

February 20, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28, 2007
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

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.

Please park in the garage underneath the 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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If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 28, 2007**

	<u>COUNCIL 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 Regional Council on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. 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. 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.	3. Information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. <u>Approval of the January 31, 2007 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approval of the January 31, 2007 meeting minutes.
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Project List for the Arizona Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program

A total of \$400,000 statewide is available for projects through the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Safe Routes to School Program. The program provides funding to public and non-profit agencies for projects that improve road safety and encourage more grade K-8 children to walk or bike to their neighborhood schools. In this first year of the program, the focus is on education, training and encouragement. In response to an announcement in November 2006, a number of project applications were submitted in the MAG region. The ADOT application review process stipulates that MPOs and COGs must recommend a ranked list of projects to ADOT by March 2, 2007. On January 30, 2007, the MAG Transportation Safety Committee reviewed all project proposals, and generated a ranked list for consideration by ADOT. The Management Committee recommended approval of the ranked list for submission to ADOT. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) – Status Report

Each quarter, MAG staff provides member agencies with an update on projects in the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP). This is the fourth Status Report (covering the period from October to December 2006) for the ALCP. The Status Report includes an update on ALCP Project work, and ALCP revenue/financial section, information about ALCP amendments and administrative adjustments, and the remaining FY 2007 ALCP schedule. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Proposed Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-December 13, 2006 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP)

The latest FY 2007 ALCP was approved by MAG Regional Council on December 13, 2006. Since that time, projects have been identified that need to do a scope change, change project schedules, and lower and adjust the regional reimbursement amounts in FY 2007. An amendment is needed to

5B. Approval of the ranked list of projects to be submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program.

5C. Information and discussion.

5D. Approval of the Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007 – December 13, 2006 ALCP.

do a scope change and change a project schedule, and an administrative adjustment is needed to adjust the project reimbursement amounts due to lower actual costs. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of this item. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Selection of CMAQ Funded Dirt Road Paving Projects for FY 2008 and 2009

A total of \$2 million in CMAQ funds has been programmed in FY 2008 for the paving of dirt roads in the MAG region and \$3.5 million for FY 2009. The Transportation Review Committee and Management Committee have recommended six projects to utilize the funds available. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Approval that three pave dirt facility projects in Phoenix, Litchfield Park and Surprise be awarded CMAQ funds in FY 2008 and that another three pave dirt facility projects in Phoenix (2) and Surprise be awarded CMAQ funds in FY 2009, as shown in the attached tables.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5F. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application Process for the MAG Region

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness is the responsible entity for a year round homeless planning process. This includes the submittal of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the Maricopa Region. The release of the 2007 application is anticipated in the next few months. Since 1999, \$106 million has been awarded to the MAG region. In 2005, the region received more than \$20 million for 48 homeless service providers, and it is anticipated that our region will be awarded comparably in 2006. This information is being presented to inform MAG member agencies of the application process and of the opportunity to apply for this funding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Information and discussion.

*5G. Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan Short-Term Strategies

In June 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved the development of a plan to coordinate human services transportation in compliance with new

5G. Approval of the Human Services Transportation Plan Short-Term Strategies.

SAFETEA-LU regulations. These regulations state that any agency applying for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds, New Freedom funds or for the 5310 Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program must demonstrate they are in compliance with a locally developed coordination plan. These three funding sources cannot be accessed unless such a plan is in place as of July 1, 2007. A stakeholders group with representatives from MAG member agencies, transportation providers and non-profit agencies is in the process of developing a plan for the MAG region. Short-term strategies have been identified for the 5310 application process that begins in March. This item is presented so that the 5310 application process may proceed in a timely manner. The same short-term strategies would also apply for the JARC and New Freedom applications later this year. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5H. 2005 Census Survey Cost Allocations

In December 2003, the MAG Regional Council approved the methodology used to allocate 2005 Census Survey costs among member agencies. At the January 30, 2007 MAG Census Survey Oversight Subcommittee (CSOS) meeting, members recommended applying the approved methodology to the final census costs. For three jurisdictions, the costs to be incurred were 6-13 times higher than originally estimated because their population growth was slightly higher than the 3.6 percent growth rate used in the approved method. As a result, their cost was based on share of sample size rather than share of population. Due to concerns raised at the CSOS meeting, MAG staff developed an alternative cost allocation. At the February 14, 2007 MAG Management Committee meeting, members recommended adjusting the cost allocation recommended by CSOS to hold harmless member agencies with a population less than 25,000 and a growth rate less than six percent in the 2005 Census Survey. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Approval to adjust the cost allocation recommended by CSOS to hold harmless member agencies with a population less than 25,000 and a growth rate less than six percent in the 2005 Census Survey.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

AIR QUALITY ITEM

6. Air Quality Update

An Air Quality Update will be provided on the Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and the Eight-Hour Ozone Plan which are due to the Environmental Protection Agency in 2007. A recent court ruling vacated EPA's Phase I Eight-Hour Ozone Implementation Rule, which included the classification of the nonattainment areas. Also, on January 8, 2007, an Air Quality Executive Order was issued which requires the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to develop an Air Quality Improvement Action Plan by March 31, 2007 and to develop requirements for State agency Air Quality Impact Reports on proposed State funded transportation projects in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal counties. In addition, Maricopa County has launched a new Public Education Campaign designed to inform the public about what they can do to reduce particulate pollution. The campaign, *Bring Back Blue*, contains a list of twelve actions the public can do to reduce particulate pollution. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

7. Update on the Regional Office Center

On March 29, 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved the preliminary site selection of the McKinley and 1st Avenue site and authorized MAG to obtain financial, legal and program management services for the Regional Office Center. Since that time, MAG staff and the partnering agencies have worked with the developer and the architects to complete a schematic design package. In addition, a value engineering process was performed to develop an estimated cost for the Regional Office Center. On January 8, 2007, the MAG Executive Committee and Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) were provided an update on the cost estimate based on the schematic design package. The Executive Committee and BLWG suggested that staff move forward to the boards of directors of the partnering agencies with the cost estimates. This item was on the partnering agencies'

7. Approval to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding with Kaye/Ryan to acquire land and construct a building with four regional agencies; MAG, Valley Metro, Valley Metro Rail (VMR), and Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) with MAG paying an estimated average annual cost of \$3.9 million over 30 years and receiving proportional parking and access to the conference center; and provide additional information on the total financial impact to the partnering agency members, the revenue funding source(s), as well as reporting the tenant improvement (TI) and operating costs separate from the total cost of the project.

Management Committee and Board of Directors meeting agendas for February. All four agencies' Management Committees recommended moving forward with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). They also requested additional information on the fiscal impact, as well as the impact on funding sources. Both a draft MOU and the additional information will be provided at the March meetings. An update on the project and the discussions at these meetings will be provided to the MAG Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in April and approved by the Regional Council in May. To provide an early start in developing the Work Program and Budget, this presentation is an overview of MAG's draft proposed new projects for the FY 2008 Work Program. The updated draft budget time line and estimated dues and assessments are included in the budget materials. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

10. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council 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.

8. Input on the development of the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

9. Information, discussion and possible action.

10. Information.