

May 19, 2004

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

Thursday, May 27, 2004, 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.**

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Draft April 29, 2004 Minutes</u>	2. Approve Draft minutes of the April 29, 2004 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review 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 Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

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

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and possible action.

5. For information and possible discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Transit Projects

On November 25, 2003, the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP was approved by the MAG Regional Council. Each year, when the Transit Appropriations are released, Valley Metro reviews the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Application

6. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve an Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP for transit projects.

that is under development and adjusts the projects listed in the Grant and the TIP to ensure that the two programs are in conformance. It is necessary to amend this TIP to incorporate several changes to existing transit projects and these are shown in Attachment One. These changes include the deletion of four projects, adjustments to 12 projects, the deferral of six projects and the addition of 19 new projects. Other projects have had the scopes and funding sources changed, increased and/or reduced.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

7. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Highway Projects

On November 25, 2003, the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council. Since that time, ADOT has notified MAG that are making several changes to the improvements scheduled on State Route 85, between Buckeye and Gila Bend. One of the changes involves the acceleration of a segment between Milepost 122.58 to MP 126.08 from FY 2007 to the FY 2004. In addition, ADOT is adding a State funded District Minor project on Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) to FY 2004. This addition will add a westbound auxiliary lane between the current lane drop at 31st Avenue and the 51st Avenue off ramp. Finally, Maricopa County has requested the addition of a Design Concept Report (DCR) for Loop 303, from I-10 to US-60 (Grand Avenue). All of these projects require an Amendment to the TIP to be able to proceed. Please see Attachment Two for further information.

7. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve an Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program to advance a SR-85 project from FY 2007 to FY 2004; to add a new project on Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) between 31st Avenue and 51st Avenue to FY 2004; and to add a Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessment for Loop 303, from I-10 to US-60 (Grand Avenue), to FY 2004.

8. Light Rail Amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program

Valley Metro Rail has requested changes to the budget and schedule for completion of the light rail system. The changes would modify the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the FY 2004-07 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. In accordance with State law, the proposed modifications to the RTP have been submitted for consultation to the Regional Public Transportation Authority, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Maricopa County, Indian communities and to cities and towns. Written comments are due to the Transportation Policy Committee by May 22, 2004. The results of an air quality conformity assessment indicate that the proposed transportation action meets the applicable transportation conformity criteria. A public hearing on the conformity analysis will be held on June 1, 2004. Please see Attachment Three.

9. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 Interim Year Closeout

As part of the Interim Year End Closeout for FFY 2004, on March 10, 2004, MAG staff distributed a memorandum with a Table that listed all of the requests submitted by member agencies for consideration for funding by the end of the federal fiscal year. This list has now been refined and some of the original projects have been withdrawn by the agencies concerned. In addition, MAG staff have rated the projects and have included the Congestion Management System (CMS) and Emission Reductions and Cost Effectiveness (ER/CE) scores, where appropriate. At the forthcoming May 27, 2004, meeting, TRC members will have

8. Recommend amendment of the Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2004-07 Transportation Improvement Program to reflect the light rail transit changes proposed by Valley Metro Rail, affecting the Minimum Operating Segment and the Metrocenter Link, pending a finding of air quality conformity.

9. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend a list of projects that can utilize the FFY 2004 Closeout funds available.

the opportunity to recommend a list of projects that can utilize the FFY 2004 Closeout funds available. Please see Attachment Four.

10. 2002-2003 MAG Regional Travel Time and Travel Speed Study

The primary purpose of the 2003 MAG Regional Travel Speed study was to calibrate and validate the regional planning model. The study data was also used to compare with the previous travel time studies to identify trends in congestion and travel time, in order to identify problem locations for possible improvements. The study was conducted using Floating Car methodology with GPS.

The study area covered 1,800 centerline miles of roadways, which include freeways, arterials and HOV lanes. Travel speed data was collected from September 2002 to June 2003 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during AM peak, PM peak and Midday. There were a total of 19 runs (8 in each direction during AM peak/PM peak and 3 runs during Midday). The power of the data collected is that it was summarized in a variety of tables and figures. These tables and figures include the average speeds on roadways, average speeds by Jurisdiction, segment delay computations, travel time between cities, and the ability to compare travel speeds and delay with previous travel speed studies.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, June 24, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

10. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the 2002-2003 MAG Regional Travel Time and Travel Speed Study.

11. For information and discussion