

August 13, 2010

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Thomas Schoaf, City of Litchfield Park, Chair

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO THE AUGUST 16, 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

An addendum to the August 16, 2010 Executive Committee agenda has been prepared to include a discussion of the TIGER II Grant applications. Please contact the MAG office if you have questions about the addendum to the agenda.

#### **ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

10. Discussion of the TIGER II Grant Applications and a Request From the City of Surprise for a Partnership Agreement for the Grand Avenue Corridor TIGER II Planning Grant Program

MAG has been receiving requests for letters of support for TIGER II grant applications for projects related to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Prior to the award of a TIGER II Discretionary Grant, the applicant must show the inclusion of the project in the relevant metropolitan planning document. The letters of support that have been submitted include: Phoenix Sky Harbor Automated Train System (Sky Train), which is a regional multimodal project that will connect terminals and other major facilities at the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport with the region's METRO light rail system, and the City of Glendale's completion of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Ramps at the Loop 101 and Maryland Avenue.

Recent requested for letters of support include:  
The Wickenburg Regional Economic

10. For information, discussion and possible guidance regarding TIGER II Grant applications, and possible action to recommend that MAG participate in the TIGER II grant application for the enhanced Alternatives Analysis for the Grand Avenue corridor and serve as Project Manager if the grant is awarded.

Development Partnership for an inland port project that will affect three counties - Maricopa, Yavapai and La Paz; and Maricopa County for the Gilbert Road Bridge over the Salt River to improve current and future traffic operations and to support community development as a regionally significant road. In addition, the cities of Surprise, Peoria, El Mirage, and Phoenix and Maricopa County have requested MAG to participate in a TIGER II Planning Grant application to conduct an expanded Alternatives Analysis (AA) for the Grand Avenue corridor. The expanded AA will include a component to examine housing and other Transit Oriented Development opportunities along the corridor as part of an effort to develop and implement a plan for the sustainable and responsible development of workforce housing, employment corridors, and multimodal and freight transportation.