

April 12, 2016

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 12:00 noon
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
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 luncheon will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, or Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 20, 2016**

		<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 February 17, 2016, Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approval of the February 17, 2016, meeting minutes.
*4B.	<u>Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan</u> The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan were approved by the MAG	4B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and, as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

Regional Council on January 29, 2014, with the last modification approved at the March 23, 2016, Regional Council meeting. Since then, project additions have been requested by ADOT and other general project changes by member agencies. On March 31, 2016, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the requested project changes. This item is on the April 13, 2016, MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Changes to Regionally Significant Projects Within the Draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and Amendment to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Amendment to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

Four light rail transit projects in the MAG region now require revision to their current opening dates, along with one new light rail capital structure added to the Draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment, and will undergo necessary air quality conformity analysis. These changes are the result of the January 26, 2016 Phoenix City Council decision to approve the acceleration of two light rail projects, the deferral of one phase of a light rail project and the addition of one light rail station. The Tempe Streetcar project will also be deferred by one year as per the Valley Metro Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP). This action will more closely align with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding allocations and project delivery schedule. The requested project changes were recommended for approval on March 15, 2016, by the MAG Transit Committee and on March 31, 2016, by the MAG Transportation Review Committee. This item is on the April 13, 2016, MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Recommend approval of changes to the revised opening dates for rail transit projects within the Draft FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and an amendment to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

*4D. Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Interim Listing of Projects for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

The 1990 Federal Clean Air Act requires that regional transportation plans and programs be in conformance with all applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, an air quality conformity analysis of the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Interim Listing of Projects needs to be conducted, prior to consideration of the program for final approval. Members are being asked to review and comment as appropriate, on the Interim Listing of Projects that will undergo an air quality conformity analysis. This item is on the April 13, 2016, MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4D. Recommend approval of the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Interim Listing of Projects for an air quality conformity analysis.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. 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 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. The Transportation Policy Committee will be provided

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an update on the overall health of the Regional Freeway and Highway Program to the begin the discussion on reprogramming these funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. MAG Managed Lanes Network Development Strategy - Phase II Project Update

On November 15, 2010, the MAG Regional Council 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 (HOV) lanes could be operated as high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes as part of an overall managed lanes strategy. In late 2013, this first phase was completed and the Transportation Policy Committee recommended proceeding with the strategy's second phase and focusing study efforts on transportation technology solutions in lieu of HOT lanes that could improve congestion and accommodate future traffic flows. Results from the second phase, which analyzed the concept of a Managed Motorways pilot, as practiced in Melbourne, Australia, will be presented in this update. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Update on Performance Measures and Targets Working Group

In preparation for Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) legislation rulemaking and for the 2015 State Performance Audit mandated by Proposition 400, MAG convened a Performance Measures and Targets Working Group with the purpose of involving member agencies in the coordination and selection of key measures and performance targets. This item will provide the TPC an update on the status of the federal rulemaking process, and an overview of newly acquired data sources and the Working Group's progress, including proposed methodology for target selection.

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- 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.
- 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, discussion, and possible action.
- 9. Information.
- 10. Information.