City of Phoenix

Transportation, Infrastructure, and Planning Subcommittee

Report

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Metro, Regional Public Transportation Authority and Maricopa Association of Governments Meetings

This report provides the Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee with copies of past and/or upcoming meeting agendas/summaries for METRO light rail, Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority and the Maricopa Association of Governments.

THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Summary

Within Maricopa County, there are several agencies with different charges relating to public transit and transportation planning.

Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA): In 1993, the RPTA Board adopted the name Valley Metro as the identity for the regional transit system in metropolitan Phoenix. Under the Valley Metro brand, local governments fund the transit system which the public sees on Valley streets today. Valley Metro Board member agencies include Avondale, Buckeye, Chandler, El Mirage, Gilbert, Glendale, Goodyear, Maricopa County, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Surprise and Tempe.

METRO: METRO is the brand name for Valley Metro Rail Inc., a nonprofit, public corporation charged with the design, construction and operation of the light rail system. The cities that participate financially in the light rail system each have a representative on the METRO Board of Directors. Cities on the board include Chandler, Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix and Tempe. METRO is structured on a "pay to play basis," with voting power allocated based on investment in the system.

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG): MAG is a council of governments that serve as the regional agency for the metropolitan Phoenix area. When MAG was formed in 1967, elected officials recognized the need for long-range planning and policy development on a regional scale. Issues such as transportation, air quality and human services affect residents beyond the borders of individual jurisdictions. MAG is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning

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in the Maricopa County region.

The goal of staff is to provide the Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee with agendas for future meetings of these bodies. At times, meeting dates do not coincide and agendas are not available until close to the meeting date. However, prior to reach each Board of Directors meeting, most agenda items are reviewed by staff committees which include City of Phoenix members.

Meeting agendas and/or additional information for previous and upcoming METRO, RPTA and MAG meetings will be distributed to Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee members at the meeting.

These materials can also be found via the pages below:

MAG - https://www.azmag.gov/About-Us/Calendar

Valley Metro - https://www.valleymetro.org/news-events

Responsible Department

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