

April 19, 2005

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. 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.

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.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 27, 2005**

	<u>COUNCIL 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 Regional Council 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 Regional Council 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>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. <u>Approval of the March 23, 2005 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approval of the March 23, 2005 meeting minutes.
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- *5B. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Add a Phoenix Federally Funded High Priority Transportation Project for FY 2005

The City of Phoenix has been notified that it has been awarded \$1,653,333 in Federal High Priority Transportation funds to start the design of the Rio Salado Parkway corridor, from 7th Street to the South Mountain Freeway. This notification was made as part of a special appropriation that occurred during the recent Transportation Appropriations Bill. In order for the project to proceed, the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) needs to be amended to include this new project. As the project involves only design at this stage, the project is regarded as exempt for air quality conformity purposes. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5C. Federal Fiscal Year 2005 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2005 and FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$17.9 million is available for the interim closeout, plus a possible \$1.5 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. On March 24, 2005, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended allowing 15 projects, totaling \$12.9 million, to defer from Federal Fiscal Year 2005 to later years. This is in addition to \$4.6 million in uncommitted funds available since the initial closeout and \$350,000 in reimbursed funds received so far this year. Members are requested to submit to MAG staff any projects that they wish to compete for the funds available by the deadline of Friday, April 29, 2005. On April 13, 2005, the Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5B. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP to add the Federally funded, Phoenix Rio Salado Parkway design project.

- 5C. Approval of the interim closeout of Federal FY 2005, as shown in the attached Table One and approval of amending/adjusting the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2005 and FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to allow the projects to proceed.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

*5D. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment includes a City of Phoenix federal-aid project to start the design of the Rio Salado Parkway from 7th Street to the South Mountain Freeway in FY 2005. The amendment includes a new project that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by April 22, 2005. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Consultation.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5E. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application Process for Maricopa County

On December 18, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year round homeless planning process. This includes the submittal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the Maricopa Region. The Continuum of Care application supports permanent and transitional housing services. It is anticipated that the region could receive more than \$19 million for the 2005 application. This year, MAG is expecting to receive up to 60 applications for new and renewal projects. A ranking and review process, administered by Valley of the Sun United Way, is in process. Information on the process is being provided to inform MAG member agencies regarding this funding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Information.

*5F. Update to the Regional Plan to End Homelessness

The Regional Plan to End Homelessness was developed in 2002. Since then, the plan has become a national model and a guiding light for the MAG Continuum of Care. In October 2004, a group of nearly 40 stakeholders, including elected officials, service providers, municipal staff and the private sector gathered to assess progress that has been made on the plan. The outcome of the meetings resulted in the Update to the Regional Plan. The purpose of the update is to provide a benchmark for accomplishments and a focus for what remains to be done. The Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness and the Management Committee recommended approval of the Update. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5G. Domestic Violence Public Opinion Survey

The MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council, formed in 1999, supports the collection of current statistically reliable and valid public opinion data on the issue of domestic violence in Maricopa County. This information will assist the Council as they work to prioritize their goals and objectives for the next five years. The Morrison Institute at Arizona State University has offered to partner with MAG to place a public opinion survey in the field beginning in early May 2005 through MetroTRACK. This random phone survey would seek to measure public awareness of domestic violence services currently available in the region, as well as to assess the public's perception of the most pressing domestic violence-related needs. The survey is estimated to cost no more than \$4,000 with the Morrison Institute paying for half that amount. The Management Committee and Executive Committee recommended approval of conducting the survey. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Approval of the Update to the Regional Plan to End Homelessness.

5G. Approval of a public opinion phone survey on domestic violence to be conducted by MAG and the Morrison Institute at Arizona State University.

*5H. Preparations for Conducting the 2005 Census Survey

At the March 2005 Regional Council meeting, information was provided on costs, cognitive testing of the survey, the 2005 National Census Test, publicity and outreach, and recruitment for the 2005 census effort. MAG and member agencies are working together to supply the Census Bureau with address lists in order to control any estimated cost increase for the survey. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Information.

*5I. Proposed 2005 Revisions to MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee has completed its review of proposed 2005 revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction and these revisions are currently being reviewed by MAG Member Agency Public Works Directors and/or Engineers. It is anticipated that the annual update packet will be available for purchase in early May 2005. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5I. Information.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6A. FY 2005 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity

Under MAG's adopted public involvement process, members of the public are provided the opportunity to provide input on transportation plans and programs during four phases: Early Phase, Mid-Phase, Final Phase and Continuous Involvement. The Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity was conducted from March 1, 2005 through April 1, 2005. Input opportunities included meetings of the MAG Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council, as well as several special events. The phase concluded with an April 1, 2005 Joint Transportation Open House and

6A. Information and discussion.

Public Hearing. Events and opportunities were held in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro and Valley Metro Rail when possible. Staff will provide an overview of input received. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6B. Approval of the Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. This TIP serves as a five-year regional guide for the preservation, management and expansion of public transportation services, including highways, ridesharing, transit facilities and various congestion mitigation, and air quality improvement projects. The draft TIP contains more than 1,100 transportation projects, totals more than \$5.6 billion and identifies Federally funded projects; ADOT projects; transit projects (including light rail); and all regionally significant projects within the region. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP for an air quality conformity analysis. This item is on the April 20, 2005 Transportation Policy Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6C. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2005 Update for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

To comply with Federal Clean Air Act requirements, it is necessary to conduct an air quality conformity analysis of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Draft RTP - 2005 Update includes modifications to the phases in which certain projects in the RTP would be constructed that were submitted for agency consultation in February and March 2005. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan -

6B. Approval of the Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis.

6C. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2005 Update for an air quality conformity analysis.

2005 Update for an air quality conformity analysis. This item is on the April 20, 2005 Transportation Policy Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Interim Draft of the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

House Bill 2456, passed in 2004 in association with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Proposition 400, requires "budgeting processes" for the freeway/highway and arterial streets/intersections modes in the RTP be adopted to ensure that the estimated costs for projects in each mode do not exceed the total amount of revenues estimated to be available for that mode (ARS 28-6352). In response to this new requirement, MAG has initiated the development of an Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) and has completed the development of an Interim Draft *ALCP Policies and Procedures* to guide its implementation. The Interim Draft *ALCP Policies and Procedures* were discussed at the March 16 and April 20, 2005 meetings of the Transportation Policy Committee. The discussion at the TPC centered on how the ALCP will deal with inflation, how surplus project and program funds might be reallocated, and including an allowance for inflation as part for the reimbursement to a jurisdiction if a project is advanced. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

8. Discussion and Update on the Draft FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

8. Information, discussion and input on the development of the Work Program and Annual Budget.

represents the budget document development to-date. The elements of the budget document are about 95 percent complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. MAG County Library District Stakeholders Group

On March 9, 2005, the Management Committee formed the MAG County Library District Stakeholders Group to examine current library needs and to explore other potential partnering activities. The Stakeholders reached a consensus to recommend to MAG that: 1) The Maricopa County Library District pursue purchasing a core set of electronic databases that would be available to all libraries and, 2) The reciprocal borrowing agreement be restructured by developing a formula that reflects actual costs, and to have a one time increase to the existing \$20 rate while the formula is being developed. On April 13, 2005, the Management Committee recommended forwarding the Stakeholders' recommendations to the Regional Council, that staff begin meeting within the month to develop an implementation schedule for the recommendations, and that the Stakeholders Group would report back to the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Nominating Committee

Each April, the Chair of the Regional Council appoints a five-member Nominating Committee from the Regional Council. According to the Nominating Process, revised by the Regional Council in April 2002, the Nominating Committee develops a slate of seven candidates. These candidates include a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, the Past Chair, and three members-at-large. If the Past Chair is not a current member of the Council, the Nominating Committee nominates an additional at-large member. The

9. Approval of the MAG County Library District Stakeholders Group recommendations that the Maricopa County Library District pursue purchasing a core set of electronic databases that would be available to all libraries and that the reciprocal borrowing agreement be restructured by developing a formula that reflects actual costs, and to have a one time increase to the existing \$20 rate while the formula is being developed.

10. Information, discussion and possible action.

11. Announcement of the appointment of the members of the Nominating Committee by the Chair of the Regional Council.

past Chair of the Regional Council, if still a current member, serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is required to provide a balanced slate of officers. The slate of nominations is forwarded to all of the Regional Council members at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting in June. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. Comments from the Council

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

12. Information.