

October 8, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 16, 2002 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. Special parking places marked "MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER" will be reserved for Management Committee members on the fourth and fifth levels of the garage. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 16, 2002**

	<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 Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. 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 Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.	3. Information.
4. <u>Interim Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Interim Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5. <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.	5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*6. <u>Approval of September 11, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u>	6. Review and approve September 11, 2002 meeting minutes.
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*7. Regional Transportation Plan - Phase II Consultant Selection

The MAG Regional Unified Planning Work Program includes \$750,000 for consultant services for Phase II of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. A request for qualifications (RFQ) was advertised for consultant assistance for the development of Phase II, and five consultant proposals were received in response. The RFQ included an estimated level of funding of \$500,000. The \$250,000 balance may be required, depending on the final scope of work for Phase II. A review team consisting of representatives from MAG member agencies interviewed three of these consultant groups and reached a consensus that HDR Engineering, Inc. be selected to assist in the development of Phase II. The Management Committee's recommendation will be presented at the October 23, 2002 meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee for their consideration. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8. Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Maricopa County is requesting an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to advance a federally funded project on Gilbert Road, just north of Mesa. As the project is partially programmed with MAG federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, it will be described as an "advance construction" project with local funds provided by Maricopa County in FY 2003 with reimbursement of the federal portion in FY 2007, pending possible future fiscal closeout actions. On August 27, 2002, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of this advancement. Since the TRC action, the air quality conformity analysis for the project has been conducted. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Recommendation to authorize the MAG Interim Executive Director to negotiate a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. as the consultant to assist in the development of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan - Phase II for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

8. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP to add an advance construction project, Maricopa County: Gilbert Road, McDowell Road to Beeline Highway; and McDowell Road, Gilbert Road to Mesa Drive, widen roadway and construct low water crossing of the Salt River to FY 2003 for a total of \$15,655,000 Local funds. Also, to change the existing FY 2007 project to a repayment phase of the same project in the amount of \$1,600,000 in MAG STP.

*9. FY 2003 MAG Early Phase Public Input Opportunity

The MAG Early Phase Public Input Opportunity was conducted from August through October, 2002. These events were held in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority and Valley Metro Rail. Opportunities included a transportation stakeholder meeting, two Transportation Fairs, and a "MAG at the Mall" event. MAG will participate in two additional events prior to the October Regional Council meeting – the Arizona State Fair and Tour de Tempe. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Information and discussion.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*10. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes a request from Maricopa County to advance a regionally significant federal-aid project on Gilbert Road from FY 2007 to FY 2003. A regional emissions analysis was required for the amendment. The results of the regional emissions analysis indicate that the inclusion of the new project in the TIP and LRTP meet the conformity requirements. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. For consultation.

*11. Transfer of the Clean Cities Program

In October 1997, the U.S. Department of Energy designated the Maricopa region a Clean Cities Community to support the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Since that time, interest in the Program waned due to a reduction in federal funds and the negative impact from the State Alternative Fuels program. Recently, ENRG, a fuel company, approached MAG about assuming responsibility for the program and creating a committee of public and private sector members. MAG staff is recommending that the Clean Cities Program be transferred to ENRG. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Recommend transferring the Maricopa Clean Cities Program to ENRG.

*12. Recommendation of Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2003 CMAQ Funding

The FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contains \$1,460,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to purchase PM-10 certified street sweepers in FY 2003. PM-10 certified street sweeper projects were solicited from member agencies in the Maricopa County PM-10 nonattainment area. Twenty-one projects requesting approximately \$3 million in federal funds were received. On October 3, 2002, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 certified street sweeper projects submitted for FY 2003 CMAQ funding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. Recommend a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 certified street sweeper projects for FY 2003 CMAQ funding and to retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2003 CMAQ funds that may become available due to year-end closeout, including any redistributed obligation authority, or additional funding received by this region from the Revenue Aligned Budget Authority provisions.

GENERAL ITEMS

*13. Approval of the Draft July 1, 2002 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates

On September 17, 2002, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) recommended approval of the July 1, 2002 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates. These updates were prepared by the MAG staff, using Census 2000 data as the base and housing unit data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies. The Updates are used to allocate \$23 million in lottery funds to local jurisdictions, and to set expenditure limitations where appropriate. The State Population Technical Advisory Committee will consider these updates on November 22, 2002. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Recommend approval of the Draft July 1, 2002 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates.

*14. Development of Interim Socioeconomic Projections

In June 1997, MAG adopted official socioeconomic projections. Since there is a need to have updated socioeconomic projections for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan,

14. Information and discussion.

MAG is developing an interim set of projections until DES approves an official Maricopa County control total. It is anticipated that an official set of projections based on those control totals will be presented to the MAG Management Committee and Regional Council for consideration in the spring of 2003. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

15. Air Quality Update (5 minutes)

At the September Transportation Policy Committee retreat, issues with the lawsuit filed by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest were discussed. The Center is challenging the Environmental Protection Agency approval of the Revised MAG 1999 Particulate Plan for PM-10. If the plan approval is vacated, federal transportation funds could be lost and major transportation projects could be stopped. It was the consensus of the Committee that a unified strategy should be developed for effective representation for the region. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. Recommend that a unified strategy be developed for effective representation for the region.

GENERAL ITEMS

16. Domestic Violence Update (5 minutes)

In August 1999, the Regional Council authorized the creation of a Domestic Violence Council to develop an effective coordinated valleywide system to protect victims and hold offenders accountable. An update of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Plan has recently been developed documenting progress on implementation of activities of the Council, many of which involved the participation of local governments. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. Information and discussion.

17. Special Census/Survey Update (5 minutes)

In April 2002, the MAG Regional Council approved reserving at least \$6 million of federal funds over a four year period (\$1.5 million per year) to keep our options open regarding taking a 2005 Special Census or developing an estimate. These funds would potentially be used to help defray the possible \$30 million cost of a Special Census or \$5 million cost of a survey in 2005. The Regional Council also approved sending a schedule to the member agencies reflecting the remaining \$24 million cost that may need to be raised through a special assessment if a Special Census is to be undertaken. With recent reductions in city revenues and potential reductions in state shared revenues, it has been suggested that a subcommittee of the Management Committee be appointed to explore cost effective options for developing a 2005 population figure to distribute state shared revenue. Please refer to the enclosed material.

18. Discussion of Regional Development Scope of Work (5 minutes)

At the May Regional Council meeting, the FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was approved. In discussing the Work Program, members requested that the funding for adding staff members to report on regionally significant projects be placed in contingency and that a discussion be held by the Regional Council regarding the scope of work for the project. Several member agencies have advocated a more incremental approach, focusing on information sharing, informal review and the development of an annual report. With current economic times, this suggested approach has been further modified, to assist member agencies with economic information which is at the forefront of development and infrastructure decision. It is anticipated the scope of work will be discussed in October and possible action taken at the December 11, 2002 Regional Council meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17. Appointment of a Subcommittee of the Management Committee to explore cost effective options for developing a 2005 population figure to distribute state shared revenue.

18. For information and discussion.

19. Management Committee Retreat (5 minutes)

Each year, the Management Committee holds a retreat to discuss regional issues and provide guidance on the development of the MAG Work Program. Members of the Committee will be requested to provide ideas on the structure of the retreat and potential discussion topics.

20. Comments from the Committee (3 minutes)

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

19. Information and discussion.

20. Information.