

June 19, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, June 26, 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.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of May 29, 2003 Minutes

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Approve minutes of the May 29, 2003 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee on transportation issues, or any of the following items listed on the Agenda. Citizens will be requested not to 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.

3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and possible action.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

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

Recent actions by this Committee and the Management Committee, have resulted in the expected commitment of \$13.4 million in FFY 2003 close out funds for a variety of projects. Since then, due to unforeseen projects changes, the City of Peoria has requested to defer the project that was recently recommended for additional funds. The funds that are being requested for deferral are \$440,722 and the additional funds that have been recommended amount to \$450,000.

In addition to this \$890,722, it is likely that further obligation authority will become available during the final few months of the federal fiscal year, whether from projects that are unable to obligate, or due to year end redistributions. The most important criteria for receiving final close out funds is that the projects must be able to utilize the funds in the extremely short time frame involved. This usually restricts eligible projects to repayments or to transfers of funds from the Federal Highway Administration to the federal

5. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to recommend deferral of the Peoria New River Road project and to recommend some contingency projects to utilize any unused or redistributed obligation authority that may become available during the final close out phase of the FFY 2003 MAG federally funded program.

Transit Administration. Current projects that can utilize additional funds are shown in Attachment One.

6. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Transit Projects

The FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP was approved by the Regional Council on July 24, 2002. Each year, when the Transit Appropriations are released, Valley Metro reviews the Federal Transit Administration Grant Application 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 will be shown in an attachment to be provided prior to the meeting.

All of the projects involved are regarded as exempt for air quality conformity purposes and the consultation for this is considered as a separate agenda item.

7. Regional Concept of Transportation Options

Staff will provide an update of the first comprehensive ITS Strategic Plan for the Phoenix metropolitan region, which was developed in April 2001, through the leadership of the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee. This Plan identified the need for developing a Regional Concept of Transportation Operations (RCTO), as the appropriate strategy for implementing systematic improvements to transportation operations in the region. In September 2002, a project was launched through the MAG Unified Planning Work Program, to develop this Concept.

6. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve an Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects.

7. For information and discussion.

The project is currently at about 75 percent completion and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2003.

This undertaking by MAG is the first attempt in the country to develop such a regional concept. The USDOT and FHWA are monitoring this project closely and the approach taken by MAG is being incorporated into national guidelines. The SAFETEA reauthorization bill as proposed will require every urban region in the nation to develop such a concept to improve their transportation operations.

8. Update on the Regional Transportation Plan Process

An update on the development of the new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the MAG Region will be provided. In particular, staff will report on the status of the hybrid scenario that will form the basis for the RTP and discussion of the guidance received from the Transportation Policy Committee at their meeting on June 18th.

9. Next Meeting Date

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

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion.