

March 20, 2003

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

Thursday, March 27, 2003, 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 January 27, 2003 Minutes</u>	2. Approve minutes of the January 27, 2003 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 to not exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

4. Transportation Manager's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.

4. For information and possible action.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

5. Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Interim Close Out of the MAG Federally Funded Program

Under current guidelines, MAG agencies notify MAG staff of any current year programmed projects that need to be deferred to FFY 2004 by March 1, 2003. To date, eleven requests have been received to defer projects to FFY 2004 or later. A handout that displays a tentative listing of projects for the FFY 2003 Interim Closeout will be distributed at the meeting.

5. For information and discussion.

6. Proposal to Accelerate Certain Segments for Rubberized Asphalt

The Arizona Department of Transportation has been working with MAG member agencies to advance certain segments for the application of rubberized asphalt. These advancements would be considered under the MAG Highway Acceleration Policy adopted by the MAG Regional Council in March 2000. This policy provides for the advancement of projects by members if such accelerations do not impact the scheduled delivery of other projects. A copy of the MAG Highway Acceleration Policy is provided in Attachment One for your information. A presentation of the acceleration proposals will be made to the TRC by ADOT.

6. Information, discussion and possible action to recommend that the proposed accelerations be approved.

7. Transportation Projects Proposed for FY 2004 Work Program

MAG is considering six transportation projects for inclusion in the MAG FY 2004 Work Program. Attachment Two provides a summary of each of the proposed projects. These projects were presented to the TRC during December of 2002. MAG staff wants to provide one last opportunity for TRC members to provide comments on the proposed projects.

8. RPTA Annual Transit Performance Report

The RPTA Annual Transit Performance Report, formerly known as the Short Range Transit Report (SRTP), is prepared and updated by the Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority on behalf of MAG. In addition to providing recommendations for transit adjustments over the next year, the report also includes a summary of the regional transit system's operating characteristics from FY 2001-2002. The report was developed using input from MAG member agencies and citizen participation efforts that are normally conducted throughout the year. The RPTA Annual Transit Performance Report is intended to provide public sector decision makers, federal government officials and citizens with a summary of the performance characteristics of the transit system as well as local and regionally planned transit system improvements. The document is not intended to bind any one municipality or collective municipalities to the contents within the report, but rather to provide a guide in which to develop and enhance transit services. Please refer to Attachment Three.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information, discussion and action to recommend approval of the RPTA Annual Transit Performance Report contingent on any air quality conformity analyses that may be required.

9. Approval of the MAG High Capacity Transit Plan

In May 2001, the MAG Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program, which included \$500,000 to develop a high capacity transit plan. Initiated in January 2002, the High Capacity Transit Plan has evaluated the possible use of existing railroad corridors for commuter rail and identified bus rapid transit/light rail transit corridors in other areas of the region. Work for the project has been monitored by the High Capacity Transit Working Group, an informal group providing input on key deliverables. The planning efforts for the High Capacity Transit Plan will be integrated with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Modeling for the recommended high capacity transit network has been recently completed. The enclosed executive summary documents a Regional Commuter Rail/High Capacity Transit Plan. Completed working papers from the five milestones of the project are available on the MAG Web site at [www.mag.maricopa.gov](http://www.mag.maricopa.gov).

10. Update on the Regional Transportation Plan Process

An update on the process to develop the new Regional Transportation Plan for the MAG Region will be provided. Performance measures and the development of alternative scenarios is underway. An updated schedule will also be provided.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

9. For information, discussion and acceptance of the MAG High Capacity Transit Plan to be incorporated in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan.

10. For information and discussion.

11. For information and discussion.

