

June 3, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Street Committee

FROM: Dan Cook, PE, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Tuesday, June 14, 2011 - 1:30 p.m.**  
Valley Metro Offices, Suite 1300, Room 13A-C  
101 North First Avenue, Phoenix

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING WILL BE HELD OFFSITE**

The next meeting of the MAG Street Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. **Committee members or their proxies attending in person are requested to park in the garage under the MAG Offices and walk over to the Valley Metro Offices.** The MAG Offices are located at the following address:

MAG Office  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

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The next meeting of the MAG Street Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eileen Yazzie or Steve Tate at (602) 254-6300.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the April 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Street 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 Street 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.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

The MAG Transportation Programming Manager will review recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for MAG Committees and other related regional transportation activities.

5. Programming the Fiscal Year 2012 Arterial Life Cycle Program

In February 2011, MAG Staff requested guidance from the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) on rebalancing the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP), which faced a \$245 million deficit of regional funds due to declining sales tax revenues. At the meeting, the TPC recommended a proportional reduction of remaining reimbursements in the ALCP based on each agency's original allocation of regional funds and emphasized that no new projects be added to the program until funding was restored

2. Review and approve the minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting.

3. For information.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information, discussion, and recommendation that the ALCP Policies and Procedures be amended to clarify that projects in Phase V of the ALCP and the reimbursements in Phase V for projects constructed in Phases I – IV are not considered to be priorities for future new regional funding sources. Furthermore, if existing funding sources for the Proposition 400 ALCP program are higher in the future, then the funding for projects and/or reimbursements for which funding was reduced to balance the ALCP program will be restored in the same proportion as the reductions were made.

to existing projects in the same manner funds were removed. Since then, MAG Staff has received several requests to advance construct ALCP projects before 2026, the expiration of the Proposition 400 sales tax, and to request regional reimbursement in Phase V (Fiscal Years 2027-2031) possibly from the next voter-approved regional transportation tax. This type of request creates a financial liability for the regional beyond the expiration of the approved regional transportation sales tax (Please refer to the enclosed memorandum for this agenda item for additional information).

6. Arterial Life Cycle Program Project Changes Technical Review

The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures (Policies) approved on December 9, 2009 require Lead Agencies to present proposed substitute projects or changes in project scope to the MAG Street Committee for a technical review and recommendation for approval through the MAG Committee Process. Member agency staff will present the proposed project changes to the Committee for a recommendation to include the requested change in the Draft Fiscal Year 2012 ALCP. Please refer to the attached memorandum, excerpt from the ALCP Policies, project change requests, and other relevant materials.

7. Congestion Management Process (CMP)

In November 2010, MAG released the performance -based Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update, which includes a flexible and adaptable tool for various programming activities at MAG. Representatives from all the modal committees weighed in on various components of the sketch model to develop a tool for their federally funded projects' evaluation and selection process. To date the sketch model has been used internally for planning and in the future will be used as re-balancing programs such as the ALCP.

6. For information, discussion, and possible recommendation to include the proposed project changes in the Draft FY 2012 ALCP.

7. For information and discussion.

8. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Inactive Obligations

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defines an “inactive obligation” as a project with unexpended federal funding obligation against which no expenditures have been charged (to the federal funds) within certain timeframes. FHWA classifies inactive projects in one of three tiers based on the following criteria: (i) Projects inactive for the past 12 months with unexpended balances more than \$500,000; (ii) Projects inactive for the past 24 months with unexpended balances of \$50,000 to \$500,000; and, (iii) Projects inactive for the past 36 months with unexpended balances less than \$50,000. FHWA has established a national performance measure related to inactive obligations of 4% or less. The stewardship agreement between FHWA and ADOT also establishes a state performance measure of 4% or less. In the last two federal fiscal years, Arizona has been unable to consistently meet this target. Please review the Attachment Six from ADOT for additional information and a discussion on future changes to the Federal billing process, JPAs, and the project completion/ close-out process. At the meeting a presentation on this topic will be given.

9. ADOT Local Governments Manual

Staff from ADOT will brief the Committee on the new local governments manual and changes taking place at ADOT Local Government Section.

10. Adjournment

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion.