

June 21, 2005

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
June 29, 2005**

	<u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council 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. 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 Regional Council 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.	3. Information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. <u>Approval of the May 25, 2005 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approval of the May 25, 2005 meeting minutes.
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- *5B. Federal Fiscal Year 2005 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2005 and FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$18.5 million is available for the interim closeout, plus a possible \$1.5 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. Approximately \$58 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. On March 24, 2005, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended allowing 15 projects, totaling \$12.96 million, to defer from FFY 2005 to later years. This is in addition to \$4.6 million in uncommitted funds. To utilize the available funds, on May 26, 2005, the TRC recommended 26 projects, totaling \$20 million, plus an additional \$5,598,825 in contingency projects if any further funds become available or if any projects unexpectedly drop out. The Management Committee recommended the same 26 projects, totaling \$20 million, but increased the list of contingency projects from five to seven and from \$5,598,825 to \$6,447,525. The Transportation Policy Committee will consider the Amendment to the TIP at its meeting June 22, 2005. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5C. Consultant Selection for the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan

The FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council, includes \$150,000 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for the development of the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan. A multi-jurisdictional review team evaluated the five proposals received and recommended to the MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force that Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. be selected to develop the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan for \$150,000. The MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force and the

- 5B. Approval of the interim closeout of Federal FY 2005, as shown in the attached Tables Two and Three and approval of amending/adjusting the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP and the FY 2005 and FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to allow the projects to proceed.

- 5C. Approval to select Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. as the consultant to develop the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan for \$150,000.

Management Committee recommended that Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. be awarded the \$150,000 contract to develop the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5D. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Add a Phoenix Federally Funded Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Project and a Glendale Hazard Elimination Safety (STP-HES) Project for FY 2005

Following approval of the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP on November 25, 2003, some projects have been identified that need to be added to the TIP to allow them to proceed during the current fiscal year. A bridge over the Grand Canal at 19th Avenue in the City of Phoenix has been awarded Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BR) funds, and the City of Glendale has received STP-HES funds for making improvements to the intersection of 51st and Northern Avenues. A TIP Amendment is needed to allow these projects to proceed, but both projects would be regarded as exempt for which an air quality conformity analysis is not required. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of a TIP Amendment to add the BR funded project in Phoenix and the Safety funded project in Glendale. This item is on the June 22, 2005 Transportation Policy Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5E. Proposed New Federal Functional Classification for Old Litchfield Road, From Indian School Road to Bird Lane

The City of Litchfield Park has requested to raise the functional classification for Old Litchfield Road, Indian School Road to Bird Lane from the current classification of Local Street to Urban Collector. The roadway is regarded as being eligible for reclassification and staff are recommending that MAG concurrence with the City's request should be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee

- 5D. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add a bridge replacement and rehabilitation funded project at 19th Avenue at the Grand Canal in Phoenix and a safety improvement project to the intersection of 51st and Northern Avenues in Glendale to FY 2005.

- 5E. MAG concurrence with Federally classifying Old Litchfield Road from Indian School Road to Bird Lane, as an Urban Collector.

recommended concurrence of this functional classification change. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5F. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes a City of Phoenix request for a Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation project over the Grand Canal at 19th Avenue for FY 2005 and a City of Glendale request for a federally-funded safety improvement project at 51st and Northern Avenues for FY 2005. In addition, as part of the Federal FY 2005 Interim Year End Closeout, the proposed amendment includes new projects and changes to existing projects in the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by June 29, 2005. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5G. Consultant Selection for the MAG Biogenics Study

The Fiscal Year 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes a MAG Biogenics Study to assess the emissions of precursors from plants in the modeling area on the formation of ozone and PM-10. A request for proposals was advertised to improve the MAG biogenic emission estimates for the ozone and PM-10 nonattainment areas. Three proposals were submitted by Sonoma Technology, Inc., Environ International Corporation, and MACTEC Federal Programs, Inc. A multi-jurisdictional review team evaluated the proposals received and recommended to MAG that Environ International Corporation be selected for an amount not to exceed \$99,625. The Management Committee concurred with the review team. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Consultation.

5G. Approval that Environ International Corporation be selected for the MAG Biogenics Study for an amount not to exceed \$99,625.

GENERAL ITEM

*5H. Preparations for Conducting the 2005 Census Survey

At the May 2005 Regional Council meeting, an update on preparations for the 2005 Census Survey was provided. Since that time a number of events have transpired. Address lists have been forwarded to the Census Bureau to reduce the amount of block canvassing field work and help control census costs. The address canvassing operation is nearing completion for the 12 agencies that did not provide address lists. The proposed list of outdoor locations was transmitted to the Census Bureau. A print test of the census questionnaire was conducted, mail materials reviewed and input provided by member agencies. MAG has updated the Census Survey 2005 Web site to include downloads for the regional brochure and frequently asked questions. APS generously printed 100,000 regional census brochures at no cost to MAG. These brochures were distributed to each participating member agency. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Information.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Requested Change for the MAG Regional Freeway Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested a cost increase of about \$17.6 million for the Red Mountain Freeway segment between Power Road and University Drive. The final design for the project is just about complete and revised cost estimates have been prepared. The revised total construction cost for this segment is estimated to be \$144.1 million for the four and one-half mile section. This segment parallels the Central Arizona Project (CAP) canal and the Spook Hill Floodway Retarding Structure. Both of these features create some complications for the freeway construction since the function of the floodway and retarding structure must be maintained, the freeway must be protected

6. Approval of the cost increase for the Red Mountain Freeway from Power Road to University Drive.

against flooding, and maintenance access for the CAP canal and the adjoining electrical transmission lines must be maintained. The Management Committee recommended approval of requested change. This item is on the June 22, 2005 Transportation Policy Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

House Bill 2456, passed in 2004 in association with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Proposition 400, requires "budgeting processes" for the freeway/highway and arterial streets/intersections modes in the RTP be adopted to ensure that the estimated costs for projects in each mode do not exceed the total amount of revenues estimated to be available for that mode (ARS 28-6352). In response to this new requirement, MAG has initiated the development of an Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) and has completed the development of ALCP Policies and Procedures to guide its implementation. The ALCP Policies and Procedures will be considered by the Transportation Policy Committee at its meeting on June 22, 2005. An update will be provided on discussion and action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information, discussion, and possible approval of the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

8. Update on Critical Issues with the Maricopa County Air Programs

At the May 25, 2005 Regional Council meeting, a report was provided on two critical air quality issues that if not addressed could impact the MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan. First, the Environmental Protection Agency had issued a Notice of Deficiency to Maricopa County for the County's Title V Permit Program for industrial sources. Second, the County had only hired seven of the 19 additional employees to strengthen the enforcement of the Maricopa County Dust Control Rules. The Regional

8. Information and discussion.

Council expressed concern and requested that Maricopa County provide monthly updates regarding the progress made on addressing these issues. An update will be provided to the Regional Council.

GENERAL ITEMS

9. Election of Regional Council Officers and Executive Committee Members

The MAG Nominating Committee has recommended a slate of officers for 2005-2006. The MAG officer positions are Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. In accordance with the MAG Nomination Process, three At-Large members were also nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. According to the MAG Nomination Process, the Past Chair of the Regional Council also serves on the Executive Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council 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.

9. Election of the Regional Council officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, and the three At-Large Members as members of the Executive Committee. According to the MAG Nomination Process, the Past Chair of the Regional Council also serves on the Executive Committee.

10. Information.