

**PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
SPECIAL FY 2004-2007 MAG TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND
MAG REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT**

Tuesday, June 1, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.
MAG Offices, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and conformity assessment which includes a regional emissions analysis. The projects included in the amendment are considered regionally significant and a regional emissions analysis has been prepared to ensure that the proposed amendment will not contribute to violations of air quality standards. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments.

The proposed amendment includes a Arizona Department of Transportation request to advance from FY 2007 to FY 2004 a State Route 85 project between mileposts 122.58 and 126.08, and to add a new auxiliary lane project on westbound Loop 101 Agua Fria Freeway between 31st Avenue and 51st Avenue. Both projects will increase the number of through lanes that are available for motor vehicle use. In addition, the proposed amendment includes an adjustment to the completion date of the light rail transit (LRT) 20-mile minimum operating segment to December 2008 and to the completion date of the LRT five-mile link to Metrocenter to 2012. A new conformity determination is required for the Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan.

The proposed amendment and conformity assessment are available for review at the MAG Offices, third floor, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Public comments are welcomed at the hearing, or may be submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. June 1, 2004 to the address below. After considering the comments, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee may make a recommendation to approve the conformity assessment which includes a regional emissions analysis on June 3, 2004. The MAG Regional Council may take action on June 23, 2004. Contact Person: Dean Giles, MAG, (602) 254-6300, 302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona 85003.