

July 20, 2004

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee
FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chair
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, July 28, 2004 - 4:15 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.

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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
July 28, 2004**

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>Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p>		<p>4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.</p>

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

<p>*4A. <u>Approval of June 16, 2004 Meeting Minutes</u></p>		<p>4A. Review and approve the June 16, 2004 meeting minutes.</p>
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

<p>*4B. <u>Proposed Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program for ADOT Highway Projects</u></p> <p>ADOT has now approved the FY 2005-2009 State Highway Program and there have been</p>		<p>4B. Recommend approval of an amendment and/or administrative adjustment to the FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program to add, delete, or make changes to some State Highway Program projects.</p>
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several changes to projects listed in the previous program. As the FY 2005-2009 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is not being developed, MAG staff has conducted an analysis of the ADOT changes and has produced a list of TIP amendments and/or administrative adjustments to balance the two programs. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of an amendment and/or administrative adjustment to the TIP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Federal Fiscal Year 2004 Final Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On June 23, 2004, the Regional Council approved a list of projects to be deferred from FFY 2004 to FFY 2005 or later and approved a list of projects to utilize the funds that are expected to be available as part of the Year End Closeout process. These projects included some contingency projects that could use any additional, supplemental or redistributed obligation authority that may be received. Since that time, five further projects have requested to be deferred. The original list of contingency projects has now been funded with currently available funds and there is a surplus of approximately \$1.6 million. At its June 29, 2004, meeting, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that the additional projects be deferred and further recommended a list of prioritized contingency projects that can utilize the currently available funds, plus any additional Final FFY 2004 Closeout funds that may become available. The Management Committee concurred with the TRC's recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Recommend approving the final closeout of Federal FY 2004, as shown in the attached Tables and recommend amending/adjusting the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP to allow the projects to proceed.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

*4D. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment includes projects as part of the Federal FY 2004 Final

4D. For consultation.

Closeout of the MAG Federally Funded Program. In addition, the amendment includes Arizona Department of Transportation changes to some State Highway Program projects for consistency between the FY 2005-2009 State Highway Program currently being developed by ADOT and the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

5. Requested Change to the MAG Regional Freeway Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested a material change to the FY 2004 MAG Regional Freeway Program. A.R.S. 28-6353 requires that MAG approve any change in priorities, new projects, or requests that materially increase the cost of a project. Final cost estimates for the segment of the Red Mountain Freeway, from Power Road to University Drive, have shown a cost increase of \$54 million. MAG has examined the need for this change and finds that it is warranted. A review of the net impact of this change indicates that the cash balances for the MAG Regional Freeway Program are adequate to accommodate the requested changes. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Recommend approval of the cost increase for the Red Mountain Freeway from Power Road to University Drive.