

October 20, 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, October 28, 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.

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c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 28, 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 September 30, 2015, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the September 30, 2015, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- *5B. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Fiscal Year 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as Appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan were approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 29, 2014. The new requested project additions and changes include Arterial Life Cycle Program projects; rail safety and road safety projects funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program; Transportation Alternatives Safe Routes to School eligible activities; transit project changes related to final apportionment announcements; and general project changes. Additionally, cost savings from the procurement of FY 2014 PM-10 street sweepers were realized and the savings will be included in the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Project listing changes and additions included are not contingent on a new finding of conformity. The requested project changes were recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on October 1, 2015, and by the MAG Management Committee on October 14, 2015. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5C. Project Changes Report on September Activities - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as Needed, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Submitted to ADOT on September 3, 2015 and September 17, 2015

Due to the late announcement of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regional allocations, on August 26, 2015, the MAG Regional Council granted approval for MAG to make modifications to work years to advance previously approved

- 5B. Approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Fiscal Year 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

- 5C. Information and discussion.

projects, to provide detailed TIP listings for prioritized projects to ensure that all FHWA obligation authority and FTA apportionments are utilized for Federal Fiscal Year 2015, and related work phase changes. Project changes and additions were submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for approval and inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program on September 3, 2015, that addressed FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program and general FY 2015 needed changes. The September 17, 2015 submittal was redistributed work phase funding to save prospective financing charges estimated at \$2.9 million. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. 2015 Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

In July 2013, MAG initiated a study to develop a Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. The Plan establishes the regional vision, goals, objectives, strategies, countermeasures, and performance measures for making systematic improvements necessary to improve road safety in the region. The study was closely coordinated to be consistent with a similar effort that was underway to develop the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The cost to implement the Draft MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan is estimated at \$7.8 million per year. Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds are currently the only available funding source in the region for road safety improvements, other than local agency funds. In May 2015, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) announced a new process for programming federal HSIP funds for safety projects starting in FY 2019. The Draft Plan has been developed to be consistent with the Arizona Strategic Highway Safety Plan and the new ADOT HSIP process and related guidance. The 2015 Strategic Transportation Safety Plan was recommended for approval by the MAG Transportation Safety Committee on September 27, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on October 1, 2015, and by the MAG Management

5D. Approval of the 2015 Strategic Transportation Safety Plan.

Committee on October 14, 2015. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Southeast Valley Transit System Study

The Southeast Valley Transit System Study, a joint study effort between the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Valley Metro, was launched in January 2014 to analyze transit services and ridership demand in transit-established and transit-aspiring communities within a multi-jurisdictional subarea of the MAG region. The study is the third in a series of sub-regional transit studies undertaken in the region and its result is a tool to help in future system planning. The study area encompasses the cities of Apache Junction, Chandler, Mesa, and Tempe, and the towns of Gilbert, Guadalupe, and Queen Creek. The study area also includes portions of the City of Phoenix (village of Ahwatukee) and unincorporated Maricopa County. In addition, the study also includes members of the expanded MAG boundary, which are Pinal County, the City of Maricopa, the Town of Florence and the Pinal County portion of the Gila River Indian Community. This study also included input from the City of Coolidge, a transit partner that operates within the study area. The study had two purposes: To identify potential efficiencies in the current service and to identify an effective, market-defined, efficient and performance-driven transit system that meets the internal mobility needs of the subarea and ties the subarea to the overall regional transit system. The Southeast Valley Transit System Study was recommended for acceptance on September 10, 2015, by the MAG Transit Committee, and on October 1, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and by the MAG Management Committee on October 14, 2015. This study item is also being presented to the Valley Metro Transit Management Committee and the Regional Public Transportation Authority Board in late October. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Acceptance of the Southeast Valley Transit System Study findings and conceptual recommendations.

ENVIRONMENTAL 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 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including Arterial Life Cycle Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and 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.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5G. Appointment of MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee Vice Chair

The Vice Chair of the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee is no longer with the City of Surprise leaving the Vice Chair position vacant. On September 17, 2015, MAG staff sent a notice to the Management Committee, the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee, and the Intergovernmental Representatives to solicit letters of interest for the Vice Chair position on the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee. One letter was received requesting consideration for the Vice Chair position. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Approval to appoint Christina Plante, City of Goodyear, as the Vice Chair of the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. Consultant Selection for the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program On-Call List

The FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 27, 2015, included \$200,000 for the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program. On July 28, 2015, MAG issued a Request for Qualifications to create an on-call consulting list for the project. Six firms submitted Statements of Qualifications. On September 22, 2015, a multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the Statements of Qualifications and recommended to MAG the selection of HDR and WPS/Parsons Brinckerhoff for the on-call list for the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program on-call list. On October 14, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the selection of HDR and WPS/Parsons Brinckerhoff. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. New Strengthened Ozone Standard

On October 1, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final rule to strengthen the federal eight-hour ozone standard from 0.075 parts per million to 0.070 parts per million. By October 1, 2016, states are required to submit designation recommendations for nonattainment/attainment to EPA. By October 1, 2017, EPA anticipates finalizing the designations, classifications, and attainment dates based upon 2014-2016 ozone monitoring data. Nonattainment areas will have until 2020 to late 2037 to meet the standard, with attainment dates varying based upon the ozone levels in the area (Marginal-Extreme). The Maricopa eight-hour ozone nonattainment area exceeds the new standard. In Arizona, nine of the ten counties that monitor for ozone exceed the new standard. According to EPA, there are existing and proposed federal rules that will provide assistance

6. Approval of the selection of HDR and WPS/Parsons Brinckerhoff to participate in the FY 2016 Cost Risk Analysis for the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program on-call list.

7. Approval that MAG work cooperatively with the Western Regional Alliance to lessen the impact of the new 2015 ozone standard.

in meeting the standard: requirements to reduce the interstate transport of air pollution; Regional Haze Regulations; Mercury and Air Toxics Standards; Clean Power Plan; Tier 3 Vehicle Emissions and Fuels Standards; Light-Duty Vehicle Tier 2 Rule; Mobile Source Air Toxics Rule; Light-Duty Greenhouse Gas/Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Rule; Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines NESHAP; and Industrial/Commercial/Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters MACT and amendments. The EPA analysis indicates that these rules will help the vast majority of the counties in the U.S. to meet the standard by 2025 without additional action. On October 14, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended that MAG work cooperatively with the Western Regional Alliance to lessen the impact of the new 2015 ozone standard. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. City of Phoenix Resource Innovation Campus and Regional Green Organics Project

In 2013, the City of Phoenix announced a new sustainability initiative, Reimagine Phoenix, to divert 40 percent of waste from the landfill by 2020. As part of this initiative, the City is establishing a Resource Innovation Campus dedicated to the creation and growth of a circular economy that will fulfill the City's 40 percent diversion goal. The City is also partnering with the Arizona State University Resource Innovation and Solutions Network (RISN) program and other valley communities on a Regional Green Organics project. An overview of these efforts will be provided.

9. Draft FY 2016 Early Phase Input Opportunity Report

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) conducts a four-phase public involvement process: Early Phase, Mid-Phase, Final Phase and Continuous Involvement. The FY 2016 Early Phase Input Opportunity was conducted from mid-August 2015 to early-September 2015 and provided the public with an opportunity to

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information and discussion.

provide project suggestions in areas in which funding was available. These areas included bicycle-pedestrian, intelligent transportation systems, paving of unpaved dirt roads, PM-10 street sweepers, Pinal County arterial roadway projects that are in the MAG region, and the regional transit system. All of the project suggestions were forwarded to the appropriate MAG member agency for review and possible inclusion into a draft listing of projects that eventually make up the Draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MAG received public comment at the MAG Regional Council during the phase. In addition, MAG also received comment via telephone and online correspondence as a result of a direct mailing to the MAG public involvement mail list and regional libraries. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative items 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

10. Information, discussion and possible action.

11. Information.

12. Information.