

January 19, 2016

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, January 27, 2016  
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. 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  
January 27, 2016**

**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 December 16, 2015, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the December 16, 2015, meeting minutes.

### TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

\*5B. MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report

A Project Development Status Report is produced twice each year, and project changes are completed quarterly or as needed. Monitoring of member agency project schedules within the Status Report, and the assurance by each agency that their project(s) will obligate federal funds as noted in the federally approved Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) listing, assist with ensuring that the regional suballocation of federal funds will be utilized and not swept from the region. The Project Status Report also assists with providing needed information in preparation of closing out Federal Highway Administration funding for the current year. The Project Development Status Report was recommended for acceptance on December 17, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and on January 6, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. Programming of Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School Projects in FY 2017

Through prior MAG action, a total of \$400,000 in Transportation Alternatives funds is set aside each fiscal year for Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure projects. A call for qualifying projects was issued in August 2015 to program \$508,057 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 (includes \$108,057 moved to FY 2017 from earlier cycles). Six Safe Routes to School project applications were received requesting a total of \$260,407 in FY 2017. On November 17, 2015, the MAG Transportation Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval of a list of Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School projects. Since this recommendation will not result in the programming of all available funds, remaining Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure funds will be transferred to the Transportation Alternatives Program to be used to program infrastructure projects for FY

5B. Acceptance of the MAG Federally Funded, Locally Sponsored Project Development Status Report.

5C. Approval of a list of six Safe Routes to School projects for FY 2017 in the total amount of \$260,407 of Transportation Alternatives Program funding to be added to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, and the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as appropriate.

2018-2020. The six projects to receive funding were recommended for approval on December 17, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and on January 6, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Request for Connection to the Regional Community Network

MAG recently received a request from Arizona State University (ASU), with sponsorship from the City of Tempe, to obtain a connection to the Regional Community Network (RCN) fiber optic communications backbone. This connection would enable the ASU Traffic Engineering Laboratory to get access to traffic data from a partnering local agency for research purposes. Such a request cannot be approved within the Roles and Responsibilities document as approved by the Regional Council. This request was discussed at meetings of a Working Group and the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and MAG Technology Advisory Group (TAG) committees. Steps necessary to address member agency concerns were noted. The RCN Roles and Responsibilities document has been revised based on discussion, and changes have been incorporated as necessary to accommodate this and similar requests in the future. A draft letter of authorization is also provided. On December 2, 2015, a joint session of the MAG ITS Committee and the MAG TAG recommended approval. The Regional Community Network Roles and Responsibilities document was recommended for approval on December 17, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and on January 6, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5E. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report: April 2015 - November 2015

The Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report provides detail about the status of projects, revenues, and other relevant program information for the period between April 2015 and November 2015. This is the program's

5D. Approval of the revisions to the Regional Community Network Roles and Responsibilities document.

5E. Information and discussion.

twenty-second status report and the first published in Fiscal Year 2016. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5F. Recommendation of Projects for the MAG FY 2016 Traffic Signal Optimization Program

On October 7, 2015, MAG announced a call for new projects for the FY 2016 Traffic Signal Optimization Program (TSOP). The budget available for new TSOP projects is \$300,000. A total of six project applications was received. On December 2, 2015, the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee reviewed all applications and recommended all six of the proposed projects and two additional projects that would involve performing before-and-after evaluations and a workshop to provide training on traffic signal timing software. These projects would help improve traffic signal coordination along a number of major arterial corridors in addition to freeway-arterial coordination in the Interstate 10 corridor. The total estimated cost for all eight projects is estimated to be \$304,000. An additional \$10,000 is available in TSOP funds carried over from FY 2015. All projects will be carried out using MAG on-call consultants. The list of FY 2016 Traffic Signal Optimization Program projects were recommended for approval on December 17, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee and on January 6, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5G. Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Year End Actuals Report of Federal Highway Administration Suballocated MAG Regional Funds, and Evaluation of Estimated Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Funding Levels

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Federal Highway Administration funding that was suballocated to the MAG region includes Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Surface Transportation Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Transportation Alternatives, and planning funds and programs. Final amounts for those funding allocations and

5F. Approval of the list of FY 2016 Traffic Signal Optimization Program projects.

5G. Information and discussion.

project authorizations were reported by the Arizona Department of Transportation in October 2015. An update is being provided for the FFY 2015 year end actuals and an estimated outlook for FFY 2016 funding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5H. Programming of Paving Unpaved Road Projects for MAG Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funding in the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

MAG is developing a new Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A call for projects was announced in August 2015 and the results from the evaluation and prioritization process for the Paving of Unpaved Road projects funded with the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds have been generated. The lists of FY 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2020 CMAQ funded Paving Unpaved Road projects were recommended for approval on November 10, 2015, by the MAG Street Committee, on December 17, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee, and on January 6, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5I. Programming of Intelligent Transportation Systems Projects for MAG Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funding in the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

MAG is developing a new Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A call for projects was announced in August 2015 and the results from the evaluation process are included for the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects that are funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds. The lists of FY 2018 and FY 2019 CMAQ funded ITS projects were recommended for approval on December 2, 2015, by the ITS Committee, on

5H. Approval of the list of FY 2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funded Paving Unpaved Road projects to be added to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement, and to add the lists of FY 2018, 2019, and 2020 Paving Unpaved Road projects to the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as appropriate.

5I. Approval of the list of FY 2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funded Intelligent Transportation Systems projects to be added to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and to add the lists of FY 2018 and 2019 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funded projects to the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as appropriate.

December 17, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee, and on January 6, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5J. Programming of the Pinal County Surface Transportation Program Projects in Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2020

MAG is developing a new Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). On August 10, 2015, MAG released a call for projects for the Pinal County Surface Transportation Program. An estimated \$1.620 million is available for FY 2018 and FY 2020. Three project applications were received by the September 21, 2015, due date. On October 13, 2015, the MAG Street Committee reviewed the applications and deemed one ineligible for funding under the program and had questions concerning the data in the two remaining project applications. The Street Committee requested that the agencies provide additional information at the next meeting. On November 10, 2015, the Street Committee reviewed the updated applications. The two remaining project applications received an identical project score based on the committee's technical review, program measures, and evaluative weights. At the meeting, the Gila River Indian Community indicated that it would not be able to proceed with its Gilbert Road project with partial funding. The City of Apache Junction subsequently indicated that it would be able to go forward with its Southern Avenue project with partial funding. Awarding full requested funding to the Gilbert Road project and partial requested funding to the Southern Avenue project were recommended for approval on December 17, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and on January 6, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5J. Approval to award full requested Surface Transportation Program funding to the Gilbert Road project and partial requested Surface Transportation Program funding to the Southern Avenue project in the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, draft FY 2017-FY 2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as appropriate. Inclusion of the Southern Avenue project is contingent on a new finding of air quality conformity, anticipated in June 2016.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS****\*5K. 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 miscellaneous highway projects, transit projects, as well as Transportation Alternatives Program/Safe Routes To School, Paving Unpaved Road, Intelligent Transportation System, and Pinal County Surface Transportation Program projects for fiscal years 2017 and 2018. 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.

**5K. Consultation.****GENERAL ITEMS****\*5L. Ratification of the Annual Performance Review and Compensation Benefits of the MAG Executive Director**

In January 2003, the Regional Council approved an agreement to hire the current Executive Director. As part of this agreement, it was provided that the Executive Director would receive an annual performance review conducted by the Executive Committee. On December 1, 2015, the electronic survey and Major Regional Goals and Results for FY 2015-2016 were sent to members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and MAG Regional Council to receive their input on the review. The results of the completed surveys were summarized and were discussed by the members of the Executive Committee. On January 11, 2016, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee discussed the performance of the Executive Director, and took action regarding the compensation/benefits of the Executive Director. The action of the

**5L. Ratification of the action of the Executive Committee regarding compensation/benefits of the MAG Executive Director.**

Executive Committee is being presented to the Regional Council for ratification. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. Status Update on the June 30, 2015 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

The accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on November 25, 2015, on the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated there were no reportable conditions in MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be material weaknesses, no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs. The Single Audit report had no new findings. The CAFR financial statements and related footnotes were prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) standards for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awards program. Management intends to submit the June 30, 2015, CAFR to the GFOA awards program for review. If awarded the certificate for the June 30, 2015, CAFR, this would be the agency's 18th consecutive award. The audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2015, was recommended for acceptance by the MAG Management Committee on January 6, 2016, and by the MAG Executive Committee on January 11, 2016. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2015.

7. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

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, with the last modification approved at that the October 28, 2015, Regional Council meeting. Since then, additional project changes and additions have been requested by member agencies. The new requested project additions and changes include Regional Freeway and Highway Program project changes, Transit Life Cycle Program project changes, and general project changes, which are shown in Table C. Additionally, the TA/SRTS, paving, ITS, and Pinal County STP projects to be added to the FY 2014-2018 TIP, as appropriate, are included in Table D. The requested project changes were recommended for approval on December 17, 2015, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and on January 6, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. First Year Evaluation Results from the Co-location of DPS Officers at the ADOT Traffic Operations Center

In August 2014, the MAG Regional Council approved a three-year pilot program with an evaluation component to co-locate Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers at the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Traffic Operations Center, for improving coordination necessary for faster response and clearance of major traffic incidents on the freeway system. MAG and ADOT are jointly funding the project at nearly \$450,000 per year, with much support from DPS and the Federal Highway Administration. Although the program began in October 2014 it was fully operational in January 2015. The effectiveness of this operation was evaluated in a comparison between 2014 and 2015, based on incident clearance data gathered by DPS. This information was also fed into a

7. Approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and, as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

8. Information and discussion.

MAG traffic simulation model to estimate the overall economic benefit due to potential traffic delays eliminated by this program. The evaluation has shown that, despite an increase in the number of crashes, the average time taken to clear a crash site on freeways was reduced by nearly an hour over the past year, helping traffic move more quickly, preventing secondary collisions, and potentially saving lives. The results from the MAG traffic simulation analysis estimates that the region has saved \$165 million in lost productivity over the first year of the pilot project. Staff will provide a report on the evaluation of the first year of the pilot program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Final Recommendations on the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan, and Systems Study (COMPASS)

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, amended by the MAG Regional Council in October 2011, directed study funds to provide for the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization, Access Management Plan, and System Study (COMPASS). The study was at the direction of the Mayors of El Mirage, Glendale, Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise, and Youngtown, and former Maricopa County Supervisor Max Wilson, to preserve US-60/Grand Avenue as an expressway facility that remains a state highway under Arizona Department of Transportation control. Updates on the study's progress were reported to the Transportation Policy Committee in May 2013, June 2014, and December 2015, and the MAG Management Committee in January 2016. The COMPASS project has now completed its process and identified a long-term solution for accommodating travel demand and adjacent property access in the corridor. Staff will report on the project's draft recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2017  
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 the spring and approved by the Regional Council in May. In January, MAG provides the draft Dues and Assessments and the proposed budget production timeline. This provides an opportunity for early input into the development of the Work Program and Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative items of interest.

12. 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. 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 and discussion.

11. Information, discussion and possible action.

12. Information.

13. Information.