

March 22, 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, March 30, 2011  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
March 30, 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 February 23, 2011, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the February 23, 2011, 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 July 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010. Of the 97 notices received, seven had an impact to the State Highway System. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. Arterial Life Cycle Program Deficit and Scenarios for Balancing the Program

In November 2010, the Arizona Department of Transportation released a revised Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) projection that indicated a \$232 million reduction in forecasted revenues allocated to the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) for the remainder of the half-cent sales tax. The adopted ALCP Policies and Procedures provide guidance to defer projects in priority order when there is a program deficit. Due to the sizable deficit, two alternative scenarios were developed to balance the ALCP. The ALCP Working Group favored Scenario III. MAG staff presented the alternative scenarios to balance the ALCP to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) on February 16, 2011. The TPC recommended Scenario III, which prorates the reduction proportionally across the Lead Agencies. An update is provided on the revised RARF revenue forecast, fiscal implications, and policy and technical guidance provided by the TPC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Ratification of Geographic Representative for the Transportation Policy Committee

The composition of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), established by the Regional Council on April 24, 2002, includes three

5B. Information and discussion.

5C. Information and discussion.

5D. Ratification of the appointment of Mayor Georgia Lord, City of Goodyear, to fill the unexpired portion of the geographic balance seat, two-year term (June 2012), on the Transportation Policy Committee.

members selected from areas that need to be represented to achieve geographic balance, with the members selected from and by the under represented geographic area and ratified by the Regional Council. Interstate 17 is used as a boundary in determining geographic balance. Due to recent elections, a letter of support for Mayor Georgia Lord, City of Goodyear, to fill the unexpired portion of the geographic balance seat, two-year term (June 2012), has been received. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

6. Freight Transportation Framework Study Update

The Maricopa Association of Governments, in conjunction with the Joint Planning Advisory Council (MAG, the Central Arizona Association of Governments, and the Pima Association of Governments), is kicking off the Freight Transportation Framework Study. The 18-month freight study's ultimate goal is to unite cities, counties, freight entities, and businesses to protect, maximize and expand commerce and economic vitality. The study will identify and develop freight related economic development opportunities, including the viability of an inland port, and increase mobility and access for freight movements (truck, rail, air) throughout the Sun Corridor.

6. Information and discussion.

**AIR QUALITY ITEMS**

7. Update on the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10

On February 14, 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Finding of Failure to Submit for the withdrawal of the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 that was effective on that date. If a new complete plan is not submitted within eighteen months of the finding, the Clean Air Act sanction of tighter controls on major industries (two to one offsets) would be imposed by August 14, 2012. If the plan is not submitted within twenty-four months of the finding, the loss of the federal highway funds

7. Information and discussion.

and the imposition of a federal plan would be imposed by February 14, 2013. 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. It is anticipated that a new plan should be submitted in January 2012 to allow EPA six months to make a completeness determination. The planning effort has been initiated to prepare a new plan. MAG and Maricopa County are working on a new revised 2008 emissions inventory to address the approvability issues identified by EPA. On a parallel track, MAG will be working with the member agencies on activities designed to prevent exceedances from occurring at the monitors. A joint effort is needed with the cities, towns, Maricopa County, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, business, and industry. EPA has indicated informally that 2009 may be a clean year. There were no violations of the PM-10 standard in 2010. The next ten months in 2011 are critical. If three years of clean data can be obtained prior to the submission of the plan, it may be possible for EPA to issue an attainment finding under the EPA Clean Data Policy. If an attainment finding is issued, Clean Air Act requirements would be suspended for reasonable further progress, attainment demonstration, and contingency measures, as long as the area remains in attainment.

#### GENERAL ITEMS

8. 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 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 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represent the budget document development to date. The elements of the budget document are about 70 percent complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

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

9. Update on the 2010 Census

On March 10, 2011, the U.S. Census Bureau released local-level 2010 Census population counts for Arizona. The total resident population for Maricopa County as of April 1, 2010, is 3,817,117. The Census Bureau provided summaries of population totals, as well as data on race, Hispanic origin and voting age for multiple geographies within Arizona, such as census blocks, tracts, voting districts, cities, counties and school districts. MAG staff created summary reports and ranking tables relevant to Maricopa County from the data released to date. These are available at: <http://www.magcensus.com/>. A comparative analysis will be discussed and an update will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

11. 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.

12. 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

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information, discussion, and possible action.

11. Information and discussion.

12. Information.