

April 16, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: David Fitzhugh, City of Avondale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, April 23, 2015, 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 August 21, 2013 all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership based on the attendance of the three (3) previous MAG TRC meetings. 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 David Massey at (602) 254-6300 if you have any questions or need additional information.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED
<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>For the April 23, 2015 meeting, the quorum requirement is 14 committee members.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Approval of Draft February 26, 2015 Minutes</u></p>	2. Approve Draft minutes of the February 26, 2015 meeting.
<p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>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.</p>	3. For information and discussion.
<p>4. <u>Transportation Director's Report</u></p> <p>Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.</p>	4. For information.
<p>5. <u>Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*). Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda to be heard.</p>	5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA*

- *5A. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) were approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 29, 2014, and have been modified nine times with the last modification pending approval on April 22, 2015. Since then, there is a need to make project changes.

Non-Arterial Life Cycle Program highway and transit project changes are included in Table A. Arterial Life Cycle Program project changes are included in a separate agenda item #7 to be heard. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5B. Amendment to the Regional Programming Guidelines for Federal Transit Formula Funds - Preventive Maintenance/Operating/Complementary ADA

The Regional Programming Guidelines for Federal Transit Formula Funds were approved by MAG Regional Council on March 27, 2013. Section 300 of the guidelines addresses MAG Transportation Programming Priorities. Priority number 3 - Fund Preventive Maintenance/Operations currently funds Preventive Maintenance to agencies that currently operate service using an approved formula. Since this guideline was approved, MAG agencies have adjusted service that better fits their constituents' needs. Areas that were previously supported by fixed route are now serviced through alternative means (Taxi Vouchers). As a result, some agencies no longer have a need for Preventive Maintenance at the same rate as when the program was adopted. The recommended

- 5A. Recommend approval of amendments to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and, as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

- 5B. Recommend approval of the Amendment to the Regional Programming Guidelines for Federal Transit Formula Funds to incorporate language allowing the utilization regionally allocated funds for Complementary ADA Service.

amendment to the program would allow agencies to utilize the allocated funding from the Preventive Maintenance/ Operating formula towards ADA Complementary service, as allowed by the Federal Transit Administration. Sections to be modified to the guidelines are attached.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

6. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report: October 2014 - March 2015

The Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report provides detail about the status of projects, revenues, and other relevant program information for the period between October 2014 and March 2015. This is the program's twenty-first status report and second published in FY 2015. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Arterial Life Cycle Program Regional Area Road Fund Fiscal Year 2015 Closeout Process

The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures establish an annual closeout process to advance reimbursements programmed with 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 RARF closeout funds are available this fiscal year. A call for applications was issued to the ALCP Working Group and Street Committee in early March and four were received. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Programming of Pinal County Surface Transportation Program Projects in the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On February 25, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved the Pinal County Surface

6. For information and discussion.

7. For information, discussion, and possible recommendation to approve of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Regional Area Road Fund Closeout list and the necessary amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2015 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

8. For information, discussion, and possible recommendation to approve the Pinal County Surface Transportation Program (PC-STP) Projects to be added to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contingent on a finding of air quality conformity.

Transportation Program (PC-STP) Programming and Evaluation Policy, and on February 27, 2015, MAG issued a call for projects. Applications were due April 6, 2015 for an estimated \$5.7 million of available funding between Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 and FY 2019.

Four applications totaling \$7.9 million were received from 3 agencies. On April 14, 2015, the MAG Street Committee conducted a technical review and evaluation of the project applications. Projects have been prioritized for funding based on the technical review, program measures, and evaluative weights. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. USDOT TIGER Grant Round 7 - FY2015

On April 3, 2015, the federal government issued a notice of funding availability (NOFA) for the seventh round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant funding. A total of \$500 million is available through a multimodal, merit-based, competitive grant program. There is a set aside of \$100 million for rural areas, which leaves \$400 million dedicated for projects in urban areas. The MAG region contains both urban and rural areas. MAG member agencies were requested to submit non-transit project suggestions by April 16, 2015 for the Regional Council to review and discuss. There is a required pre-application deadline of May 4, 2015; all projects that submit a final grant application by June 4, 2015 have to submit a pre-application. The MAG Regional Council is meeting on April 22, 2015 to review projects that were submitted and provide further direction. Information about the USDOT TIGER Grant was discussed with the MAG Management Committee on April 8, 2015. It is requested that the MAG Transportation Review Committee review project details and provide input. Please refer to the enclosed summary transmittal and map.

9. For information, discussion, and possible action.

10. Project Initiation Pool (PIP)

To accelerate the initiation of MAG federally funded projects with ADOT outside the Life-Cycle Programs, MAG, ADOT and FHWA staff have developed a proposal to program a small pool of MAG federal funds on a first-come-first-serve bases to cover the initial set up fees for MAG federally funded projects. The proposed pilot program, the Project Initiation Pool (PIP), would provide, for a limited period of time each year (October 1 through December 31) \$2,829 federal funds with \$171 local funds per project for member agencies to use to cover the initial set up fees for MAG federally funded projects. The funding will begin to cover ADOT staff fees to initiate projects, kick off the development of intergovernmental agreements, and encourage early submittal of projects to ADOT. For certification accepted agencies, this funding may be used to cover part ADOT staff fees for environmental or other related reviews. It is requested that the Transportation Review committee members provide comments on the Miscellaneous Provisions portion of the Letter Contract labeled Example 1, that will be integrated into the final Letter Contract with ADOT. Please see attached material.

11. Bicycle Counter Rental Program

MAG staff will present information about the MAG bicycle counter rental program. This program will start in June 2015 and allow MAG member agencies to borrow temporary pneumatic tube counters from MAG to gather bicycle count data for short periods of time.

10. For information, discussion, and possible recommendation to approve implementing the Project Initiation Pool.

11. For information and discussion.

12. Update on Performance Measures and Targets Advisory Group

In preparation for MAP-21 rulemaking and for the 2015 State Performance Audit mandated by Proposition 400, MAG is forming a Performance Measures and Targets Advisory Group (PMTAG) with the purpose of involving member agencies in the coordination and selection of key measures and performance targets. This item will give the TRC an update of the topics and discussions from the first PMTAG meeting held April 20, 2015.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. Next Meeting Date

The next regular Transportation Review Committee meeting will be scheduled Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information and discussion.

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