

February 9, 2005

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, February 16, 2005 - 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 Compass Bank 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 (623) 930-2262, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 16, 2005**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| <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 November 17, 2004 Meeting Minutes</u></p> | <p>4. Review and approve the November 17, 2004 meeting minutes.</p> |
| <p>5. <u>Conformity Consultation</u></p> <p>MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment includes Arizona Department of Transportation projects and a City of Peoria transportation Enhancement funded project for addition to FY 2005. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. Please refer to the enclosed material.</p> | <p>5. For consultation.</p> |
| <p>6. <u>MAG Arterial Life Cycle Program Interim Advancement Policy</u></p> <p>An interim advancement policy is needed to provide guidance in the consideration of Regional Transportation Plan Arterial Street Life Cycle</p> | <p>6. Recommend accepting the Arterial Life Cycle Program Interim Advancement Policy.</p> |

Program projects proposed for advancement in the MAG FY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program that is currently in development. The Management Committee recommended accepting the MAG Arterial Life Cycle Program Interim Advancement Policy. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7A. Transit Element of the Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Valley Metro/RPTA staff will provide an overview of the recommended projects to be included in the transit element of the draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and also provide information on the process used to develop the program. The draft program was developed using project submittals by agencies regionwide and was based on the current MAG TIP and projects included in the Regional Transportation Plan. The draft transit program of projects was reviewed and recommended to be forwarded to MAG by the Valley Metro Transit Management Committee on January 13, 2005. The MAG Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of the projects for the purpose of public review and comment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7B. Regional Arterial Life Cycle Program

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) allocates a portion of the funds available from extension of the one-half cent sales tax, some CMAQ and some STP-MAG funds for a series of road widening and intersection improvement projects. These projects have been identified in four distinct five-year 'phases.' A draft program of projects lists the expected implementation time frame for each project including (in many cases, but not all), predesign, design, acquisition of right-of-way and construction phases. The current focus is on the first five years and the separate project implementation phases are being described on the understanding that the FY 2006-2010 draft TIP needs to be consistent with the RTP. Changes to the five-year program are expected, but will be made consistent with the RTP descriptions, at this stage. The MAG

7A. Recommend approval of projects to be included in the transit element of the draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the purpose of public review and comment.

7B. Recommend approval of the FY 2006-2010 Regional Arterial Life Cycle Program for the purpose of public review and comment.

Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval for the purpose of public review and comment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7C. Draft Regional Freeway Program for FY 2006-2010 and Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

MAG and ADOT have prepared a draft annual regional freeway program for the first phase of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which covers the period from FY 2006 through FY 2010. The draft program follows the Phase I priorities and budgets established in the Regional Transportation Plan adopted on November 25, 2003. The draft program provides a more detailed plan for the projects including line items for right of way, design and engineering and construction where appropriate. The program also includes an initial plan for the expenditure of funds from the \$279 million landscape maintenance and litter control fund and the \$75 million mitigation fund that were established by the RTP and funded by Proposition 400. It is anticipated that the programming of the maintenance and litter control funds will be the subject of further review by the Transportation Policy Committee. Other adjustments to the TIP are also being recommended. The Management Committee recommended approval of the draft FY 2006-2010 Regional Freeway Program for incorporation into the draft TIP for public review and comment and recommended that the FY 2005 project changes be approved. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7D. Recommendation of Projects for CMAQ and STP-MAG Funding in FYs 2008, 2009 and 2010 of the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (MAG Federally Funded Program)

The MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) targets all future MAG Federal Funds to specific modes and, in some cases, identified specific projects. For ITS, Bicycle, Pedestrian and Air Quality projects, the RTP identified funds but did not specify individual projects. Requests for projects for the MAG Federal funds expected to

7C. Recommend the draft Regional Freeway Program for FY 2006-2010 for incorporation into the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public review and comment and to recommend that the FY 2005 project changes be approved and added to the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP, including the Peoria Enhancement funded project.

7D. Recommend approval of the projects for CMAQ and STP-MAG discretionary funding in FYs 2008, 2009 and 2010 and to include those projects in the draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment.

be available for FYs 2008, 2009 and 2010 have been received and ranked by modal technical advisory committees. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of the projects for the purpose of public review and comment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Proposed Formation of a Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Subcommittee

Two elements of the voter approved Regional Transportation Plan are \$279 million for freeway maintenance and \$75 million for freeway noise mitigation. To ensure accountability, it is recommended that a subcommittee of the TPC, including the ADOT Board Member, be formed to develop recommendations for consideration by the TPC. This subcommittee would consider the scheduling of funds, performance standards and other aspects for these two freeway quality of life programs. TPC members are requested to submit their names to serve on the subcommittee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Assignment of Terms of the Business Representatives to the TPC

House Bill 2456 dictates the President of the Senate ("President") and the Speaker of the House ("Speaker") shall each appoint three business representatives to the TPC. These members are appointed by the President and the Speaker to represent regionwide business interests. In accordance with the provisions of the statute, members are required to assign themselves by lot to terms of two, four and six years to serve on the TPC. Once the terms are assigned, the Chair of the MAG Regional Council will notify the President and Speaker of the terms. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on TEA-21 Reauthorization and state legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Formation of a Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Subcommittee to develop recommendations for consideration by the TPC.

9. Information regarding the assignment of terms of the business representatives to the TPC.

10. Information and discussion.