



February 12, 2010

Mr. Dennis Smith
Executive Director
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 N. First Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: SB 1416

Dear Mr. Smith:

Based on concerns that were raised by the Maricopa Association of Governments (“MAG”) staff, we have revised the recommended language for Senate Bill 1416 (attached). We believe that the revised language addresses the concerns raised by your staff regarding the possibility of having multiple plans. Multiple plans were never the intent. We believe this new language fairly represents the agreements reached by the working group comprised of representatives of MAG, METRO Rail (“METRO”), the Regional Public Transportation Authority (“RPTA”) and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department. RPTA staff will recommend this legislation to the RPTA Board of Directors.

The parties’ agreement on this issue was also documented in a draft Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”). RPTA staff believes that the MOU is still the proper vehicle to document the agreement and that legislation is not warranted at this time. In order to expedite the agreement, RPTA staff will recommend to the RPTA Board the MOU as most recently proposed by MAG without the additional language we had originally suggested. If legislation is truly needed, it should be introduced only after careful review and consideration by the members of the RPTA, MAG and METRO.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to finalize the MOU and legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David A. Boggs'.

David A. Boggs
Executive Director

C: RPTA Board of Directors
Kevin Wallace, MAG