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TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Marc Pearsall, Transit Planner

SUBJECT: MAG - SALT LAKE CITY/UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY-TRANSIT SYSTEM TOUR;
HOTEL BOOKING INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER 13-14, 2011

MAG presents a follow-up memorandum including an update on hotel booking information for the upcoming transit tour of Salt Lake City, Utah, on October 13-14, 2011. The trip is for leaders and representatives from the MAG Region to gather information and investigate the benefits of the multimodal connectivity between bus transit, light rail, and commuter rail in Utah Transit Authority's transit system along the Wasatch Front Range. The trip was previously requested in January 2011 by the Management Committee and an agenda and draft itinerary has since been prepared by MAG staff with gracious assistance from Utah Transit Authority (UTA). For those MAG member agency staff that plan to participate in the tour, please contact the hotel directly to make reservations. Additionally, MAG member agencies are responsible to book their own airfare and ground transportation.

Instructions and Booking Information

The UTA host hotel is:

Little America Downtown Salt Lake City
500 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, UT

For reservations, attendees may call (800) 281-7899

Please book for the evening of Thursday, October 13 – through Friday morning, October 14, 2011. When attendees contact the reservations department, they should ask for the 'Utah Transit Authority' rate. These discounted government rates are \$99 for Garden Level and \$115 for Tower Level.

Should rooms become unavailable at Little America, the recommended alternate hotel is The Grand America Hotel. The UTA rates are higher at \$199 Premier and \$219 Executive Suite, but it is a sister hotel directly across the street from Little America.

Check out time at both properties is 12:00 noon.

Both hotels are located on the Blue/Green TRAX light rail lines.

Tentative Itinerary (October 13-14, 2011)

Thursday, October 13, 2011

- Arrive at Salt Lake City (SLC) International Airport – afternoon
- Evening Mixer Reception with UTA staff in 6:00pm-8:00pm timeframe (at Little America)

Friday, October 14, 2011

- Morning Continental Breakfast - 6:00am - 7:30am (at Little America)
- UTA Transit System Tour - 8:00am - 12:00 noon timeframe
- Luncheon-Presentation by UTA Management - 12:00 noon to 1:00pm timeframe (at UTA Headquarters Conference Room near SLC Central Station)
- Depart for Salt Lake City (SLC) International Airport after 1:00pm for return to Phoenix.
- * Those members planning on staying in Salt Lake City additional days beyond the scope of the UTA tour may book their travel plans accordingly.

Travel/Transportation Cost Estimates and Alternatives

Total Travel Cost Estimates including one night hotel stay and meals -\$500 -\$700 (Per Person)

- Airfare Range -\$350 + fees
Phoenix Sky Harbor - Salt Lake City (SLC) International
(Depart Thursday, October 13th around noon; return Friday, October 14th around 5:00pm)
\$350 (Roundtrip: Delta, Frontier, Southwest Airlines, US Airways,)
- Ground Transportation - \$2 to \$20 range.
SLC International Airport to Downtown Salt Lake City
Airport Taxi/Shuttle Bus (most taxis and airport shuttles) - \$18-20 one way.
UTA Bus - Route 550 - Airport to Downtown Bus Line (\$2 one way; 30 minute trip)
The Route 550 passes within one block of the Little America Hotel at South Temple and South 600; it also serves Salt Lake Central Station, home of UTA.
<http://legacy.rideuta.com/ridinguta/routeMapImage.aspx?abbreviation=550&signup=108>
The Little America Hotel Concierge may also assist at 801-596-5799.

Utah Transit Authority Background

The Utah Transit Authority is the agency that provides public transit along the Wasatch Front range in metropolitan Salt Lake City, Utah. UTA features over one hundred local buses, UTABUS, MAX Bus Rapid Transit, express buses, ski buses and circulator bus routes. Four TRAX light rail lines will be open in by September 2011 (totaling over 30 miles, with three new lines planned by 2015). One 44-mile FrontRunner commuter rail line operates from Salt Lake City to Ogden (with extensions planned to Provo by 2012 (additional 44 miles), Brigham City, Payson, and Nephi in the future).

Please RSVP with Marc Pearsall by September 1, 2011 so MAG may keep an accurate count of those member agencies planning to participate in the tour. Marc may be contacted at mpearsall@asmag.gov or 602 254-6300.