

October 19, 2010

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Tom Schoaf, Litchfield Park, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 27, 2010
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next MAG Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. Supporting information is enclosed for your review. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor.

Please park in the garage underneath the building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority 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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If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 27, 2010**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council 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. 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 Regional Council 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 Regional Council on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of the September 22, 2010, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the September 22, 2010, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. 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 has forwarded a list of notifications from January 1, 2010, to June 30, 2010. Of the 47 notices received, five had an impact to the State Highway System. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The fiscal year (FY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is requesting a modification to the SRL303 project to split the utility relocation projects out to individual ones, a revised scope for the South Mountain Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project, and a new pavement preservation project. There are four new federal Safe Routes to Schools program funded projects; this process is managed by ADOT with input provided by MAG. Wickenburg is requesting to move its STP-TEA funded project from 2010 to 2011, and two new transit projects need to be added to the TIP since they received federal money through a competitive grant application. There are four Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funded projects that requested changes. There have been recommendations on the above requested changes by the Transportation Review Committee, Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, and the Intelligent Transportation

5B. Information and discussion.

5C. Approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

Systems Committee. In addition, requests for deferrals were received for the following CMAQ funded projects: two Cave Creek projects and one Litchfield Park project, which were heard for the first time at the Management Committee on October 13, 2010. The Management Committee recommended approval. This item is on the October 20, 2010, Transportation Policy Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Change in State Route Numbers

The State Transportation Board is renumbering the following freeways: Interstate 10 Reliever Freeway - previously SR-801 - is now State Route (SR)-30, and Williams Gateway Freeway - previously SR-802 - is now SR-24. Board action for SR-24 occurred in September 2010; action for SR-30 is anticipated in January 2011. All ADOT maps are illustrating the new route numbers.

*5E. Recommendation of Road Safety Improvement Projects for Possible Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program

On August 17, 2010, MAG announced a call for projects to identify a list of candidate road safety improvement projects to be recommended to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for possible federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds available in FY 2011, 2012 and 2013. A total of nine (9) project applications were received by MAG. These applications have been reviewed and a recommendation was developed by the Transportation Safety Committee. The final decision on which of the recommended projects will be funded and at what level will be determined by ADOT. Funded projects will be included in the current TIP through a future amendment, and the implementation of projects will be coordinated by ADOT. Safety improvement projects are considered exempt from a potential TIP conformity freeze. On October 13, 2010, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Information.

5E. Approval of the list of safety improvement projects to the Arizona Department of Transportation for federal funds in the 70 percent Highway Safety Improvement Program category available for fiscal years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5F. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including FY 2011 Arizona Department of Transportation projects on State Route 303, Safe Routes to School funded projects, and City of Phoenix transit projects. 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.

5F. Consultation.

*5G. 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 assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, MAG is requesting that street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement be requested by the agency within one year plus ten calendar days from the date of the MAG authorization letter. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5H. MAG FY 2012 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2012-2016 Equipment Program

Each year, the 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 will enable

5H. Approval of the MAG FY 2012 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2012-2016 Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The funding request for FY 2015 is required to be submitted to the ADOA by December 15, 2010. On July 15, 2010, the MAG 9-1-1 PSAP Managers recommended approval of the MAG FY 2012 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2012-2016 Equipment Program. On September 20, 2010, the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team recommended approval. On October 13, 2010, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5I. Application Process for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Funds for Homeless Assistance Programs

On December 8, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG region. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and supportive services. A total of \$196 million has been awarded to the region since 1999. Last year, the region received more than \$23.4 million for 53 homeless programs. It is anticipated that the region will be awarded comparably in 2010. A draft list of new and renewal projects is provided to members for information and discussion. The final consolidated application will be presented to the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness on November 15, 2010, for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5J. Valley Fever Corridor Project

Valley Fever is the common name for a fungal infection which occurs in the lower deserts of Arizona and elsewhere in the western hemisphere. Approximately 150,000 infections annually result in 50,000 persons seeking medical

- 5I. Information and discussion.

- 5J. Acceptance of a Resolution to promote public awareness of the educational efforts of the Valley Fever Center for Excellence in its work to address the Valley Fever in the MAG region.

attention for a pneumonia-type of illness that can last for weeks to many months, and may require many years or lifelong medical management. Two-thirds of all Valley Fever infections in the United States are contracted by Arizonans and most of these occur in residents of the three counties of Maricopa, Pinal and Pima (the "Valley Fever Corridor"). With Valley Fever being concentrated in Arizona, the Valley Fever Center for Excellence (Center) was established in 1996 to support efforts to control this problem. Representatives from the Center will provide an update on current efforts to address Valley Fever. The Center is requesting a Resolution to promote public awareness of Valley Fever in the MAG region. On October 13, 2010, the MAG Management Committee recommended acceptance. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- 6. 2010 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

Proposition 400 was approved by the voters of Maricopa County in November 2004, and authorized the extension of a half-cent sales tax for use on transportation projects in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. A.R.S. 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 2010 Annual Report is the sixth report in this series and covers the status of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. A Summary of Findings and Issues is included in the attached material and the full report is available on the MAG website. This item was presented to the MAG Transportation Review Committee, to the MAG Management Committee, and the Transportation Policy Committee for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 6. Information and discussion.

7. Local Transportation Assistance Fund

At the July 21, 2010 meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee, a discussion was held concerning the loss of the Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF) which was discontinued by the Arizona Legislature this year. A proposed action to support efforts to identify a replacement source for the loss of the LTAF funds was tabled. Concern was expressed by a number of members about approaching the legislature about a replacement source of state transit funding during the next session given the continued state budget deficit. Another question was related to the policy position of the transit operators, in particular, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). At the September 16, 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors of RPTA, the Board voted to support the League of Arizona Cities and Towns resolution that urges the legislature to identify a permanent, designated funding source to support a public transportation program in Arizona. This item is on the October 20, 2010, Transportation Policy Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information, discussion and possible action to support the League resolution that urges the legislature to fund public transportation programs in Arizona.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS8. Update on the EPA Proposed Partial Approval and Disapproval of the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10

On September 3, 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a notice to propose partial approval and disapproval of the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 based on the timetable in the consent decree with the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest. The notice was published in the Federal Register on September 9, 2010, and comments are due by October 12, 2010. If EPA finalizes the partial disapproval on January 28, 2011, a conformity freeze on the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) would occur in approximately thirty days; only projects in the first four years could proceed.

8. Information and discussion.

If the problem is not corrected within eighteen months, tighter controls on major industries would be imposed. If the problem is still not corrected within twenty-four months of the disapproval, the loss of federal highway funds (\$1.7 billion) and a federal implementation plan would be imposed. Conformity would also lapse, which would place the \$7.4 billion TIP at risk. On October 1, 2010, a videoconference was conducted with EPA to discuss issues with the EPA Exceptional Events Rule and recommendations from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and MAG. On October 4, 2010, MAG and ADEQ sent a letter to EPA requesting a sixty day extension of the comment period for the proposed action on the Five Percent Plan. On October 7, 2010, EPA sent a letter to MAG and ADEQ granting an extension of the public comment period to October 20, 2010. On October 8, 2010, an Air Quality discussion with EPA and ADEQ was held to discuss the review of ADEQ Exceptional Events Document and potential solutions to avoid a conformity freeze. At the October 11, 2010 Executive Committee telephone conference call meeting, the Committee discussed a letter from MAG, as well as a joint letter from MAG and ADEQ, would be submitted in response to the public comment period. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

9. MAG Economic Development Committee Composition

On September 22, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved the formation of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) and the business community member positions. In addition, the Regional Council requested that the Executive Committee revisit this item to further refine the mission statement and discuss the composition where relevant. At the October 18, 2010, Executive Committee meeting, it was unanimously recommended to refine the mission statement to focus on all of Maricopa County. In addition, the Executive Committee discussed the

9. Approval of the refined mission statement, officers and the expanded composition of the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC) and approval of the remaining EDC members.

composition of the EDC and recommended expanding the MAG member agency elected official portion of the composition to include up to twelve members. The Executive Committee also recommended members for the East Valley and West Valley seats on the EDC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Regional Council would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

11. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council 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

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information.