

August 30, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Charlie Meyer, City of Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 7, 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.

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
September 7, 2011**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>		
<p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>		
<p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>3. Information.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.</p>	<p>4. Information and discussion.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>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 (*).</p>	<p>5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.</p>	

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

<p>*5A. <u>Approval of July 13, 2011, Meeting Minutes</u></p>		<p>5A. Review and approval of the July 13, 2011, meeting minutes.</p>
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Consultant Selection for the 2012 MAG Airport Travel Model Update and Data Collection

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, includes \$400,000 for the 2012 MAG Airport Travel Model Update and Data Collection. The purpose of the project is two-fold: to collect travel, economic and demographic data for both airport passengers and people picking up or dropping off passengers and to improve and update modeling of airport related travel in the MAG regional travel forecasting model. The data will be collected for Sky Harbor International Airport and Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. On June 23, 2011, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to conduct the 2012 MAG Airport Travel Model Update and Data Collection. Four proposals were received, and on August 10, 2011, a multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the proposals and recommended to MAG the selection of HDR Engineering, Inc., to conduct the 2012 MAG Airport Travel Model Update and Data Collection. In addition, the evaluation team recommended that if negotiations with HDR Engineering, Inc. are not successful, that MAG pursue negotiations with its second choice, Resource Systems Group, Inc. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Consultant Selection for the Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, includes \$280,000 for the Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study. The purpose of the study is to identify opportunities and strategies for improving the existing transit service in the southwest valley and to develop a short, mid, and long range local transit plan that effectively provides circulation within the southwest valley and also connects to the regional transit system. On May 28, 2011, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to conduct the study. MAG received proposals from six consultant firms. A multi-agency review team evaluated the proposals on July 14, 2011, and

5B. Recommend approval of the selection of HDR Engineering, Inc. to conduct the 2012 MAG Airport Travel Model Update and Data Collection for an amount not to exceed \$400,000. If negotiations with HDR Engineering, Inc. are not successful, that MAG negotiate with its second choice, Resource Systems Group, Inc., to conduct the project.

5C. Recommend approval of the selection of URS Corporation to conduct the Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study for an amount not to exceed \$280,000.

conducted consultant interviews on July 21, 2011. The evaluation team recommended to MAG that URS Corporation be selected to develop the Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Consultant Selection for the Designing Transit Accessible Communities Study

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, includes \$200,000 for the Designing Transit Accessible Communities Study. The purpose of the study is to develop strategies to make transit more accessible for bicyclists and pedestrians. On May 26, 2011, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to conduct the study. MAG received proposals from seven consultant teams. On July 20, 2011, a multi-agency evaluation team interviewed three consultant teams and recommended to MAG the selection of Wilson and Company to conduct the study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Amendment of the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Funding for a Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study

In December 2010, dial-a-ride services provided through Sun Cities Area Transit (SCAT) were eliminated. Since that time, MAG and Valley Metro/RPTA staff have been meeting with stakeholders to discuss opportunities to improve transit options in the Sun City area. As part of these discussions, the Arizona Department of Transportation has offered to provide \$160,000 in Section 5304 Statewide Planning funds to evaluate the short- and long-term transit needs for this area, which includes both rural and urbanized land. The proposed Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study would also include \$78,000 of matching funds from the MAG Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) for planning and administering the Regional Transportation Plan. On August 11, 2011, the MAG Transit Committee recommended amending the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Recommend approval of the selection of Wilson and Company to conduct the Designing Transit Accessible Communities Study for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

5E. Recommend amending the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$238,000 for a Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study.

*5F. Amendment of the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Increase the Mesoscopic to Microscopic Conversion Tool On-Call Project by \$10,000

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP), approved by the Regional Council in May 2011, includes \$30,000 for an on-call consultant project for developing the Mesoscopic to Microscopic Conversion Tool. This project will develop a conversion tool to be used by MAG in simulation modeling. This software tool will be utilized by MAG for converting the output, from the DynusT Regional ITS Operations Planning Model, into input required for the VISSIM microscopic traffic simulation model. It is now estimated that the budget required for the level of effort required by an on-call consultant to develop this tool is \$40,000. An increase of the on-call project budget by \$10,000, through an amendment of the FY 2012 UPWP, is required to carry out this project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

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

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, includes \$300,000 for MAG Design Assistance for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities. There was also \$164,999 carry over funding. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for the preliminary design portion of a bicycle or pedestrian project. 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. At the August 16, 2011, meeting, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed and ranked applications for project funding. Eight applications requesting \$655,280 in funding were originally submitted for consideration. Two jurisdictions subsequently withdrew their applications. The Committee voted to approve six projects for \$464,999. On August 25, 2011, the Transportation Review Committee recommended

5F. Recommend amending the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to increase the budgeted amount by \$10,000 for the Mesoscopic to Microscopic Conversion Tool on-call project.

5G. Recommend approval of the following projects through the MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program: Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Pathway at 23rd Avenue for \$80,000; Gilbert: Multi-use Pathway Development for \$66,549; Glendale: New River Path Connection for \$77,200; Mesa: Gateway Shared Use Path for \$120,000; Cave Creek: Bicycle Lanes Project for \$41,250; and the Phoenix: Bridge - Children's Museum to Arizona Science Center for \$80,000.

the six Design Assistance projects for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5H. Amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Add \$46,000 to the FY 2012 Bicycle Count Project and Decrease the FY 2012 Bicycle Education on Buses and Bus Shelters Project by \$46,000

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP), approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, included \$165,000 for the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning program for consultant work. Of this amount, \$119,000 of project work was estimated to be completed in the current year, and the remaining \$46,000 of project work was estimated to be completed in FY 2013. After discussions in the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meetings, a recommendation has been made by the committee to start and complete all of the consultant projects for this program during FY 2012. In addition, the project scope for the Bicycle Education on Buses and Bus Shelters project was inadvertently put in the final FY 2012 UPWP at \$76,000. This will be corrected to reflect the original budget of \$30,000. An amendment to the FY 2012 MAG UPWP is needed to make these changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5H. Recommend amending the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add \$46,000 to the FY 2012 Bicycle Count Project, for a total of \$96,000, and decrease the FY 2012 Bicycle Education on Buses and Bus Shelters project by \$46,000, for a total of \$30,000.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

- *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 the modification of funding amounts for Arterial Life Cycle Projects in FY 2012 of the TIP. 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 September 16, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5I. Consultation.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5J. MAG Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model

A report on the MAG Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project was presented to the MAG Management Committee on May 11, 2011, and the MAG Regional Council on May 25, 2011. The MAG Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project has resulted in a protocol model for standardizing the region's response to misdemeanor domestic violence crimes. Formal support is being sought from the Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council, and Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police. On July 21, 2011, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission voted to support the concept of project expansion to include a statewide model. The MAG Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model will be considered by the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council on August 30, 2011. Material will be forwarded in a separate mailing.

*5K. Consultant Selection for the MAG Municipal Aging Services Project

On March 14, 2011, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee amended the fiscal year (FY) 2011 MAG Work Program and Annual Budget to reflect a \$110,800 grant from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust to support the MAG Municipal Aging Services Project. This project will result in a municipal aging services model that will assist local governments in meeting the needs of older adults. The budget for this project includes \$30,000 to conduct a survey and \$45,000 for evaluation services. On May 16, 2011, the MAG Executive Committee approved the selection of the ETC Institute to conduct the survey. MAG staff has been conducting activities related to the evaluation services. It is proposed to contract with Wholonomy Consulting, LLC, to complete the remainder of the evaluation service activities for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. A Request for Proposals was not issued because the firm is under State contract. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5J. Possible action to recommend approval of the MAG Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model.

5K. Recommend approval that Wholonomy Consulting, LLC, conduct evaluation services for the Municipal Aging Services project for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Draft Fiscal Year 2012 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identified 94 arterial street projects to receive funding from the regional sales tax extension and from MAG Federal Funds. The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) provides information for each project spanning a 20-year life cycle. Information contained in the ALCP includes project location, regional funding, fiscal year (FY) for work, type of work, status of project and the Lead Agency. As part of the ALCP process, Lead Agencies update project information annually, at a minimum. MAG staff has programmed the Draft FY 2012 ALCP based on the information provided by Lead Agencies and from projected revenue streams of the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF), MAG Surface Transportation Program (STP-MAG) funds, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. Recommendations on this item have been made by the MAG Street Committee on June 14, 2011, and the Transportation Review Committee on August 25, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. The Future of Federal Transportation Funds

The current continuing resolution of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for federal transportation funds expires on September 30, 2011. The revenue earned by the Highway Trust Fund is projected to be 30 percent less than current levels. Currently there are two bills that have been discussed, one from Rep. John Mica (R-FL) and the other from the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. The House bill extends the transportation program for six years and reduces funding by about 30 percent, which aligns with the projected revenues. The Senate bill extends the program for two years and keeps funding levels as is in SAFETEA-LU, additionally, a short term, four month extension has been proposed. The actual detailed bills have not been released yet. MAG staff will provide a presentation on current information and how federal transportation funds are used in the region.

6. Recommend approval of (1) the Draft FY 2012 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP), (2) amendments and administrative modifications that are exempt from conformity to the MAG FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for ALCP projects programmed for work and/or reimbursements in FY 2012, and (3) amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update, as appropriate, contingent on a new Finding of Conformity.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Update on the Punta Colonet Port and Potential Arizona Rail Crossing

On August, 3, 2011, the Arizona Mexico Commission hosted a breakfast meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Communications and Transportation of Mexico (SCT) to discuss advancing the deep water port project, Punta Colonet, in Baja California. The SCT discussed issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Punta Colonet project and the need to identify a potential rail crossing in Arizona for the new port. Staff will provide an update on the discussions at this meeting. Staff will also provide an update on Interstate 11. This item will be presented at the September 6, 2011, Economic Development Committee meeting. An update will be provided on discussions at this meeting.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

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

An update will be provided on the MAG Five Percent Plan for Plan for PM-10 and the activities to prevent PM-10 exceedances at the monitors and throughout the region. In the summer of 2011, there have been several exceedances due to exceptional events caused by haboobs, dust storms, thunderstorms, and residual dust. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is preparing the documentation for the 2011 exceptional events based upon the Draft Guidance Documents on the Implementation of the Exceptional Events Rule issued by the Environmental Protection Agency. Staff from Maricopa County and MAG are providing technical assistance. Due to the requirements that must be met and the number of exceptional events that have occurred, the documentation effort is resource intensive. In addition, work is underway on a conceptual model for the attainment demonstration for the new Five Percent Plan for PM-10. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

10. Update on the MAG Economic Development Committee

An update will be provided on recent activities of the MAG Economic Development Committee,

10. Information, discussion and input.

including the status of the Brookings Metropolitan Business Planning Initiative.

11. Outdoor Lighting in the MAG Region: A Resource Guide and Report Developed by the MAG Dark Sky Stakeholders Group

On January 14, 2009, the MAG Management Committee recommended that MAG convene a Dark Sky Stakeholders Group. The purpose of the Group was to work on issues related to outdoor light pollution in relation to the field of astronomy. On October 13, 2010, the MAG Management Committee was requested to consider a draft pattern outdoor lighting code as developed by the Group. That meeting saw a significant amount of public comment from representatives of the private sector with concerns about the draft pattern code. At that time, it was recommended by the Chair of the MAG Management Committee that the Group continue to meet and work on developing compromise solutions with the private sector representatives. The Group has met five times and has developed a draft resource guide and report that includes: a foreword that captures the nature of the meetings; a frequently asked questions section; a modified draft pattern outdoor lighting code; technical aspects of the draft code; and letters from interested parties. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. 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.

13. 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

11. Information and discussion.

12. Information and discussion.

13. Information.