

January 3, 2012

TO: Members of the MAG Economic Development Committee

FROM: Mayor Thomas Schoaf, City of Litchfield Park, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR
THE MAG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 10, 2012-11:30 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC) has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person or by telephone conference. A light lunch will be provided.

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If you have any questions regarding the EDC agenda items, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, or Denise McClafferty, Management Analyst, at (602) 254-6300.

MAG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
JANUARY 10, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be called to order.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Economic Development 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. Members of the public 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 Economic Development Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

3. Approval of the December 6, 2011 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

4. Port of Guaymas Report

Over the past year, the Economic Development Committee (EDC) has had discussions regarding various inland port projects around the country and how they affect the local and regional economy. As part of the EDC's mission to foster and advance transportation infrastructure in the region that would further economic development opportunities, staff has invited Senator Al Melvin to discuss the idea of an additional intermodal port in Southern Arizona. This idea would take advantage of the unacceptable container congestion presently experienced at the west coast ports.

5. Nogales and San Luis Ports of Entry Discussion

In December 2011, staff organized two trips to the Arizona ports of entry in Nogales and San Luis. Elected officials and staff from the regional planning

2. Information and discussion.

3. Review and approval of the December 6, 2011 Economic Development Committee meeting minutes.

4. Information, discussion and input.

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agencies from Maricopa, Pinal and Pima Counties were in attendance. The purpose of these trips was to better understand the challenges facing freight movement to and from Mexico and Arizona. As a result of these trips, a resolution of support for our borders is being considered. This could potentially be discussed at the future Joint Planning Advisory Council (JPAC) meeting. Staff will provide an update on the ports of entry tours, and elected officials in attendance will provide comments on the trips.

6. Innovation Discussion

At the December 6, 2011 EDC meeting, the committee received presentations from local incubators that provided information on the opportunities to encourage and support innovation in the region. A key means of promoting economic growth is developing an environment and infrastructure that encourages and supports innovation. Additional efforts on innovation that are underway in the Valley, and how this region compares to other states and countries will be discussed.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Economic Development Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

8. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for the Economic Development Committee (EDC) members to present a brief summary of current events. The EDC is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

6. Information, discussion and input.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information.