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TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee
FROM: David Moody, City of Peoria, Chair
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, April 28, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. Committee members or their proxies may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending video conference must notify the MAG site three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call please contact MAG offices for conference call instructions.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or fourteen people for the MAG TRC. If the Transportation Review Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have arrived at the meeting will be instructed a legal meeting cannot occur and subsequently be dismissed. Your attendance at the meeting is strongly encouraged. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. Please contact Eric Anderson or Christina Hopes at (602) 254-6300 if you have any questions or need additional information.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Draft March 30, 2011 Minutes</u>	2. Approve Draft minutes of the March 30, 2011 meeting.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review 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 Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.	3. For information and discussion.
4. <u>Transportation Director's Report</u> Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.	4. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

5. <u>Programming Federal Funds for Preventive Maintenance in 2011-2015</u> On July 28, 2010, the MAG Regional Council took action on the "approval of the Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP contingent on a finding of conformity ... and that the programming of preventive maintenance be reviewed for potential amendments/administrative modifications no later than December 2010." On October 14, 2010, the MAG Transit Committee recommended to approve evenly distributing \$11.7 million of FY2011 5307 federal funds for preventive	5. For information, discussion, and possible recommendation: (1) to program additional federal funds for preventive maintenance (PM) for fiscal year (FY) 2011 by using the latest National Transit Database (NTD) data, first to distribute the amounts for the bus and rail modes based on operating expense and then to distribute funds for bus operators based on bus and demand response vehicle revenue miles. (2) to program the federal funds for PM for fiscal years 2012-2015 based on a 'phase-out' approach and using a new PM distribution methodology. The phase out
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maintenance (PM) between FY 2011 and FY2012. On December 9, 2010 the Transit Committee recommended to distribute the 5307 federal funds for PM, for FY2011 using the Scenario #1 methodology explained in the attached materials. The Transit Committee also recommended to reconvene the transit operators to evaluate alternatives and recommend a transparent, data-driven, and regionally equitable method to allocate future year federal funds for PM by March 2011. On April 14, 2011, the Transit Committee recommended to program PM for FY 2012-2015 based on a 'phase out' approach. A 25% reduction of the old PM distribution per year beginning in 2012 with subsequent increases of the reduction (50% reduction in 2013 and a 75% reduction in 2014) resulting in all of the funds for PM in 2015 being distributed under the new methodology. Please refer to Attachment One for a memorandum and tables.

6. Update and Review of Project Deferral Requests for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 MAG Closeout

MAG Staff will provide an update on the amount of funds available for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 MAG Federal Fund Closeout (Closeout) and review projects deferral requests for the FFY11 Closeout. The deadline for FFY11 Closeout project submittal and initial deferral notification was April 14, 2011. Please refer to Attachment Two for Information regarding project deferral requests. Projects submitted for Closeout funds will be reviewed at the May 2011 TRC meeting.

approach will reduce the allocated PM amounts in the TIP by 25% each year, and an additional 25% for each subsequent year (25% reduction in 2012, 50% reduction in 2013, 75% reduction in 2014, with a full phase out in FY2015), all remaining and additional PM federal funds will be distributed using the new methodology. Using NTD data, the new methodology first distributes funds for the bus and rail modes based on operating expense and then distributes funds for bus operators based on a combination of bus and demand response passenger and vehicle revenue miles, passenger miles weighted by 10% and vehicle revenue miles weighted by 90%. The new distribution methodology will be updated annually using the most recent NTD data, and the TIP project listings will be modified accordingly.

(3) to modify the FY2011-2015 MAG TIP as shown in the Project Changes table.

6. For information and discussion, and possible recommendation to approve a list of projects to be deleted from the TIP or deferred from FFY 2011 to FFY 2012 or later and make the necessary amendments and modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as necessary to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

7. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Fiscal Year 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010, and have been modified four times with the last modification planned for approved in April 2011. Since March 2011, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. Please refer to Attachment Three for a list of proposed project changes. proposed project changes.

8. Regional Freeway and Highway Program Update

In October 2009, the Transportation Policy Committee recommended the MAG Regional Council approve a Tentative Scenario to balance the Regional Freeway and Highway Program and to incorporate it into the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update and the FY 2010-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with the understanding that due to the present cost and revenue uncertainties that this represents a placeholder and the program would be reevaluated in 18 months. The MAG Regional Council approved the Tentative Scenario at the October 2009 meeting. As this 18 month period approaches its conclusion, an update will be provided on work efforts and accomplishments in delivering the Regional Freeway and Highway Program, as well as a presentation about current cost and revenue projections for the program and the potential need for additional rebalancing. Additional information is provided in Attachment Four.

7. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP, and as appropriate, to the RTP 2010 Update.

8. For information and discussion.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

10. Member Agency Update

This section of the Agenda will provide Committee members with an opportunity to share information regarding a variety of transportation-related issues within their respective communities.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next regular Transportation Review Committee meeting will be scheduled Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

9. For information and discussion.

10. For information.

11. For information.