

November 8, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Hugh Hallman, City of Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND A POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Monday, November 14, 2011 - 12:00 Noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Ironwood (NEW MEETING ROOM)
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person or by telephone conference.

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If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact me at 480-350-8221. For MAG staff, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

MAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
NOVEMBER 14, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Executive Committee will be called to order.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three-minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Executive Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

3. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

2. Information and discussion.

3. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*3A. Approval of the October 17, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*3B. Amendment to the Caliper Corporation Contract to Perform Second Phase of the Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model

On May 27, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning

3A. Review and approval of the October 17, 2011 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Approval to amend the Caliper Corporation contract by \$250,000 to conduct the additional work for the 2010 Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model Development.

Work Program and Annual Budget, which included the 2010 Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model Development Phase I for developing a microsimulation for a significant portion of the metropolitan area bounded by Loop 101 on the west, north, and east, and Loop 202 on the south. Following the consultant selection process, the Regional Council Executive Committee on March 22, 2010, approved Caliper Corporation to complete the first phase of the project for \$499,930. The first phase of this project is in the final stages of development and is presently on schedule. On May 26, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, which included the 2011 Phase II - Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model project for \$250,000 as the next phase of the traffic operations model development. Building upon the efforts in the first phase of the project, the consultant is ready to proceed into the second phase where the microsimulation effort will be completed with the addition of three-dimensional models to facilitate the model's validation and availability for scenario testing. To conduct this second phase effort, the contract budget with Caliper Corporation will need to be amended to add the funding for the next phase approved by the Regional Council in the MAG FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. MAG federal funds will be used for the second phase of this project. This item is on the November 9, 2011 Management Committee agenda for recommendation to approve. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *3C. Amendment to the HDR, Inc. Contract for the Southeast Major Investment Study to Complete Study of Additional Improvement Scenarios

The fiscal year (FY) 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2009, was amended in March 2010 by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee to include \$300,000 to conduct the Southeast Corridor

- 3C. Approval to amend the HDR, Inc. contract by \$88,867 to conduct the additional work for the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study.

Major Investment Study. On May 17, 2010, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee selected HDR, Inc. to conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Since receiving notice to proceed on the study in June 2010, the consultant has developed, studied, and analyzed three bundles of more than 25 different transportation alternatives to accommodate the travel demand forecasts in the Southeast Corridor area that reaches from Downtown Phoenix to Downtown Chandler. Information generated by this study thus far has significantly benefit not only this Major Investment Study, but has also contributed valuable information to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) projects for Interstate 10/Maricopa Freeway and SR-202L/South Mountain Freeway. Upon analysis of these transportation alternative bundles, additional combinations of improvements have been brought forward by the project's Planning Partners, including the Federal Highway Administration, the City of Tempe, and the City of Chandler, as additional items that merit testing and study in the Southeast Corridor. These additional combinations are beyond the scope of the original contract. HDR, Inc. has advised MAG that an additional amount of \$88,867 is needed to effectively study these items. This item is on the November 9, 2011 Management Committee agenda for recommendation to approve. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. Metropolitan Business Planning Initiative Business Consultant Selection

In May 2011, the MAG Regional Council approved the submission of a proposal to participate in the Metropolitan Business Planning Initiative. The budget for this proposal included \$166,400 to secure a business consultant to assist with implementation of the project. In July, the Brookings Institution announced that the region had been selected to participate in the initiative. In

4. Approval to select Elliot D. Pollack and Company to conduct the analytics and activities specified under tasks one through four for an amount not to exceed \$78,400 and consider for approval tasks five and six separately to develop the business plan and prospectus.

September, a Request for Proposals was issued to request proposals for the business consultant. On October 7, 2011, two proposals were received, from Elliot D. Pollack and Company and Value Point Solutions. On October 26, 2011, a multi-disciplinary team met to review the proposals. The review team recommended to MAG the selection of Elliot D. Pollack and Company to complete tasks one through four as specified in the Request for Proposals with tasks five and six being awarded separately to support the Metropolitan Business Planning Initiative for a total amount not to exceed \$166,400 for all six tasks. Following the meeting, staff contacted the Elliot D. Pollack Company to determine the cost for tasks one through four. They indicated a cost of \$78,400. Staff also inquired from Value Point Solutions the cost for tasks five and six to develop the business plan and prospectus if they were to be considered for these tasks. They indicated a cost of \$88,000 if they were to be considered for tasks five and six. This item is on the November 9, 2011 Management Committee agenda for recommendation to approve. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Participate in the Regional Interstate Railway Economic Study

The Western High Speed Rail Alliance is proposing to initiate a Regional Interstate Railway Economic Study to study the economic benefits of interstate rail connectivity in the Intermountain West. The total cost of the project will be \$100,000 to \$200,000, with a MAG portion of approximately \$25,000 to \$50,000. MAG staff has contacted the Arizona Department of Transportation to inquire about their interest in participating in sharing the MAG cost of this study. MAG will only spend these funds if all Western High Speed Rail Alliance members participate. An amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to participate in the study.

5. Recommend approval to amend the FY 2012 Mag Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to participate in the Regional Interstate Railway Economic Study through the Western High Speed Rail Alliance for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

6. MAG Committee Chair and Vice Chair Appointments ending December 31, 2011

On July 22, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures. Officer appointments for technical and other policy committees, with exception of the MAG Regional Council, Transportation Policy Committee, and Management Committee, will be made by the MAG Executive Committee and are eligible for one-year terms, with possible reappointment to serve up to one additional term by consent of the respective committee. These appointments will be staggered to assist with continuity, appointing approximately half of the committee officers in June each year and the remainder in January, unless a vacancy occurs.

A memorandum was sent to the technical and policy committee members whose chairs and vice chairs expire in January explaining that officers of these committees have served their second one-year term. According to the policies and procedures, the committee's vice chair will ascend to the chair position, and letters of interest were requested for the vice chair positions to be appointed by the Regional Council Executive Committee. An update on the committee appointments will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Update on the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10

An update will be provided on the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and the activities to prevent PM-10 exceedances at the monitors and throughout the region. To date in 2011, there have been 101 exceedances of the PM-10 standard due to exceptional events caused by haboobs, dust storms, thunderstorms, and residual dust. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is continuing to prepare the documentation for the 2011

6. Approval of appointments of the technical and policy committee chairs and vice chairs ending December 31, 2011.

7. Information, discussion and possible motion to adjourn to executive session with MAG's attorney(s) for legal advice regarding the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

exceptional events with technical assistance from Maricopa County and MAG staff. ADEQ submitted the first group of exceptional events for July 2-8, 2011, to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for an informal review at the end of October. In addition, EPA intends to respond to issue the final Exceptional Events Guidance in November. MAG is continuing to research legislative remedies regarding the amount of documentation required for exceptional events. Work has continued on the modeling attainment demonstration for the new Five Percent Plan for PM-10. ADEQ is continuing to work on the Dust Action General Permit required by HB 2208 passed by the Arizona Legislature in 2011 and the enforceability issues with the Agricultural Best Management Practices.

The Executive Committee may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss legal matters relating to the Five Percent Plan for PM-10. The meeting may then be reconvened for possible action. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

8. Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

The employment agreement entered into with the MAG Executive Director in January 2003 provided that the Executive Committee conduct an annual performance review in consultation with the Regional Council. On December 15, 2003, the Executive Committee approved an evaluation survey for the MAG Executive Director's performance review. The process for conducting the annual evaluation review will be discussed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

The Executive Committee may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the MAG Executive Director's review. The meeting may then be reconvened to take action regarding the review. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1).

8. Information, discussion and possible motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the MAG Executive Director's review. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1).

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Executive Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

10. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for the Executive Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Executive Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information