

November 8, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Charlie Meyer, City of Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO THE NOVEMBER 9, 2011, MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

An addendum to the November 9, 2011, MAG Management Committee agenda has been prepared to add a request for an amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to participate in the Regional Interstate Railway Economic Study. Please contact the MAG office if you have questions about the addendum to the agenda.

ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*
TRANSPORTATION ITEM

*5K. Amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Participate in the Regional Interstate Railway Economic Study

The Western High Speed Rail Alliance is proposing to initiate a Regional Interstate Railway Economic Study to examine the economic benefits of interstate rail connectivity in the Intermountain West. The total cost of the project will be \$100,000 to \$200,000, with MAG's portion approximately \$25,000 to \$50,000. MAG staff has contacted the Arizona Department of Transportation to inquire about their interest in participating in sharing the MAG cost of this study. MAG will only spend these funds if all Western High Speed Rail Alliance members participate. An amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to participate in the study.

5K. Recommend approval to amend the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to participate in the Regional Interstate Railway Economic Study through the Western High Speed Rail Alliance for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.