

**MINUTES OF THE
CENTRAL ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

October 20, 2009

**Central Arizona Association of Governments
1075 S. Idaho Road, Apache Junction Arizona 85119**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

*Yanet Ochoa, Apache Junction
Dianne Kresich, ADOT
Alton Bruce, Coolidge
Mark Thompson, Florence
Dave Williams, Queen Creek
Rachelle Sanchez, Mammoth
*Chris Collopy, Globe
Belinda Cota, Eloy
Joe Blanton, Eloy
*Robert Gould, Gila County
*Sarah Luckie, Star Valley
*Sue Laybourn, Coolidge
*Gary Eide, Kearny
*Miami
Ray Erlandsen, Vice Chair
*Bob Lorena, Hayden
*Sylvia Kerlock, Winkelman
Rodolfo Lopez, Maricopa
Kevin Kish, Town of Marana
Steve Chesneck, Town of Marana
Jerry Stabley, Pinal County
Carl Metz, Casa Grande

* *Member not in attendance*

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Wes LaCrosse, Pinal County
Angela Gotto, CAAG
Randy Simms, CAAG
Don Graves, Applied Economics

Jack Tomasik, CAAG
Travis Ashbaugh, CAAG
Rick Brammer, Applied Economics
Anabhav Bagley, MAG

- I. **Call To Order**
The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Ray Erlandsen at 10:00 am
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call & Introductions**
Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion to approve by Mark Thompson, Seconded by Joe Blanton, motion carried.

V. **New Business**

A. Long-Term Projections for Pinal County & Market Areas

Mr. Tomasik introduced the long term projections for Pinal County and 15 market areas for approval. With the approval of POPTAC the projections will be taken to Management Committee and Regional Council next month.

Pinal County and Market Area Projections were created by Rick Brammer and Don Graves from Applied Economics. Expert interviews, Real Estate assessments, Market Area Definitions, White Papers on comparable counties across the nation, lag between jobs and population, water resources, transportation timing study with all members along with others, integration of the three cog planning databases, and creation of a historic time series for 04-06 Market Areas across the three counties, and two graph projections.

Approximately 35-50 comments were given by those who attended the three Queen Creek Workshops. First draft projections were distributed and commented upon in July; second draft projections were distributed and commented upon in August; and the final projections were completed in early October. After approval of the market area/county control projections, the TAZ and MPA projection studies will come next. The Planning Department is currently in the process of working with MAG on databases needed to prepare TAZ and MPA projections for Pinal County.

The methodology of the county/market areas projections is a top down approach. National projections are the driver for the Sun Corridor projections which are the allocated for the 46 Market Areas across the three counties. The 15 Market Areas are derived from county projections. Pinal County Market Areas will be the control totals for allocations for TAZ and MPA's. There are three scenarios for each level of geography including the Nation, Sun Corridor, and Market Area. The national projections were done by Global Insight, a consulting firm who does business worldwide. The October 2008 projections do capture the housing and financial crisis the country is currently in right now. Most-Likely scenario is the one that CAAG will be asking for a vote on today.

Mr. Brammer further explained the drop in jobs in relation to the population ratio. He discussed the change in jobs and population, and what caused it between the 1970s and now, and how the region's economy has changed.

Freeways were one of the most difficult constraints the study had, due to the unpredictable nature of the process. After providing the network CAAG created and gave to MAG, Mr. Bob Haslet, from the Hidden Valley Study, combined it with MAG and PAG Networks, along with the state network and ran projections for the three counties. He then turned them over to Mr. Brammer who turned them into accessibility measures. Transportation is not being modeled directly, but accessibility is.

Ms. Dianne Kresich asked Mr. Tomasik about the gaps that appear on the transportation network map. Mr. Tomasik acknowledged that it is odd, and that a Pinal County RTP is truly needed. Mr. Brammer explained that the number of lanes is the reason for the gaps and that they were trying to fiscally constrain the lanes. The gaps do not impact the ultimate travel time of the network. The freeways did focus on starter freeways, new two lane roads.

Mr. Bruce objects to using accessibility as a driving force for population growth, stating that using accessibility creates a self fulfilling prophecy. It becomes a

never ending circle. If the freeway is not built then the population will not grow, however if the population does not grow then the freeway will not be built. Mr. Bruce would have also liked to have known square miles of the market areas, on a density basis.

Ms. Kresich asks about the average annual rate of growth. Mr. Bruce stated that average, 5 year increment for Pinal County was 31%, which is approximately 5 to 6% a year.

Mr. Thompson was concerned about the group quarter numbers. The numbers Florence had and what Mr. Brammer had were different.

Motion to approve by Mr. Mark Thompson, Seconded by Mr. Ray Erlandsen.

Mr. Bruce opposed.

ADOT Abstained

Motion passed with one vote nay and one vote abstained

B. Nomination & Election of POPTAC Chair & Vice –Chair

Mr. Jerry Stabley volunteered to chair POPTAC. He introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his history of his involvement with POPTAC over the years. No other nominations or volunteers came forward. A vote for Mr. Stabley as the new Chair for 2009-2010 was called and voted unanimously.

Mr. Ray Erlandsen volunteered to continue his current role as acting Vice Chair of POPTAC. He gave a brief introduction of himself and asked for any other nominations or volunteers for the position. A vote was taken for those in favor of Mr. Erlandsen as continuing his position as Vice Chair and voted unanimously.

C. Review of POPTAC By-Laws –Discussion

Motion to table review of POPTAC By-Laws discussion until meeting on December 17, 2009.

Motion to approve by Mr. Ray Erlandsen, Seconded by Mark Thompson. Approved unanimously.

D. Round Table Discussion

Planning Commission- Board of Supervisors recommended 53 changes. On Oct 30th the Water Element will be revisited. PC wants to possibly make revisions to new water as opposed to old one. Goal is to go back to BOS on Nov. 18th?

ADOT- BQAZ coming to close. 3 public workshops. Tucson Nov. 10th

Mesa-Nov 17th

Florence – Two Planning awards. Silver King rehab award. Downtown Commuter Rail possibly MAG study.

Casa Grande – APA award for GP. Vote next month

- VI. **Date, Time, Location of next meeting**
The next CAAG POPTAC meeting is tentatively set for December 10th at 10:00 am at the CAAG Main Office.
- VII. **Call To The Public**
No one answered the Call to the Public
- VIII. **Adjourn**
Motion to adjourn by Ray Erlandsen, seconded by Mark Thompson. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.