



**MAG BIENNIAL PUBLIC INPUT
AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MAG’s primary responsibility is to bring the region together to solve problems that no single city, town, or county can solve alone. The Biannual Public Input and Community Outreach Report captures the foundational work that supports that responsibility, eliciting input from the very people who are impacted and benefit from the work done by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG).

This report captures the efforts and activities carried out over the past six months to bring the region’s residents into the planning process. Although this report cannot quantify every action and interaction that informs planning, it does provide an excellent recount of the primary outreach completed and input gathered since July 2025.

Over the past six months, MAG reached 723 residents through in-person public engagement opportunities, 1,435 residents virtually through interactive apps, forums, comment maps, surveys, and 750,346 residents through news and social media.

The feedback gathered during this period revealed several key themes. Safety, accessibility and smart travel emerged as top concerns, with strong public support for planning to improve mobility and connectivity along critical transportation corridors.

Looking ahead, MAG remains committed to keeping the public at the center of the planning process on behalf of its member agencies.



Community members discuss transportation alternatives for future corridor improvements at the US 60 (Grand Avenue) - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study open house.



PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH METHODS

PUBLIC EVENTS

In-person and online events facilitate direct dialogue between residents and MAG staff, allowing attendees to ask questions, express concerns and share ideas in real time. Events include virtual and in-person presentations to affinity groups, participation in public meetings and community events and virtual and in-person open houses, where the community is invited to watch presentations, interact with maps and leave comments. Virtual meetings are recorded, and presentations and feedback tools are available to residents after the meeting to accommodate those who cannot participate live.

VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT

Interactive apps, forums, comment maps and surveys are used to engage the community virtually. They provide a convenient, accessible way for residents to learn about MAG projects, ask questions and share feedback.

ONLINE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are accepted through MAG’s public comment portal. Comments intended for committee meeting agenda items are accepted in writing as well as in person during the meeting.

NEWS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

MAG engages the public through X, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. MAG’s social media platforms provide real-time information about MAG events and activities. News releases that result in news stories on television, radio, online and print media serve as an outreach tool to inform the community about feedback opportunities.



A reporter interviews a MAG staffer about opportunities for public input.



PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Regional Active Transportation Plan

Reporting Timeframe: July 2025 – December 2025

Outreach Methods:

- Virtual Engagement
- Public Events

Purpose: The purpose of this study was to gather information on community members' active transportation priorities, current system challenges, experiences and feedback on potential crossing improvements.

Description: The public was made aware of the online survey and comment map through email, social media and information tables at various community events such as the Chandler BMX Race, Fountain Hills Back 2 School Bash, Riparian Preserve 5k Race and Park West Market on 41st.

Responses: 172 people responded to the survey, and 533 comments were added to the interactive map.

Input Received: Survey respondents identified the top priority as creating a safe, convenient and accessible all-ages-and-abilities network for walking, biking and rolling, while regional and recreational connections ranked lower. The most significant challenges to active transportation were safety-related, including separation from vehicles, driver behavior and speeds, roadway crossings, lack of shade and missing sidewalks. At the same time, bike parking, lighting and wayfinding were less of a concern.



Cyclists use a designated crosswalk to connect to the Grand Canal Trail in downtown Phoenix.



I-10 Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study

Reporting Timeframe: July 2025

Outreach Methods:

- Public Events

Purpose: The purpose of the public meeting was to receive public comments on the ADOT draft Environmental Assessment and Design Memo for the proposed I-10/Koli Road traffic interchange.

Description: ADOT hosted a virtual public meeting to provide an overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design Memo (DM), present the ADOT preliminary recommendation and gather public comments.

Attendees: 35

Input Received: Attendees were primarily concerned about the racetrack's future.



Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study

Reporting Timeframe: July 2025 – December 2026

Outreach Methods:

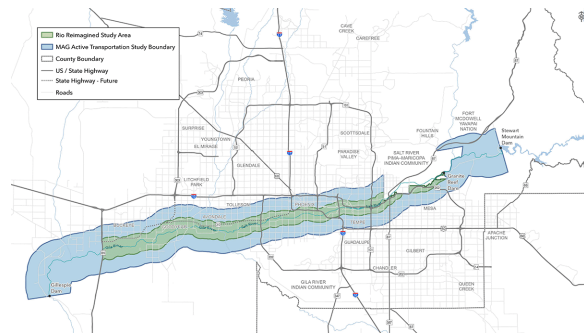
- Virtual Engagement
- Public Events

Purpose: The purpose of the Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study is to receive input from residents and businesses to help plan the future of active transportation along the river corridor.

Description: The Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study is supported by a robust virtual engagement tool that features an interactive app allowing users to prioritize amenities, a forum for comments, a comment map for residents to add ideas in specific places and a general survey. The tools were promoted at multiple public events.

Responses: 404 from public events and 39 from virtual engagements.

Input Received: Participants listed restrooms, shade areas and drinking fountains/water access as top amenities, and they would use the area for relaxation/tranquility, hiking/walking and nature-based experiences.



City of Maricopa Transit Study

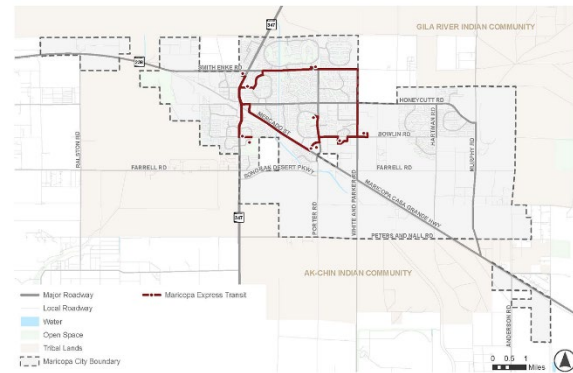
Reporting Timeframe: September 2025 – October 2025

Outreach Methods:

- Public Events
- Virtual Engagement

Purpose: The purpose of the City of Maricopa Transit Study is to provide opportunities for the community to help shape services that best meet the needs of the City of Maricopa residents while building on the newly modernized Maricopa Express Transit (MET) transit system.

Description: MAG presented at a public meeting on September 19, 2025, to discuss the study aimed at providing residents and visitors with greater mobility and access to opportunity. An interactive map collected residents' comments regarding mobility issues and opportunities. MAG staff promoted the interactive map at a community event on October 18, 2025.



Gila Bend Development Study

Reporting Timeframe: July 2025 – December 2025

Outreach Methods:

- Public Events

Purpose: The purpose of the Gila Bend Development study is to determine strategies to improve the operations of intersections along Pima Street between Gila Boulevard and Dodson Street. This study will propose near-term and long-term corridor improvements while considering future development.

Description: The Town of Gila Bend requested support to identify near-term and long-term transportation improvements to evaluate cost projections and inform decision-making. A public meeting was held on September 17, 2025, to share options and receive feedback from residents.

Attendees: 18

Input Received: The majority of the feedback showed preference for the complete buildout alternative that signalizes the Left In/Left Out, Right In/Right Out, with a widened roadway and bridges.



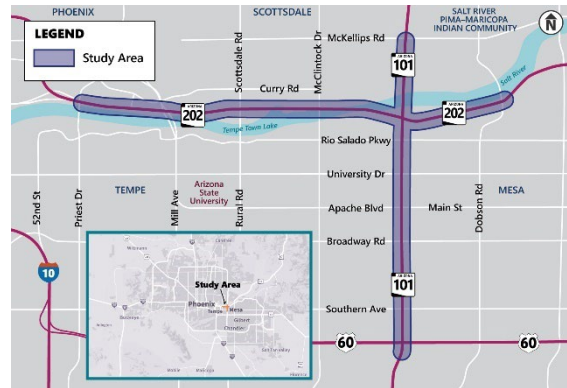
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study

Reporting Timeframe: October 2025 – December 2025

Outreach Methods:

- Public Events
- Virtual Engagement

Purpose: The purpose of the Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study is to identify proposed corridor improvements to enhance safety and improve traffic operations in the study area.



Description: A virtual open house was held on October 15, 2025, to identify proposed corridor improvements at the Loop 101 and Loop 202 interchange to enhance safety and improve traffic operations in the study area. The study also received significant media attention from major local news outlets.

Responses: 309

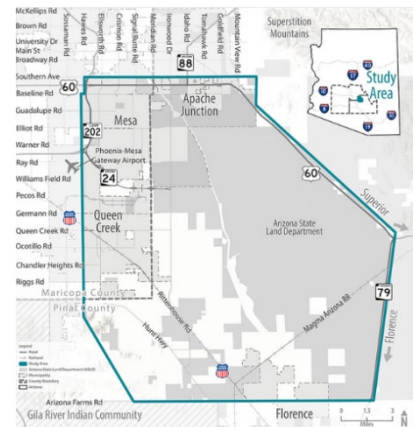
Superstition Vistas Multimodal Transportation Planning Study

Reporting Timeframe: August 2025 – October 2025

Outreach Methods:

- Online Public Comments

Purpose: The purpose of the Superstition Vistas Multimodal Transportation Planning Study is to develop a coordinated vision of a multimodal transportation network across jurisdictions that enhances the mobility and accessibility of people and goods to and within the study area for the near-term (2030) and long-term (2050) horizons.



Description: The Superstition Vistas Multimodal Transportation Planning Study included a robust set of public engagement activities to support the preparation of the plan and development of recommendations. Two rounds of public engagement were conducted to solicit community input and provide opportunities for public review. This report reflects the second round of engagement.

Responses: 7

Input Received: Recommendations include a well-connected, multimodal transportation system that expands and improves roadways and freeways, reduces congestion and bottlenecks, significantly increases safe options for walking and biking and extends transit and freight routes to support mobility, access to jobs and the region's long-term economic success.



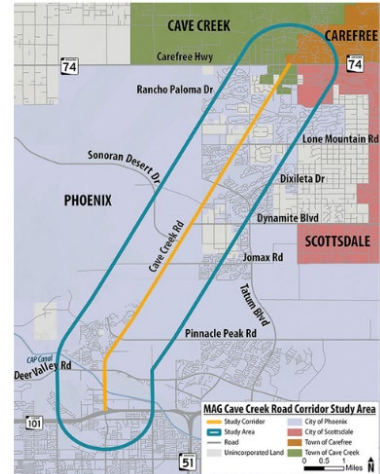
Cave Creek Road Widening Study

Reporting Timeframe: October 2025 – November 2025

Outreach Methods:

- Public Events
- Virtual Engagement

Purpose: The purpose of the Cave Creek Road Widening Study is to assess existing and future travel demands within the study corridor and develop a program of recommended roadway and intersection improvements. These improvements would help accommodate future travel demand, enhance safety, improve regional connectivity and support the planned development in the area.



Description: An open house was held on October 14, 2025, as an opportunity for residents to learn about the Cave Creek Road Widening Study, discuss transportation options for future corridor improvements, and provide feedback. A survey was conducted to capture public comments on recommendations shared during the open house.

Responses: 43

Input Received: Public comments reflect mixed views, with many residents opposing roadway widening due to concerns about traffic speeds, noise, neighborhood character and cost, while others strongly support widening and intersection improvements to address congestion, growth and safety, alongside broad agreement on the need for significantly safer, preferably physically separated, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Meridian Road Corridor Study

Reporting Timeframe: October 2025 – December 2025

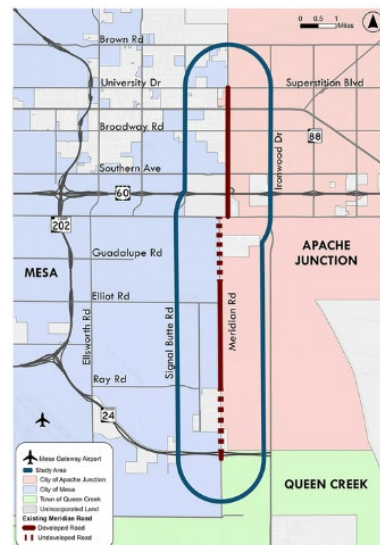
Outreach Methods:

- Public Events

Purpose: The purpose of the Meridian Road Corridor Study is to develop a vision for future improvements to address existing and future travel needs for residents and businesses, improve connectivity and enhance safety.

Description: An in-person open house was hosted on October 1, 2025, where residents learned about the Meridian Road Corridor Study and discussed transportation alternatives for future corridor improvement.

Attendees: 70



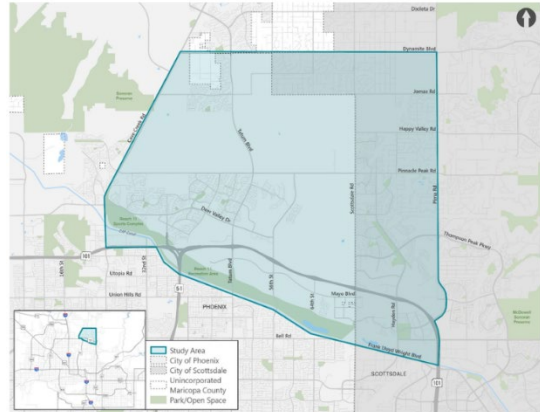
Northeast Valley Transportation Study

Reporting Timeframe: October 2025 – November 2025

Outreach Methods:

- Public Events
- Virtual Engagement

Purpose: The purpose of the Northeast Valley Transportation Study is to analyze future traffic demands and needed improvements within the area’s transportation network. This analysis will be compared with the current proposed roadway and multimodal networks to identify network gaps, inform project prioritization and support regional coordination among the interested agencies.



Description: An in-person open house was held on October 14, 2025, as an opportunity for residents to learn about the Northeast Valley Transportation Study, discuss transportation options for future corridor improvements and provide feedback. A survey was conducted to capture public comments on recommendations shared during the open house.

Responses: 313

Input Received: Participants expressed concern with congestion on major roadways and interchanges and a strong interest in safer walking and biking options.



Residents in the Northeast Valley provide feedback about traffic flow and connectivity along Cave Creek Road.



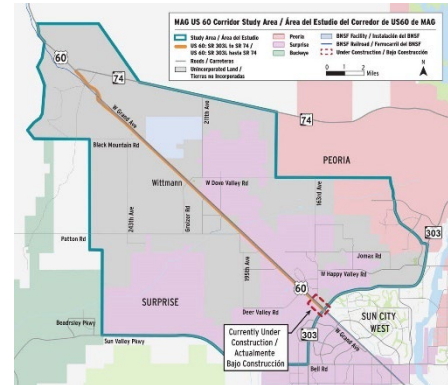
US 60 (Grand Avenue) - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study

Reporting Timeframe: November 2025 – December 2025

Outreach Methods:

- Public Events
- Virtual Engagement

Purpose: The purpose of the study is to conduct a comprehensive assessment of both current and future travel demands within the study area and identify a series of transportation investments that will accommodate the future traffic demand along the US 60 corridor. As part of the study, transportation infrastructure improvements will be identified, not only to address existing travel needs, but also to support anticipated development in the surrounding area through 2050.



Description: An in-person open house was held on November 13, 2025, for members of the community to meet with the study team, learn about the US 60 (Grand Avenue) – Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study, discuss transportation alternatives for future corridor improvements and provide feedback. A survey was also available to participants at the open house and to residents who were unable to attend.

Responses: 67

Input Received: Survey feedback highlighted strong safety concerns and urgency for infrastructure upgrades, alongside opposition to overdevelopment and the BNSF logistics yard, environmental and noise impacts and a desire for improved road design, alternative routes and safer bike and pedestrian facilities.

Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study

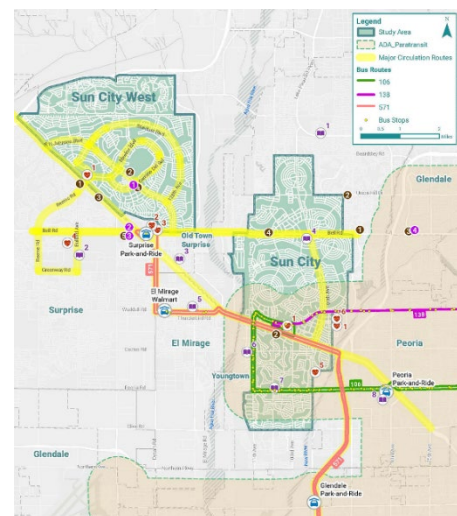
Reporting Timeframe: September 2025 – December 2025

Outreach Methods:

- Virtual Engagement

Purpose: The purpose of the Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study is to conduct a comprehensive transportation study to evaluate and explore transportation options for Sun City and Sun City West.

Description: A comment map and survey have been made available to residents of Sun City and Sun City West to identify transportation needs and challenges. Social media posts have been used extensively to advertise feedback options.



Program of Projects (POP)

Reporting Timeframe: August 2025 – September 2025

Outreach Method: Online Public Comments

Purpose: The purpose of this public comment activity is to seek feedback on the FTA's Transit Program of Projects included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Description: An online public comment period was open to collect comments on MAG's Public Comment portal.

MOMENTUM 2050 Update

Reporting Timeframe: September 2025 – October 2025

Outreach Method: Online Public Comments

Purpose: The purpose of the public input period was to elicit input on MOMENTUM 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which has been updated to include new population, employment and travel demand modeling data results for programmed projects and air quality conformity.

Description: Online comments were accepted regarding input on the updates to MOMENTUM 2050. A webpage and fact sheet were created to provide the public with information.

Comments to Committees

Regional Council Executive Committee

Reporting Timeframe: December 2, 2025 – December 3, 2025

Outreach Method: Online Public Comments

Description: Regional Council Executive Committee received seven public comments regarding the selection of the Executive Director.

Regional Council

Reporting Timeframe: December 13, 2025

Outreach Method: Online Public Comments

Description: Regional Council received one public comment regarding the selection of the Executive Director.



Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

Reporting Timeframe: August 13, 2025

Outreach Method: Online Public Comments

Description: The Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee received one public comment commending MAG for “the depth of study and quality of research” reflected in the Conformity Analysis.

Street Committee

Reporting Timeframe: November 24, 2025

Outreach Method: Online Public Comments

Description: Street Committee received one public comment regarding transportation improvements in the Desert Ridge area.

Transit Committee

Reporting Timeframe: September 15, 2025

Outreach Method: Online Public Comments

Description: Transit Committee received one public comment regarding commuter rail.

Transportation Policy Committee

Reporting Timeframe: August 13, 2025 – December 2, 2025

Outreach Method: Online Public Comments

Description: Transportation Policy Committee received three public comments regarding appreciation to MAG for the Microtrenching Working Group, an inquiry into the US 60 (Grand Avenue) - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study and proposed infrastructure solutions.



PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESULTS

Public Events

Name of Study	Type of Public Event	Number *
Regional Active Transportation Plan	Community Event (Chandler BMX Race)	12
Regional Active Transportation Plan	Community Event (Fountain Hills Back 2 School Bash)	10
Regional Active Transportation Plan	Community Event (Riparian Preserve 5k Race)	15
Regional Active Transportation Plan	Community Event (Park West Market on 41st)	25
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	Open House	-
I-10 Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study	Virtual Public Meeting	35
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	Community Event (Nature Fest)	173
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	Community Event (West Valley Heart Walk)	55
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	Community Event (Tempe Boo Bash)	36
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	Community Event (Halloween Carnival)	140
City of Maricopa Transit Study	Community Event (Stagecoach Days)	-
City of Maricopa Transit Study	Public Meeting	-
Gila Bend Development Study	Public Meeting	18
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	Virtual Public Meeting	134
Cave Creek Road Widening Study	Open House	-
Meridian Road Corridor Study	Open House	70
Northeast Valley Transportation Study	Open House	-
Total		723

*Not all events capture the number of participants.

Virtual Engagement

Name of Study	Type of Virtual Engagement	Number of Responses*
MAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Plan	Survey	172
MAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Plan	Comment Map	533
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	Survey	-
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	Comment Map	-



Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	Forum	20
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	Priority Voting	19
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	Survey	67
City of Maricopa Transit Study	Comment Map	-
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	Survey	309
Northeast Valley Transportation Study	Survey	313
Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study	Survey	-
Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study	Comment Map	2
Total		1,435

*Responses without data indicate the virtual engagement opportunity is currently ongoing and reports have not yet been generated.

Online Public Comments

Topic	Number of Comments
Superstition Vistas Multimodal Transportation Planning Study	7
Program of Projects (POP)	-
MOMENTUM 2050 Update	-
Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee	1
Regional Council	1
Regional Council Executive Committee	7
Street Committee	1
Transit Committee	1
Transportation Policy Committee	3
General Comments	18
Total	39

News and Social Media

Name of Study	Date	News and Social Media Outlet	Views
Cave Creek Road Widening Study	10/6/2025	X	4,122
Cave Creek Road Widening Study	10/6/2025	Instagram	391
Cave Creek Road Widening Study	10/6/2025	Facebook	329
Cave Creek Road Widening Study	10/6/2025	LinkedIn	692
Cave Creek Road Widening Study	10/7/2025	Facebook	18,653
Cave Creek Road Widening Study	11/3/2025	Facebook	705
Cave Creek Road Widening Study	11/4/2025	Facebook	1,027
Cave Creek Road Widening Study	11/5/2025	Facebook	11,397



City of Maricopa Transit Study	8/19/2025	InMaricopa	85,100
City of Maricopa Transit Study	8/29/2025	Apache Junction Gold Canyon Independent	20,000
Gila Bend Development Study	9/11/2025	Facebook	168
Gila Bend Development Study	9/11/2025	LinkedIn	573
I-10 Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study	7/15/2025	Facebook	166
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	9/26/2025	LinkedIn	1,688
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	9/26/2025	Instagram	992
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	9/26/2025	Facebook	2,690
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	10/4/2025	Facebook	612
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	10/4/2025	LinkedIn	622
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	10/7/2025	Facebook	15,794
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	10/8/2025	12 News	44,000
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	10/10/2025	KTAR	25,000
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	10/11/2025	Facebook	200
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	10/11/2025	LinkedIn	483
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	10/15/2025	Facebook	1,272
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	10/20/2025	AZ Family (Channel 3 & 5)	108,700
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	11/2/2025	AZ Central	67,500
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	11/3/2025	Fox 10	21,400
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	11/3/2025	Facebook	12,651
Loop 101 and Loop 202 Bottleneck Study	11/11/2025	Arizona Republic	67,500
MAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Plan	7/3/2025	LinkedIn	434
MAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Plan	7/3/2025	Facebook	3,458
MAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Plan	7/3/2025	Instagram	324
MAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Plan	7/19/2025	Facebook	139
MAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Plan	7/19/2025	LinkedIn	591
MAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Plan	7/19/2025	Instagram	1,420
MAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Plan	9/4/2025	Facebook	280
MAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Plan	9/4/2025	Instagram	871
Meridian Road Corridor Study	9/16/2025	Facebook	12,131
Meridian Road Corridor Study	9/16/2025	LinkedIn	877
Meridian Road Corridor Study	9/16/2025	Instagram	389
Meridian Road Corridor Study	9/30/2025	Facebook	3,397
Meridian Road Corridor Study	9/30/2025	LinkedIn	671
Meridian Road Corridor Study	9/30/2025	X	4,121
Northeast Valley Transportation Study	10/10/2025	X	4,122
Northeast Valley Transportation Study	10/10/2025	Facebook	311
Northeast Valley Transportation Study	10/10/2025	LinkedIn	541
Northeast Valley Transportation Study	10/10/2025	Facebook	7,463
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	7/2/2025	LinkedIn	693
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	7/2/2025	Facebook	19,060



Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	7/2/2025	Instagram	388
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	7/2/2025	X	4,121
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	9/18/2025	Facebook	121
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	9/18/2025	LinkedIn	1,187
Rio Reimagined Active Transportation Study	9/18/2025	Instagram	322
Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study	11/17/2025	Facebook	5,677
Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study	11/17/2025	LinkedIn	480
Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study	11/17/2025	X	4,127
Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study	11/17/2025	Instagram	321
Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study	12/2/2025	X	4,125
Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study	12/2/2025	Facebook	7,739
Sun Cities Transportation Innovation Study	12/2/2025	LinkedIn	581
Superstition Vistas Multimodal Transportation Planning Study	9/5/2025	Facebook	14,732
Superstition Vistas Multimodal Transportation Planning Study	9/5/2025	LinkedIn	704
Superstition Vistas Multimodal Transportation Planning Study	9/5/2025	Instagram	349
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	11/11/2025	Surprise Independent	22,000
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	11/13/2025	12 News	10,200
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	11/16/2025	AZ Central	67,500
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	11/18/2025	The Wickenburg Sun	3,600
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	9/15/2025	LinkedIn	1,030
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	9/15/2025	Instagram	442
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	9/15/2025	Facebook	2,356
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	11/5/2025	Facebook	401
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	11/5/2025	LinkedIn	783
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	11/5/2025	X	4,125
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	11/5/2025	Instagram	293
US 60 - Loop 303 to SR 74 Corridor Study	11/6/2025	Facebook	16,922
Total			750,346



Appendix: Public Comments

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT REPORT

Comments Received From: July 01, 2025 to January 01, 2026

Date Received: 8/13/2025 3:54:00 PM

Name: Robert van den Akker

City/State:

Comment:

Dear Mr. Giles,

The City of Buckeye appreciates the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Conformity Analysis for a Proposed Amendment to the FY2025–2030 Transportation Improvement Program and 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

We commend the Maricopa Association of Governments for the depth of study and quality of research reflected in this document. This report serves as an excellent example of the thorough and thoughtful work performed by MAG to address the transportation and environmental quality needs of our growing population.

The City of Buckeye fully supports the ongoing efforts and analysis undertaken by MAG in this regard. We have no additional comments at this time and look forward to continued collaboration in planning and implementing strategies that support sustainable growth and maintain air quality standards in our region.

Thank you for your continued dedication to improving transportation and environmental outcomes throughout Maricopa County.

Sincerely,

Robert van den Akker, Buckeye Public Works and John Willett,
Transportation Management, on behalf of City of Buckeye City Manager



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Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Board

PUBLIC COMMENT REPORT

Comments Received From: July 01, 2025 **to** January 01, 2026

Date Received: 10/26/2025 1:06:00 PM

Name: John Agee

City/State:

Comment: Who's responsible for what would be the sidewalk or an amusement in front of my house because I get people parking in front of my house that don't live here nor are visiting but are people that are I don't want to be associated with because of violation activity with code enforcement and drugs

Date Received: 10/26/2025 1:07:00 PM

Name: John Agee

City/State:

Comment: Who's responsible for what would be the sidewalk or an amusement in front of my house because I get people parking in front of my house that don't live here nor are visiting but are people that are I don't want to be associated with because of violation activity with code enforcement and drugs



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Regional Council

PUBLIC COMMENT REPORT

Comments Received From: July 01, 2025 **to** January 01, 2026

Date Received: 12/13/2025 8:08:00 PM

Name: James Adamec

Comment: Item 5:

Congratulations to the both of you, you successfully overthrew the organization and all it cost was your integrity.



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Regional Council Executive Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT REPORT

Comments Received From: July 01, 2025 **to** January 01, 2026

Date Received: 12/2/2025 9:01:00 PM

Name: Connor Humes Connor Humes

City/State:

Comment: I live in Tucson but I regularly commute to the phoenix metro area for work. I am writing to beg that the new director please focus on making the air breathable again. Ed was a disgrace to the org and let everyone down with a lack of safe and reliable transportation, air quality, and road maintenance. I am also asking for MAG to look to the future with planning for new infrastructure and sustainable water usage within the valley.

Date Received: 12/2/2025 9:09:00 PM

Name: Geoffry Fitzwater-Castle

City/State:

Comment: Hi there, I'm Geoffry Fitzwater-Castle, a resident of Apache Junction, and formerly a resident of Mesa.

From what I understand MAG is looking at hiring a new Executive Director, I have concerns about how poorly the last Executive Director preformed.

We need better Public transportation, better Environmental protections, especially for our Air Quality. I live in Apache Junction but the roads and transportation is in an awful state, I drive throughout Chandler, Mesa, Scottsdale, Gilbert, Queen Creek, and more for work reasons, and I can firmly say we need public transportation, walkable cities, and better road repairs to improve traffic and make transportation safer.

My Family is also made up of at least a few people who have asthma, and

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Thank you for your continued dedication to improving transportation and environmental outcomes throughout Maricopa County.

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