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## Resolution 2017-2

# Honoring 50 years of Service

Recognizing the contributions **Maricopa Association of Governments** (MAG) has made in transportation, air quality and human services planning in the Phoenix metropolitan area throughout the past 50 years.

**Whereas** MAG is a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) in the Maricopa region where it plans and finances the regional transportation system.

**Whereas** MAG prepares a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); an Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP); Traffic Data, Forecasts and Modeling; an Intelligent Transportation Systems Program; Commuter Rail Planning, and Access Management, among other planning efforts.

**Whereas** MAG ensures a clean environment in the region by meeting federal and state requirements for clean air, water and solid waste management. MAG develops air quality plans for the pollutants carbon monoxide, ozone and particulate matter, and helps implement them region-wide. MAG also models planned transportation improvements for air quality impacts in accordance with conformity regulations. In addition, MAG develops regional solid waste and water quality plans.

**Whereas** MAG manages Human Services Committees to identify strategies to address human services priorities at the regional level and recommend allocations for human services funding for federal Social Services Block Grant funds, Stuart B. McKinney funds to support homeless assistance program and Section 5310 funds for agencies that transport older adults and people with disabilities.

**Whereas** MAG is a member the Joint Planning Advisory Council, a planning partnership for the Sun Corridor that includes Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and other MPOs to collaboratively conduct planning efforts that lead to a successful and economically viable Sun Corridor. The joint planning efforts include the sharing of information and data analysis, and partnering on research activities to support regional policy-making to the benefit of citizens in the State of Arizona.

**Whereas** MAG, PAG and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) partnered to apply and develop a successful freight model, which looks at driver behavior in the Sun Corridor megaregion to examine freight flows by industry. The model, which uses traditional and underutilized data sources to fill an important data gap, recently received national recognition by the Transportation Research Board as the "Best Data Fusion Application."

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that Pima Association of Governments' Regional Council congratulates Maricopa Association of Governments' Regional Council for 50 years of important and dedicated service to the Maricopa region, recognizes the value of MAG's partnership and collaborative efforts with PAG over the years, and wishes for continued success in MAG's future-decision-making efforts to benefit the Maricopa region, the Sun Corridor megaregion and the State of Arizona.