

May 14, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguario Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

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.

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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.

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

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
May 22, 2002**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>	
<p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>	
<p>3. <u>Approval of April 24, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u></p>	<p>3. Review and approve April 24, 2002 meeting minutes.</p>
<p>4. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council 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 Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.</p>	<p>4. For information.</p>
<p>5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.</p>	<p>5. For information and discussion.</p>
<p>6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>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, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p>	<p>6. Approve the Consent Agenda.</p>

ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

<p>*7. <u>Consultant Selection for the MAG Regional Concept of Transportation Operations</u></p> <p>The MAG Planning Work Program includes a consultant project to develop a concept of</p>	<p>7. Approval of Kimley-Horn and Associates to develop the MAG Regional Concept of Transportation Operations for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.</p>
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transportation operations for the MAG region. A request for proposals was advertised and four qualifying proposals were received. The Management Committee recommended that Kimley-Horn and Associates develop the project for an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEM

*8. Approval of Social Services Block Grant Fund Recommendations, State Fiscal Year 2002-2003

On April 18, 2002, the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee recommended approval of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2002-2003 funding recommendations for the locally planned Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) totaling \$4,090,579. This represents a \$662,019 reduction from the 2001-2002 MAG SSBG Plan due to cuts to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds transferred to the Council of Governments in 2002 and a reduction in the state allocation of SSBG. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Coordinating Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Approval of the priority needs, services and SSBG funding recommendations for SFY 2002-2003 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security for advertisement and contracting.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

9. FY 2002-2006 Short Range Transit Report

The Short Range Transit Report (SRTR) is prepared and updated by Regional Public Transportation Authority on behalf of MAG. In addition to providing recommendations for transit improvements over the next five years, the report also includes a summary of the regional transit system's operating characteristics from FY 2000-2001. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Approval of the FY 2002-2006 Short Range Transit Report contingent upon a finding of conformity for the MAG FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program.

GENERAL ITEMS

10. Draft FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year MAG develops a Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The purpose of the document is to provide member agencies, grantors, and the public with the Regional Council's policy direction and fiscal commitments in the agency's regional planning efforts. This year, budget workshops were held in February, and the Work Program and Annual Budget was discussed at the March 20, 2002 Executive Committee meeting. On April 4, 2002, the Work Program and Annual Budget was reviewed by State and Federal Agencies at the Intermodal Planning Group meeting.

For FY 2003, the member dues and assessments were adjusted to reflect population growth and inflation. The proposed member dues for FY 2003 total \$174,587. The proposed assessments for FY 2003 include Solid Waste - \$33,574; Water Quality - \$101,378; 911 - \$124,258; Human Services - \$62,389 and Homeless Prevention - \$52,000, for a total of \$373,599.

At the May 8, 2002 Management Committee meeting the Work Program and Annual Budget was reviewed. Some members expressed interest in reserving funding in the budget for new regional development positions, but to defer proceeding with these positions until the Regional Council authorizes MAG to proceed. Members also indicated that these matters would be considered by the Regional Council. Following this discussion, a weighted vote to approve the Budget and Work Program was requested. The agency portion of the weighted vote was 17 yes, 6 no, 2 abstentions. The weighted vote portion was 41 yes, 60 no, 11 abstentions. With both portions for a vote required to pass, the vote failed. The Executive Committee is scheduled to consider the Work Program and Annual Budget at their May 20, 2002 meeting. The recommendation of the Executive Committee will be forwarded to the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Possible action to approve the resolution adopting the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments and to amend the FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2002 Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate the FY 2002 Surface Transportation Improvement Program funds identified in the FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

11. Approval to Begin Implementation of Regional Town Hall Meetings

On November 29, 2001, the MAG Governance Task Force unanimously recommended that MAG hold regional town hall meetings with a specific invitation list for the purpose of advising the Regional Council on goals and policies. This recommendation was considered at the retreats of the Management Committee and Regional Council. The members at the Regional Council Retreat unanimously forwarded the town hall meeting recommendation to the Regional Council. The Management Committee recommended proceeding with the Town Hall and having the Regional Council form a subcommittee of Regional Council members to develop the goals, policies and budget for the annual Regional Town Hall Meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. Consideration of Apache Junction as a MAG Member Agency

As part of the MAG Governance Task Force recommendations, the issue of granting MAG membership to the City of Apache Junction was discussed. The Task Force recommended extending membership to local governments in the contiguous urbanized area. This recommendation, which would apply to the City of Apache Junction, was discussed at the Management Committee and Regional Council Retreats. Apache Junction is currently included in the MAG Transportation Improvement Program and is part of the Nonattainment Area for PM-10. The Management Committee recommended granting MAG membership to Apache Junction. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Amendment to the MAG Bylaws Clarifying ADOT and CTOC Voting Responsibilities on the Executive Director Annual Evaluation and Updating References to the MAG Executive Director

At the March 20, 2002 Executive Committee meeting, the voting responsibilities of the Regional Council members from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Citizen's Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) were discussed. The Executive Committee recommended that the MAG By-Laws be amended to clarify their

11. Approval for MAG to proceed with implementing an annual Regional Town Hall Meeting to advise the Regional Council on goals and policies and for the Regional Council to form a subcommittee of Regional Council members to develop the goals, policies and budget for the annual Regional Town Hall Meeting.

12. Approval to grant MAG membership to the City of Apache Junction and direction to prepare a draft By-Laws amendment.

13. Approval of the amendment to the MAG By-Laws regarding ADOT and CTOC voting responsibilities.

voting responsibilities. Please refer to the enclosed material.