

December 6, 2006

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Mike Ellegood, Maricopa County, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, December 14, 2006, 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.

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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 thirteen 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. If 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 Draft October 26, 2006 Minutes

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Approve Draft minutes of the October 26, 2006 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.

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5. For information and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

*6. Draft Public Participation Plan

MAG has developed a new Draft Public Participation Plan in accordance with new federal transportation guidelines as contained in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This new plan would define the process for public participation at MAG and serve as a guideline in obtaining input on future updates to the Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan. The MAG Management Committee approved the draft plan at its

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November 8, 2006, meeting. The plan will be presented to the Regional Council for final approval at their December 2006 meeting. Please refer to Attachment One.

*7. Proposed Amendment/Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program for Transit and Elderly Mobility Projects

MAG currently has \$400,000 in MAG federal funds programmed for the Elderly Mobility Pilot Program in the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Annual Budget. The intended purpose of this pilot program is to purchase and install new roadway signs with oversize letters to allow easier vision for elderly drivers. The City of Phoenix has agreed to provide local funds for the program in exchange for the same amount of CMAQ funds which will be used to purchase a bus for the City. Exchanging the funds will dramatically streamline the implementation of the program and will directly benefit the twelve member agencies involved. An amendment to the TIP and to the current UPWP and Annual Budget is required to achieve this exchange. Please refer to the Table shown in Attachment Two.

*8. Proposed Amendment/Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Highway and Transit Projects

Valley Metro/RPTA has requested the deferral of two STP-AZ federally funded projects that were not obligated during the last federal fiscal year. Further details are shown in Section A of the Table in Attachment Three. In addition, ADOT has confirmed that an old City of Scottsdale Enhancement Fund project has been re-scoped and needs to be re-added to the TIP in order for it to proceed to construction. Further details are shown in Section B of the Table in Attachment Three.

7. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend an Amendment and an Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2011 TIP and FY 2007 UPWP and Annual Budget to allow this exchange to proceed.

8. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend an Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program to defer two park-and-ride projects from FY 2006 to FY 2007, and to authorize an Amendment to re-add a Scottsdale Transportation Enhancement funded project.

*9. Proposed Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Projects

There have been changes requested to two ALCP Projects that require an Administrative Adjustment to allow them to move forward. Further details are shown in Attachment Four.

9. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend an Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program to allow two ALCP projects to proceed.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

10. Programming of Projects for MAG Federal Funding in the 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

By September 1, 2006, 66 projects, totaling \$9 million, had been submitted for MAG Federal funding in the 2008-2012 MAG TIP. These projects have been allocated Congestion Management System (CMS) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) scores, where appropriate and have been ranked by their modal Technical Advisory Committees (TACs). The TRC is expected to recommend a list of priority projects to receive MAG Federal funding for the respective federal years. Further details of the TAC rankings are provided in Attachment Five.

10. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend a list of projects to be added to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Federally Funded program.

11. Revised Table of Proposed PM-10 Paving of Unpaved Road Projects for FY 2008 and 2009 CMAQ Funding

At their last meeting, members were requested to rank some pave dirt road projects. The TRC action was to request the intergovernmental coordinators to find an equitable solution. The member agencies are expected to meet later this week to discuss the issue and the results of that meeting will be presented to the TRC for their action as appropriate.

11. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend Pave Dirt Road projects for CMAQ funds in FYs 2008 and 2009.

12. Proposed Transfer of CMAQ Funds from a Peoria Intersection Improvement Project to a Bicycle/Pedestrian Project

The City of Peoria has a CMAQ funded project programmed in FY 2006 to improve the intersection of 83rd Ave and Union Hills Dr. This project is the second phase of an improvement that originally started in FY 2004 and has now been completed with local funds. Peoria has requested that the funds targeted for the second phase of the project be allocated to continue improvements to a segment of the New River Multi-Use Path, including two grade separations at Olive and Peoria Aves. Further details are shown in Attachment Six.

13. Arizona Railroad Inventory and Assessment

Staff from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and ADOT's consultant will provide an overview of the State of Arizona railroad inventory and assessment project, which is currently underway. Information derived from this project will assist in updating the Arizona State Rail Plan and will facilitate development of Arizona's passenger rail plans and the upcoming MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan. Specific elements of the project include the following:

- A detailed inventory of the state's rail network, including service levels, track conditions and other characteristics
- A GIS map database
- Status and needs of grade crossing improvements statewide
- A description of Arizona's current passenger rail services and plans
- Identification of needs and plans of the two Class I railroads currently serving Arizona

12. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend whether a request to transfer funds from an intersection improvement project to a multi-use path project within the same agency should be allowed to proceed.

13. For information and discussion.

- Infrastructure investment needs of Arizona's smaller railroads
- Potential federal funding
- Railroad preservation opportunities
- Right-of-way preservation strategies
- Identification of public and private sector support of rail transportation

14. TRC Meeting Schedule for 2007

Attachment Seven provides a listing of TRC Meetings that are scheduled for 2007.

15. Member Agency Update

This section of the Agenda will provide Committee members with an opportunity to share information regarding a variety of transportation-related issues within their respective communities.

16. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

14. For information and discussion

15. For information and discussion.

16. For information and discussion.