

February 2, 2006

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO THE FEBRUARY 8, 2006 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

An addendum is being added to the February 8, 2006 Management Committee agenda to allow for consideration of a consultant selection for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study. Please call the MAG office if you have questions about the addendum.

**ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**TRANSPORTATION ITEM**

- \*5J. Consultant Selection for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study

In October 2005, the Regional Council approved an amendment to the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include funding for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study. The purpose of the study is to develop a roadway framework plan for connections to the Interstate and other regional roadways, including US-60/Grand Avenue, SR-85, Bell Road, and SR-303L/Estrella Freeway. A request for proposals was advertised and four responses were received. A multiagency review panel reviewed the proposals and recommended to MAG that the firm DMJM+Harris be selected to conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$500,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5J. Recommend approval of the selection of DMJM+Harris to conduct the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review**

**DATE:**

February 2, 2006

**SUBJECT:**

Consultant Selection for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study

**SUMMARY:**

In October 2005, the Regional Council approved an amendment to the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include funding for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study. This project is being jointly funded by MAG (\$95,000), ADOT (\$95,000), Maricopa County (\$95,000), the Town of Buckeye (\$95,000) the City of Surprise (\$60,000), and the City of Goodyear (\$60,000).

The purpose of the study is to develop a roadway framework plan for connections to the Interstate and other regional roadways, including US-60/Grand Avenue, SR-85, Bell Road, and SR-303L/Estrella Freeway. Both ADOT and FHWA are concerned about the number of requests for new interchanges along the region's primary commercial link to Los Angeles, and the general lack of regional connections between the Hassayampa Valley and other portions of the metropolitan area. Given the regional nature of this project, MAG will serve as the lead agency.

A request for proposals was advertised in November 2005 and four proposals were received in December 2005 from the firms of DMJM+Harris, URS, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and Kirkham Michael. An evaluation team, consisting of representatives from MAG, ADOT, Maricopa County, the Town of Buckeye, and the Cities of Surprise and Goodyear, evaluated the proposals and met in early January 2006 for selection. The evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of the consultant firm DMJM+Harris to conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$500,000. Upon Notice to Proceed from MAG, the consultant will have twelve-months to complete the study.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public input has been received concerning the specific requested change.

**PROS AND CONS:**

**PROS:** A framework comprised of regional connections and roadways will be established for this portion of the MAG Region, where little transportation infrastructure is available. Recommendations from this project will guide development of the transportation infrastructure and protect the existing investments by MAG and ADOT. The project also represents a significant element for future updates of the Regional Transportation Plan.

**CONS:** Without a framework for regional connections and roadways, development of the Hassayampa Valley will proceed, and thereby strain the existing and future transportation infrastructure in this portion of the MAG Region, especially Interstate 10, the region's primary commercial and freight corridor.

**TECHNICAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: Planning in this portion of the region expands the urban transportation modeling area maintained by MAG. The model's present western border is along the proposed CANAMEX alignment (approximately 355th Avenue); this project's study boundary is recommended as 459th Avenue.

POLICY: Recommendations from this project will provide transportation planning guidance to MAG, ADOT, Maricopa County, the Town of Buckeye, the City of Goodyear, the City of Surprise, and FHWA. The project will recommend regional connections and roadways to be included as part of the regional transportation planning process, and for possible incorporation into a future update of the Regional Transportation Plan.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Recommend approval of the selection of DMJM+Harris to conduct the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

Proposal Evaluation Team: On January 3, 2006, the proposal evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of the consultant firm DMJM+Harris to conduct the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION TEAM:

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