

September 22, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
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. The meeting will include a working lunch.

Please park in the garage underneath the building. 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 Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. Assisted listening devices are available from MAG staff at the meeting. If you have any questions, please call the MAG Office.

c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
September 30, 2015**

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 THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN 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.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of the August 26, 2015, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the August 26, 2015, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS***5B. MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes \$400,000 for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Assistance Program. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for the preliminary design portion of a bicycle or pedestrian project. Thirteen project applications were submitted by member agencies for the program. On July 21, 2015, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed and ranked applications, and voted to recommend approval of the seven top ranked projects for the Design Assistance Program. These seven top ranked projects for the Design Assistance Program were recommended for approval on August 27, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and on September 9, 2015, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***5C. MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Guidelines**

The FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2013, included \$75,000 to develop an off-street bicycle network wayfinding guide and brand name. The Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines project, completed in May 2015, includes brand standards, wayfinding tools, wayfinding guidelines, and an implementation approach. The Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines final report was recommended for acceptance on May 26, 2015, by the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, on August 27, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee, and on September 9, 2015, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Approval of funding the seven top ranked projects for the Design Assistance Program.

5C. Acceptance of the MAG Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines final report.

GENERAL ITEMS***5D. MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program**

Each year, the MAG 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 enables MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund. The MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program were recommended for approval on August 13, 2015, by the MAG PSAP Managers Group, on September 1, 2015, by the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team, and on September 9, 2015, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Approval of the MAG FY 2017 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2017-2021 Equipment Program.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**6. Request for Second Deferral of the City of Phoenix Multiuse Path Project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal**

The City of Phoenix has requested to defer its Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 multiuse path construction project on the Grand Canal near Indian School Road and 16th Street. This project was previously deferred from FY 2014 to FY 2015 and is identified in the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as PHX14-101. The MAG Federal Programming Guidelines require approval through the MAG Committee process for a second deferral of a project. To receive a second deferral, the project sponsor, in presentations before MAG committees, must establish that the cause of the project deferral was beyond the control of the project sponsor and that the sponsor has identified the problem causing the delay, continues to provide financial and staff commitment to the project, and has a plan and

6. Approval of a second deferral by the City of Phoenix from FY 2015 to FY 2017, for the multiuse path project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal, TIP listing PHX14-101.

schedule for addressing the problem and completing the project. The second deferral by the City of Phoenix from FY 2015 to FY 2017 for the multiuse path project at Indian School Road and the Grand Canal was recommended for approval on August 18, 2015, by the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, on August 27, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee, and on September 9, 2015, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Resolution of Structural Issues With Using Special Census Numbers to Distribute State Shared Revenues

In April 2015, issues involving the population numbers to distribute state shared revenues were discussed. Historically, since the 1970's state shared revenues have been distributed using decennial or special census population numbers. State estimates have not been used due to accuracy issues using state population numbers. Due to Arizona being one of the fastest growing states in the nation, since 1975 a regional special census has been conducted in 1975, 1985, 1995 and a census survey was conducted in 2005. Following the 2005 census survey, the Bureau of the Census notified MAG that a survey could no longer be conducted. The Bureau also provided cost estimates for conducting a door to door census, ranging in cost from \$65 million to \$70 million. The Bureau also noted that approximately 35,000 enumerators would need to be hired to conduct a door to door census. Due to the cost and the inability to hire the enumerators to conduct a special census in 2015, it was determined that a regional special census would not be possible. Although a regional special census was not contemplated, Arizona state statutes provide that individual cities could work with the Bureau and conduct their own special census. To provide a better way to distribute state shared revenues, cities are exploring legislation using either state estimates that are subject to improvement, or federal estimates to allocate the funding. This would provide all of the cities in Arizona a yearly number and avoid the

7. Approval of establishing a special projects fund at MAG to reimburse the seven cities in the MAG region that contracted to conduct a special census in 2015 for 50 percent of their special census costs, estimated at \$8,139,341, spread over approximately a five-year period.

sharp adjustments needed every five years. To find an equitable solution for the seven cities that are proceeding this year with a special census, it is being proposed that these cities in the MAG region receive 50 percent of their costs incurred and that a special fund be created at MAG for reimbursement purposes. The seven special census cities would use these funds over approximately a five-year period. On September 9, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of establishing a special projects fund at MAG to reimburse the seven cities in the MAG region that contracted to conduct a special census in 2015 for 50 percent of their special census costs, estimated at \$8,139,341, spread over approximately a five-year period. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Update on the ADOT Passenger Rail Study: Tucson to Phoenix

Staff from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will present the next step of the Passenger Rail Corridor Study: Tucson to Phoenix. ADOT plans to publish the Tier I draft environmental impact statement for review. This update will provide an overview of the technical and environmental analysis, as well as agency and public feedback on the proposed rail corridor. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Regional Response to Domestic Violence

Domestic violence calls are among the most frequent, dangerous, and costly calls law enforcement responds to throughout the region. The MAG Protocol Evaluation Project has coordinated a regional response to domestic violence through the criminal justice system since 2010. This saves lives, time, and resources. New partnerships with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and Maricopa County Sheriff's Office propose to enhance the process to transfer domestic violence cases among Maricopa County and municipalities. Each year, cases are transferred between the County and municipalities when determining if the case will be

8. Information and discussion.

9. Approval of the 2015 resolution supporting October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

tried as a felony by the County or by municipalities as a misdemeanor. With funding from the Governor's Office for Youth, Faith, and Families through a Services, Training, Officers and Prosecution (STOP) grant, this project will assess the process currently used to transfer domestic violence cases, identify challenges and gaps, and develop strategies to improve the process. All cities, towns, and Native American Communities are invited to partner on the project and to support events and a resolution supporting October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative items of interest.

11. House Bill 2617 Update

An update will be provided on House Bill (HB) 2617 and the possible ramifications to the diversion of Proposition 400 sales tax funds for transportation to the Arizona Department of Revenue. Provisions in HB 2617 would direct per year, \$2,582,396.84 from MAG and approximately \$498,892 from the Pima Association of Governments. The Regional Council may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session for discussion with MAG's attorneys for legal advice regarding HB 2617, and to consider MAG's position and instruct its attorneys regarding possible action. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2) (3) and (4). The Regional Council Executive Committee will discuss HB 2617 at a special committee meeting on September 25, 2015.

12. Possible Action on the Legislative Update

The Regional Council may reconvene the regular meeting to consider taking action regarding HB 2617.

10. Information, discussion and possible action.

11. Information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session for discussion with MAG's attorneys for legal advice regarding HB 2617.

12. Information, discussion and possible action regarding HB 2617.

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.

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