of commitment are requested.

Ms. St. Peter said data has driven these efforts since the beginning and that trend continues. MAG received requests to add data to the plan and have done so. Work is also underway to enhance the quality of data, access and reporting in the near future. Ongoing tools such as HANDUP will continue to be a resource for local and regional planning, particularly in helping communities identify where they would like to offer additional services and housing.

While MAG has collected, analyzed, and provided a significant amount of data, some efforts are still underway.

MAG Regional Homelessness Project Manager TJ Reed provided additional data regarding the cost to implement the plan. The City of Phoenix and Maricopa County, have fully funded three activities which are now underway: coordinated entry assessment, access to rental units and eviction prevention. Tracking progress, intergovernmental coordination with state and access to services do not require additional funding and can be implemented within existing capacity.

Mr. Reed continued by saying data assessment and temporary and permanent housing are partially funded to varying degrees. MAG has received commitments from local foundations to support the data assessment activity. We are compiling an inventory of the housing units underway. The gap will be identified and an associated cost to implement these additional units will be provided. The costs are heavily dependent on market fluctuations, the kind of housing being developed, and location.

Mr. Reed reported that four other activities need to be assessed more to determine the cost: public education campaign, emergency response and criminal justice support, employment opportunities and interdepartmental teams. The cost will depend on a range of factors, such as capacity, resources from partners, and the kind of deliverable produced. This assessment will be completed within the next month. It is important to emphasize that there are a variety of private and public funding sources to cover these costs. Local foundations are uniquely positioned to provide seed funding. The federal government excels at offering ongoing operational dollars. Other partners like AHCCCS have fully funded services and housing for people experiencing homelessness.

MAG has been meeting with the Arizona Department of Housing to convene funders and coordinate activities. Internally, we have developed the prototype for an interactive funding matrix to provide data about available funding sources. We will work with the funders convened by ADOH to consider how we can best address the projects needing funding and to analyze the supply and demand on regional and statewide levels.

The next steps for the draft action plan are: in November, offer the plan for action to the MAG Management Committee and the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care. In December: offer the plan for action to the MAG Regional Council and finalize cost estimates for action steps. In January 2022, support implementation of action steps not currently underway, provide cost estimates for the action steps and request letters of commitment from all local and tribal governments.

Next month, MAG will host a special meeting of Regional Council to vote on the plan as well. Mr. Reed said we are excited to offer the results of the activity that they catalyzed one year ago. Moving forward, we will continue diligently listening and working closely with you to implement the plan upon approval. This includes launching the remaining activities not already underway, finalizing the assessment of the cost data, and offering that data prior to requesting letters of commitment from all local and tribal governments.

Mr. Reed shared his and Ms. St. Peter's contact information and thanked members for their time and support of the plan and offered to take any questions from members.

Chair Ching thanks Ms. St. Peter and Mr. Reed for the presentation and asked members if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Brady asked for an explanation on slide 6 in reference to the bullets on access to rental units and eviction prevention is fully funded.

Ms. St. Peter explained the two action steps are projects that are underway through Maricopa County. The county has fully funded those two efforts and more detail on each is available in the action plan. There are many eviction prevention programs and much more access is needed for rental units. The two activities that are specifically cited are fully funded through Maricopa County.

Mr. Brady requested further clarification that it's not suggesting that all eviction prevention is fully funded throughout the whole region just in a specific program.

Ms. St. Peter confirmed that is correct.

Mr. Brady further added that if the plan allows for local and government agency involvement to happen in a variety of different ways, it needs to be something that's driving an outcome in the plan and shows a measurable outcome. He thanked Ms. St. Peter and Mr. Reed for their work.

Ms. St. Peter said there is some detail in the plan right now and additional detail and clarification will be offered as needed with the request for letters of commitment. The idea is that the letters of commitment would reflect the financial and or in-kind contributions that are being offered directly

in support of and in alignment with this plan.

Ms. St. Peter stated that she is happy to work with communities to help them identify what those activities could be.

Mr. Powell thanked Ms. St. Peter and MAG staff for their work on the plan and noted that it is a great first step to approaching a situation that is very difficult to solve individually. He hopes that all cities will participate in the effort.

Chair Ching asked for a motion to recommend approval of Pathways Home, the Regional Homelessness Action Plan for Local and Tribal Governments.

Mr. Brady moved to recommend approval of Pathways Home, the Regional Homelessness Action Plan for Local and Tribal Governments. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Powell, Mr. Klingler, Mr. Ness, Mr. Wright, Mr. Billingsley, Mr. Miller, Mr. Bohr, Mr. Lee, Ms. Karins, Mr. Kulaga, Ms. Rich, Mr. Brady, Mr. Tyne, Mr. Barton, Ms. Wilkey, Ms. Tameron Kinsey, Ms. Jack, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Rooney and Mr. Ching voted in favor of the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. Legislative Update

MAG Policy and Government Relations Director Nathan Pryor informed members of two items in Legislative Update:

Noting that the Draft MOMENTUM 2050 MAG Regional Transportation Plan had been recommended for approval at today's meeting, the next step is enabling legislation. The effort is under review right now by legislative council. MAG will be looking to share that with members, pending review. There are ongoing discussions with legislators and legislative leadership. Those have been going well, along with ongoing discussions with the business community. MAG is looking to member agencies to reach out to respective legislators to discuss the importance of this legislation and continuing with the half cent sales tax for the next 25 years.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was passed by the United States House of Representatives Friday. It is still pending signature of the President, but it is anticipated that will happen next week. Review of the infrastructure bill has 1.2 trillion dollars for infrastructure investment. About 550 billion dollars of this is new spending. Half of it to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is a five-year surface transportation reauthorization as well high-level numbers for Arizona seeing about 5 billion dollars via federal aid highway to the state over five years. It also includes about 884 million dollars for public transportation, over five years as well. MAG staff plan to give a more comprehensive look at the infrastructure bill during the January committee cycle.

These two issues are interconnected, enabling legislation as it relates to the infrastructure bill and the successful passage of the prop 400 extension that ensures continuity in our programming and funding.

Mr. Pryor thanked members for their time and offered to take any questions. There were none.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting.

None were noted.

10. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

No comments were noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary