

September 1, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 - 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
September 9, 2015**

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 August 5, 2015, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the August 5, 2015, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

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

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes \$400,000 for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Assistance Program. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for the preliminary design portion of a bicycle or pedestrian project. Thirteen project applications were submitted by member agencies for the program. On July 21, 2015, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed and ranked applications, and voted to recommend approval of the seven top ranked projects for the Design Assistance Program. On August 27, 2015, the Transportation Review Committee voted to recommend approval of the seven top ranked projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Guidelines

The FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2013, included \$75,000 to develop an off-street bicycle network wayfinding guide and brand name. The Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines project, completed in May 2015, includes brand standards, wayfinding tools, wayfinding guidelines, and an implementation approach. The Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines final report was recommended for acceptance on May 26, 2015, by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, and on August 27, 2015, by the Transportation Review Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Add a New On-Call Consultant Project for the Traffic Signal Optimization Program

Since its inception in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004, the MAG Traffic Signal Optimization Program (TSOP)

5B. Recommend approval of funding the seven top ranked projects for the Design Assistance Program.

5C. Recommend acceptance of the MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines final report.

5D. Recommend approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add the Traffic Signal Optimization Program Project using \$300,000 in contingency funds to carry out the Fiscal Year 2016 Traffic Signal Optimization Program.

has successfully completed more than one hundred projects that have helped improve traffic signal timing at more than 1,000 intersections across the region. At the time the FY MAG 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, it was projected that the funds for the FY 2015 UPWP TSOP project would carry forward to the FY 2016 UPWP. However, during the Spring of 2015 many TSOP projects were initiated and completed. An on-call consultant project is needed to continue to provide the ongoing technical assistance to local agencies during FY 2016. An amendment is needed to the Fiscal Year 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add a new on-call consultant project with a budget of \$300,000 in contingency funds. If the amendment is approved, it is anticipated that a list of TSOP projects will be generated through a call for projects and considered through the MAG committee process in the coming months. These projects will be assigned to qualified on-call consultants that have been approved through the MAG process and carried out between January and June of 2016. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Add the Northern Parkway Project Refinement and Implementation Study

The Northern Parkway project is the largest project in the Arterial Life Cycle Program and represents more than \$230 million of regional investment over a 20-year period. A Design Concept Report was completed in 2010 to establish the project's general design and implementation strategy. Since that time, there have been changes in land use, population growth projections, traffic forecasts, travel behavior, and available revenues. In June 2015, MAG awarded a task order to perform a financial and operational evaluation of Northern Parkway in cooperation with the Maricopa County Department of Transportation and cities of El Mirage, Glendale, and Peoria. The financial and operational

5E. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add the Northern Parkway Project Refinement and Implementation Study using \$250,000 in Arterial Life Cycle Program sales tax funds designated for planning and implementation studies.

evaluation was presented to the project partners at a workshop held on August 11, 2015; at the conclusion of the workshop, there was unanimous agreement to move forward with a more detailed refinement and implementation study of the project. An amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning and Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to add the Northern Parkway Project Refinement and Implementation Study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

*5F. EPA Notice Proposing to Reclassify the Maricopa Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area From Marginal to Moderate for the 2008 Ozone Standard

On August 27, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice in the Federal Register proposing to take actions for each of the 36 nonattainment areas currently classified as Marginal for the 2008 ozone standard (0.075 parts per million). In the notice, EPA is proposing to determine that the Maricopa Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area did not attain the standard by the July 20, 2015 attainment date, did not qualify for a one-year extension of the attainment date, and would be reclassified from Marginal to Moderate. The attainment date for Moderate Areas is July 20, 2018. A new plan will be due by January 1, 2017 to address the Moderate Area requirements. The plan is required to demonstrate at least a 15 percent reduction in volatile organic compound emissions over a six year period (2012-2017). Since the attainment date is in the middle of the summer ozone season, the plan is required to demonstrate attainment of the standard in the prior 2017 ozone season. In addition, the region will need to have clean data at the air quality monitors in 2017 to meet the standard. MAG is closely coordinating with the Maricopa County Air Quality Department, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and Arizona Department of Transportation on the plan. The deadline for submitting comments to the EPA is September 28, 2015. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS***5G. MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program**

Each year, the MAG Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five-year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and enables MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund. On August 13, 2015, the MAG PSAP Managers Group recommended approval of the MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program. This item is on the September 1, 2015, MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Recommend approval of the MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**6. Request for Second Deferral of the City of Phoenix Multiuse Path Project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal**

The City of Phoenix has requested to defer its Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 multiuse path construction project on the Grand Canal near Indian School Road and 16th Street. This project was previously deferred from FY 2014 to FY 2015 and is identified in the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as PHX14-101. The MAG Federal Programming Guidelines require approval through the MAG Committee process for a second deferral of a project. To receive a second deferral, the project sponsor, in presentations before MAG committees, must establish that the cause of the project deferral was beyond the control of the project sponsor and that the sponsor has identified the problem causing the delay, continues to provide financial and staff commitment to the project, and has a plan and schedule for addressing the problem and completing the project. The

6. Recommend approval of a second deferral by the City of Phoenix from FY 2015 to FY 2017, for the multiuse path project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal, TIP listing PHX14-101.

second deferral by the City of Phoenix from FY 2015 to FY 2017 for the multiuse path project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal was recommended for approval on August 18, 2015, by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, and on August 27, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Resolution of Structural Issues With Using Special Census Numbers to Distribute State Shared Revenues

In April 2015, issues involving the population numbers to distribute state shared revenues were discussed. Historically, since the 1970's state shared revenues have been distributed using decennial or special census population numbers. State estimates have not been used due to accuracy issues using state population numbers. Due to Arizona being one of the fastest growing states in the nation, since 1975 a regional special census has been conducted in 1975, 1985, 1995 and a census survey was conducted in 2005. Following the 2005 census survey, the Bureau of the Census notified MAG that a survey could no longer be conducted. The Bureau also provided cost estimates for conducting a door to door census, ranging in cost from \$65 million to \$70 million. The Bureau also noted that approximately 35,000 enumerators would need to be hired to conduct a door to door census. Due to the cost and the inability to hire the enumerators to conduct a special census in 2015, it was determined that a regional special census would not be possible. Although a regional special census was not contemplated, Arizona state statutes provide that individual cities could work with the Bureau and conduct their own special census. To provide a better way to distribute state shared revenues, cities are exploring legislation using either state estimates that are subject to improvement, or federal estimates to allocate the funding. This would provide all of the cities in Arizona a yearly number and avoid the sharp adjustments needed every five years. To find an equitable solution for the seven cities that are proceeding this year with a special census, it is

7. Recommend approval of establishing a special projects fund at MAG to reimburse the seven cities in the MAG region that contracted to conduct a special census in 2015 for 50 percent of their special census costs, estimated at \$8,139,341, spread over approximately a five-year period.

being proposed that these cities in the MAG region receive 50 percent of their costs incurred and that a special fund be created at MAG for reimbursement purposes. The seven special census cities would use these funds over approximately a five-year period. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Update on the ADOT Passenger Rail Study: Tucson to Phoenix

Staff from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will present the next step of the Passenger Rail Corridor Study: Tucson to Phoenix. ADOT plans to publish the Tier I draft environmental impact statement for review. This update will provide an overview of the technical and environmental analysis, as well as agency and public feedback on the proposed rail corridor. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

10. 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.

11. 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

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information, discussion, and possible action.

10. Information.

11. Information.