

October 11, 2011

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Lyn Truitt, City of Surprise, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 19, 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
October 19, 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 September 14, 2011, Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approval of the September 14, 2011, meeting minutes.
*4B. <u>Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u> The Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update were approved	4B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010, and have been modified eight times with the last modification pending approval by Regional Council on July 27, 2011. Since then, there is a need to modify projects in the programs. The MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the modifications on September 22, 2011. This item is on the October 12, 2011, MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Unprogrammed Federal Transit Fund Balances

As of August 2011, due to project savings and unspent funds, there was a balance of \$3,585,121 of unprogrammed federal funds: \$899,103 in 5307, \$438,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and \$2,248,018 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. It is suggested to program the \$3,585,121 to Preventive Maintenance (PM) based on the currently adopted FY 2011 PM distribution methodology. Preventive Maintenance is not eligible under the CMAQ guidance, and in order to maximize the ability to use federal funds for PM, it is recommended to program \$438,000 of CMAQ funds for one of the City of Phoenix's bus purchases in exchange for \$434,407 of 5307 funds. This leaves a total of \$3,581,528 to program for PM based on the current adopted FY 2011 PM distribution methodology. The Transit Committee recommended approval on September 8, 2011, and the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval on September 22, 2011. This item is on the October 12, 2011, MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4D. FFY 2011 and 2012 Adjustments of Local Sponsored Federal Funded Projects

In preparation for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 beginning on October 1, 2011, MAG asked member agencies to check on the status of FFY 2011 federal funded projects and review

4C. Recommend approval to reprogram \$3,581,528 of 5307 and STP funds to preventive maintenance based on the FY 2011 approved distribution methodology, as shown in Table 4B, and modify the 2011-2015 TIP accordingly, as shown in Table 5.

4D. Recommend approval of projects to be deferred from FFY 2011 to FFY 2012 or later, approval of project changes and additions for new ADOT federal fund projects, and to amend and modify the FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

FFY 2012 federal funded projects. MAG has been notified that some FFY 2011 federally funded CMAQ projects are not going to be authorized by September 30, 2011, the end of the federal fiscal year. The project sponsors have requested deferrals, which can be found in Table 1. Additionally, member agencies were requested to review the current FFY 2011 and FFY 2012 MAG TIP project listings for Surface Transportation Program-Transportation Enhancement Highway Safety Improvement Program, Safe Routes to School, Bridge, and STP-Railroad funded projects (ADOT federal funds) and submit changes or new projects to MAG. Project change information and requests to add new ADOT federal fund projects can be found in Table 2. The MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval on September 22, 2011. This item is on the October 12, 2011, MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. 2011 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 2011 Annual Report is the seventh report in this series and covers the status of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. A Summary of Findings and Issues is included in the attached material and the full report is available on the MAG website. This item was presented to the MAG Transportation Review Committee on September 22, 2011, and to the MAG Management Committee on October 12, 2011, for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Information and discussion.

6. Draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures

On July 8, 2009, the Management Committee formed the Federal Fund Working Group. The Working Group was tasked with addressing four issues: project deferrals, project development and small and/or inexperienced member agencies, project costs, and local financial commitment. Additional research was done in evaluating six MPO/COGs and their local sponsored federal aid project processes. Working together, MAG staff and the Federal Fund Working Group have developed the Draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures. The new Guidelines recommend changing the federal and local participation rate for bicycle, pedestrian, and intelligent transportation system (ITS) projects from 70 percent - federal/30 percent - local to the maximum federal rate 94.3 percent - federal/5.7 percent - local. This would be a change in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) funding participation policy. The MAG Transportation Review Committee provided input on the Draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures on September 22, 2011. This item is on the October 12, 2011, MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Update on the MAG Freight Transportation Framework Study

On October 27, 2011, the MAG Regional Council approved the consultant selection for the MAG Freight Transportation Framework Study. The Freight Framework Study will develop a multi modal freight framework that will describe the movement of goods (truck, rail, air, and pipeline) through the study area, identify possible network deficiencies to the safe and efficient flow of goods in, out, through and within the region and propose strategies to improve the transportation network that will enhance regional mobility for freight. MAG staff will provide an update on the status of the study.

6. Recommend approval of the Draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Update on MAG Managed Lanes Network Development Strategy - Phase I Project

On November 15, 2010, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee authorized procurement of consultant services to develop the MAG Managed Lanes Network Development Strategy - Phase I project. This multi-phase effort was in response to consideration for public-private-partnership (P3) opportunities in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area where high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes could be operated as high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes. As this first phase is presently underway, an update will be provided to the Transportation Policy Committee on the progress made on the project that will include an introduction to Managed Lanes and the study issues under development.

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.

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

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information.