

April 6, 2016

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguario 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
April 13, 2016**

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 March 9, 2016, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the March 9, 2016, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Transfer Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program Apportionment from MAG to ADOT

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has requested that the Maricopa Association of the Governments (MAG) transfer back to the state, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program (STP) apportionment that is suballocated to the MAG region in order to utilize STP apportionment that is due to lapse this year if not accessed. On March 31, 2016, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the transfer. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan were approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 29, 2014, with the last modification approved at the March 23, 2016, Regional Council meeting. Since then, project additions have been requested by ADOT and other general project changes by member agencies. On March 31, 2016, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the requested project changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Changes to Regionally Significant Projects Within the Draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and Amendment to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Amendment to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

Four light rail transit projects in the MAG region now require revision to their current opening dates, along with one new light rail capital structure added to the Draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and

5B. Recommend approval of transferring \$80,000,000 in Federal Highway Administration suballocated Surface Transportation Program apportionment from the Maricopa Association of Governments to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

5C. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and, as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

5D. Recommend approval of changes to the revised opening dates for rail transit projects within the Draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and an amendment to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment, and will undergo necessary air quality conformity analysis. These changes are the result of the January 26, 2016 Phoenix City Council decision to approve the acceleration of two light rail projects, the deferral of one phase of a light rail project and the addition of one light rail station. The Tempe Streetcar project will also be deferred by one year as per the Valley Metro Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP). This action will more closely align with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding allocations and project delivery schedule. The requested project changes were recommended for approval on March 15, 2016, by the MAG Transit Committee and on March 31, 2016, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. ADOT Notice - Change to Applicability of Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates per the FAST Act

On March 17, 2016, ADOT issued a memorandum to all local public agencies regarding changes included in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). The FAST Act contains the following provision - "Each Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) project, including a project located outside of a Federal-aid highway right-of-way, but excluding a project funded by the recreational trails set-aside, is treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway." This clause expands the application of prevailing wage rates (per the Davis-Bacon Act) to all construction projects funded under the STBG program, which includes Transportation Alternatives and Off-System Bridge funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. Add Bike Share to the List of Design Assistance Eligible Categories for the MAG Design Assistance Program

The MAG Design Assistance Program was initiated in 1996 to encourage the development of pedestrian facilities according to the approved MAG Pedestrian Policies and Design Guidelines.

5E. Information and discussion.

5F. Recommend approval of adding Bike Share as a category to the Design Assistance eligible categories under the MAG Design Assistance Program and make the corresponding change in the MAG Pedestrian Policies and Design Guidelines.

The intent of the program has been to stimulate integration of facilities into the planning and design of all types of infrastructure and development. In 2006, MAG initiated the Bicycle Facilities Design Program. In 2011, the Design Assistance Program combined pedestrian and bicycle facilities into one program and included shared-use facilities. Currently, there are three categories that receive Design Assistance funding: 1) Completion of the Regional Shared-use Path and Canal Network. 2) Bicycle and Pedestrian Access to Transit. 3) Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities. A member agency contacted MAG staff to inquire about adding Bike Share to the list of Design Assistance eligible categories. The MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee discussed Bike Share as an opportunity for increasing bicycling and future connections to transit in the region. On March 15, 2016, the Committee recommended approval of adding Bike Share as a new Design Assistance eligible category. On March 31, 2016, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of adding Bike Share as an eligible category. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5G. MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems and Transportation Safety On-Call Services Consultant Selection

The Draft FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, anticipated to be considered by the MAG Regional Council in May 2016, includes a number of projects to be executed in the areas of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Transportation Safety. These projects will be executed through on-call consultant contracts with qualified consultants selected in eight areas of technical expertise. A request for qualifications was advertised on January 28, 2016. Two selection panels, made up of ITS Committee and Transportation Safety Committee members and MAG staff, evaluated the statements of qualifications and recommended the selection of a number of qualified consultant teams, in each of the areas of technical expertise. On March 22, 2016, the MAG Transportation Safety Committee recommended approval of a ranked list of consultants for three (3) areas of technical

5G. Recommend approval of the selected lists of consultants for the ITS and Transportation Safety Planning on-call services, for the following areas of expertise: (1) Arterial Traffic Signal Operations, (2) Regional ITS Planning, (3) Systems Management and Operations Planning, (4) Systems Management and Operations Training, (5) Traffic Incident Management Evaluation, (6) Transportation Safety Planning, (7) Transportation Safety Training, and (8) Crash Data Analysis Tools.

expertise related to Transportation Safety projects.

On April 6, 2016, the MAG ITS Committee recommended approval of a ranked list of consultants for five (5) areas of technical expertise related to ITS projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5H. Amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Funding and Add a New Consultant Project for the Rural Paratransit Needs Assessment Study

On December 15, 2015, MAG staff received approval from the MAG Regional Council to apply for a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Local Rural/Small Urban Transit Planning Projects. On February 23, 2016, the Arizona Department of Transportation awarded MAG \$60,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5304 funds for the implementation of the new study, which will commence in July 2016. The purpose of the Rural Paratransit Needs Assessment Study will be to address the needs of older persons and people with disabilities for regional paratransit services within MAG rural areas. The study may lead to future opportunities to secure 5310 and 5311 funding for additional work in this area. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, needs to be amended to accept the additional FTA 5304 funds and to add the MAG Rural Paratransit Needs Assessment Study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5I. On-Call Consulting Services Selection for FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data

The fiscal year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes \$250,000 for on-call consulting services for FY 2016 Transportation Behavioral Model and Data. The main purpose of the three-year project is to update and further improve MAG transportation forecasting tools in order to better support new planning and forecasting needs of MAG and MAG

5H. Recommend approval of an amendment to the MAG FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept \$60,000 in FTA 5304 funds and add the Rural Paratransit Needs Assessment Study.

5I. Recommend approval of the list of on-call consultants for Area of Expertise A (Travel Demand Modeling): AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Caliper Corporation, Cambridge Systematics, INRO Consultants Inc., Lee Engineering, LLC, Resource Systems Group, Inc., Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.; for Area of Expertise B (Data Collection, Data Analysis, Data Management and Data Visualization): AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Caliper Corporation, Cambridge Systematics, ETC Institute, INRO Consultants Inc., Lee Engineering, LLC, MS2, Resource Systems Group,

member agencies. A request for qualifications was advertised on February 19, 2016 for technical assistance in two areas of expertise: (A) Travel Demand Modeling, (B) Data Collection, Data Analysis, Data Management and Data Visualization. Twelve proposals were received by the March 23, 2016, deadline. On March 30, 2016, the multi-agency evaluation team met and recommended consultants to MAG to perform the technical assistance. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5J. Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization Loan Request

The Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization (SVMPO) has requested that MAG enter into a loan agreement to assist them with \$1,163,448 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds that they cannot utilize due to project delays, and they are requesting repayment by MAG to SVMPO of the \$1,163,448 in FFY 2018. The proposed loan would have no negative impacts to the MAG region. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Inc., Traffic Research & Analysis, Inc., United Civil Group, Works Consulting, LLC, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.; for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.

- 5J. Recommend approval to enter into a loan agreement with the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization in the amount of \$1,163,448 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 STP funds to be utilized in MAG Arterial Life Cycle Program, and for repayment by MAG to SVMPO in FFY 2018.

ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

*5K. 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 be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG within one year from the date of the MAG authorization letter. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5K. Information and discussion.

*5L. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including an Arizona Department of Transportation federally funded railroad grade crossing safety project. 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. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5L. Consultation.

*5M. Consultation on Potentially Regionally Significant Projects for the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies on which transportation projects will be considered "regionally significant" for the purposes of regional emissions analysis. Regionally significant projects are subject to conformity requirements. A list of potentially regionally significant projects for the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program has been prepared. It is requested that comments regarding the list be reported to MAG by April 22, 2016. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5M. Consultation.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. ADOT Red Letter Process

In June 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning, and permits. ADOT staff will

6. Information and discussion.

provide a presentation regarding the Red Letter process. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Regionally Supported Projects for USDOT TIGER (Round 8) Grants and Update on FASTLANE Grant

On February 23, 2016, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the eighth round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant funding. A total of \$500 million is available through a multimodal, merit-based, competitive grant program. Nationally, there is a set aside of \$100 million for rural areas, with the remaining \$400 million for projects in urban areas. The MAG Management Committee received a staff report on the NOFO on March 9, 2016. MAG member agencies were requested to submit project proposals by March 28, 2016. On March 31, 2016, the Transportation Review Committee recommended support for four TIGER Grant applications -- two regional, one statewide and one in the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization region. MAG staff will discuss the project proposals recommended for regional support. Staff also will provide an update on the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. How to Optimize the Economic Development Opportunities Related to Spring Baseball

Spring training baseball is a driving force in Arizona's economy. It is estimated that the spring training teams, and the ballparks they play in, generate more than \$809 million annually in economic impact for the state. Individually, many cities work to promote their community, build relationships with existing businesses and increase economic development during spring training. Spring training, and the 15 teams that play here, help to brand Arizona and provide a higher profile in the corporate community. MAG staff will

7. Recommend regionally supported projects for Round 8 of the FFY 2016 TIGER grants.

8. Information and discussion.

present high level metrics on the metro areas that are home to the spring training teams. Management Committee members will be requested to share their experiences and best practices on how they leverage spring training from an economic development perspective.

9. Update on MAG Socioeconomic Projections

In accordance with Executive Order 2011-04, MAG prepares sub-county socioeconomic projections. These projections are used as input to the transportation and air quality models and are based on the County population projections (prepared by the Arizona Department of Administration and approved by the Regional Council in December 2015), County employment projections (prepared by MAG and approved by the Regional Council in December 2015), and the American Community Survey. Working with the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC), MAG staff has prepared draft socioeconomic projections for housing, population, and employment for July 1, 2020, 2030, 2040, and 2050. All data, methods and assumptions used to prepare the draft projections have been reviewed by MAG POPTAC. The first draft of the projections was reviewed by member agencies in March 2016. The second draft of the projections incorporating comments received is currently under development and will be distributed for member agency review in April. A status report will be provided.

10. Development of the FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represents the budget document development to date. The elements of the budget document are approximately 70 percent complete. Staff will

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information and discussion.

report on the comments from our federal transportation partners (Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration) who attended the Intermodal Planning Group meeting that was held on March 11, 2016. Approval of the Draft MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is scheduled for the May meetings of the Management Committee, Executive Committee and Regional Council. 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.