

December 2, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee  
FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair  
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, December 10, 2002, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. Members of the MAG TRC may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of October 29, 2002 Minutes</u>	2. Approve minutes of the October 29, 2002 meeting.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information and discussion.

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

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| <p>4.     <u>Transportation Manager’s Report</u></p> <p>Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.</p> | <p>4.     For information and possible action.</p> |
| <p>5.     <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p>                                 | <p>5.     For information and possible action.</p> |

CONSENT AGENDA

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| <p>*6.    <u>Submitted Projects for Consideration in the MAG RTP - Phase II Planning Process for the Extension of the One-Half Cent Sales Tax for Transportation</u></p> <p>On September 21, 2002, Mayor Neil Giuliano, Chairperson of the MAG Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), requested member agencies throughout the MAG Region to submit transportation project ideas for consideration in the development of a plan for the extension of the one-half cent sales tax for transportation. A summary of all projects that were received as part of this process are provided as Attachment One.</p> | <p>6.     For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>*7.    <u>ADOT Red Letter Notification</u></p> <p>In June 1996, the Regional Council approved the revised ADOT Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning, and permits. The Regional Council has</p>   | <p>7.     For information and discussion.</p> |

allocated \$5 million per year for advance acquisition requests where needed to prevent development in freeway alignments. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications for the first six months of 2002. Upon request, any of the notices could be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. Please refer to the letter provided as Attachment Two.

#### ITEMS TO BE HEARD

8. Grand Avenue Northwest Corridor Study - SR 303L to SR 101L

Draft findings and recommendations from the Grand Avenue NW (Loop 101 to 303) Corridor Study will be presented. Copies of all project materials including draft Working Papers, meeting agendas, questionnaires, and maps are available on the MAG website. Please refer to Attachment Three, which contains the Draft Executive Summary for the study.

9. FY 2008 ADOT Projects

Each year the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC) makes a recommendation for the division of ADOT program funding for MAG, PAG and the rest of the state. This year, MAG reached the target allocation of 37 percent of the funding after three years of incremental upward adjustments. For 2008, the allocation for MAG is \$205.541 million. After subtracting the portion allocated to ADOT subprograms, i.e. pavement preservation, minor projects, etc, the total for major projects is \$175.483 million. Even though MAG will

8. Recommendation to approve the report and its recommendations, including designation of Grand Avenue between Loop 101 and 303 as an "enhanced arterial / limited expressway," for further consideration and analysis as needed in the MAG Northwest Area Transportation Study and the Regional Transportation Plan.

9. For information, discussion and possible action.

not be preparing a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the period FY 2003 - FY 2008, ADOT may need to allocate the funds to specific projects. Under federal law, the selection of projects is a cooperative process with ADOT, MAG and Valley Metro. A proposed list of projects for FY 2008 is provided as Attachment Four. Also included is a list of highway projects that may be considered for programming after 2008.

10. Conceptual Scope of Work and Schedule for MAG Regional Transportation Plan - Phase II

The consulting firm HDR Engineering, Inc. was approved to conduct Phase II of the Regional Transportation Plan. Representatives of HDR will review the conceptual scope of work and schedule with members of the TRC to update the Committee on the overall direction of Phase II. A detailed scope of work is in the process of being developed by HDR and the MAG staff.

11. ADOT Environmental Review Process for Federally Funded Projects

A concern has been expressed about the environmental review process used for federally funded projects. Some MAG member agency representatives want the issue discussed by the TRC, with possible action, to explore how the ADOT process could be streamlined.

10. For information and discussion on the overall direction of the scope of work and schedule for Phase II of the RTP.

11. For information, discussion and Possible Action.

12. Discussion of FY 2004 Transportation Work Program Elements

Each year, MAG prepares a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that presents the major work items and budget for each fiscal year. This year, MAG staff is briefing the MAG committees on ideas for projects that may be considered tasks for next fiscal year, and soliciting input on these and other ideas for consideration to be included in the UPWP for FY 2004.

13. TRC Meeting Schedule for 2003

Attached (Number Five) is the schedule of TRC meetings for FY 2003.

14. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, January 30, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information and discussion.

13. For information.

14. For information and discussion.