

JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A PLANNING PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ARIZONA SUN CORRIDOR

Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort
5594 W. Wild Horse Pass Boulevard
Chandler, AZ 85226

Monday, June 28, 2010



The Honorable Jan Brewer, Governor, State of Arizona

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

Nancy Welch, ASU Morrison Institute of Public Policy

10:05 a.m. **Introduction of Governor**

Peggy Neely, Councilwoman City of Phoenix Chair, MAG Regional Council

10:10 a.m. **Building Arizona's Economy**

The Honorable Jan Brewer Governor, State of Arizona

10:30 a.m. **Global Cities Institute Sun Corridor**

- Global Cities Program
 - *Sun Corridor Overview*
- Economic Growth Engines
 - *Open Dialogue*
- Sustainability Overview
- Megaregion Positioning
 - *Open Dialogue*

John McNamara, AECOM

Mario Iacobacci, AECOM

Jay Hicks, AECOM
Lee Farmer, AECOM

11:30 a.m. **Working Lunch**

11:45 a.m. **Global Cities Institute Continued**

- Key Next Steps

John McNamara, AECOM

12:15 p.m. **Open Dialogue Wrap-up**

Nancy Welch, ASU Morrison Institute of Public Policy

1:00 p.m. **Next Steps**



Presentation materials will be available on the JPAC web site at www.JPACaz.org.

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Global Cities Institute—Speaker Bios

John McNamara, AIA, FAICP, is a Vice President/Principal and Director of Community Planning and Design with AECOM in Phoenix, and has more than 37 years of experience working in transportation, community planning, urban design, and economic development throughout the U.S. He is a nationally recognized expert in the planning and design of high capacity roadway and transit corridors, and specializes in land use relationships with such investments, including devising strategies to address regional urban form, smart growth, multimodal transportation, transit-oriented development, community revitalization, and context sensitive solutions. His major award-winning project experience includes the MAG Urban Form Study and Regional Transportation Vision and Plan-2050; the Tampa/Hillsborough County, FL, Regional High Capacity Transit Major Investment Study and Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Impact Study; the Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Transit Location Study and Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Impact Study; the Grand Rapids, MI, Regional High Capacity Transit Major Investment Study; the SR-179 Corridor Development Program in Sedona; and the bqAZ Statewide Transportation Planning Framework Program, including the Statewide Rail Framework Study. Mr. McNamara has led the Global Cities Institute's Sun Corridor Team.



Mario Iacobacci, Ph.D. is the Director of Economics with AECOM in Montreal, Canada, and has more than 20 years of experience working with private and public sector clients in North America and Europe. Dr. Iacobacci is a distinguished economist with an international track record in economic analysis, transportation and infrastructure policy and business strategy. He leads AECOM's economics practice in Canada and also provides procurement advice with AECOM's Alternative Delivery Group for North America. Dr. Iacobacci has advised public sector agencies, institutional investors and corporate clients on more than 15 major infrastructure deals in Europe and North America, covering rail, public transit and airport sectors, including franchise bids and cross-border leveraged leases. As part of the Global Cities Institute's Sun Corridor Team, Dr. Iacobacci has contributed to the discussion of how and in what way the megaregion can diversify its economy to be competitive on the global scale.



Jay Hicks, ASLA, is a Vice President/Principal with AECOM in Phoenix, and has more than 25 years of experience as a planner and landscape architect. He is involved in both planning and design on a variety of projects at a broad range of scales, including large scale master planned communities such as Superstition Vistas, more than 120-miles of desert river master planning such as the West Valley Recreation Corridor, and site specific urban design projects that incorporate the latest technology and design philosophy, resulting in high performance projects such as Kierland Commons, Westgate Town Center, and Civic Space Park in Downtown Phoenix. Mr. Hicks is very involved in his community, addressing regional growth issues within the Phoenix metropolitan area and the state of Arizona through the Urban Land Institute, Valley Forward, and Arizona State University's Master of Real Estate Development Program. As part of the Global Cities Institute's Sun Corridor Team, Mr. Hicks has contributed to the discussion of how the megaregion can accommodate a more sustainable and holistic development pattern.



Lee Farmer, AICP, is a transportation planner with AECOM in Arlington, Virginia, and has more than eight years of experience where she works with clients at various stages of the transportation planning process. Prior to joining AECOM, she was a member of the 2004 University of Pennsylvania studio that, under the leadership of Bob Yaro, Armando Carbonell, and Jonathan Barnett, laid out the initial strategic thinking on megaregions in the United States and formed the basis for the Regional Plan Association's America 2050 initiative, which has continued to advance research on megaregions and advocate for planning solutions and policies that maintain and strengthen the global competitiveness of American megaregions. As part of the Global Cities Institute's Sun Corridor Team, Ms. Farmer has contributed to the discussion of how the megaregion concept can inform strategies for development of the Sun Corridor.

