

March 1, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Carl Swenson, Peoria, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - 12:00 noon  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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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  
March 9, 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 February 9, 2011, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the February 9, 2011, meeting minutes.

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

\*5B. ADOT Red Letter Process

In June 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from July 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010. Of the 97 notices received, seven had an impact to the State Highway System. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Information and discussion.

\*5C. Amendment to the FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Funding for Two Public/Business Forums in Coordination With the Sustainable Transportation Study

As part of the FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, MAG is currently conducting a Sustainable Transportation and Land Use Integration Study. To increase participation in the planning process, MAG is requesting that the FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget be amended to provide MAG federal planning funds in the amount of \$48,650 to conduct two (2) public and business outreach forums. The forums will be conducted by the Urban Land Institute (ULI), a national leader in promoting best practices in all aspects of the real estate industry. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Recommend approval to amend the FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$48,650 to conduct two (2) public and business forums in support of the Sustainable Transportation and Land Use Integration Study.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

6. Arterial Life Cycle Program Deficit and Scenarios for Balancing the Program

In November 2010, the Arizona Department of Transportation released a revised Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) projection that indicated a \$232 million reduction in forecasted revenues

6. Information and discussion.

allocated to the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) for the remainder of the half-cent sales tax. The adopted ALCP Policies and Procedures provide guidance to defer projects in priority order when there is a program deficit. Due to the sizable deficit, two alternative scenarios were developed to balance the ALCP. The ALCP Working Group favored Scenario III. MAG staff presented the alternative scenarios to balance the ALCP to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) on February 16, 2011. The TPC recommended Scenario III, which prorates the reduction proportionally across the Lead Agencies. MAG staff will provide an update on the revised RARF revenue forecast, fiscal implications, and policy and technical guidance provided by the TPC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Freight Transportation Framework Study Update

The Maricopa Association of Governments, in conjunction with the Joint Planning Advisory Council (MAG, the Central Arizona Association of Governments, and the Pima Association of Governments), is kicking off the Freight Transportation Framework Study. The 18-month freight study's ultimate goal is to unite cities, counties, freight entities, and businesses to protect, maximize and expand commerce and economic vitality. The study will identify and develop freight related economic development opportunities, including the viability of an inland port, and increase mobility and access for freight movements (truck, rail, air) throughout the Sun Corridor.

7. Information and discussion.

### AIR QUALITY ITEMS

8. Update on the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10

On February 14, 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Finding of Failure to Submit for the withdrawal of the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 that was effective on that date. If a new complete plan is not submitted within eighteen months of the finding, the Clean Air Act sanction of tighter controls on major industries (two to one offsets) would be imposed by August 14, 2012. If the plan is not submitted within twenty-four months of the

8. Information and discussion.

finding, the loss of the federal highway funds and the imposition of a federal plan would be imposed by February 14, 2013. The submittal of a new plan and a completeness determination by EPA will stop the sanctions clocks. A plan approval action by EPA will stop the imposition of a federal plan. It is anticipated that a new plan should be submitted in January 2012 to allow EPA six months to make a completeness determination. The planning effort has been initiated to prepare a new plan. MAG and Maricopa County are working on a new revised 2008 emissions inventory to address the approvability issues identified by EPA. On a parallel track, MAG will be working with the member agencies on activities designed to prevent exceedances from occurring at the monitors. A joint effort is needed with the cities, towns, and Maricopa County. EPA has indicated informally that 2009 may be a clean year. There were no violations of the PM-10 standard in 2010. The next ten months in 2011 are critical. If three years of clean data can be obtained prior to the submission of the plan, it may be possible for EPA to issue an attainment finding under the EPA Clean Data Policy. If an attainment finding is issued, Clean Air Act requirements would be suspended for reasonable further progress, attainment demonstration, and contingency measures, as long as the area remains in attainment.

#### GENERAL ITEMS

9. Development of the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represent the budget document development to date. The elements of the budget document are about 70 percent complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Information and input on the development of the fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

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, discussion, and possible action.

11. Information and discussion.

12. Information.