

October 28, 2014

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Christopher Brady, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, November 5, 2014 - 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 also are 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. A working lunch will be provided.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those who purchased a transit ticket to attend the meeting, 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.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
November 5, 2014**

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.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of the October 8, 2014, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the October 8, 2014, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Draft 2014 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

Proposition 400, approved by the voters of Maricopa County in November 2004, authorized the extension of a half-cent sales tax for use on transportation projects in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. Arizona Revised Statute 28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on projects included in Proposition 400, addressing factors such as project status, funding, and priorities. The Draft 2014 Annual Report is the tenth report in the series and covers the status of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and public transit. A Summary of Findings and Issues is included in the attached material and the full report is available on the MAG website. The Draft 2014 Annual Report was included on the MAG Transportation Review Committee agenda for October 23, 2014 for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report - May 2014 through September 2014

The Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report provides detail about the status of projects, revenues, and other relevant program information for the period between May 2014 and September 2014. This is the program's twentieth status report and the first published in FY 2015. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Consultant Selection for the Don't Trash Arizona Litter Prevention and Education Program

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) includes \$279 million for the freeway maintenance program, including litter control. The FY 2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2014 contains \$300,000 to continue the Don't Trash Arizona program for FY 2015. On July 30, 2014, MAG issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified consultants for the development and implementation of the Don't Trash Arizona Litter Prevention and Education Program for the

5B. Information and discussion.

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5D. Recommend approval that Olson Communications, Inc., be selected to design and implement the FY 2015 Litter Prevention and Education Program for the MAG region, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000, and that the base contract period shall be a one (1) year term. MAG may, at its option, offer to extend the period of this agreement up to a maximum of two (2), one (1) year options, based on consultant performance and funding availability.

MAG region. On September 10, 2014, MAG received proposals from three qualified consultants in response to the RFP. A multi-agency review panel consisting of participants from MAG member agencies met on September 24, 2014, to evaluate the proposals. The multi-agency review panel unanimously recommended to MAG that Olson Communications, Inc. be selected as the consultant to develop and implement the FY 2015 Litter Prevention and Education Program, at a cost not to exceed \$300,000. Under the terms of the contract, MAG may, at its option, extend the contract up to two years, in one-year increments, based on performance and funding availability. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Acceptance of the Central Phoenix Transportation Framework Study

On October 8, 2014, the MAG Management Committee received a report on the Central Phoenix Transportation Framework Study. The study identifies the long-range transportation needs for the center of the MAG region in an area bounded by SR-101L on the north, east, and west, and the Gila River Indian Community on the South. Since beginning the study in 2010, the study team has reached out to numerous representatives from the general public, MAG member agencies, and Valley Metro/RPTA. Through stakeholder meetings, geographic dialogues, two planning charettes, and fourteen Planning Partner events, the project has identified varying transportation opportunities to meet future travel demand and thereby inform development of the NextGen Regional Transportation Plan. During the tenure of this project, study findings have been used to launch other major planning efforts for Metropolitan Phoenix, including the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study, MAG's COMPASS (Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan, and Systems Study) initiatives for US-60/Grand Avenue and 99th Avenue, the MAG Managed Lanes Network Development Strategy, and the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 Corridor Master Plan. On October 23, 2014, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended acceptance of the study findings. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Recommend acceptance of the findings from the Central Phoenix Transportation Framework Study and the companion Downtown Phoenix Core Connections and Operations Study to inform development of the next generation of the Regional Transportation Plan; and to recommend the affected MAG member agencies within the Central Phoenix Transportation Framework Study area consider incorporating these findings into future updates of their general plans.

*5F. Traffic Signal Optimization Program Recommendation of Projects for FY 2015

The MAG Traffic Signal Optimization Program (TSOP) provides technical assistance to member agencies for improving traffic signal operations, and delivers training to agency staff via an annual workshop. Since its inception in 2004, the program has completed 101 projects affecting nearly 1,000 signalized intersections. On September 3, 2014, MAG announced a request for new TSOP projects for FY 2015. A total of 14 project applications was received. On October 7, 2014, the MAG Intelligent Transportation System Committee reviewed all applications and recommended nine of the proposed projects, plus two additional projects that would involve performing before-and-after evaluations and a workshop to provide training on traffic signal timing software. The execution of these projects would help improve traffic signal coordination along a number of major arterial corridors in addition to freeway-arterial coordination in the I-10 corridor. The budget available for new TSOP projects is \$300,000 and the total estimated cost for all 11 projects, which are to be carried out using MAG on-call consultants, is estimated to be \$303,000. The additional \$3,000 required will be met by remaining TSOP funds carried over from FY 2014. On October 23, 2014, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the 11 projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5G. MAG Public Involvement Progress Report

As part of its adopted public involvement process, MAG provides quarterly progress reports on public involvement activities to MAG policy committees for information and to convey input. MAG responds to all of the comments received as appropriate. The MAG public involvement process adheres to all federal requirements under the current federal transportation planning legislation and is dedicated to providing all of the region's residents and interested parties an opportunity to comment on transportation plans and programs. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Recommend approval of the list of Traffic Signal Optimization Program projects for FY 2015.

5G. Information and discussion.

ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

*5H. 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 address new Federal Highway Administration procedures to minimize inactive obligations and to assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, we are requesting that street sweeper projects for FY 2014 CMAQ funding be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG by March 26, 2015. In addition, recently MAG was notified of another instance in which a street sweeper disposal occurred without Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) approval. ADOT procedures require that member agencies obtain ADOT approval prior to the disposal of a CMAQ-funded street sweeper. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5I. Update on the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest Lawsuit on the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10

On October 16, 2014, the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest filed a brief in the Center's lawsuit to challenge the Environmental Protection Agency's approval of the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10. The brief addresses exceptional events; Agricultural Best Management Practices Program; best available control measures and most stringent measures; and contingency measures. On September 24, 2014, the MAG Regional Council approved MAG's Washington legal counsel to file a motion for MAG to intervene on behalf of the respondent in the lawsuit. On October 23, 2014, the Washington legal counsel filed the MAG motion to intervene. MAG had been coordinating closely with Maricopa County on a potential joint motion to intervene. Since Maricopa County is a member of MAG, Maricopa County staff has indicated that the MAG motion already represents the interests of the MAG

5H. Information and discussion.

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members on this matter. Maricopa County may seek authorization to file an Amicus Curiae brief in the event that such a brief is necessary and/or appropriate. On August 28, 2014, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality had filed a motion to intervene in the lawsuit on behalf of the respondent. On September 24, 2014, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals granted the State's motion to intervene. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5J. Approval of the Draft July 1, 2014 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates

MAG staff has prepared draft July 1, 2014 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates. The Updates, which are used to prepare budgets and set expenditure limitations, were prepared using the 2010 Census as the base and updated with housing unit data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies. Since there may be changes to the Maricopa County control total by the Arizona Department of Administration, on October 28, 2014, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of these draft Updates provided that the County control total is within one percent of the final control total. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5K. Proposed 2015 Edition of the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee has completed its review of proposed revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction. These revisions have been recommended for approval by the committee and are currently being reviewed by MAG member agency Public Works Directors and/or Engineers. It is anticipated that the new 2015 edition will be available for purchase in early January 2015. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5J. Recommend approval of the draft July 1, 2014 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates provided that the Maricopa County control total is within one percent of the final control total.

5K. Information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. Proposed Major Amendment to the MAG Regional Transportation Plan to Add the Light Rail Transit Extension on Central Avenue: Washington/Jefferson to Baseline Road

On August 27, 2014, the MAG Regional Council requested consultation on the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to add a five (5) mile light rail transit (LRT) extension on Central Avenue: Washington/Jefferson to Baseline Road. Formal comment on the proposed major amendment is required by state statute, A.R.S. 28-6353, from the State Transportation Board, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, and the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Cities and towns, Native American Indian communities, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee may also provide comments. The proposed major amendment was recommended to MAG for approval on September 12, 2014, by the State Transportation Board, on September 18, 2014, by the Regional Public Transportation Authority Board, and on September 25, 2014, by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. On October 23, 2014, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the West Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility

The City of Glendale and Maricopa County have requested that the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan be amended to include the West Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility with an ultimate capacity of eight million gallons per day. The facility would be located in the Glendale Municipal Planning Area and serve a portion of the Glendale Municipal Planning Area that includes unincorporated areas of Maricopa County. Reclaimed water would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and a potential Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit discharge to Bullard Wash south of Litchfield Park via a below-ground pipeline; Roosevelt Irrigation District Canal

6. Recommend approval of the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to add a five (5) mile light rail transit (LRT) extension on Central Avenue: Washington/Jefferson to Baseline Road and that the Regional Transportation Plan be amended subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis.

7. Recommend approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the West Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility.

south of Litchfield Park via a below-ground pipeline; and/or to the Agua Fria River via existing concrete lined stormwater channels. On August 21, 2014, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing on the Draft 208 Amendment for the West Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility. Immediately following the public hearing, the Committee considered public comments received and tabled the Draft 208 Amendment. After the August 21, 2014 public hearing and Committee meeting, a response to the public comments was prepared. In addition, a joint letter from EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc. and Liberty Utilities as well as a letter from the Central Arizona Project were provided to indicate issues related to the recharge projects will be addressed through permitting at the Arizona Department of Water Resources and that there are no objections to the Draft 208 Amendment. On October 21, 2014, the Water Quality Advisory Committee reviewed the response to comments and letters and recommended approval of the Draft 208 Amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Resolution of Support for Acceleration of the SR-189 Project

On October 15, 2014, Arizona celebrated the opening of the new Mariposa Port of Entry, which is located immediately north of the City of Nogales, Arizona. The completed reconstruction of the Port is estimated at \$225 million. Traffic volumes at the Port are expected to increase from the current average of 1,600 trucks per day to more than 3,000 trucks per day by the peak of produce season in January 2015. State Route 189 serves as a bypass for commercial truck traffic to and from Mexico and provides a critical international commerce connection from the Mariposa Port of Entry to Interstate 19. With the opening of the Port, the increased traffic will encounter a bottleneck north of the Port. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has conducted a design concept report of the interchange configuration needed to fix the bottleneck, estimated at approximately \$64 million. ADOT has allocated \$2 million in FY 2016 for environmental work and \$4 million in FY 2018 for final design. The draft resolution to support the

8. Recommend approval of supporting the draft resolution, requesting the respective Regional Planning Agencies to work cooperatively to jointly advocate to the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the State Transportation Board, Arizona's Congressional Delegation, the Arizona Legislature, and other public and private stakeholders, to explore additional funding, creative financing, and additional statutory flexibility in order to advance the construction of the preferred build alternative for State Route 189 into the ADOT Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program while holding harmless those projects currently programmed therein.

acceleration is being considered by the regional planning organizations in Arizona. The resolution requests the respective Regional Planning Agencies to work cooperatively to jointly advocate to ADOT, the Federal Highway Administration, the State Transportation Board, Arizona's Congressional Delegation, the Arizona Legislature, and other public and private stakeholders, to explore additional funding, creative financing, and additional statutory flexibility in order to advance the construction of the preferred build alternative for State Route 189 into the ADOT Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program while holding harmless those projects currently programmed therein. A report will be provided to the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Year End Closeout Report of Federal Highway Administration Suballocated MAG Regional Funds, and Evaluation of Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Funding Levels

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law P.L. 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). This surface transportation authorization act expired on September 30, 2014. A continuing resolution was signed in September 2014, funding transportation projects through December 11, 2014. An update will be provided on FFY 2014, expected FFY 2015 apportionments, and, if available, regional and state funding levels. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Southeast Valley Transit System Study

On May 22, 2013, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, which included funding for the Southeast Valley Transit System Study. Jurisdictions included in the study are Apache Junction, Chandler, Florence, Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Guadalupe, Maricopa, Mesa, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Tempe and the surrounding portions of Maricopa County and Pinal County. The Southeast Valley Transit System Study commenced in early Spring 2014 as the third of three sub-regional transit studies, and is co-managed by MAG and Valley Metro. The

9. Information and discussion.

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purpose is to identify efficiencies and service gaps for existing and future transit services, optimize existing services, identify current unmet needs, and address changing study area conditions. The final report will develop recommendations for addressing short-, mid-, and long-term transit needs and investigate funding strategies and partnership opportunities. This update will focus on community outreach for Fall 2014/Spring 2015, and recent transit optimization task-work, travel patterns and market analysis. Staff from MAG and Valley Metro will present an update on the study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

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, discussion, and possible action.

12. Information.

13. Information.