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February 15, 2011

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, February 23, 2011
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

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**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 23, 2011**

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 January 26, 2011, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the January 26, 2011, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Recommendation to the Arizona Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program provides annual grants for road safety improvement projects that are related to access to schools. The program provides grants to public and non-profit agencies for projects that improve road safety and encourage more K-8 children to walk or bike to their neighborhood schools. This is the fifth cycle of the program, and grants will be provided to projects that implement infrastructure improvements as well as projects that would involve education, training and encouragement. In response to the ADOT request for proposals announced in October 2010, 13 project applications from the MAG region were received by ADOT. The ADOT proposal review process stipulates that MPOs and COGs must recommend a ranked list of projects to ADOT by February 26, 2011. These recommendations will be considered by a statewide SRTS panel that will make a final recommendation to ADOT. The MAG Transportation Safety Committee reviewed all project proposals, and on January 18, 2011, recommended a ranked list of projects from the region as the MAG recommendation to ADOT. On February 9, 2011, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the ranked list of projects to be submitted to ADOT. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. FY 2012 MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan

The federal Safe and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires the establishment of a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan for all FTA programs for underserved populations: the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310); the Job Access and Reverse Commute program (Section 5316); and the New Freedom program (Section 5317). MAG has updated this coordination plan each year in compliance with

5B. Approval of the ranked list of projects to be submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program.

5C. Approval of the FY 2012 MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan.

this requirement since 2007. The FY 2012 MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan was recommended for approval by the MAG Human Services Technical Committee and the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee in January 2011, and by the MAG Management Committee on February 9, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed document.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5D. Development of the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in April and approved by the Regional Council in May. To provide an early start in developing the Work Program and Budget, this presentation is an overview of MAG's draft proposed new projects for the FY 2012 Work Program. The updated draft budget timeline, the invitation for the Budget Webinar presentation on February 17, 2011, at 1:00 P.M. in the MAG Palo Verde Room, and estimated dues and assessments are included with the budget documents. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. 2009 Arizona Building Officials Code Review and Development Committee Amendments for the 2009 International Code Council Codes

At the January 2011 MAG Building Codes Committee (BCC) meeting, members discussed an initiative to reach consensus in unison on the Arizona Building Officials (AZBO) Code Review and Development Committee Amendments for the 2009 International Code Council (ICC) Codes. The MAG BCC makes recommendations on the development, interpretation and enforcement of building codes in the MAG region. It also provides a regional forum for construction, development, and other issues as they relate to building codes. In an effort to promote uniformity throughout MAG jurisdictions under the interest of life safety a motion was passed to recommend that MAG member agencies consider adopting the

5D. Information and input on the development of the fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

5E. Recommend that MAG member agencies consider adopting the 2009 Arizona Building Officials (AZBO) Code Review and Development Committee Amendments for the 2009 International Code Council (ICC) Codes.

AZBO Code Review and Development Committee Amendments for the 2009 ICC Codes. On February 9, 2011, the MAG Management Committee recommended that MAG member agencies consider adopting the 2009 AZBO Code Review and Development Committee Amendments for the 2009 ICC Codes. Please refer to enclosed material.

*5F. Social Services Block Grant Allocation Recommendations

Through a partnership with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee prioritizes services to receive funding with locally planned Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) dollars. Services funded by SSBG support assistance to the most vulnerable people in the region, including four target groups of Older Adults; People with Disabilities; People with Developmental Disabilities; and Adults, Families, and Children. Upon completion of research and a service ranking exercise by the MAG Human Services Technical Committee and the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee in January 2011, it is proposed to move \$58,946 to the highest priority services. On February 9, 2011, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the SSBG allocation recommendations for FY 2012 to be forwarded to the Arizona DES. Please refer to enclosed material.

5F. Approval of the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) allocation recommendations for FY 2012 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Phoenix West Alternatives Analysis Update and Operating Plan

An update will be provided on the METRO Project team preliminary staff recommendations for the Phoenix West Alternatives Analysis study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Western High Speed Rail Alliance/State Rail Plan Update

On December 8, 2010, the MAG Regional Council requested that a report be provided on how the State Rail Plan will coordinate with the Western High Speed Rail Alliance (WHSRA) initiatives. Staff will provide an update on the current status of the WHSRA of which MAG is a member. WHSRA members, the Nevada Department of Transportation, and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas) have made progress in working with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on the pending high speed rail studies. Funding had been allocated by the FRA in late 2010 for high speed rail corridor studies between Phoenix, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, also known as the Golden Triangle, and additional details are forthcoming. MAG is also coordinating with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to assist in implementing the MAG region's goals and objectives as identified within the new ADOT/BQAZ State Rail Plan. A completed State Rail Plan is a federal requirement for federal funding participation in state rail studies. The final draft of the State Rail Plan was presented to the State Transportation Board on January 10, 2011, and comments and suggestions from the Board will be incorporated into the document and a final draft will be submitted to the FRA in spring/summer 2011, with a concurrent public release. The FRA has encouraged that the plan be updated and revised annually by ADOT, as it is considered a dynamic, ever-changing document.

8. Multimodal Transit System Tour - MAG Region Peer Cities

MAG staff have been exploring the possibility of a multimodal transit tour of a MAG Peer Region city. The purpose of the on-site tour would be for MAG region leaders to gather information and investigate the benefits of the connectivity between commuter rail, light rail and bus transit. MAG staff researched the request and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) appears to be a good fit as an example of daily multimodal connectivity in the Intermountain West. UTA staff has offered to

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion, and input on whether MAG proceeds in arranging a multimodal transit system tour.

host a tour for MAG region leaders in the April 2011 timeframe. MAG staff is seeking direction on whether or not to proceed with the request for a tour. This item was on the agendas of the February Management Committee and Transportation Policy Committee meetings for input. The Management Committee discussed an October 2011 timeframe for the tour. An update will be provided.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

9. Withdrawal of the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10

On January 25, 2011, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality withdrew the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 from any further action or consideration by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The plan was facing a partial disapproval action by January 28, 2011 based on a timetable in a consent decree with the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest. The withdrawal will enable the use of the new EPA paved road dust factors to improve the plan. On January 31, 2011, a notice of Finding of Failure to Submit a Plan was signed by EPA, which triggered the eighteen month sanctions clock for tighter controls on industry and the twenty-four month clock for the loss of the federal highway funds and the imposition of a federal plan. The submittal of a new plan and a completeness determination by EPA will stop the sanctions clocks. A plan approval action by EPA will stop the imposition of a federal plan. Regarding conformity, EPA also withdrew the adequacy finding for the motor vehicle emissions budget in the Five Percent Plan. The region then reverts to the previous approved motor vehicle emissions budget in the Revised MAG Serious Area Plan for PM-10. No new projects that require a conformity determination can be added to the Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan until conformity is demonstrated with the previous approved motor vehicle emissions budget. The new paved road dust factors will be useful in meeting the conformity requirements. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

10. Update on MAG Economic Development Committee

In an effort to keep the members of the Management Committee informed regarding the activities of the Economic Development Committee (EDC), staff will provide an update. At the December 21, 2010, EDC meeting, three issue papers were discussed: (1) Interstate 11 Corridor; (2) Inland Ports and Rail Connections; and (3) Wellton Branch Railroad Line. These issue papers will be presented to the MAG Regional Council for discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Information and discussion.

11. Enabling Communities of Practice through Technology Pilot Project

An update will be given on a MAG pilot project to enable Communities of Practice through technology. This project will create a SharePoint portal for MAG member agencies to collaborate and pool knowledge with stakeholders, consultants and each other.

11. Information and discussion.

12. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

12. Information, discussion, and possible action.

13. 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.

13. Information and discussion.

14. 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.

14. Information.

Adjournment