

## WACOG Regional Transit Implementation Plan RFP Question & Answers

- 1) The RFP calls for **“traditional”** public meetings and outreach at local events. In light of the pandemic will that requirement be in person, or virtual, utilizing the appropriate technologies?

Answer: In light of the pandemic, virtual engagement may be utilized and pending the date of the public event, highly encouraged. Project kick-off more than likely to take place circa late September to early October and Arizona restrictions on group and or gathering sizes subject to change.

- 2) Can meetings with local stakeholders be held via video conferencing or telephone?

Answer: Yes, video conferencing with capabilities to share presentational materials would be allowable.

- 3) Are the local governmental units mentioned in the RFP currently meeting in-person or virtually? (Tri-City Council; WACOG Executive Board; Mohave County Supervisors; TAC)

Answer: Both. Some councils and boards are meeting 100% virtually, others are meeting face-to-face while closing the meetings to the public and requiring residents to phone-in and or view the meeting live streaming on YouTube.

- 4) Have the local governments in the region indicated a willingness to help fund a regional transit program?

Answer: Responses vary and are not officially documented. This topic is nuanced and complex. Discussion will be ongoing and very important to this success of the study/plan. Task 5 (section I) and Task 7 look to address and document the willingness of local government agencies to fund and support a regional transit program.

- 5) Has WACOG already identified the specific state and federal funding programs that it wishes to pursue to help fund a regional transit program?

Answer: WACOG is open to any and all possibilities of state and federal programs to deliver a regional transit system. We understand that FTA 5300 program funds are the typical funding mechanisms. However, we will not rule out, and are open to, other possibilities and partnerships.

- 6) Are any of the communities, tribes or counties currently using *MetroQuest* or *76 engage*? Does WACOG currently use a virtual town hall based software and if so, what is it?

Answer: Not that we are aware. WACOG does not currently utilize a virtual town hall based software. MetroQuest, 76 Engage, and Social Pinpoint are examples provided that have been used in other studies or by other COG/MPOs in the past.

- 7) If selected for an interview – will the interview be in-person or will it be held virtually?

Answer: If the interview process is decided necessary, interviews will be held virtually via Zoom. \*The interview process is not required as outlined in the RFP.