

**SPECIAL STUDY SESSION
May 14, 2003**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 9:00 a.m., May 14, 2003, in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Fulton Brock, Chairman; Andy Kunasek, Vice Chairman; Don Stapley, Max W. Wilson, and Mary Rose Wilcox. Also present: Norma Risch, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Administrative Coordinator; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

No protests having been received and no speakers coming forth at the Chairman's call, motion was made by Supervisor Wilcox and seconded by Supervisor Wilson, to recommend approval of the following liquor license application:

Reconsider the application filed by Karen Elizabeth Alexander for an Original, Series 12 Liquor License, due to a delay in the receipt of the posting notice. The actual completion of the posting requirement was accomplished on May 9, 2003, not on May 6, 2003, as originally scheduled. This action reconsiders the application in light of the successful posting action date of May 9, 2003. No protests have been received. (LL6087)

Business Name: Gavilan Peak Pizzeria & Lounge
Location: 46639 North Black Canyon Highway, Suite 3 and 4, New River

Motion carried by majority vote (4-1) with Supervisors Stapley, Kunasek, Wilson and Wilcox voting "aye" and Supervisor Brock voting "no."

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Discussion regarding the development of a 20-year comprehensive, performance-based, multimodal and coordinated regional transportation plan by the Transportation Policy Committee of the Maricopa Association of Governments.

Tom Buick, Director of Transportation and County Engineer
Mike Sabatini, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

Tom Buick referenced several things including the Regional Transportation Plan's timeline and the importance of staying on schedule with it, the status of House Bill 2292, the modeling work that is underway on the three scenarios, and performance measures to be considered in judging the Transportation Plan. This Plan will be forthcoming from the TPC (Transportation Policy Committee) and the Board of Supervisors will make alternative suggestions for improvements in two stages of completion.

Mike Sabatini said that it will be important for the County to stamp the Plan with its long-range regional outlook in the first cut as "regionalism could easily slide out of the finished article" unless it is kept firmly in the forefront at all times. Parochial issues were referenced and Mr. Sabatini said that different jurisdictional factions will be interested in each of the three scenarios and all factions will be pushing for the results they want to see in place for greatest benefit to their interests. The different features of the three scenario maps were scrutinized for the ability to produce desired, overall, beneficial effects.

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Supervisor Stapley also reiterated the importance of the County's role in making sure the final plan is kept regional and not localized by the cities and towns. He said that this Plan is not designed to do the kind of things for cities and towns that they should be making plans to do on their own. He said, "We need to be wholistic about it to balance it regionally and still be fair to everyone." He reminded Members that if the Legislature doesn't like the final plan the TPC submits they can discard it and do their own plan, as they are the controlling factor.

Discussion ensued on various freeway placements and extensions, criteria for placing them in one location vs. another, and during the discussion the importance of the 303 and South Mountain freeways became a focal point.

Concern was expressed about the clarity of the current Performance Measures being discussed by MAG due to a limited set of quantifiable measurements and the inclusion of additional measures that it was felt need to be considered at this stage. The County favors a two-tier approach to system and individual project evaluations with qualitative considerations to fall in the 2nd tier and quantifiable issues in the 1st tier. The use of objective performance criteria to evaluate each of the three system-wide scenarios as well as individual projects within the scenarios was also suggested.

Mass rail transit was discussed and Supervisor Stapley asked, "How can they compare freeways to rail transit? It's like comparing apples and oranges." He felt there was a greater need to connect mass transit to the airport.

Mr. Sabatini said that so far, any discussion on benefit/cost analysis of each scenario and individual projects and the establishment of acceptable regional target levels to compare against each project has been lacking from MAG. He felt these were important issues to address early on.

Discussion ensued on the best investment scenarios for projected revenue between the freeways, arterials and mass transit scenarios of the MAG plan. With regards to transit, more support was given by the Board to increasing bus transit than to rail expansion since "rail is limited and buses can be routed and rerouted anywhere."

Supervisor Stapley will work with counsel to compose a letter to send to MAG before their meeting next week to alert them to some of the possibilities the County would like to see incorporated in the Plan.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Norma Risch, Deputy Clerk of the Board