

March 16, 2010

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Councilwoman Peggy Neely, City of Phoenix, Chair

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

Monday, March 22, 2010 - Noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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

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If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact me at (602) 262-7445. For MAG staff, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**MAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
March 22, 2010**

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 February 16, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and the February 19, 2010 Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*3B. On-Call Consulting Services for Transportation Software Development and Support

3A. Review and approval of the February 16, 2010, Executive Committee meeting minutes and the February 19, 2010 Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

3B. Approval of the list of on-call consultants for area of Area of Expertise A (Transportation Modeling Software and Transportation Forecasting Models):

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2009 includes On-call Consulting Services for Transportation Software Development and Support at a cost not to exceed \$700,000. The purpose of the project is to ensure that MAG can proceed with support and scheduled improvements of the MAG regional travel forecasting models and related data sets. MAG issued a Request for Qualifications to create an on-call consulting list for the project with two areas of expertise. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the statements of qualifications and recommended to MAG that the following firms be included on a MAG on-call consulting list for Transportation Software Development and Support: Area of Expertise A (Transportation Modeling Software and Transportation Forecasting Models): Arizona State University, Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates Inc., Caliper Corporation, Cambridge Systematics Inc., HDR Inc., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., PB Americas, Inc., URS Corporation, and Wilbur Smith Associates Inc.; and Area of Expertise B (Transportation Data Management Software): Arcadis U.S. Inc., Arizona State University, Caliper Corporation, HDR Inc., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Midwestern Software Solutions, PB Americas, Inc., and Terra Genesis Inc. On March 10, 2010, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of on-call consulting services for transportation software development and support. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*3C. Amendment to the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is in the process of completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the widening of Interstate 10, the Maricopa Freeway, between the SR-51/SR-202L/Red Mountain "Mini-Stack" and SR-202L/Santan-South Mountain

Arizona State University, Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates Inc., Caliper Corporation, Cambridge Systematics Inc., HDR Inc., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., PB Americas, Inc., URS Corporation, and Wilbur Smith Associates Inc.; and Area of Expertise B (Transportation Data Management Software): Arcadis U.S. Inc., Arizona State University, Caliper Corporation, HDR Inc., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Midwestern Software Solutions, PB Americas, Inc., and Terra Genesis Inc., for the MAG Transportation Software Development and Support, for a total amount not to exceed \$700,000.

3C. Approval of the amendment to the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for \$300,000 to provide for the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study.

"Pecos Stack" traffic interchanges. The subject of this EIS is clearance that would allow widening of the freeway and reconstruction of the Interstate 10/SR-143 traffic interchange, representing almost \$1 billion in investment for the corridor. During the course of the EIS, questions have been raised about the investment being made in this corridor and the need for alternative transportation options. These include widening Interstate 10 and improving system traffic interchanges to accommodate the growing travel demand between the East Valley and Central Phoenix. MAG proposes amending the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for \$300,000 to provide for the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study. On March 10, 2010, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment to the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*3D. Selection of Caliper Corporation as Consultant for 2010 Phase I Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model Development

The fiscal year (FY) 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2009, includes \$500,000 to conduct Phase I of the 2010 Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model Development. This is a multi-year/multi-phase project and at MAG's discretion, the selected consultant may also be retained to complete additional phases of the project. Future phases of the project will be subject of separate contracts to be authorized at a future date by MAG. The Request for Proposals was advertised on December 10, 2009. The eight proposals received were reviewed by a multi-agency proposal evaluation team consisting of MAG member agencies and MAG staff. On February 23, 2010, the proposal evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of Caliper Corporation to conduct phase I of the project in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. On March 10, 2010, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of Caliper Corporation as

3D. Approval of Caliper Corporation to be selected to conduct 2010 Phase I of the Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

consultant for 2010 Phase I Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model Development. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*3E. Assistance to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality for Soil Sample Analyses

MAG is working with the Maricopa County Air Quality Department and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to implement the Data Collection Plan to Evaluate and Identify Sources and Unique Geographic and Meteorological Conditions Contributing to Exceedances of the PM-10 Standard at the West 43rd Avenue Monitor. As part of this effort, up to nineteen soil samples may need to be analyzed to determine the types of soils that have the highest potential to create PM-10 emissions. ADEQ has a contract with Arizona State University that could be used to perform the analyses, but ADEQ does not have the \$21,500 needed to fund the project. Federal transportation funds would be available for this purpose. The Environmental Protection Agency has indicated they are seeking funding for field studies in the Data Collection Plan, but to date, this funding has not been approved. On March 10, 2010, the MAG Management Committee recommended amending the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide ADEQ with \$21,500 to contract with Arizona State University to conduct analyses of soil samples.

3E. Approval to amend the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality with \$21,500 to contract with Arizona State University to conduct analyses of soil samples as part of a Data Collection Plan to Evaluate and Identify Sources and Unique Geographic and Meteorological Conditions Contributing to Exceedances of the PM-10 Standard at the West 43rd Avenue Monitor, if necessary.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

4. Development of the FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2011 MAG Unified

4. Information and input on the development of the fiscal year (FY) 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represent the budget document development to date. The elements of the budget document are about 60 percent complete. This item was on the March 10, 2010 MAG Management Committee consent agenda for information and input. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Approval of Transit Planning Agreement and Discussion of Potential Legislation

At the February 16, 2010, Executive Committee meeting a transit planning agreement (MOU) that incorporated recommendations for transit planning roles and responsibilities was discussed. The Executive Committee directed that the local role when conducting a Federal Transit Administration Alternatives Analysis be described in the MOU. It was noted at the meeting that the Regional Public Transportation Authority and Valley Metro Rail would be discussing the MOU in February, with action by the Regional Council expected in March.

Also discussed was SB 1416 that attempts to align MAG's federal transit planning roles and responsibilities with state statutes. The Executive Committee directed that the affected parties hold a meeting to address the concerns expressed with SB 1416. Consensus was reached at the meeting and a telephone conference call of the Executive Committee was scheduled for January 19, 2010, to review the proposed changes to the bill. The MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved with minor modifications, the Transit Planning Agreement (MOU) and the draft legislation for SB 1416. Representatives from the Regional Public Transportation Authority and METRO were in attendance and concurred with the modifications. On February 18, 2010, the RPTA Board approved the MOU and the draft SB 1416. On February 24, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved draft SB 1416 as rewritten and modified. On March 3, 2010, the METRO Board approved the MOU and the draft SB 1416. On March 10, 2010, the MOU was recommended

5. Recommend approval of the transit planning agreement (MOU) to be forwarded to the Federal Transit Administration and included in the FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

for approval by the MAG Management Committee. The MOU and draft SB 1416 will be presented to the Executive Committee and Regional Council for approval in March. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Update on the Sun Corridor Joint Planning Advisory Council Staff Meeting

On February 16, 2010, the Executive Committee was provided an update on the activities concerning the Sun Corridor Joint Planning Advisory Council. On March 9, 2010, a meeting of the staff who are working on freight and port studies in the Sun Corridor was held. This included representatives from MAG, the Central Arizona Association of Governments, the Pima Association of Governments and the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization. Also in attendance were representatives from the CANAMEX Corridor Commission, the Arizona Mexico Commission, The Arizona Department of Transportation and Arizona State University. The agencies discussed ongoing and proposed freight related studies and a proposed study by the consulting firm AECOM. An update on the discussions of this meeting and next steps will be provided.

7. Discussion Regarding Metropolitan Area Planning Boundary

On November 3-5, 2009, the MAG federal certification review was held. At the meeting, the federal officials inquired about the status of previous Corrective Actions and/or Recommended Improvements that were part of the May 4-5, 2004 MAG Federal Certification Review. One of the recommended improvements was for MAG to examine the metropolitan planning area boundary. To begin addressing this recommendation, staff has prepared three concepts for review for expanding the metropolitan planning area boundary. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information and discussion

8. Compensation and Benefits Survey

On January 19, 2010, the Executive Committee discussed the annual performance evaluation of the MAG Executive Director and requested a 60 day delay to enable MAG to have a consultant perform a compensation and benefit survey. MAG conducted a procurement and engaged the services of Public Sector Personnel Consultants to conduct the survey. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation

On January 19, 2010, the Executive Committee moved to delay action for 60 days on the MAG Executive Director's annual performance evaluation and delayed the review of MAG FY 2010 goals and results and proposed draft FY 2011 goals/work emphasis areas. A member of the Executive Committee also noted a possible computation error in the Executive Director's annual performance evaluation. The computation error has been corrected.

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 and salary. The meeting may then be reconvened to take action regarding the review and make a salary determination. It is anticipated that the action of the Executive Committee would be presented to the Regional Council for ratification. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).

10. 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.

11. Comments from the Committee

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

9. Information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the MAG Executive Director's review and salary, and to reconvene the meeting for possible action on the review and compensation of the MAG Executive Director.

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information

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.

12. Adjournment