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TO: Members of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley, Chair

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF MEETING NOTICE AND TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, July 27, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) will be held at the time and place noted above.

Members of the POPTAC may attend either in person, by telephone conference call or by videoconference. If you are attending by videoconference, you must make arrangements with Craig Chenery at MAG and your site coordinator by the Friday prior to the meeting. If you are attending via audio conference please contact Steve Gross at (602) 254-6300 at least one day prior to the meeting.

If you are driving, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting and parking will be validated. For those using transit, the 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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Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or 14 people for the MAG POPTAC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Heidi Bickart at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the MAG POPTAC on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested to limit their comments to three minutes. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for this agenda item, unless the Chair of the POPTAC provides for an exception to this limit. Those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2010

4. Census Update

The U.S. Census Bureau is wrapping up door-to-door follow-up in the 2010 Decennial Census, but additional work must be conducted before the final counts are announced next spring. During the next several months, the Census Bureau will conduct major quality assurance operations to ensure that the 2010 Census is an accurate and complete picture of everyone living in the United States. The Census Bureau is already conducting coverage follow-up on forms returned by mail and re-interviews as a check on employee performance. The Census Coverage Measurement program conducts field operations to determine the effective population and housing coverage within the 2010 Census. These operations are similar to the full decennial Census and the results are matched to measure the accuracy of the count. Coverage measurement crews will continue to work throughout 2010 and into 2011, but the Census Bureau is on track to deliver the state apportionment totals by December 31, 2010.

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. For information.

3. For information, discussion and approval of the minutes of June 22, 2010.

4. For information and discussion.

While work is ongoing for the decennial census, in October the Census Bureau is expected to release the numbers from the first annual American Community Survey (ACS). The Census Bureau has been gathering ACS information for the last five years. Starting this year, there will be an annual release of data, including population estimates. The U.S. Census Bureau wants to avoid confusion regarding this release of data by ensuring that member agencies are aware of how the ACS numbers will differ from the official decennial census numbers. The Denver Census Bureau Manager of Partnership and Data Services will provide an update.

5. Arizona Department of Commerce Update

The Council of Technical Solutions was established by the State Demographer at the Arizona Department of Commerce in February 2009. This group, created by Executive Order 2009-1, meets every month to discuss technical issues as related to population data, methods and processes.

An update will be provided on the progress of the July 1, 2010 population estimates, and future estimates and projections.

6. Major Developments Data Collection and Review

MAG staff maintains a number of regional databases on an ongoing basis to assist member agencies. These databases are also used to develop an official set of population, housing unit, and employment projections.

MAG staff had completed a draft version of the Developments database. To ensure that we have the latest available information, we are now asking for member agencies to review the Major Developments dataset. Members of the MAG POPTAC will begin receiving review materials within the next week.

5. For information and discussion.

6. For information and discussion.

7. Data Collection Timeline and Major Data Collection Schedule

Ongoing data collection efforts include land use information, employment and residential completions. A schedule for the collection of data for the next 6 months is included in Attachment One.

At the last POPTAC meeting, a member asked for information on all the data being requested from MAG member agencies. MAG Information Services has created a table of the major data collection schedule. Please refer to Attachment Two. A status report will be provided.

8. Maricopa County Assessor's Office: Discontinuation of Accelerated Property Splits and New Subdivisions

On August 1, 2010 the Maricopa County Assessors Office will discontinue the free service to accelerate property splits and new subdivisions with accurate and prompt assignment of new Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN's). Please see Attachment Three.

9. National Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Training

The National Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) is the primary way that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) helps local transportation agencies learn about maintaining and improving their roads, innovative methods and materials, and ways to work smarter. The Arizona LTAP program, administered through ADOT, offers training and technical assistance to LTAP member agencies as well as reduced rates to non-member local government agencies. While many of the training programs are specific to transportation, there are also training courses available to assist with planning, grant applications and GIS. Several MAG member agencies are participating members in the LTAP program and all MAG member agencies are encouraged to take advantage of the

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training offerings through the Arizona LTAP program. For a list of LTAP member agencies and more information about LTAP, visit the website at www.azltap.org. An overview of the program and information on upcoming training will be provided. Please refer to Attachment Four.

10. Foreclosure Maps and Data

Based on interest at the last MAG POPTAC meeting, MAG staff has created a project page on the MAG web site that contains maps and data tables on valley foreclosures.

11. HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program

On June 24, 2010, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made \$100 million available nationally to support the creation of regional plans for sustainable development through the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. This program is offered through HUD in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program is to integrate housing, economic development, and transportation planning in order to enhance the economy, environment, and social equity. On July 19, 2010, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee received a report on activities undertaken to determine an approach that puts the region in the most advantageous position and best reflects the priorities of the region. It appears that there is consensus for MAG to apply as the lead applicant on behalf of the Sun Corridor. A potential focus for this region could be developing green housing and jobs along high capacity transit routes and completing paths along the canal system. The application process is expected to be very competitive. Feedback will be solicited from the Committee to ensure the region's response to this grant will be competitive and reflect local priorities and activities. Please refer to Attachment Five.

10. For information and discussion.

11. For information and discussion.

12. Regional Updates

MAG POPTAC members and MAG staff will have the opportunity to provide an update on development within their jurisdiction, amendments to general plans and any special projects.

13. Next Meeting of MAG POPTAC

The next meeting of the MAG POPTAC is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. which may also include a POPTAC orientation for interested member agency staff.

12. For information and discussion.

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