

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
CHAIR AGENDA
May 16, 2007**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is now called to order.

Quorum = 9 Regional Council members.

Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, Chair
Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Vice Chair
Councilmember Ron Aames, Peoria
Kent Andrews, Salt River Pima-Maricopa IC
Roc Arnett, CTOC
Councilmember Gail Barney, Queen Creek
Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert
Mayor Bobby Bryant, Buckeye
Mayor James Cavanaugh, Goodyear
Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler
Councilmember Cliff Elkins, Surprise
Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe
Joe Lane, State Transportation Board
Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale
Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale
Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale
Supervisor Max W. Wilson, Maricopa County

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2-A. Participation Via Telephone

Participating by telephone tonight:

- **Councilman Gail Barney.**
- **Mayor Elaine Scruggs.**

Please turn on your microphones when speaking so they can hear you.

2-B. Agenda Announcements

I have one agenda announcement:

- **For agenda item #8, a bill summary chart is at your place.**

2-C. Transit Tickets & Parking Validation

Transit tickets are available for those who used transit to come to the meeting. Parking garage ticket validators are available on each side of the room.

2-D. Public Comment Cards

To members of the public who would like to comment,

Please fill out blue cards for Call to the Audience agenda item and yellow cards for items that are on the agenda for action.

Turn them in to MAG staff members who will bring them to me.

3. Call to the Audience

3. Information.

An opportunity is 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.

(Call forward members of the public who have filled out blue comment cards.)

MINUTES

4. Approval of March 21, 2007 Meeting Minutes

4. Review and approval of the March 21, 2007 meeting minutes.

Are there any changes to the minutes?

THREE MINUTES COMMENT.

(Call forward those who filled out a yellow card to comment on agenda item #4.)

(Request a motion to approve the minutes)

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

- 5. Proposed Major Amendment to Delete SR 153 from the MAG Regional Transportation Plan

Eric Anderson

The City of Phoenix and the Arizona Department of Transportation have been working with MAG staff to analyze the impact of removing SR 153 (Sky Harbor Expressway) from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and using the available funding for improvements to SR 143. SR 153 has been part of the MAG regional freeway system since 1985 and was included in the MAG RTP and Proposition 400. Since the RTP was approved, substantial studies have been conducted related to the improvements of I-10 (the I-10 Collector - Distributor road system) and related to access to the airport. These analyses indicate that the original concept for SR 153 no longer is an effective facility in terms of the connection with I-10 at 40th Street and in providing access to Sky Harbor. Furthermore, the current egress from Sky Harbor does not have a connection to SR 143 causing considerable concern for travelers exiting the airport who want to access I-10 and the southeast valley. The proposed change is a major amendment and, as such, requires that the statutory consultation process be followed. This item is on the May 9, 2007 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 6. Proposition 400 Noise Mitigation Funding

Eric Anderson

- 5. Information, discussion and recommendation to consult with the State Transportation Board, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, the Indian Communities, the cities and towns in Maricopa County, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee, as required by A.R.S. 28-6353, on the proposal to delete SR 153 from the Regional Transportation Plan and to shift the available funding for improvements to SR 143.

THREE MINUTES COMMENT.

(CALL FORWARD THOSE WHO FILLED OUT A YELLOW CARD FOR AGENDA ITEM #5)

- 6. Information, discussion and possible action to recommend that MAG solicit projects from

At the March 2007 TPC meeting, an overview and discussion occurred about the Proposition 400 Noise Mitigation Funds. Based on the overall approach that was outlined at the meeting, a draft of possible uses, process, and evaluation to identify possible noise mitigation projects has been prepared. Approximately \$20 million is available for this program. Upon approval of the approach by the TPC, MAG would send out a request for projects for this funding. After the projects are submitted to MAG, a report will provided to the TPC that outlines the requests submitted and recommendations for project funding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

MAG member agencies for noise mitigation projects.

THREE MINUTES COMMENT.

(CALL FORWARD THOSE WHO FILLED OUT A YELLOW CARD FOR AGENDA ITEM #6)

7. Building a Quality Arizona

Dennis Smith

The Chairs and Directors of the Arizona Councils of Governments (COGs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) (Arizona COG/MPO Association), as well as business leaders, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and representatives from the Governor’s Office, have been participating in a series of meetings to address statewide transportation needs. An update on this planning effort will be provided.

7. Information and discussion.

NOT FOR ACTION.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS TAKEN AT CALL TO THE AUDIENCE.

8. Legislative Update

Matthew Clark

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

THREE MINUTES COMMENT IF ACTION IS TAKEN.

Thank you for attending the meeting tonight. The meeting is now adjourned.