

September 8, 2009

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Mark Pentz, Chandler, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 - 12:00 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 also being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue 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. 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.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
September 16, 2009**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. 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. 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.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of 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 (*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of July 8, 2009, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the July 8, 2009, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- *5B. Project Changes – Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The fiscal year (FY) 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007, and the FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was approved on June 24, 2009. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the program. The project change requests related to ADOT projects include new sign and pavement preservation projects, and financial adjustments to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects. The majority of local projects being amended or modified into the FY 2008-2012 TIP are paving dirt road projects. These projects were previously approved by the Regional Council to be amended into a draft TIP. Project changes are needed for local projects in the FY 2010 ALCP to align with the FY 2008-2012 TIP. Due to the timing of producing the FY 2011-2015 TIP, it is necessary to amend/modify the paving and ALCP projects in the current TIP for projects to begin. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the requested changes. Please refer to the attached material.

- 5B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, and the FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

- *5C. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment and administrative modification involves several projects, including Arizona Department of Transportation projects and PM-10 Pave Unpaved Road projects for FY 2011 and FY 2012. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require

- 5C. Consultation.

a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5D. Social Services Block Grant Amendment

The Social Services Block Grant allocation recommendations were approved by the MAG Regional Council in February 2009. In June 2009, MAG received a request from the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to move \$177,775 from the elderly supportive intervention/guidance counseling line item to the elderly home care line item. The request to move funding will assist AAA to maximize the funding that remains after State budget reductions. During the process to develop the original allocations, the MAG Human Services Technical and Coordinating Committees determined elderly supportive intervention/guidance counseling to be a low priority service and elderly home care to be a high priority service. The MAG Human Services Technical Committee (HSTC) recommended approval of the transfer of funds on August 13, 2009. The Human Services Coordinating Committee will consider the HSTC recommendation at its October 20, 2009, meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Vendor Selection for Digital Aerial Photography

In May 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, which included \$40,000 for digital aerial photography for use in planning activities by both MAG and its member agencies. This imagery is purchased on an annual basis and typically includes substantial portions of Pinal County. This year MAG staff was approached by the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) staff to enter into a partnership to issue a single Invitation for Bids. MAG and CAAG would both receive the full imagery acquisition, and CAAG's payment responsibility would be for the Pinal County portion of the imagery. As in past years, this photography will be made available at no charge to MAG member agencies, as well as to CAAG member agencies. On July 22, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved amending the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual

5D. Recommend approval to amend the Social Services Block Grant Plan to transfer funding of \$177,775 from the elderly supportive intervention/guidance counseling line item to the elderly home care line item and to send the revised SSBG allocation recommendations for FY 2010 to the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

5E. Recommend approval that Aerials Express be selected to provide digital aerial photography in an amount of \$71,500, with MAG responsible for \$25,000 and CAAG responsible for \$46,500.

Budget for MAG to accept funds from the Central Arizona Association of Governments for the Pinal County portion of the digital aerial photography. MAG issued the Invitation for Bids on July 24, 2009 and received two bids to provide this product, from Aerials Express and Landiscor Aerial Information. A multi jurisdictional evaluation team reviewed the bids, and unanimously recommended to MAG that the bid from Aerials Express be selected. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. 2010 Census New Construction Program

The 2010 Census is only seven months away. To ensure that all new housing units are counted, jurisdictions need to complete the New Construction program Registration Form. This item is on the agenda to inform Management Committee members that the form needs to be completed by each jurisdiction, signed by the jurisdiction's highest elected official, and returned to the U.S. Census Bureau by its deadline of October 8, 2009. The Registration Form was sent to the highest elected official and census liaison at each member agency in August 2009. The 2010 Census New Construction program will help ensure that the U.S. Census Bureau's address list is as complete as possible by Census Day, April 1, 2010. The New Construction program is the opportunity for every MAG member agency to submit city style mailing addresses for units constructed after the address canvassing operation was completed. MAG will be offering assistance to all agencies participating in the program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Information.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Reallocation of Unused Funds – Policy Options

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The ARRA directs transportation infrastructure funds to both highways and transit agencies in states and metropolitan planning organizations. In February 2009, the MAG

6. Information, discussion and possible recommendation to reprioritize the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Highway project list based on the ability to obligate, and recommend additional policy direction for reprogramming unobligated Local ARRA funds due to unmet obligation deadlines or construction bids under estimate.

Regional Council prioritized Highway projects, including a backup list, to be programmed with ARRA funding and approved specific projects to be funded with ARRA transit funds. On March 25, 2009, the MAG Regional Council established a deadline of November 30, 2009, for the ARRA funds designated to the MAG region for local projects to be obligated. It was noted in the action approved by the Regional Council that funds from projects that are not obligated will be reprogrammed to meet the federal obligation date of March 2, 2010, in order for Arizona to be eligible to receive funding from other states that are unable to obligate their funds.

Subsequent to these actions, MAG staff and member agencies worked together to program all ARRA funds for the region. Per federal regulations, projects are required to undergo a set of federal clearances prior to obligation and advertisement. Bids for initial ARRA funded projects have come in 20 percent to 50 percent below original estimates, and it is anticipated that future bids will follow this trend. This will result in unobligated ARRA funding available for additional projects in Highway, Transit, and Local categories. A status of project development can be found in the latest ARRA monthly report as attached and policy options for allocation of unused ARRA funds are presented in the attached memorandum. This item was on the August agenda of the Transportation Review Committee for information and discussion.

7. Building a Quality Arizona Update

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has been conducting the Building a Quality Arizona (BQAZ) process throughout Arizona. ADOT representatives will provide an update on these activities and will highlight the statewide recommendations that are related to Maricopa County. It is anticipated that the current MAG planning efforts, including the Regional Transportation Plan and its updates, the Hassayampa Valley, the Hidden Valley, and Regional Transit framework studies will be incorporated into this planning effort.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Acceptance of the Interstates 8 and 10-Hidden Valley Transportation Framework Study

As a follow-up to the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Framework Study, MAG and its funding partners, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, Pinal County Public Works, the Town of Buckeye, and the Cities of Goodyear and Maricopa, recognized the need to extend framework planning into southwestern Maricopa County and western Pinal County. Beginning in May 2007, a consultant team began framework planning efforts for a 3,200 square mile study area bounded by Gila River on the north, SR-87 and Overfield Road on the east in Pinal County, the Tohono O'Odham Indian Community and Barry Goldwater Range on the south, and 459th Avenue on the west in Maricopa County. This study is the second framework effort in the MAG region since the conception of the regional freeway network in 1960 and the Hassayampa Study in 2008, to establish a network of transportation facilities to meet the buildout travel demand. The Transportation Review Committee, MAG Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee, and MAG Regional Council received a briefing on the project's framework recommendation for the Hidden Valley study area. Acceptance of the study recommendations is requested. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Recommendation to (1) accept the findings of the Interstates 8 and 10-Hidden Valley Transportation Framework Study as the surface and public transportation framework for the Hidden Valley area of the MAG region that is bounded by the Gila River on the north, SR-87 and Pinal County on the east, the Tohono O'Odham Indian Community and the Barry Goldwater Range on the south, and 459th Avenue on the west; (2) adopt a two-mile traffic interchange spacing policy for new freeway facilities within the Hidden Valley area with appropriate planning for non-access crossing of the freeway facilities to facilitate local transportation improvements; (3) accept the findings and implementation strategies as described in the study for inclusion as long-range unfunded illustrative corridors in the Regional Transportation Plan; (4) recommend the affected jurisdictions within the Hidden Valley study area incorporate the study's recommendations into future updates of their general plans; and (5) coordinate this acceptance with the tribal councils of the Gila River and AK Chin Indian Communities.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

9. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

At the June 10, 2009 MAG Management Committee meeting, discussion took place on the implications of delaying the expenditure of MAG Federal Funds. In addition to projects listed in the Transportation Improvement Program, street sweepers were given as an example. In some cases approved sweeper projects have taken up to three years to request reimbursement. The delay in requesting reimbursement for street sweepers results in obligated federal funds being carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Federal Highway

9. Information and discussion.

Administration has expressed concern regarding the amount of obligated funds being carried forward in the Work Program. To assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds, MAG is requesting that street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement be requested by the agency within one year plus ten calendar days from the date of the MAG authorization letter. The status of remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement is provided. Periodic updates will be provided on the status of the reimbursement requests. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

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.

12. Adjournment

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information.