

June 9, 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, June 17, 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  
June 17, 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 May 20, 2009, Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approval of the May 20, 2009, meeting minutes.
*4B.	<u>Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP)</u>  The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies 94 arterial street projects to receive funding from	4B. Recommend approval of the Draft FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program contingent on a new Finding of Conformity for the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update and FY

the regional sales tax extension and from MAG federal funds. The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) provides information for 93 of the original 94 projects spanning a 20-year life cycle. Information contained in the ALCP includes project location, regional funding, fiscal year (FY) of work, type of work, status of project and the lead agency. As part of the ALCP process, Lead Agencies update project information annually, at a minimum. MAG staff has programmed the Draft FY 2010 ALCP based on the information provided by Lead Agencies and from projected revenue streams from the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF), MAG Surface Transportation Program funds (STP-MAG), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

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

The fiscal year (FY) 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The majority of the requested changes are related to modifying transit projects and the costs related to 2009. These modifications are needed to match the transit grant applications. The other requested project changes involve adding three new federal-aid Safe Routes to School projects, modifying costs for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded projects, modifying the project schedule for ADOT led projects, including projects related to the federal FY 2009 Closeout, and doing the technical amendment to add the Phoenix Sky Train project into the TIP. These requests were recommended for approval by the Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

2010-2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, which will be finalized in January 2010.

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

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. 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.

6. Regional Freeway and Highway Program: Proposition 400 Update

At the May meeting, the Committee received an update and presentation on a tentative scenario for bridging the \$6.6 billion gap in the Regional Freeway and Highway Program. The scenario is based upon four principles: (1) identifying key program management strategies that can be implemented based on recent lower construction and right-of-way costs; (2) conducting value engineering for SR-202L/South Mountain and SR-303L to identify potential savings, yet maintain high levels of safety and capacity; (3) carrying forward critical widening projects in the urban core and building out the metropolitan high occupancy vehicle (HOV) system; and (4) deferring select add general purpose lane projects, corridors, and traffic interchanges slated

5. Information and discussion.

6. Information, discussion, and possible action to provide direction in bridging the \$6.6 billion gap in the Regional Freeway and Highway Program for future incorporation of a tentative scenario into the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

for later phases of the Regional Transportation Plan to a future phase or when program revenues return. In this presentation, staff will provide the Committee with additional details about the tentative scenario. It includes a project listing of the Regional Freeway and Highway Program projects that identifies the present Regional Transportation Plan action and the proposed action as recommended by this tentative scenario. At the conclusion of the presentation, staff will request Committee comments on the tentative scenario and potential action for direction in bridging the \$6.6 billion gap in the Regional Freeway and Highway Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

7. Information, discussion and possible action.