

November 5, 2002

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, November 13, 2002, 5:00 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call.

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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Refreshments and a light dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865, or Dennis Smith, MAG Interim Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>	
<p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>	
<p>3. <u>Approval of October 23, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u></p>	<p>3. Review and approve October 23, 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 Committee regarding items on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.</p>	<p>4. Information.</p>
<p>5A. <u>Public Involvement Efforts</u></p> <p>Staff will provide a report on the public involvement process for receiving public input on the drafting of the Regional Transportation Plan.</p>	<p>5A. Information and discussion.</p>
<p>5B. <u>Request for Qualifications for the Transportation Policy Committee Information Program</u></p> <p>At the October 23, 2002 TPC meeting, further review of the consultants for the Transportation Policy Committee Information Program was requested. On October 31, 2002, a review group, consisting of TPC members and MAG staff, conducted a second interview of the three firms that responded to the Request for Qualifications. Following these interviews, the firm of SR Beard and Associates is being recommended to conduct the TPC Information Program. If recommended by the TPC, this item will be considered at the November 21, 2002 Executive Committee meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.</p>	<p>5B. Recommendation to authorize the MAG Interim Executive Director to negotiate a contract with SR Beard and Associates to implement a TPC Information Program for an amount to be recommended by the TPC.</p>
<p>5C. <u>Transportation Plan Advisor Discussion of Transportation Plan Challenges</u></p> <p>At the October 23, 2002 TPC meeting, the firm of Cantelme, Kaasa and Associates was recommended to serve as the Transportation Plan Advisor. An overview will be provided by the firm regarding</p>	<p>5C. Information and discussion.</p>

lessons learned in plan development from other elections and a discussion of the strategy for the development of the MAG RTP.

5D. Discussion of Public Involvement Activities Under Transportation Plan Phase II

Under Phase II of the Regional Transportation Plan, certain public involvement activities are planned. Included in the activities are public polling activities, focus groups and public involvement meetings. The HDR Engineering Inc. team will be prepared to discuss how these activities will be incorporated into the overall public involvement strategy.

6. Conceptual Scope of Work for Regional Transportation Plan Phase II

At the October 23, 2002 Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting, the consulting firm HDR Engineering, Inc. was recommended to conduct Phase II of the Regional Transportation Plan. This recommendation was approved at the October 30, 2002 Regional Council meeting. Representatives of HDR will review the conceptual scope of work with the members of the TPC to ensure that the overall direction of Phase II is in accord with the expectations of the members. The scope of work submitted with the Request for Qualifications is attached for review by the TPC. This scope is in the process of being refined by HDR and the MAG staff. Part of the refinement of the scope will be to coordinate the public involvement tasks with the other consultants. Input on the conceptual scope of work by the TPC is requested. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Business Coalition Report

A representative of the Business Coalition will report on the Coalition's position to support additional funding for transportation and how the Coalition and the TPC can work together.

8. Air Quality Update

At the September Transportation Policy Committee retreat, issues with the lawsuit filed by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest were discussed. On October 21, 2002, the Center submitted its brief, which challenges the

5D. For information and discussion.

6. Information, discussion and concurrence on the overall direction of the scope of work for Phase II of the RTP.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

Environmental Protection Agency approval of the Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. If the plan approval is vacated, federal transportation funds could be lost and major transportation projects could be stopped unless the situation is remedied. It was the consensus of the Committee that a unified strategy should be developed for effective representation for the region. Staff will provide a report on the progress to date. Please refer to the enclosed material.