

December 8, 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, December 16, 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
December 16, 2015**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>	
<p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>	
<p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council <u>ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF MAG</u>, 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.</p>	<p>3. Information.</p>
<p>4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.</p>	<p>4. Information.</p>
<p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>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 (*).</p>	<p>5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.</p>

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

<p>*5A. <u>Approval of the October 28, 2015, Meeting Minutes</u></p>	<p>5A. Review and approval of the October 28, 2015, meeting minutes.</p>
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. 2015 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 2015 Annual Report is the 11th report in the series and covers the status of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and public transit. A Summary of Findings and Issues is included in the attached material and the full report is available on the MAG website. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Update on Federal Transit Administration Section 5304 Transit Planning Funding for FY 2016 Call for Projects by the Arizona Department of Transportation

In September 2015, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Local Rural/Small Urban Transit Planning Projects using Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5304 funding. Local and regional public agencies, tribes, and operators of transit services were directed to submit their applications through their Councils of Governments (COGs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to ADOT by December 4, 2015. The 5304 grant funding would permit the COG or MPO to conduct rural transit studies. Input was coordinated and solicited from MAG member agencies, Pinal County and peer COG/MPOs to compile a listing of all of the eligible, candidate projects that meet the FTA 5304 guidelines. Upon completion of this process, only three projects met the criteria. Approval of the MAG Region 5304 planning projects list that was submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation by December 4,

5B. Information and discussion.

5C. Approval of the MAG Region 5304 planning projects list that was submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation by December 4, 2015.

2015, is being requested. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

*5D. Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2016 CMAQ Funding

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contain \$1,530,113 in FY 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding to encourage the purchase and utilization of PM-10 Certified Street Sweepers. On October 22, 2015, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) recommended a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2016 CMAQ funding. Prior to the AQTAC recommendation, the MAG Street Committee reviewed the proposed street sweeper applications on October 13, 2015, in accordance with the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures. On November 18, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2016 CMAQ funding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. 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 address new Federal Highway Administration procedures to minimize inactive obligations and to assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, we are requesting that street sweeper projects for FY 2015 CMAQ funding be purchased and reimbursement requests be submitted to MAG within one year

5D. Approval of a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2016 CMAQ funding and retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2016 CMAQ funds that may become available due to closeout or additional funding received by this region.

5E. Information and discussion.

from the date of the MAG authorization letter. In addition, recently we were notified of another instance in which a street sweeper disposal occurred without prior Arizona Department of Transportation approval. Arizona Department of Transportation procedures require that member agencies obtain ADOT approval before disposal of a CMAQ-funded street sweeper. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

- *5F. Proposed 2016 Revision to the 2015 Edition of the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee has completed its review of proposed revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction. These revisions have been recommended for approval by the committee and have been reviewed by MAG member agency Public Works Directors and/or Engineers. It is anticipated that the 2016 Revision to the 2015 Edition will be available for purchase in early January 2016. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5G. Maricopa and Pinal County Resident Population and Employment Projections

According to Executive Order 2011-04, the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) is responsible for preparing an official set of population projections for Arizona and each of its counties. ADOA has prepared a set of draft resident population projections for Maricopa and Pinal Counties consistent with the 2015 Population Estimates. MAG has also developed draft employment projections which are consistent with the ADOA population projections. Because there may be changes to the State and county projections totals by ADOA, on November 10, 2015, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) recommended approval of the draft ADOA 2015 to 2050 population projections for Maricopa County and Pinal County; and the draft 2015 to

- 5F. Information and discussion.

- 5G. Approval of the Maricopa County and Pinal County resident population and employment projections for 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, and 2050 provided the Maricopa County and Pinal County control totals are within three percent of the final control totals.

2050 employment projections for Maricopa County and Pinal County provided the Maricopa County and Pinal County control totals are within three percent of the final control totals. The projections are for 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, and 2050. They will be used as the control totals from which MAG will develop a set of sub-regional projections that will be brought to the Management Committee and Regional Council in 2016. The Pinal County control totals will be presented to the Central Arizona Governments Regional Council. On November 18, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the Maricopa and Pinal County resident population and employment projections. Subsequent to the Management Committee meeting, the State Demographer revised the draft projections. The revised Pinal County population control total is 11.05 percent lower than the previous draft, and the revised Maricopa County population control total is 0.04 percent higher than the previous draft. Previously, the Pinal County 2050 population figure was 1,164,000. In the revised draft it is 1,036,000. Previously, the Maricopa County 2050 population figure was 6,696,000. In the revised draft it is 6,698,000. Employment totals were adjusted due to population change, with the population-to-employment ratios remaining constant. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5H. Approval of the Draft July 1, 2015 Municipality Resident Population Updates

MAG staff has prepared draft July 1, 2015 Municipality Resident Population Updates for MAG Member Agencies. The Updates, which are used to prepare budgets and set expenditure limitations, were prepared using the 2010 Census as the base and updated with housing unit data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies. Since there may be changes to the Maricopa County and Pinal County control totals by the Arizona Department of Administration, on November 10, 2015, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of these draft Updates provided that the

5H. Approval of the draft July 1, 2015 Municipality Resident Population Updates for MAG Member Agencies provided that the Maricopa County and Pinal County control totals are within one percent of the final control total.

County control totals are within one percent of the final control total. The Pinal County control total and sub-county figures will be presented to the Central Arizona Governments Regional Council. On November 18, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft July 1, 2015 Municipality Resident Population Updates. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Central Buckeye Wastewater Treatment Plant Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Discharges to the Roosevelt Canal and Buckeye Canal

The City of Buckeye has requested that the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan be amended to include the Central Buckeye Wastewater Treatment Plant Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) Permit Discharges to the Roosevelt Canal and Buckeye Canal. The facility is identified in the MAG 208 Plan with an ultimate capacity of 45.8 million gallons per day. Reclaimed water is currently disposed of through reuse and an AZPDES Permit discharge to a lateral of the Buckeye Canal located near the facility. This amendment identifies additional AZPDES Permit discharge points for the Central Buckeye Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Roosevelt Canal and the Buckeye Canal. Although this amendment includes additional AZPDES discharge points, the methods of effluent disposal currently identified in the MAG 208 Plan for the facility will continue to remain options. Unincorporated Maricopa County is located within three miles of the project. Maricopa County has submitted a letter indicating that the project is not in conflict with Maricopa County plans for the area and it is acceptable. The MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing on the Draft 208 Amendment on November 17, 2015. No comments were received. Immediately following the public hearing, the Committee recommended approval of the amendment. On

6. Approval of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Central Buckeye Wastewater Treatment Plant Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Discharges to the Roosevelt Canal and Buckeye Canal.

November 18, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval. The amendment is posted on the MAG website at: http://www.azmag.gov/Documents/Central_Bukeye_AZPDES_Permit_Discharges.pdf. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Streamlining of the MAG 208 Plan Small Plant Review and Approval Process

The Maricopa Association of Governments shares the importance of economic development for the region with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and has agreed to work cooperatively with them on streamlining options for the 208 Water Quality Management Plan Process that would not jeopardize the integrity of the process. The goal of this effort is to make the process more efficient and the region more globally competitive. On August 26, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved the Proposal for Streamlining the 208 Water Quality Management Plan Process. The 208 Process was evaluated by a small Stakeholder Group that included representatives from cities and towns, Maricopa County, private utilities, homebuilders, and ADEQ. A representative from the Governor's Office was also invited. As part of the streamlining process, the Stakeholder Group on June 30, 2015 recommended that corresponding changes be made to the MAG 208 Plan Small Plant Review and Approval Process. This is a shortened process for wastewater treatment facilities 2.0 million gallons per day or less with no discharge. The corresponding changes have now been made that streamline the Small Plant Review and Approval Process from approximately 12 to 17 months to approximately six months. This represents a 50 to 65 percent reduction in the overall timeline for a Small Plant Review and Approval. On November 18, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft Proposal for Streamlining the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Small Plant Review and Approval Process. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Approval of the Proposal for Streamlining the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Small Plant Review and Approval Process.

8. EPA Proposed Revisions to the Exceptional Events Rule

On November 20, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a proposed rule with revisions to the 2007 Exceptional Events Rule to address issues raised by stakeholders and to provide clarity and increase the efficiency of the criteria and process. Exceptional Events include natural events such as dust storms, wildfires, stratospheric ozone intrusion and volcanic and seismic activities. In addition, EPA proposed draft guidance on preparing exceptional event demonstrations for wildfires. MAG staff is currently reviewing the proposed revisions and guidance in coordination with the MAG special Washington, D.C., legal counsel. Comments are due by January 19, 2016. U.S. Senator Jeff Flake has requested a 30-day extension of the comment period. EPA intends to finalize the rule revisions and guidance before October 1, 2016. On December 8, 2015, EPA will conduct a public hearing on these items at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality at 10:00 a.m. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Information and discussion.

9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative items of interest.

9. Information, discussion and possible action.

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.

10. Information.

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.

11. Information.

Adjournment