

March 13, 2007

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 - 4:00 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. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

Please park in the garage under the building. 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 snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 262-7441, or Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
March 21, 2007**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>		
<p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>		
<p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee 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 Transportation Policy 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.</p>	<p>3. Information.</p>	
<p>4. <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, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).</p>	<p>4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.</p>	

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

<p>*4A. <u>Approval of January 17, 2007 Meeting Minutes</u></p>		<p>4A. Review and approval of the January 17, 2007 meeting minutes.</p>
<p>*4B. <u>Response to U.S. Department of Transportation Congestion Initiative</u></p> <p>On December 8, 2006, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued a notice of solicitation for applications to enter into urban partnership agreements (UPA) as part of the Congestion Initiative to demonstrate strategies for</p>		<p>4B. Information and discussion.</p>

reducing traffic congestion. A program has been announced under the UPA that would provide funding support for carrying out operational tests using Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) applications to mitigate congestion. Approximately \$100 million will be made available nationwide for the implementation of selected ITS projects over three years. Two applications are being prepared by a team led by the Arizona Department of Transportation and MAG. The first would seek to qualify the MAG region as an Urban Partner, and the second would seek funds for a corridor project for utilizing ITS technology solutions to better manage the travel demand and traffic flow in the I-10 corridor from I-17 to Loop 303. The USDOT grant is estimated to be in the range of \$10 to \$15 million. This item is on the agenda to inform the TPC of this opportunity. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Report on ADOT Litter Pickup and Landscape Maintenance Program

Enhanced litter control and landscape maintenance efforts were funded as part of Proposition 400. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has increased the frequency of litter pickups and landscape maintenance along freeways in the MAG region. A report of the progress made to date, a review of performance indicators, and the current and proposed budget for these activities will be provided by ADOT.

6. Proposition 400 Noise Mitigation Funding

Proposition 400 provided \$75 million for noise mitigation along the freeways within the MAG region. A substantial portion of this funding has been used to complete the rubberized asphalt program that was not included as part of the initial round of the ADOT quiet paving program. The balance of the funding was to be used for neighborhood noise mitigation measures, in particular, for neighborhoods that are not likely to receive additional noise mitigation as part of planned freeway improvement projects. A summary of the current status of the rubberized

5. Information and discussion.

6. Information, discussion and possible action to provide staff guidance on how the noise mitigation funds should be administered, general criteria that should be established, and the desired role of the TPC in managing the program.

asphalt program and the level of funding that is available for other noise mitigation projects will be provided. Guidance is needed from the Transportation Policy Committee on how the noise mitigation funds should be administered, general criteria that should be established, and the desired role of the TPC in managing the program.

7. MAG Freeway Construction Status Report

The Arizona Department of Transportation is responsible for the implementation of the freeway component of Proposition 400. ADOT staff will brief the committee on the progress to date, upcoming construction activities, and address any issues from the TPC.

8. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.