

November 2, 2010

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Carl Swenson, Peoria, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, November 10, 2010 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are also being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
November 10, 2010**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. 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 Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of October 13, 2010, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the October 13, 2010, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report

The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) addresses ALCP project work, the remaining Fiscal Year 2011 ALCP schedule and program deadlines as well as revenues, and finances for the period between April 2010 and September 2010. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. On-Call Consulting Services Selection for Regional Traffic Data Collection and Data Management

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2010, includes \$400,000 for On-call Consulting Services for Regional Traffic Data Collection and Data Management. The purpose of the project is to facilitate numerous dataset updates to support transportation planning needs. A request for qualifications was advertised on August 20, 2010, for technical assistance in two areas of expertise: (A) Traffic Data Collection and (B) Commercial Traffic Data Purchase and Traffic Data Management Services. Eight proposals were received by the September 22, 2010, deadline. On October 5, 2010, a multi-agency evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of consultants to perform the technical assistance. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. MAG Managed Lanes Network Development Strategy - Phase I

At its October 20, 2010, the Transportation Policy Committee recommended the development of the first phase of the MAG Managed Lanes Network Development Strategy - Phase I and to conduct a public opinion survey on the potential for tolling in the MAG region. In this phase, a System-Wide Managed Lanes Feasibility Study will be developed, assessing existing and future HOV lane use, identifying critical gaps in the HOV system, assessing the basic soundness of a system-wide managed lanes network in the MAG region, formulation recommendations for MAG policy on managed lanes, and selecting pilot

5B. Information.

5C. Recommend approval of the list of on-call consultants for the Area of Expertise A (Traffic Data Collection): Jacobs Engineering, Lee Engineering, Midwestern Software Solutions, Traffic Research and Analysis and United Civil Group, and for Area of Expertise B (Commercial Traffic Data Purchase and Traffic Data Management Services): American Digital Cartography, Berkeley Transportation Systems, Jacobs Engineering, Midwestern Software Solutions and Works Consulting, for the MAG Regional Traffic Data Collection and Data Management, for a total amount not to exceed \$400,000.

5D. Recommend amending the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for up to \$500,000 to provide for the MAG Managed Lanes Network Development Strategy - Phase I project. In addition, recommend amending the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for up to \$50,000 to provide for a public opinion survey on the potential for tolling in the MAG region.

managed lane corridors. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Project Changes – Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On June 22, 2010, the MAG Transit Committee approved the FY 2009 and FY 2010 Program of Projects, and Regional Council took action on these changes on June 30, 2010. It is requested that eight earmark/high priority projects that were identified in the FY 2010 Federal Register be included in the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Arizona Department of Transportation has also requested to include new utility projects, an advancement and repayment for Williams Gateway Freeway, and delete one project since it is complete. Maricopa County is requesting that a federal aid project is moved from 2010 to 2011, and the City of Tempe is requesting to modify a project description. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. Programming 5307 and 5309 - Fixed Rail and Guideway Modernization Funds in FY 2010 and 2011

On June 22, 2010, the MAG Transit Committee recommended approval of the FY 2010 Program of Projects, and the Regional Council took action on these changes on June 30, 2010. Since then, the Executive Committee took action on September 13, 2010, to remove \$1,517,999 of FY 2010 5309 Fixed Rail and Guideway Modernization (FGM) federal transit funds from two Mesa park and ride construction projects. Additionally, the MAG Regional Council took action on July 28, 2010, to approve the FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP and that the programming of preventative maintenance be reviewed for potential amendments/administrative modifications no later than December 2010. On October 14, 2010, the Transit Committee made the recommendation noted in the action and requested that further analysis regarding distribution scenarios for 5307 federal funds be brought back to the Transit

5E. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update, and the FY 2009 and FY 2010 Program of Projects.

5F. Recommend approval of: (1) Scenario #3 preventative maintenance distribution methodology for \$1,517,999 of FY 2010 5309-FGM funds and that it is a non-precedent setting distribution and (2) The amount of funds for preventative maintenance programmed in FY 2011 and FY 2012 be distributed equally as shown in Option #2, and modify/amend the FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP and the FY 2009 and 2010 Program of Projects appropriately.

Committee in November. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5G. MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program

The FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2010, includes \$300,000 for the Design Assistance Program. According to federal law, any project which is not constructed after being designed with federal transportation funds could be required to return the funds used for design to the Federal Highway Administration. Six project applications were submitted by member agencies for the program. On October 19, 2010, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee recommended three projects for approval. On October 28, 2010, the Transportation Review Committee recommended the three Design Assistance projects for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5H. MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program On-Call Consultant List

The FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2010, includes \$300,000 for the MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program. The MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance On-Call Consultant List provides member agencies with a pre-approved consultant list to provide assistance for their design projects. A request for consultants to submit Statements of Qualifications was published on July 22, 2010. Eighteen submittals were received on August 31, 2010. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the applications and recommended all eighteen qualified consultants be selected for the list. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5I. Recommended Projects for MAG FY 2011 Traffic Signal Optimization Program

A formal request for projects for the FY 2011 Traffic Signal Optimization Program (TSOP) was announced by MAG on September 21, 2010. The

5G. Recommend approval of the El Mirage: Rancho El Mirage Multi-use Path (\$100,000); Mesa: Porter Park Pathway (\$125,000); and Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Path at 22nd Street (\$75,000) through the MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program.

5H. Recommend approval of the selection of the following consultants for the MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program On-Call Consultant list: AECOM Technical Services, Inc.; Coffman Studio, LLC; Drake & Associates; e group, Inc.; EPG, Inc.; Gannett Fleming, Inc.; J2 Engineering & Environmental Design, LLC; Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.; Logan Halperin Landscape Architecture LLC; Loris & Associates, Inc.; Olsson Associates; Otak, Inc.; PBSJ; Sherman Group, Inc.; Stanley Consultants, Inc.; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.; The Moore/Swrick Partnership; Y.S. Mantri & Associates, LLC.

5I. Recommend approval of the list of FY 2011 Traffic Signal Optimization Program projects.

available TSOP budget in the MAG Work Program for FY 2011 is \$430,000, including an estimated \$30,000 carried over from FY 2010. Fifteen (15) project applications have been received requesting a total of \$395,500 to improve operations at 476 intersections in 14 jurisdictions. A regional workshop to provide training on signal timing software has also been included in the list of projects at an estimated cost of \$10,000, based on the need identified by local agencies. The recommended projects will be carried out using ten (10) qualified on-call consultants under contract with MAG. On October 19, 2010, the MAG ITS Committee recommended approval. On October 28, 2010, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

- *5J. New Finding of Conformity for the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update, As Amended

On September 22, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved a Mesa request to advance the construction of an interim connection of the Williams Gateway Freeway between the Santan Freeway and Ellsworth Road from FY 2016 to FY 2012 to be incorporated into the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update, for an air quality conformity analysis. MAG has conducted a conformity analysis for the proposed amendment and the results of the regional emissions analysis, when considered together with the TIP and RTP as a whole, indicate that the amendment will not contribute to violations of federal air quality standards. On October 8, 2010, a 30-day public review period began on the conformity assessment and amendment. Comments are requested by November 8, 2010. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5J. Recommend approval of the new Finding of Conformity for the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update, as amended.

*5K. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including Arizona Department of Transportation projects on State Route 303, and Section 5309 and State of Good Repair-funded transit projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5K. Consultation.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5L. Professional Services Selection for the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project

The FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2010, includes \$194,568 to conduct the MAG Protocol Evaluation project that will assess the protocols used to arrest and prosecute misdemeanor domestic violence cases. The budget for this project includes \$21,500 for services to evaluate current protocols, analyze existing data collection elements, evaluate promising practices, and conduct an overall project evaluation. A Request for Proposals was advertised on August 19, 2010, and six proposals were received. A multi-agency proposal evaluation team reviewed the proposal documents and held three interviews. On October 7, 2010, the proposal evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of MGT of America, Inc., to complete the evaluation professional services for an amount not to exceed \$21,500. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5L. Recommend the selection of MGT of America, Inc., to conduct the evaluation professional services for the MAG Protocol Evaluation project for an amount not to exceed \$21,500.

*5M. Statement Regarding Human Services Funding Reductions

In July 2010, the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee (HSCC) expressed growing concern about the impact of funding reductions made to human services programs. The HSCC worked with the MAG Human Services Technical Committee to develop a statement reflecting this concern. The goal of the statement is to raise awareness about the impact of human services funding reductions on the community, programs, and people relying on these services. HSCC is requesting that the statement be accepted for distribution through MAG's email distribution lists and newsletters, by MAG member agencies, and by community partners. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5N. Approval of Draft Provisional July 1, 2010 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates

MAG staff has prepared draft Provisional July 1, 2010 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates. The Updates, which are used to prepare budgets and set expenditure limitations, were prepared using the 2005 Census Survey as the base and housing unit data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies. These Updates are needed by the State Economic Estimates Commission and are provisional since they will be revised based on the Census 2010 results. Because there may be changes to the Maricopa County control total by the Arizona Department of Commerce, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of these Provisional Updates provided that the County control total is within one percent of the final control total. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5O. Proposed 2011 Revisions to MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee has completed its review of proposed revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and

5M. Recommend acceptance of the statement regarding human services funding reductions.

5N. Recommend approval of the Draft Provisional July 1, 2010 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates provided that the Maricopa County control total is within one percent of the final control total.

5O. Information and discussion.

Details for Public Works Construction. These revisions have been recommended for approval by the committee and are currently being reviewed by MAG member agency Public Works Directors and/or Engineers. It is anticipated that the annual update packet will be available for purchase in early January 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Tempe South Locally Preferred Alternative

The MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies future high capacity transit improvements along Rural Road in the City of Tempe. Specifically, the RTP includes two transit projects within the Tempe South study area: 1) a 2-mile high capacity/light rail transit improvement extending south from downtown Tempe; and 2) a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor on Scottsdale/Rural Road extending from north Scottsdale to Chandler. In August 2007, Valley Metro Rail (METRO) initiated a federally sponsored Alternatives Analysis in the Tempe South corridor. Both the 2-mile high capacity/light rail transit project and the BRT projects were analyzed as part of this study, but only the BRT segment south from downtown Tempe was evaluated. The AA process culminates in the creation of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), which defines the transit technology and alignments. METRO staff has proposed a modern streetcar along Mill Avenue for the LPA. The study also confirmed the importance of the Rural Road BRT project, between the Tempe Transit Center and the Chandler Fashion Center. The Tempe South LPA was approved by the Tempe City Council on October 21, 2010, recommended for approval by the MAG Transit Committee on October 14, 2010, and by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on October 28, 2010. The METRO Board will consider the LPA for acceptance on November 17, 2010. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Recommend approval of: (1) A Locally Preferred Alternative for the Tempe South project, including a modern streetcar on a Mill Avenue alignment with a one-way loop in downtown Tempe to be incorporated into the MAG FY 2011 to FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update for an air quality conformity analysis; (2) Inclusion of a potential future phase of modern streetcar east along Southern Avenue to Rural Road as an Illustrative Transit Corridor in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan; (3) Without modifying priorities in the Regional Transportation Plan, consider increased service levels and capital improvements for Rural Road BRT, per the description provided herein, through the regional transportation system planning process; (4) Future consideration for high capacity transit needs north of downtown Tempe along Rio Salado Parkway and south of Southern Avenue along Rural Road to the vicinity of Chandler Boulevard through the regional transportation system planning process; and (5) Without modifying priorities in the Regional Transportation Plan, consider future commuter rail service along the Tempe Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad, through the regional transportation system planning process, and pending results from the Arizona Department of Transportation's Phoenix-Tucson Intercity Rail Alternatives Analysis.

7. Revised Sales Tax and Highway User Revenue Fund Projections

Revised projections of the transportation sales tax and the Arizona Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) have been released. The sales tax projections from FY 2011 to FY 2026 are approximately \$2.2 billion lower than the projections for the same period that were made a year ago. The lower sales tax projections mean a significant loss of revenue for the highway, transit and arterial street life cycle programs. The highway program share of the loss is \$1.241 billion, the transit loss is \$735.5 million and the arterial program loss is \$231.9 million. In addition, the lower sales tax revenues result in lower future bonding capacity for all three program. ADOT estimates that the loss in bonding capacity for the highway program is approximately \$925 million. HURF revenues for the period FY 2011 to FY 2020 are also lower than the projections made last year. Cumulative HURF revenues for the ten year period are approximately \$1.13 billion lower than last year.

8. Federal Fund Programming Principles and CMAQ Project Change Requests

Since August 2008, MAG has relied on the draft MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles (Principles). These Principles were developed to guide the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project application process, project change requests for projects with federal funds, the year end Closeout process, and other areas related to obligating federal aid local projects. The MAG Principles clearly state that the MAG is selecting projects to be funded with federal highway funds. The overall scope and location of the project cannot be changed. If the jurisdiction decides not move forward with the project, the federal funds come back to the region for reprogramming. Likewise, unused funds on a project resulting from cost savings also come back to the region for reprogramming. Over recent months, a number of project change requests have been received by MAG that are in conflict with the draft MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles and are not in agreement with the MAG

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information and discussion.

project selection process. MAG staff will report to the Management Committee on how we are resolving project change requests that are in conflict with the MAG Principles, and of possible future actions to delete projects from the TIP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

9. Update on the EPA Proposed Partial Approval and Disapproval of the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10

On September 3, 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a notice to propose partial approval and disapproval of the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 based on the timetable in the consent decree with the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest. The notice was published in the Federal Register on September 9, 2010, and comments were due by October 20, 2010. If EPA finalizes the partial disapproval on January 28, 2011, a conformity freeze on the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) would occur in approximately thirty days; only projects in the first four years could proceed. If the problem is not corrected within eighteen months, tighter controls on major industries would be imposed. If the problem is still not corrected within twenty-four months of the disapproval, the loss of federal highway funds (\$1.7 billion) and a federal implementation plan would be imposed. Conformity would also lapse, which would place the \$7.4 billion TIP at risk. On October 20, 2010, MAG, ADEQ, Maricopa County, and Gila River Indian Community submitted comments into the public record. Other comments were also submitted. In addition, EPA has responded to some of the questions from MAG, ADEQ, and Maricopa County regarding a Revised Five Percent Plan for PM-10. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

12. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee 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

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information and discussion.

12. Information.