

May 13, 2009

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Steve Berman, Gilbert, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
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.

For those attending in person, 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 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
May 20, 2009**

		<u>COMMITTEE 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 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.	3. Information.
4.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> 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 (*).	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A.	<u>Approval of the April 15, 2009, Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approval of the April 15, 2009, meeting minutes.
*4B.	<u>Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 - Arterial Life Cycle Program Regional Area Road Fund Closeout</u> The Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) Closeout Process was established in Section 260 of the	4B. Recommend approval of advancing reimbursements from fiscal year (FY) 2012 to FY 2009 in the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) for the selected Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) Closeout Projects: Queen Creek Road from

Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council. A financial analysis of ALCP revenues and expenditures as well as the ALCP bonding program was conducted. After reviewing the output of the analysis, MAG staff recommended that two eligible projects be reimbursed in the FY 2009 ALCP RARF Closeout Process. The MAG Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007, and the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was most recently approved by the Regional Council on April 22, 2009. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 TIP that were heard and recommended for approval by the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) are listed in Table A. These include two new projects funded with federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and federal aid projects that are requesting to be deferred to a later year in the TIP. The proposed administrative modifications to the FY 2009 ALCP that were heard and recommended for approval by the TRC are listed in Table B, which are reimbursement changes to ALCP projects located in Scottsdale. These funding modifications do not negatively impact ALCP reimbursements in FY 2009, nor increase or decrease overall committed regional reimbursement amounts. Since the TRC met, there were requests to add and modify projects which are noted in Table C and include transportation enhancement projects funded

Arizona Avenue to McQueen Road for \$6.076 million and Lake Pleasant Parkway from Union Hills Drive to Dynamite Road for \$4.793 million, totaling \$10.869 million, and amend the FY 2009 ALCP and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, as necessary.

4C. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, as shown in the attached tables.

with ARRA funds, local projects funded with ARRA, reprogramming of a project, and other project modifications. On May 13, 2009, the Management Committee recommended approval of Tables A, B, and C. Since the Management Committee meeting, there have been additional requests for project changes for federal bridge and ARRA funded projects, which are included in Table D. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Development of the FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures (Policies) require MAG staff to maintain a fiscally balanced program and to update ALCP project information on an annual basis. In addition, the Policies established procedures in the event of a revenue shortfall in the program. MAG staff will provide an overview of the established procedures, current programming efforts, and other pertinent factors affecting the development of the FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program.

6. Proposal to Advance the Design and Right of Way for a Portion of the Williams Gateway Freeway

Mesa has requested consideration of a proposal to advance the design and right of way acquisition for the segment of the Williams Gateway Freeway from the Santan Freeway to Ellsworth Road. A request to accelerate the design, right of way and construction of this segment was approved by the MAG Regional Council in January 2009. The legislature subsequently swept the funds that had been designated for the interest expense for the accelerated project. Mesa is now requesting that only the design and right of way be accelerated and that the funding that has been programmed for the advanced acquisition of right of way in the corridor be used to cover the interest expense associated with the financing necessary to accelerate the design and

5. Information and discussion.

6. Recommend approval of the Mesa request to advance the design and right of way of an interim connection of the Williams Gateway Freeway between the Santan Freeway and Ellsworth Road by approximately three years to be incorporated into the draft FY 2010 to FY 2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan and that the program funds allocated to the Williams Gateway Freeway for advanced right of way acquisition be used instead to pay for the interest expense associated with the proposed acceleration, and authorize the MAG Executive Director to enter into an agreement with ADOT and Mesa.

right of way activity. In the currently adopted Freeway Life Cycle Program, \$8 million is programmed for right of way protection for FY 2009 through FY 2012. The request to accelerate the design and right of way would allow the acquisition of the needed property at current land values and could take advantage of extremely attractive interest rates. On May 13, 2009, the Management Committee recommended approval of the request. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Portion, MAG Sub-Allocation, Transportation Enhancement Portion, and MAG Region Transit Funds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Act directs transportation infrastructure funds to both highway and transit agencies in states and metropolitan planning organizations. On March 25, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the necessary Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project changes for ADOT-led freeway projects and MAG regional transit projects that are programmed with ARRA funds. On April 22, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the necessary TIP project changes for the majority of the local projects funded with ARRA funds. An update will be provided regarding project development for the MAG sub-allocated transportation ARRA funds, the status of the highway and transit funded ARRA projects, and any new developments.

8. Transportation Planning Update - Proposition 400 Regional Freeway Program

The Committee will receive an update on the strategies identified by MAG staff to address the funding gap in the Regional Freeway Program. Topics covered within this presentation include an update on cost saving proposals in the SR-202L/South Mountain Freeway and SR-303L

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corridors. The update will conclude with a presentation on overall strategies and scenarios for meeting the Regional Freeway funding gap, based on the corridor-specific cost savings, data collected from the Central Phoenix Peer Review Group, discussions with ADOT and their Management Consultants, and MAG staff recommendations.

9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

9. Information, discussion and possible action.