

November 1, 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, November 9, 2011 - 12:00 noon  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

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.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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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  
November 9, 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 October 12, 2011, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the October 12, 2011, meeting minutes.

## TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

\*5B. Implementation of the Federal Fund Programming Guidelines

The Federal Fund Programming Guidelines were approved by the Regional Council on October 26, 2011. The Programming Guidelines outline a different process, schedule, and information exchange than what was done before. In order to implement the Programming Guidelines, a transition period is needed, acknowledging some requirements will not be completed. A memorandum and overall transition schedule that outline applicable guidelines for projects programmed for obligation in federal fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014 are attached. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. 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 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

5B. Information and discussion.

5C. Recommend amending the Caliper Corporation contract by \$250,000 to conduct the additional work for the 2010 Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model Development.

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. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report

The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Status Report provides an update on ALCP projects scheduled for work and/or reimbursement in the current fiscal year, program deadlines, revenues, and finances for the period between April 2011 and September 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5E. FY 2012-2014 MAG Highway Safety Improvement Program Projects

Starting in FY 2010, MAG has been receiving a total of \$1 million in federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to be programmed for road safety improvements in the region. A total of 29 projects that were approved by the MAG Regional Council for FY 2010 and 2011 are currently being implemented. At the recommendation of ADOT, three fiscal years are being programmed to help expedite project implementation. On August 31, 2011, MAG issued a call for road safety improvement projects to be programmed in FY 2012-2014. A total of 23 projects applications were received. The Transportation Safety Committee reviewed all the applications at its meeting on October 4, 2011, and recommended a list of projects for each fiscal year and the funding amounts as shown in the attached table. On October 27, 2011, the MAG Transportation Review Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Committee. Although the total estimated cost for FY 2012 slightly exceeds the annual allocation, it is expected to be approved by ADOT. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Information and discussion.

5E. Recommend approval of the listing of selected projects for FY 2012-2014 Highway Safety Improvement Program funds.

\*5F. 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 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. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Recommend amending the HDR, Inc. contract by \$88,867 to conduct the additional work for the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study.

#### AIR QUALITY ITEMS

\*5G. Recommendation of Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2012 CMAQ Funding

The FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contain \$900,000 in FY 2012 Congestion

5G. Recommend approval of a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2012 CMAQ funding and retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2012 CMAQ funds that may become available due to closeout, including any redistributed obligation authority, or additional funding received by this region.

Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding to encourage the purchase and utilization of PM-10 Certified Street Sweepers. An additional \$421,196 in CMAQ is available from sweeper projects that have been requested to be deleted and from savings on sweepers that have cost less than anticipated, for a total amount of \$1,321,196. On October 27, 2011, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) recommended a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2012 CMAQ funding and to retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2012 CMAQ funds that may become available due to closeout, including any redistributed obligation authority, or additional funding received by this region. Prior to the AQTAC recommendation, the MAG Street Committee reviewed the proposed street sweeper applications on October 11, 2011, in accordance with the MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### GENERAL ITEMS

\*5H. Approval of Draft July 1, 2011 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates

MAG staff has prepared draft July 1, 2011 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates. The Updates, which are used to prepare budgets and set expenditure limitations, were prepared using the 2010 Census as the base and housing unit data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies. Because there may be changes to the Maricopa County control total by the Arizona Department of Administration, on November 1, 2011 the MAG Population and Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of these draft Updates provided that the County control total is within one percent of the final control total. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5I. Proposed 2012 Edition of the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee has completed its review of proposed

5H. Recommend approval of the draft July 1, 2011 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates provided that the Maricopa County control total is within one percent of the final control total.

5I. Information and discussion.

revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction. These revisions have been recommended for approval by the committee and are currently being reviewed by MAG member agency Public Works Directors and/or Engineers. It is anticipated that the new 2012 edition will be available for purchase in early January 2012. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5j. 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 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. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5j. Recommend the selection of 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 tasks five and six separately to develop the business plan and prospectus.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD****TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**6. Salt Lake City/Utah Transit Authority Transit Tour

On October 13-14, 2011, leaders and representatives from the MAG region attended a multimodal transit system tour of the Salt Lake City/Utah Transit Authority (UTA) to gather information regarding the economic and transportation benefits of the multimodal connectivity of transit. Tour attendees received information about how the system was funded and the resulting economic benefits of the system. A presentation on the highlights of the tour will be provided to the Management Committee.

6. Information, discussion and input.

**AIR QUALITY ITEMS**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 86 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 exceptional events with technical assistance from Maricopa County and MAG staff. ADEQ intends to submit 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.

7. Information and discussion.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

8. MAG Support for Electronic Technology to Reduce Copying and Mailing Cost

MAG staff will review the enhancements being made to the agenda process to better accommodate the use of electronic technology to access meeting materials.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information, discussion and input.

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information.