

January 4, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Carl Swenson, Peoria, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 12, 2011 - 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
January 12, 2011**

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 November 10, 2010, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the November 10, 2010, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS***5B. FY 2011 MAG Highway Safety Improvement Program Projects**

Starting in fiscal year (FY) 2010, MAG has begun receiving a total of \$1 million per year in federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), to be allocated toward projects and studies that would lead to road safety improvements in the region. Based on a prior MAG action, \$200,000 of the HSIP allocation for FY 2011 has been set aside for conducting Road Safety Assessments at high crash risk intersections. The balance of \$800,000 needs to be programmed for safety projects that can be obligated by May 1, 2011, which is the deadline established by ADOT. A call for projects was announced by MAG on October 14, 2010, to identify a list of candidate road safety improvement projects to be recommended to ADOT. On November 23, 2010, the Transportation Safety Committee reviewed the applications and recommended a list of projects and the funding amounts. The total of all requests slightly exceeded the \$800,000 available and is expected to be approved by ADOT. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***5C. Loop 303/Northern Parkway Interim Connection**

The Northern Parkway project is part of the Proposition 400 Arterial Life Cycle Program and is a joint project with Maricopa County, Glendale, Peoria, and El Mirage. The connection of Northern Parkway with Loop 303 (L303) is important to provide a seamless connection between the two facilities. The common practice is that the costs of the connection are included in budget for the facility that is connecting to the mainline of the freeway facility. Due to the lack of adequate funding for the ultimate design for the Northern Parkway/L303 interchange, an interim design has been developed that provides a reasonable, seamless connection between the two facilities. The estimated cost to construct the interim connection is \$2.5 million. In order to construct the connection in a cost effective way,

5B. Recommend approval of the list of safety improvement projects as the MAG recommendation to the Arizona Department of Transportation for federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds for fiscal year 2011.

5C. Recommend that the Northern Parkway/L303 interim connection be included in the L303 construction budget at a cost of \$2.5 million.

the project will be included in the construction package for L303 that will be advertised in 2011. Due to the recent favorable construction bid experience, the Northern Parkway team has asked that the cost of the interim connection be covered under the L303 budget as long as the construction bids are lower than the program estimates. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Programming of Pave Unpaved Road Projects for MAG Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Funding in the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) allocates MAG Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds to specific modes, and, in some cases, identifies specific projects for the funds. Currently, the FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP identifies \$4,898,000 in CMAQ funding for the pave unpaved road program in FY 2014. MAG relied on its competitive application process to program these funds. Applications were made available in August 2010 with a due date of September 16, 2010. There were 15 complete project applications submitted on time, and 14 were deemed eligible for federal funding. The projects went through a two-tiered Street Committee review process starting in October that resulted in project rankings by the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in November 2010. The enclosed material includes a memorandum from the Chair of the Air Quality TAC that details the evaluation and ranking process used, the ranked lists of projects, and the Street Committee discussion notes per project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Approval of the Procurement of the IHS Global Insight TRANSEARCH Database and the North American Truck Load Rate Index by Trans-Research International for Use in the MAG Freight Transportation Framework Study and the MAG Regional Transportation Demand Model

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2010, includes

5D. Recommend a list of pave unpaved road projects to be funded with CMAQ funds, and that the identified work phases and costs from the project application are added to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

5E. Recommend approval of the sole source procurement of the IHS Global Insight TRANSEARCH Database and the North American Truck Load Rate Index by Trans-Research International for use in the MAG Freight Transportation Framework Study and the MAG Regional Transportation Demand Model for an estimated cost of \$180,000.

\$200,000 for the purchase of freight data to support the MAG Freight Transportation Framework Study and the MAG Regional Transportation Demand Model. Due to the specialized commodity flow data needed for the Freight Framework Study a competitive selection is not available for the purchase of such data. MAG has negotiated a sole source procurement with IHS Global Insight Consulting Company for a custom TRANSEARCH commercial database and with Trans-Research International for the North American Truck Load Rate Index, for an estimated cost of \$180,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5F. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

A status report is being provided on the remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement. To assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, MAG is requesting that street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement be requested by the agency within one year plus ten calendar days from the date of the MAG authorization letter. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5G. Recommendation of Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2011 CMAQ Funding

The FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contain \$900,000 in FY 2011 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding to encourage the purchase and utilization of PM-10 Certified Street Sweepers. An additional \$367,855 in CMAQ is available from sweeper projects that have been requested to be deleted and from savings on sweepers that have cost less than anticipated, for a total amount of \$1,267,855.

5F. Information and discussion.

5G. Recommend approval of a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2011 CMAQ funding.

All of the seven sweeper projects for FY 2011 may be funded with the \$1,267,855 in available CMAQ. On November 30, 2010, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) recommended a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2011 CMAQ funding. Prior to the AQTAC recommendation, the MAG Street Committee reviewed the proposed street sweeper applications on October 12, 2010, in accordance with the MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles. Please refer to the enclosed material.

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

On July 28, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved a Finding of Conformity for the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. Since that time, an amendment has been proposed that includes new projects and project modifications from the Arizona Department of Transportation, Avondale, Buckeye, Chandler, Gila Bend, Gilbert, Maricopa County, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Surprise, and Valley Metro Rail. MAG has conducted a regional emissions 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 transportation projects will not contribute to violations of federal air quality standards. On December 10, 2010, a 30-day public review period began on the conformity assessment and amendment. Comments are requested by January 10, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5I. 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 several Highway

5H. 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.

5I. Consultation.

Safety Improvement Program funded projects and PM-10 Paving Unpaved Road 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. Comments are requested by January 10, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

- *5j. Status Update on the June 30, 2010 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

The accounting firm of LarsonAllen, LLP has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on November 22, 2010 on the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated there were no reportable conditions in MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be material weaknesses, no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs. The Single Audit report had no new or repeat findings. The CAFR financial statements and related footnotes were prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) standards for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awards program. Management intends to submit the June 30, 2010 CAFR to the GFOA awards program for review. If awarded the certificate for the June 30, 2010 CAFR, this would be the agency's 13th consecutive award. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5j. Recommend acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2010.

*5K. Approval to Join the Strategic-Alliance-Volume-Expenditures Cooperative Purchasing Group

The Maricopa Association of Governments is requesting a recommendation of approval to join the Strategic-Alliance-Volume-Expenditures (S.A.V.E.) cooperative purchasing group in order to take advantage of any opportunities for cost savings on purchases and sharing of information on purchases. Regular membership can be in the name of the state, county, city, town, school, special district group, or political subdivision as prescribed by the by-laws of the S.A.V.E. organization. A provision is also included in the by-laws for associate membership and MAG would be considered eligible for participation in S.A.V.E. as an associate member. Associate members do not possess any rights in relation to voting and could only attend S.A.V.E. meetings by invitation of the Board of Directors. Currently there are no annual dues for membership in S.A.V.E. and in order to join, the by-laws of S.A.V.E. require only the approval of the applicant's governing body. Upon approval, the signature page of the S.A.V.E. agreement between MAG and S.A.V.E. must be filed with the Secretary of State. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5L. Sun Corridor Consortium Update

In August 2010, MAG submitted an application for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program on behalf of the Sun Corridor Consortium. The purpose of the program is to better coordinate planning for transportation, housing, and economic development. In September 2010, an update was provided about the projects proposed in the application. In October 2010, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the list of awardees, which did not include the Sun Corridor Consortium. In November 2010, HUD provided feedback on the Consortium's application. A stakeholders group is scheduled for January 2011 to review the feedback and to plan next steps to enhance the sustainability of the region.

5K. Recommend approval for MAG to join the Strategic-Alliance-Volume-Expenditures (S.A.V.E.) cooperative purchasing group.

5L. Information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- 6. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as Appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Avondale, Buckeye, Chandler, Gila Bend, Gilbert, Glendale Maricopa County, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Surprise, and Valley Metro Rail have submitted new projects and requests for project modifications since the approval of the TIP. These project changes and modifications were recommended for approval by the Transportation Review Committee (TRC). Since the Transportation Review Committee met, there have been additional projects added to the table, which include the safety and pave unpaved road projects noted in separate agenda items, two Gilbert projects and a Buckeye project that were originally part of the 2008-2012 TIP and were inadvertently omitted from the current MAG TIP, three ADOT projects, a location change to a bicycle/pedestrian project in Mesa, four STP-TEA (Enhancement) projects, four El Mirage projects that are being consolidated into two, and fifteen transit projects. All of the transit projects were previously approved in the 2008-2012 MAG TIP and need to be listed in the 2011-2015 for fiscal purposes related to the federal transit fund grant process. These projects are identified in a separate table annotated as projects heard for the first time at Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 6. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP, and as appropriate, to the RTP 2010 Update dependent on a new finding of conformity.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS7. Air Quality Report

On September 9, 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published 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. If EPA finalizes the partial disapproval on January 28, 2011, a conformity freeze on the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 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. The MAG staff has been working with the EPA, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and Maricopa County Air Quality Department on the plan approvability issues. It is anticipated that the status of the plan will be discussed with the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee on January 18, 2011. An update will be provided on recent activities related to the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10.

7. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS8. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in the spring and approved by the Regional Council in May. This overview of MAG's draft Dues and Assessments and the proposed budget production timeline provides an opportunity for early input into the development

8. Information and input on the development of the fiscal year (FY) 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

of the Work Program and Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. 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.

10. 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

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information.