

**RESOLUTION OF PLANNING COORDINATION WITH THE MARICOPA  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, PIMA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS,  
AND  
CENTRAL ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Pima Association of Governments (PAG), and Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) desire to come together and jointly coordinate their planning efforts for the greater good of the regions and the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Maricopa Association of Governments, Pima Association of Governments, and Central Arizona Association of Governments are located adjacent to one another with linked economies and acknowledge that regional planning issues transcend jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Maricopa Association of Governments, Pima Association of Governments, and Central Arizona Association of Governments collectively comprise 82 percent of the population of the State of Arizona based upon the July 1, 2008 official population estimates developed by the Arizona Department of Commerce and 85 percent of the April 2009 taxable sales; and

WHEREAS, MAG, CAAG, and Pinal County have participated in many joint planning studies, such as the Southeast Maricopa/Northern Pinal County Study, the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan, and the Hidden Valley Transportation Framework Study, for the betterment of the overall region; and

WHEREAS, MAG and CAAG share three member agencies in common (Apache Junction, Gila River Indian Community, and Queen Creek) and PAG and CAAG share one member agency in common (Marana); and

WHEREAS, nothing in this resolution constitutes an infringement on the existing authority of counties and cities to plan or control land use, and nothing in this resolution provides or transfers authority over such land use; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this resolution constitutes an infringement on the proceeds of the transportation sales tax enacted in Maricopa County, Pima County, and Pinal County, which may only be used for projects in those counties respectively; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this resolution constitutes an infringement on the authority of the existing Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, the MAG and PAG transportation modeling areas currently extend into Pinal County to enable the models to perform correctly; and

WHEREAS, the MAG eight-hour ozone modeling area currently extends into Gila County and Pinal County to enable the model to perform correctly; and

WHEREAS, the existing Maricopa air quality nonattainment area boundaries for PM-10 particulate matter and the eight-hour ozone standard extend into Pinal County and the Governor recently recommended to the Environmental Protection Agency that the eight-hour ozone nonattainment area boundary be extended further into Pinal County; and

WHEREAS, Section 450.312 of Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, requires that Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries, at a minimum, shall encompass the entire existing urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20 year forecast period for the metropolitan transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, following the 2010 Census, new urbanized areas will be defined by the Bureau of the Census and it will be necessary to determine if the existing Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries meet the statutory minimum; and

WHEREAS, Pinal County desires to have accurate planning information to guide its infrastructure decisions and CAAG, in cooperation with Pinal County, has assembled local land use plans; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Land Department has 35 percent of the land in Pinal County, which represents 58 percent of the developable land in Pinal County; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Land Department and the Arizona Department of Transportation desire to work cooperatively with MAG, PAG, and CAAG to seek constructive solutions for the development of the transportation corridor that will benefit the State of Arizona and enhance the value of the remaining state land;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCILS OF THE MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, PIMA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, AND CENTRAL ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS as follows:

SECTION 1. That it is the intent of MAG, PAG, and CAAG to coordinate their respective planning activities and cooperatively work together to foster a successful and economically viable Sun Corridor in the State of Arizona.

SECTION 2. That CAAG agrees to work cooperatively with MAG and PAG to provide land use and other necessary data for modeling purposes.

SECTION 3. That MAG and PAG agree to provide CAAG with population projections and outputs from the travel demand models.

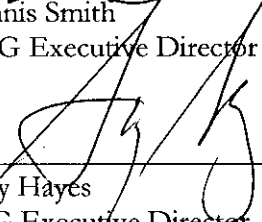
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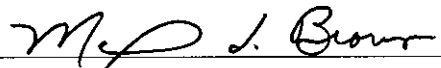
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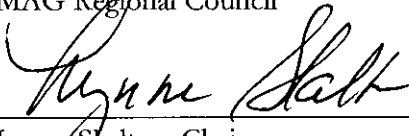
  
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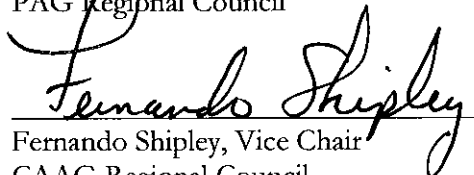
  
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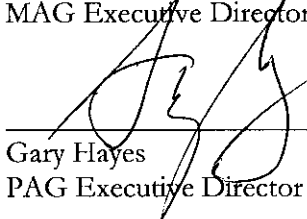
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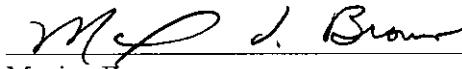
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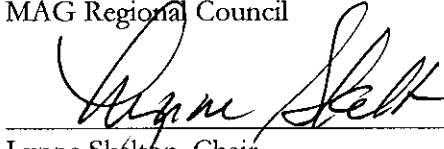
  
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