

April 1, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Terry Ellis, Peoria, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 9, 2003 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at 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 are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. Special parking places marked "MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER" will be reserved for Management Committee members on the fourth and fifth levels of the garage. For those using transit, 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
April 9, 2003**

	<u>COMMITTEE 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 Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. 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.	3. Information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> 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.	5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. <u>Approval of March 12, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approve March 12, 2003 meeting minutes.
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. <u>FY 2002-2003 Annual Transit Performance Report</u> The Annual Transit Performance Report, formerly known as the Short Range Transit Report, is	5B. Recommend acceptance of the RPTA Annual Transit Performance Report, contingent upon any air quality conformity analysis that may be required.
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prepared and updated annually by the Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority on behalf of MAG. In addition to providing recommendations for transit improvements over the next year, the report also includes a summary of the regional transit system's operating characteristics from Fiscal Year 2001-2002. The report was developed using input from MAG member agencies and citizen participation efforts that are normally conducted throughout the year. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Regional Transportation Plan - Phase II Contract Amendment

The MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes a total of \$750,000 for consultant services for Phase II of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). On October 30, 2002, the Regional Council approved contracting with HDR Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000, to assist in the development of the RTP. At that time, it was noted that a portion of the \$250,000 balance might be required later, depending on possible study scope revisions. Certain revisions are now being proposed for the scope that would result in an increase of \$60,000 in the total amount of the contract with HDR. The increased contract amount is needed to cover additional public attitude surveying (\$45,000), and a project video (\$15,000). Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Proposal to Accelerate Certain Segments for Rubberized Asphalt

The Arizona Department of Transportation has been working with MAG member agencies to advance certain segments for the application of rubberized asphalt. These advancements would be considered under the MAG Highway Acceleration Policy adopted by the MAG Regional Council in March 2000. This policy provides for the advancement of projects by members if such accelerations do not impact the scheduled delivery of other projects. On March 27, 2003, the TRC recommended approval of the

5C. Recommend approval to increase the contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Regional Transportation Plan - Phase II, from \$499,917 to an amount not to exceed \$559,917.

5D. Recommend that the proposed accelerations be approved.

proposed accelerations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Requested Changes for the MAG Regional Freeway Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested that a \$1.4 million new project be added to the MAG Regional Freeway Program to provide for additional noise mitigation measures at two locations. The first location is the Price Freeway interchange at Guadalupe Road. The other location is along the Red Mountain Freeway between Center Street and Mesa Drive. The scope of work for these locations primarily includes construction of new noise walls at an estimated cost of \$1.0 million. The proposed project also includes \$400,000 of RARF funding for a screen wall between Mesa Drive and Gilbert Road. Through an IGA with Maricopa County an additional \$1.7 million is being provided for the remaining costs of the screen wall. A review of the net impact of these changes indicate that the cash balances for the MAG Regional Freeway Program are adequate to accommodate the requested changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Recommend approval of the requested change to add the new project to provide additional noise mitigation at the Price Freeway and Guadalupe Road interchange and on the Red Mountain Freeway between Center and Mesa Drive and to provide a portion of the funding for a screen wall on the Red Mountain between Mesa Drive and Gilbert Road.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Update on the MAG High Capacity Transit Study (5 minutes)

On October 30, 2001, the MAG Regional Council approved the IBI Group as the consultant to develop the High Capacity Transit Study. The study evaluated the possible use of existing railroad corridors for commuter rail and identifies other high capacity transit technologies, such as bus rapid transit or light rail, in other high demand corridors in the region. The planning efforts for the High Capacity Transit Study will be integrated with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. Several reports to various committees and groups have been made in developing the High Capacity Transit Study. On March 27, 2003, members of the Transportation

6. Information and discussion.

Review Committee requested that final approval of the study be delayed to have questions addressed. Due to the complexity of the issues addressed in the study, the questions posed by the TRC are being presented at the April Management Committee meeting, with approval being delayed until these questions are addressed, with possible approval in May 2003. This will allow a greater understanding of the study and outstanding issues before it proceeds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Regional Transportation Plan Update (5 minutes)

An update will be provided on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan that is being developed by the Transportation Policy Committee.

7. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

8. 2005 Population Options Status Report (5 minutes)

At the March Management Committee meeting, a status report was given on efforts to provide for a more cost effective method than conducting a full Special Census for deriving a 2005 population count for distributing state-shared revenue. It was reported that the Census Bureau had estimated that the cost of conducting a survey using a higher confidence interval would be about \$12 million, not including advertising or the cost of counting population in Group Quarters. By comparison, a Special Census is estimated to cost \$30 million.

The Census Bureau is currently recalculating the cost of conducting a survey, including the cost of conducting a full count of population in Group Quarters and revising a number of assumptions, to provide as accurate a cost estimate as possible. The Subcommittee has also requested that the Census Bureau include a count of homeless people both in shelters and at street locations in conjunction with the count of population in Group Quarters. These changes are anticipated to result in an increase in the \$12 million cost. The Subcommittee on 2005 Population Options will be meeting on April 4, 2003 to discuss the

8. Information and discussion.

survey option and to obtain an updated cost estimate from the Census Bureau. A status report will be provided on the cost of a survey and pending state legislation that would allow for the use of population estimates or a survey in lieu of a Special Census to derive 2005 population figures for distributing state-shared revenues.

9. Update on the Development of the FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (5 minutes)

At the March Management Committee meeting, a draft copy of the FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Program was presented. It was noted at the meeting that a presentation in April was not planned unless additional issues arose that needed to be discussed. At the March 27, 2003 Transportation Review Committee meeting, certain projects proposed for the FY 2004 Work Program were suggested by some members for deletion from the program. The cities of Goodyear and Phoenix, along with Maricopa County, suggested that the Arterial Street Bottleneck Analysis for \$400,000 be re-evaluated, and consider that local information be used in lieu of the study. The City of Phoenix suggested that Pedestrian Design Guidelines for \$80,000 be deleted. It is proposed that these suggestions be discussed by the Management Committee and guidance be provided for the development of the final Work Program and Annual Budget that will be considered in May. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Maricopa County Interim Resident Population and Employment Projections (5 minutes)

MAG is in the process of updating its Regional Transportation Plan, which needs to be completed shortly. This plan requires socioeconomic projections as input. The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) is responsible for preparing the official state and county control population control totals. However, DES has not yet prepared updated county control totals because of the unavailability of certain census data. DES developed the last

9. Discussion and possible recommendation to delete the Arterial Street Study and Pedestrian Design Guidelines from the draft FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

10. Recommendation to accept the Maricopa County resident population and employment projections for 2010, 2020, 2025, 2030 and 2040 for use as interim projections.

set of official population projections in 1997. Because MAG needs to develop control totals for our socioeconomic projections for the Regional Transportation Plan, MAG staff has developed an updated set of population and employment projections. These projections draw upon work prepared by Arizona State University and the University of Arizona for the Department of Commerce State Economic Strategies Study, and the MAG REMI (Regional Economic Models, Inc.) model. These projections are for 2010, 2020, 2025, 2030 and 2040. These projections will become the interim control totals for a set of subregional socioeconomic projections that will be brought to the Management Committee and Regional Council in May 2003. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Legislative Update (5 minutes)

Staff will provide a legislative report on HB 2292 regarding the half cent sales tax.

12. Comments from the Committee (3 minutes)

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.

11. Information and discussion.

12. Information.