

October 4, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Charlie Meyer, City of Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 - 12:00 noon  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Tour of MAG Office (approximately 1:30 p.m.)  
Following the Management Committee meeting

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are also being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
October 12, 2011**

**COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens 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 Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of 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 (\*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

\*5A. Approval of September 7, 2011, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the September 7, 2011, meeting minutes.

## TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

\*5B. US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan Study

On June 22, 2011, the Mayors of El Mirage, Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise, and Youngtown, and Supervisor Max Wilson of Maricopa County, sent a letter to Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Director John Halikowski to express their interest in preserving US-60/Grand Avenue from 19th Avenue and McDowell Road to SR-303L as an expressway facility that remains a state highway under ADOT control. Their letter also expressed a desire to work through the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) in cooperation with ADOT to enhance mobility in the corridor and maintain the corridor's expressway character. Based upon this request, MAG would develop the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan Study to identify a long-term solution for accommodating travel demand and adjacent property access in this corridor. The Study will consist of two distinct phases: (1) Corridor Optimization to establish operating principles to improve the effectiveness of traffic operations along US-60/Grand Avenue and (2) an Access Management Plan that will provide a detailed milepost-by-milepost description of adjacent property access to US-60/Grand Avenue. In addition, a corridor-wide vision, goals, and priorities (e.g. economic development, safety, and mobility) will be developed as part of the Study. An amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to include \$850,000 for the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan Study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. Consultant Selection for the Don't Trash Arizona Litter Prevention and Education Program

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) includes \$279 million for the freeway maintenance program, including litter control. On March 23, 2011, the Transportation Policy Committee recommended that MAG issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to continue the Don't Trash

5B. Recommend amending the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$850,000 to provide for the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan Study.

5C. Recommend approval that Olson Communications be selected to design and implement the FY 2012 Litter Prevention and Education Program for the MAG region, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000, and that the base contract period shall be a one (1) year term. MAG may, at its option, offer to extend the period of this agreement up to a maximum of two (2),

Arizona Litter Prevention and Education Program and to include a provision that the contract may be extended up to a maximum of two years based on performance and funding availability. The FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, contains \$300,000 to continue the Program. On July 22, 2011, MAG issued the RFP seeking qualified consultants for the development and implementation of the Don't Trash Arizona Litter Prevention and Education Program. On August 30, 2011, MAG received proposals from three qualified consultants in response to the RFP. A multi-agency evaluation team met on September 9, 2011, to evaluate the proposals, and recommended to MAG that Olson Communications be selected as the consultant to develop and implement the FY 2012 Litter Prevention and Education Program, at a cost not to exceed \$300,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010, and have been modified eight times with the last modification pending approval by Regional Council on July 27, 2011. Since then, there is a need to modify projects in the programs. The MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the modifications on September 22, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5E. Unprogrammed Federal Transit Fund Balances

As of August 2011, due to project savings and unspent funds, there was a balance of \$3,585,121 of unprogrammed federal funds: \$899,103 in 5307, \$438,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and \$2,248,018 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. It is suggested to program the \$3,585,121 to Preventive Maintenance (PM) based on the currently adopted FY 2011 PM distribution

one (1) year options, based on consultant performance and funding availability.

5D. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

5E. Recommend approval to reprogram \$3,581,528 of 5307 and STP funds to preventive maintenance based on the FY 2011 approved distribution methodology, as shown in Table 4B, and modify the 2011-2015 TIP accordingly, as shown in Table 5.

methodology. Preventive Maintenance is not eligible under the CMAQ guidance, and in order to maximize the ability to use federal funds for PM, it is recommended to program \$438,000 of CMAQ funds for one of the City of Phoenix's bus purchases in exchange for \$434,407 of 5307 funds. This leaves a total of \$3,581,528 to program for PM based on the current adopted FY 2011 PM distribution methodology. The Transit Committee recommended approval on September 8, 2011, and the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval on September 22, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5F. FFY 2011 and 2012 Adjustments of Local Sponsored Federal Funded Projects

In preparation for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 beginning on October 1, 2011, MAG asked member agencies to check on the status of FFY 2011 federal funded projects and review FFY 2012 federal funded projects. MAG has been notified that some FFY 2011 federally funded CMAQ projects are not going to be authorized by September 30, 2011, the end of the federal fiscal year. The project sponsors have requested deferrals, which can be found in Table 1. Additionally, member agencies were requested to review the current FFY 2011 and FFY 2012 MAG TIP project listings for Surface Transportation Program-Transportation Enhancement Highway Safety Improvement Program, Safe Routes to School, Bridge, and STP-Railroad funded projects (ADOT federal funds) and submit changes or new projects to MAG. Project change information and requests to add new ADOT federal fund projects can be found in Table 2. The MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval on September 22, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5G. Consultant Selection for MAG FY 2012 Vehicle Occupancy Study

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, includes \$200,000 for the MAG FY 2012 Vehicle

5F. Recommend approval of projects to be deferred from FFY 2011 to FFY 2012 or later, approval of project changes and additions for new ADOT federal fund projects, and to amend and modify the FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

5G. Recommend approval of the selection of the CK Group, Inc., to conduct the MAG FY 2012 Vehicle Occupancy Study for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

Occupancy Study. The purpose of the project is to collect data on the vehicle occupancy and violation rates in the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, determine vehicle occupancy in the general purpose lanes, and conduct simultaneous vehicle classification counts. On August 3, 2011, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to conduct the MAG FY 2012 Vehicle Occupancy Study. Two proposals were received by the September 1, 2011, deadline. On September 21, 2011, a multi-agency evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of the CK Group, Inc., to perform the technical assistance. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### AIR QUALITY ITEMS

\*5H. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including changes to various Arizona Department of Transportation projects, revisions to transit projects, and FY 2011 and FY 2012 adjustments of local sponsored federal funded projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments are requested by October 21, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Consultation.

\*5I. Consultation on Proposed Transportation Conformity Processes for the 2012 MAG Conformity Analysis

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies on proposed processes for the conformity analysis on the Transportation Improvement Program and Plan. MAG is distributing for comment the proposed processes to be applied beginning with the upcoming conformity analysis on an amendment

5I. Consultation.

to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. Comments regarding this material are requested by October 21, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5J. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

A status report is being provided on the remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement. To assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, MAG is requesting that street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement be requested by the agency within one year plus ten calendar days from the date of the MAG authorization letter. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5K. Consultant Selection for the MAG Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services Request for Qualifications

The FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, includes potential consultant assistance for air quality planning and modeling activities. Consultant services may be needed to assist MAG with supplemental analyses for the Five Percent Plan for PM-10, Conformity Analysis, Evaluation of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects, New Eight-Hour Ozone Plan, and Analysis of Exceptional Events. A request for qualifications was advertised on July 25, 2011, for technical assistance including air quality modeling, CMAQ evaluation, conformity, and the development of regional air quality plans. Nine proposals were received by the August 24, 2011, deadline. On September 13, 2011, a multi-agency evaluation team recommended to MAG the firms to be qualified in selected areas of expertise. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5J. Information and discussion.

5K. Recommend approval of the following firms for Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services for an amount not to exceed \$280,000: (1) Advanced Monitoring Methods be qualified in Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology; (2) Cambridge Systematics be qualified in Statistical Analysis of Data, CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, Transportation Conformity, and Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Requirements and Emissions; (3) ERG be qualified in Air Quality Modeling, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Analysis of Control Measures, Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, and Air Quality Plan Preparation; (4) ENVIRON be qualified in Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Analysis of Exceptional Events, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Analysis of Control Measures, Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, Transportation Conformity, and Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Requirements and Emissions; (5) Sierra Research be qualified in Air Quality Modeling, Analysis of Exceptional Events, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Analysis of

Control Measures, Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, Transportation Conformity, and Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Requirements and Emissions; (6) Sonoma Technology be qualified in Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Analysis of Exceptional Events, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Analysis of Control Measures, Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, Transportation Conformity, and Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Requirements and Emissions; (7) Technical & Business Systems be qualified in Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Analysis of Exceptional Events, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Analysis of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, and Air Quality Plan Preparation; (8) Traffic Research & Analysis be qualified in Surveys and Emissions Inventories; and (9) TranSystems be qualified in Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Analysis of Exceptional Events, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Analysis of Control Measures, Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, Transportation Conformity, and Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Requirements and Emissions.

### GENERAL ITEMS

\*5L. HUD Application Project Listings

On December 8, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG region. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and supportive services. A total of \$219 million has been awarded to the region since 1999. Last year,

5L. Information and discussion.

the region received more than \$23.9 million for 53 homeless programs. The 2011 federal application was released on August 30, 2011, with a deadline to HUD on October 28, 2011. A draft list of new and renewal projects will be provided to MAG Management Committee and MAG Regional Council members for information. The final consolidated application will be presented to the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness on October 24, 2011 for approval. The Continuum of Care will have an opportunity to apply for \$1,446,542 in new project funding, referred to as the Permanent Housing Bonus. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

#### TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. 2011 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

Proposition 400 was approved by the voters of Maricopa County in November 2004, and authorized the extension of a half-cent sales tax for use on transportation projects in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. A.R.S. 28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on projects included in Proposition 400, addressing factors such as project status, funding, and priorities. The 2011 Annual Report is the seventh report in this series and covers the status of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. A Summary of Findings and Issues is included in the attached material and the full report is available on the MAG website. This item was presented to the MAG Transportation Review Committee on September 22, 2011, for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures

On July 8, 2009, the Management Committee formed the Federal Fund Working Group. The Working Group was tasked with addressing four issues: project deferrals, project development and small and/or inexperienced member agencies, project costs, and local financial commitment. Additional research was done in evaluating six

6. Information and discussion.

7. Recommend approval of the Draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures.

MPO/COGs and their local sponsored federal aid project processes. Working together, MAG staff and the Federal Fund Working Group have developed the Draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures. The MAG Transportation Review Committee provided input on the Draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures on September 22, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### AIR QUALITY ITEMS

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

An update will be provided on the MAG Five Percent Plan for 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 85 exceedances of the PM-10 standard with 84 due to exceptional events caused by haboobs, dust storms, thunderstorms, and residual dust. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is preparing the documentation for the 2011 exceptional events with technical assistance from Maricopa County and MAG staff. Due to the requirements that must be met and the number of exceptional events that have occurred, the documentation effort is resource intensive. MAG is researching legislative remedies regarding the amount of documentation for exceptional events. The City of Phoenix Dust Reduction Task Force has prepared a brochure to be used for public outreach efforts. Work has continued on the modeling attainment demonstration for the new Five Percent Plan for PM-10. On September 2, 2011, the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona issued a court order in the lawsuit filed by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest against the State regarding the repeal of the Local Transportation Assistance Fund by the Legislature in 2010. The court found the lottery funding requirement that was included in the air quality plans remains in full force and effect. An update will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Information and discussion.

## GENERAL ITEMS

9. MAG FY 2013 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2013-2017 Equipment Program

Each year, the MAG Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five-year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and enables MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund. Due to fund transfers from designated 9-1-1 monies to the state budget, the ADOA has notified MAG that operations costs for the region would be funded, however, new capital equipment purchases would be deferred. These shortages are attributed to the \$2.2 million in fund transfers made in the overall state FY 2012 budget from designated 9-1-1 monies. From FY 2003 to FY 2012, \$53.1 million in designated 9-1-1 funds have been transferred to the state general fund. The Funding Request and Equipment Program were recommended for approval on July 14, 2011, by the MAG PSAP Managers, and on September 19, 2011, by the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities

Each year, MAG coordinates a calendar of activities scheduled in October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to provide information about efforts to end domestic violence. Through the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project, MAG developed an outreach video to promote efforts that enhance the way the region responds to domestic violence through the criminal justice system. The trailer for the video will be shown at the meeting and copies will be distributed to members. The video also is available for viewing on the MAG website and on YouTube. The project is funded by a STOP grant from the Governor's Office with the goal of assessing the way the region arrests and prosecutes domestic violence offenders at the misdemeanor level. The protocol model developed through the project and featured in the

9. Recommend approval of the MAG FY 2013 Public Safety Answering Point Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2013-2017 Equipment Program.

10. Information and discussion.

video was approved by the MAG Regional Council in September 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Update on the MAG Economic Development Committee

An update will be provided on recent activities of the MAG Economic Development Committee, including the status of the Brookings Metropolitan Business Planning Initiative.

12. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

13. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management 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

11. Information, discussion and input.

12. Information and discussion.

13. Information.