

July 1, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Terry Ellis, Peoria, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, July 9, 2003 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
July 9, 2003**

	<u><b>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</b></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 June 11, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approve the June 11, 2003 meeting minutes.
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## TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

\*5B. Federal Fiscal Year 2003 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

As part of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2003 Interim Close Out, approximately \$13.4 million were recommended for a variety of FFY 2003 projects. Prior to the Regional Council action on June 25, 2003, the City of Peoria requested to defer a project that was recently recommended for additional funds. The funds released by the Peoria deferral total \$890,722. At their June 26, 2003 meeting, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that the City of Peoria should receive \$100,000 in CMAQ funds for the design of a multi-use path underpass and the final design of the light rail should receive the remaining \$800,000 in FFY 2003 Interim Close Out funds. As part of the recommendation for Final Close Out funds, the TRC recommended two contingency projects: the first \$400,000 in funds that become available should be used for the Maricopa County, Gilbert Road and McDowell Road project and any remaining funds should be used for final design of the light rail project. In order to allow Peoria to utilize funds for their design project, an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program is needed to allow the design to proceed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. Proposed Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Transit Projects

As a result of changes in funding within the annual Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill, Valley Metro has reviewed the Federal Transit Administration Grant application that is under development and wishes to adjust the projects in the Annual Grant and in the TIP to ensure that the two programs are in conformance. As a result, Valley Metro has requested a TIP amendment that adds nine new projects and

5B. Recommend allocating \$100,000 in FFY 2003 funds for the design of a multi-use underpass in Peoria and \$800,000 for the final design phase of the light rail project as part of the last remaining interim close out funds; Also, to recommend \$400,000 additional funds for the Maricopa County, Gilbert Road and McDowell Road project as a final close out contingency project with any remaining final close out funds going to light rail final design project, and authorizing an Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the Peoria design project.

5C. Recommend approving an Amendment and an Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects.

deletes four and a TIP amendment is needed to accomplish these changes. In addition, Valley Metro has requested to defer three transit projects and to change the scope of 16 others and a TIP administrative adjustment is needed to accomplish these changes. On June 26, 2003, the Transportation Review Committee recommended a list of projects as described above. Since that time, the City of Phoenix has requested that two park-and-ride projects be removed from the list of deletions. All of the proposed changes may be categorized as exempt projects or minor project revisions for which an air quality conformity analysis is not required. Consultation on the conformity assessment for the proposed changes is considered under a separate agenda item. Please refer to the enclosed material.

#### AIR QUALITY ITEM

\*5D. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested the amendment to add new transit projects and an administrative adjustment to defer, adjust, and delete existing transit projects. In addition, as part of the Federal FY 2003 Year End Final Closeout, an amendment is proposed to add a City of Peoria multi-use underpass design project on New River Road and to increase funding for the final design phase of the light rail project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. For consultation.

#### GENERAL ITEM

\*5E. Regional Annual Report Data Collection Consultant Selection

In May 2003, the Regional Council approved the table of contents for the development of the Regional Annual Report. In addition, in the FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, the Regional Council approved consultant

5E. Recommend the selection of Applied Economics to prepare databases for subdivision, nonresidential parks and infill development activity for the Regional Annual Report, for an amount not to exceed \$48,500.

assistance for the development of the Regional Annual Report. To assist in the data collection for the Report, a Request for Proposals was advertised. A multi-agency review team considered the proposals and reached a consensus that Applied Economics be selected for an amount not to exceed \$48,500. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

#### TRANSPORTATION ITEM

6. Regional Transportation Plan Update

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

6. Information and discussion.

#### AIR QUALITY ITEM

7. Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Boundary

By July 15, 2003, the Governor is required to recommend nonattainment area boundaries for the eight-hour ozone standard to the Environmental Protection Agency. On June 17, 2003, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) presented two boundary options which include portions of Maricopa, Pinal, Gila, and Yavapai counties. On June 19, 2003, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the two boundary options presented by the ADEQ. The Committee then made a strong recommendation to adopt the MAG boundary option absent the ADEQ boundary options. The Committee emphasized that only one boundary should be presented to the Governor for recommendation. On June 25, 2003, the MAG Regional Council recommended the MAG eight-hour ozone boundary option to ADEQ for transmittal to the Governor as the recommended nonattainment area boundary for the eight-hour ozone standard in the Maricopa County area. MAG will continue to work with ADEQ in developing the necessary supporting information

7. Information and discussion.

for the eight-hour boundary option for submittal to the Governor and Environmental Protection Agency. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### GENERAL ITEMS

8. 2005 Population Options Update

In October 2002, the Management Committee established a Subcommittee on 2005 Population Options to investigate more cost-effective alternatives to a Special Census for deriving a 2005 population figure for distributing state-shared revenue. About \$1 billion in state-shared revenue is distributed annually to jurisdictions across the state based upon their most recent Census or Special Census, and a 2005 Special Census is estimated to cost \$30 million. This past legislative session, state law was amended to allow for the use of a Census Survey or a DES 2005 population estimate in lieu of a Special Census. The subcommittee has recommended that the Region undertake a Census Survey at an estimated cost of \$9.4 million. Fifty percent of the cost would be borne by Federal Highway Administration funds, assuming that all MAG member agencies participate in the survey. A method for allocating the remaining \$4.7 million cost among member agencies is currently under discussion.

9. Homeland Security Grant Update

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness is providing financial assistance to selected urban areas through the FY2003 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program II. In Arizona, this grant's funding allocation is approximately \$11,033,467. MAG was approached by Arizona's Office of Homeland Security to act as a point of contact for the urban area, along with the City of Phoenix as the point of contact for the core city and Maricopa County as the point of contact for the core county. An Urban Area Working Group needs to be formed, and will be responsible for the development and implementation of the grant program. This group will be working under tight

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information and discussion.

time frames, with deadlines in September, October and November. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Public Involvement Update

During the past several months, the MAG Public Involvement Team has conducted numerous public meetings and events to collect citizen input on the Regional Transportation Plan. A summary of the input received during these opportunities, including the results of five public workshops held in various areas of the region, will be presented. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Comments from the Committee

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.

10. Information.

11. Information.