

October 6, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st 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 also are 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. A working lunch will be provided.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those who purchased a transit ticket to attend the meeting, 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.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 14, 2015**

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.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of the September 9, 2015, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the September 9, 2015, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- *5B. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Fiscal Year 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as Appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan were approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 29, 2014. The new requested project additions and changes include Arterial Life Cycle Program projects; rail safety and road safety projects funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program; Transportation Alternatives Safe Routes to School eligible activities; transit project changes related to final apportionment announcements; and general project changes. Additionally, cost savings from the procurement of FY 2014 PM-10 street sweepers were realized and the savings will be included in the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Project listing changes and additions included are not contingent on a new finding of conformity. The requested project changes were recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on October 1, 2015. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5C. Project Changes Report on September Activities - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as Needed, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Submitted to ADOT on September 3, 2015 and September 17, 2015

Due to the late announcement of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regional allocations, on August 26, 2015, the MAG Regional Council granted approval for MAG to make modifications to work years to advance previously approved projects, to provide detailed TIP listings for prioritized projects to ensure that all FHWA

- 5B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Fiscal Year 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

- 5C. Information and discussion.

obligation authority and FTA apportionments are utilized for Federal Fiscal Year 2015, and related work phase changes. Project changes and additions were submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for approval and inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program on September 3, 2015, that addressed FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program and general FY 2015 needed changes. The September 17, 2015 submittal was redistributed work phase funding to save prospective financing charges estimated at \$2.9 million. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. 2015 Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

In July 2013, MAG initiated a study to develop a Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. The Plan establishes the regional vision, goals, objectives, strategies, countermeasures, and performance measures for making systematic improvements necessary to improve road safety in the region. The study was closely coordinated to be consistent with a similar effort that was underway to develop the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The cost to implement the Draft MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan is estimated at \$7.8 million per year. Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds are currently the only available funding source in the region for road safety improvements, other than local agency funds. In May 2015, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) announced a new process for programming federal HSIP funds for safety projects starting in FY 2019. The Draft Plan has been developed to be consistent with the Arizona Strategic Highway Safety Plan and the new ADOT HSIP process and related guidance. The 2015 Strategic Transportation Safety Plan was recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Safety Committee on September 27, 2015, and by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on October 1, 2015. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Recommend approval of the 2015 Strategic Transportation Safety Plan.

*5E. Consultant Selection for the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program On-Call List

The FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 27, 2015, included \$200,000 for the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program. On July 28, 2015, MAG issued a Request for Qualifications to create an on-call consulting list for the project. Six firms submitted Statements of Qualifications. On September 22, 2015, a multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the Statements of Qualifications and recommended to MAG the selection of HDR and WPS/Parsons Brinckerhoff for the on-call list. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. Draft FY 2016 Early Phase Input Opportunity Report

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) conducts a four-phase public involvement process: Early Phase, Mid-Phase, Final Phase and Continuous Involvement. The FY 2016 Early Phase Input Opportunity was conducted from mid-August 2016 to early-September 2016 and provided the public with an opportunity to provide project suggestions in areas in which funding was available. These areas included bicycle-pedestrian, intelligent transportation systems, paving of unpaved dirt roads, PM-10 street sweepers, Pinal County arterial roadway projects that are in the MAG region, and the regional transit system. All of the project suggestions were forwarded to the appropriate MAG member agency for review and possible inclusion into a draft listing of projects that eventually make up the Draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MAG received public comment at the MAG Regional Council during the phase. In addition, MAG also received comment via telephone and online correspondence as a result of a direct mailing to the MAG public involvement mail list and regional libraries. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Recommend approval of the selection of HDR and WPS/Parsons Brinckerhoff to participate in the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program on-call list.

5F. Information and discussion.

ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS***5G. Conformity Consultation**

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including Arterial Life Cycle Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and transit 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. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Consultation.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**6. Results and Lessons Learned from the 2015 Census Test**

The U. S. Census Bureau conducted a test of collection technologies and sampling methods for the 2020 Census in selected portions of the MAG region earlier this year. The MAG region is the only place in the nation selected for this type of testing. Testing took place in the selected areas around the region between April and July 2015. The test produced no official data and was not part of any special mid-decade count. Representatives from the Census Bureau will provide an overview of the results and lessons learned from the test.

6. Information and discussion.

7. City of Phoenix Resource Innovation Campus and Regional Green Organics Project

In 2013, the City of Phoenix announced a new sustainability initiative, Reimagine Phoenix, to divert 40 percent of waste from the landfill by 2020. As part of this initiative, the City is establishing a Resource Innovation Campus dedicated to the creation and growth of a circular economy that will fulfill the City's 40 percent diversion goal. The City is also partnering with the Arizona State University Resource Innovation and

7. Information and discussion.

Solutions Network (RISN) program and other valley communities on a Regional Green Organics project. An overview of these efforts will be provided.

8. Southeast Valley Transit System Study

The Southeast Valley Transit System Study, a joint study effort between the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Valley Metro, was launched in January 2014 to analyze transit services and ridership demand in transit-established and transit-aspiring communities within a multi-jurisdictional subarea of the MAG region. The study is the third in a series of sub-regional transit studies undertaken in the region and its result is a tool to help in future system planning. The study area encompasses the cities of Apache Junction, Chandler, Mesa, and Tempe, and the towns of Gilbert, Guadalupe, and Queen Creek. The study area also includes portions of the City of Phoenix (village of Ahwatukee) and unincorporated Maricopa County. In addition, the study also includes members of the expanded MAG boundary, which are Pinal County, the City of Maricopa, the Town of Florence and the Pinal County portion of the Gila River Indian Community. This study also included input from the City of Coolidge, a transit partner that operates within the study area. The study had two purposes: To identify potential efficiencies in the current service and to identify an effective, market-defined, efficient and performance-driven transit system that meets the internal mobility needs of the subarea and ties the subarea to the overall regional transit system. The Southeast Valley Transit System Study was recommended for acceptance on September 10, 2015, by the MAG Transit Committee, and on October 1, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. New Strengthened Ozone Standard

On October 1, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final rule to strengthen the federal eight-hour ozone standard

8. Recommend acceptance of the Southeast Valley Transit System Study findings and conceptual recommendations.

9. Information, discussion, and possible action.

from 0.075 parts per million to 0.070 parts per million. By October 1, 2016, states are required to submit designation recommendations for nonattainment/attainment to EPA. By October 1, 2017, EPA anticipates finalizing the designations, classifications, and attainment dates based upon 2014-2016 ozone monitoring data. Nonattainment areas will have until 2020 to late 2037 to meet the standard, with attainment dates varying based upon the ozone levels in the area (Marginal-Extreme). The Maricopa eight-hour ozone nonattainment area exceeds the new standard. In Arizona, nine of the ten counties that monitor for ozone exceed the new standard. According to EPA, there are existing and proposed federal rules that will provide assistance in meeting the standard: requirements to reduce the interstate transport of air pollution; Regional Haze Regulations; Mercury and Air Toxics Standards; Clean Power Plan; Tier 3 Vehicle Emissions and Fuels Standards; Light-Duty Vehicle Tier 2 Rule; Mobile Source Air Toxics Rule; Light-Duty Greenhouse Gas/Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Rule; Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines NESHAP; and Industrial/Commercial/Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters MACT and amendments. The EPA analysis indicates that these rules will help the vast majority of the counties in the U.S. to meet the standard by 2025 without additional action. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Interstate 10/Interstate 17 - "the Spine" - Corridor Master Plan Project Update

On February 11, 2015, the MAG Management Committee received a presentation on the public outreach process, both in-person and on-line, for the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan. The project team has used the outcomes from this process to create guiding principles for establishing the corridor master plan alternatives. An update on this process, as well as the status for the Spine Corridor's Near Term Improvement Strategy, will be provided in this briefing.

10. Information and discussion.

11. Regional Freeway and Highway Program Update

At the March 11, 2015, meeting of the MAG Management Committee, a briefing was provided on the continuing effort for reconciling the Regional Freeway and Highway Program revenues with expenditures, the Cost Risk Analysis program for analyzing project expenditures, and the potential for further refinement to the Program's project scheduling and funding. Since this presentation, varying activities have occurred to provide new information about the Regional Freeway and Highway Program health and status. A briefing will be provided on this continuing effort and the re-balancing schedule anticipated for refining the Program's project funding and programming anticipated for Spring 2016.

12. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

13. 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.

14. 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 and discussion.

12. Information, discussion, and possible action.

13. Information.

14. Information.