

November 17, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR A
SPECIAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting - 12:00 Noon
Tuesday, November 25, 2003
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE THAT MEETING TIME AND DAY VARY FROM THE USUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

A special meeting of the MAG Regional Council meeting has been scheduled at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Supporting information is enclosed for your review. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Lunch will be provided.

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 SPECIAL MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
November 25, 2003**

COUNCIL 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 Regional Council 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 Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.

4. Final Regional Transportation Plan Input Opportunity Report and Addendum III

— A presentation will be given on public comment received during the Final Phase of the Regional Transportation Plan. These comments are recorded, along with staff responses, in the Final Regional Transportation Plan Input Opportunity Report. The report will include Addendum III, which will summarize comments received during the November 21, 2003 public hearing and include comments on the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

3. Information.

4. Acceptance of the Final Regional Transportation Plan Input Opportunity Report, including Addendum III, which includes comments on the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Plan.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

5. Finding of Conformity for the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft Regional Transportation Plan

The Draft 2003 Conformity Analysis concludes that the Draft Special Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. Following a 30-day public review and comment period, a public hearing is scheduled for November 21, 2003 on the draft TIP, Regional Transportation Plan, and Conformity Analysis. On November 24, 2003, the MAG Air Quality Technical

5. Approval of the Finding of Conformity for the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft Regional Transportation Plan.

Advisory Committee is scheduled to make a recommendation on the conformity analysis. Approval of the conformity finding by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and RTP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Approval of the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year, MAG develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists all required transportation related projects in the MAG region. This Special TIP serves as a four-year regional guide for the preservation, management and expansion of public transportation services, including highways, ridesharing, transit facilities and various congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects. The MAG Regional Council approved the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP on October 22, 2003 for the purpose of conducting a conformity analysis. This analysis is now complete, and a public hearing on the draft TIP, Regional Transportation Plan, and Conformity Analysis is scheduled for November 21, 2003. Since the October 22nd meeting, additional changes have been requested by some member agencies and these are included in Errata Sheet 04-5. None of these changes affect the air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan and Certification of the Plan to the Legislature and the Governor

The Regional Council approved the Draft Regional Transportation Plan for a conformity analysis on September 24, 2003. Since the September meeting, the air quality conformity analysis has been conducted and a 30-day public review has been initiated. On November 12, 2003, the Transportation Policy Committee unanimously recommended that the Plan be approved and certified to the Legislature and the Governor, with these actions contingent upon the approval of the air quality conformity analysis. The Regional Council will be requested to approve the Plan and certify the Plan to the Legislature and the Governor pursuant to the requirements of HB 2292. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Approval of the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

7. Approve the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans, and certify the Plan to the Legislature and the Governor.