

April 12, 2011

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20, 2011
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As determined at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies are not allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view is always a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under 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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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 20, 2011**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under 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 Transportation Policy Committee 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.	3. Information.
4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A. <u>Approval of the March 23, 2011, Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approval of the March 23, 2011, meeting minutes.
*4B. <u>Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and FY 2011 Arterial Life Cycle Program</u> The Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update were	4B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Plan, the FY 2011 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010, and have been modified four times with the last modification approved in January 2011. The FY 2011 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 30, 2010, and has been modified once with the last modification approved in January 2011. Since January 2011, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. On March 30, 2011, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of the requested changes. Since the TRC took action, additional project change requests have been received. The project change requests received to-date will be considered by the MAG Management Committee on April 13, 2011. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report

A Status Report on the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) for the period between October 2010 and March 2011 addresses ALCP project work, the remaining Fiscal Year 2011 ALCP schedule, program deadlines, revenues, and finances. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Information.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Multimodal Transit System Tour Travel Costs - MAG Region Peer Cities

MAG staff have been exploring the possibility of a multimodal transit tour of a MAG Peer Region city. The purpose of the on-site tour would be for MAG region leaders to gather information and investigate the benefits of the connectivity between bus transit, light rail, and commuter rail. MAG staff researched the request and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) appears to be the best example of daily, multimodal connectivity in the Intermountain West. UTA staff has offered to host a tour for MAG region leaders in the October 2011 timeframe. A pricing summary of airfare, ground transportation and hotel accommodations is

5. Information and discussion.

provided for review. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Update of the Regional Transit Agencies Administrative Efficiency Opportunities Team

In December 2010, the staff of the Regional Public Transportation Agency moved to be co-located with the staff of the Valley Metro Rail Office. Since that time, an Administrative Efficiency Opportunities Team has been meeting to determine what efficiencies could be achieved by having the two agencies in close proximity. Staff from the two agencies have been requested to provide an update to the members of the Transportation Policy Committee.

7. Freight Transportation Framework Study Update

The Maricopa Association of Governments, in conjunction with the Joint Planning Advisory Council (MAG, the Central Arizona Association of Governments, and the Pima Association of Governments), is kicking off the Freight Transportation Framework Study. The 18-month freight study's ultimate goal is to unite cities, counties, freight entities, and businesses to protect, maximize and expand commerce and economic vitality. The study will identify and develop freight related economic development opportunities, including the viability of an inland port, and increase mobility and access for freight movements (truck, rail, air) throughout the Sun Corridor.

8. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Transportation Policy Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion, and possible action.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Transportation Policy Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Transportation Policy Committee 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.