

May 17, 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, May 25, 2016
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
May 25, 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 April 27, 2016, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the April 27, 2016, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- *5B. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as Appropriate, 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 on April 27, 2016. Since then, additional project changes and additions to the TIP have been requested by member agencies. The requested project changes were recommended for approval on April 28, 2016, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and on May 11, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5C. Arterial Life Cycle Program Fiscal Year 2016 Closeout Process

The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures establish an annual closeout process to advance reimbursements programmed with federal funds and the half-cent sales tax allocated to arterial roads, known as the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF). MAG staff has performed an analysis on the ALCP revenues and expenditures and determined that closeout funds are available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. A call-for-applications was issued to the ALCP Working Group in mid-March and five applications were received: two for RARF closeout and three for federal fund closeout. The proposed closeout list was recommended for approval on April 28, 2016, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee and on May 11, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5D. FTA Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program Grant Submission

On April 14, 2016, a Notice of Funding Opportunity was released by the Federal Transit Administration announcing the availability of \$20.49 million to fund local communities to integrate land

- 5B. Approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

- 5C. Approval of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 closeout list and necessary amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014 - 2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

- 5D. Approval to support the City of Phoenix application for a Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program Grant.

use and transportation planning with a transit capital investment that is seeking or has recently received funding through the Capital Investment Grants Program. Applicants can seek awards between \$250,000 and \$2 million with a minimum 20 percent local match. The City of Phoenix, in partnership with Valley Metro, proposes seeking \$2 million in grant funding for the South Central Light Rail Transit Extension. On May 17, 2016, the MAG Transit Committee recommended approval of supporting the City of Phoenix's Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program grant application. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Funding Projections for the MAG Region

On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) reauthorizing surface transportation programs through Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. Based on the FAST Act, regional projections of federal funds have been updated for use in preparing the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. MAG, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Transportation's Financial Management Services, updated Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) projections. MAG, in coordination with Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority and the City of Phoenix as Designated Recipient/Direct Recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs, updated the FTA projections. This agenda item is to provide information on the development of the projections based on the FAST Act, federal and state guidance information, and historical projections. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. FY 2016 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity

MAG has conducted a public involvement process on transportation plans and programs for the Mid-Phase public input opportunity. Included in this process were small group presentations, a public hearing, e-mail, telephone and website correspondence. As part of MAG's adopted four phase public involvement process, the Mid-Phase

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allows for input on draft programs and plans prior to action. A compilation of this input is distributed in the form of a Mid-Phase Input Opportunity Report. This item was on the May 11, 2016, MAG Management Committee agenda. Comments received after the phase ended are additionally included as an addendum to the report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

*5G. 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 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.

5G. Consultation.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

6. Approval of the Draft FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Member Dues and Assessments

Each year MAG develops a Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. This year, draft budget presentations were held and incremental information on the budget was presented beginning in January 2016. As adjustments to the budget were made, the draft budget document was updated and presented to the Management Committee, Regional Council Executive Committee, and Regional Council. The Work Program and Annual Budget was reviewed and discussed by state and federal agencies at the March 11, 2016, Intermodal Planning Group meeting. The draft FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being presented for approval. The resolution adopting the draft FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work

6. Approval of the resolution adopting the draft FY 2017 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments.

Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments was recommended for approval on May 11, 2016, by the MAG Management Committee and on May 16, 2016, by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. MAG Continuum of Care Letter of Support to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

On May 2, 2016, the Tier 2 funding awards were announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The HUD announcement to discontinue funding many of the region's Transitional Housing projects may result in a loss of services to a number of individuals and families currently served by Transitional Housing. HUD's decision resulted in a loss of \$2,578,667 in seven Transitional Housing projects and one Permanent Supportive Housing project. This raises concerns in the community for those particular projects and the overall impact on homeless services in the region and the people served by those programs. In addition, because many of these funding cuts were retroactive, many providers are put into the position of having to cover program costs. The MAG Continuum of Care Board is asking the Regional Council to forward a letter to HUD to request funding for a transition period and retroactive costs for programs impacted by the funding decision.

8. Regional Freeway and Highway Program Update – 2016 Rebalancing

The Regional Freeway and Highway Program is under review. In 2009, the Program was reviewed and the Regional Council approved the Tentative Scenario to balance an estimated \$6.6 billion shortfall due to cost overruns and revenue shortfalls. The program was also reviewed in 2012 and a Scenario was approved to balance an additional \$300 million from the program due to continuing revenue shortfalls. Since these balancing efforts, MAG and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) have been continually reviewing project budgets and program amounts to improve upon the Regional Freeway

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and Highway Program delivery and budgets. These efforts have paid off with successful lower than program bids received for design, construction, and right-of-way acquisition for Loop 303 and Loop 202/South Mountain Freeway projects. As a result, the program now has funds to potentially reprogram deferred Proposition 400 projects and other transportation needs throughout the Phoenix Metropolitan Area. An update on the overall health of the Regional Freeway and Highway Program to begin discussion on reprogramming these funds was provided to the Transportation Policy Committee on April 20, 2016, to the MAG Transportation Review Committee on April 28, 2016, and to the MAG Management Committee on May 11, 2016. The Regional Council will receive the update and a report on discussions. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Ozone Boundary Designations

On April 27, 2016, the MAG Regional Council approved sending a letter to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) requesting that the Maricopa ozone boundary not be expanded at this time, since the Queen Valley and Tonto National Monument monitors only slightly exceed the 2015 ozone standard and there is a downward trend at the monitors. Monitor data from the 2016 ozone season should be evaluated first to determine if the monitors have met the standard or if it is necessary to revise the boundary recommendation. In the guidance memorandum for ozone designations, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) encourages states to consider preliminary 2016 data in making their recommendations on ozone boundaries, since EPA will be considering 2014-2016 data in finalizing the designations. EPA may also consider 2017 data. On May 5, 2016, ADEQ met with the Maricopa County Air Quality Department, Pinal County Air Quality Department, and MAG and indicated that the current ozone boundary would be put forth as the preferred option and the 2016 monitor data would be considered. Other options may also be put forward. On May 23, 2016, ADEQ will conduct another stakeholder meeting

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on the ozone boundary designations. An update will be provided.

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.