

July 31, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, August 8, 2007 - 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
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.

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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.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
August 8, 2007**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. 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. 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.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

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 (*).

3. Information.

4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A. Approval of July 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes

*4B. Requested Material Change to Purchase the Mesa Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility and Amend the MAG Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2008 to 2012 Transportation Improvement Program

According to A.R.S. 28-6353, MAG has the responsibility to approve material changes for projects funded from the Proposition 400 sales tax. The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested approval of a material cost change for the

4A. Review and approval of the July 11, 2007 meeting minutes.

4B. Recommend approval of the purchase of the Mesa Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility and to amend the MAG Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2008 to 2012 Transportation Improvement Program to include the project.

purchase of the City of Mesa Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility. The RPTA Board of Directors approved the purchase of the facility for \$9,269,199, which represents Mesa's local investment in the facility. RPTA evaluated a number of options including continuing to lease the facility from the City of Mesa. According to the analysis, the best fiscal option is to purchase the facility using sales tax funds from the public transportation fund.

*4C. Consultant Contract for AZ-SMART Support

The FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the Regional Council in May 2007, includes a \$40,000 project for AZ-SMART support. MAG is in the process of developing a statewide socioeconomic model, Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART). The AZ-SMART socioeconomic modeling suite will primarily support socioeconomic activities at MAG. AZ-SMART will build upon a model that MAG currently uses, the Subarea Allocation Model (SAM). This model was developed by Planning Technologies. Since Planning Technologies is the developer of SAM, it is uniquely able to provide detailed technical guidance and support on the implementation and testing for AZ-SMART. MAG is recommending that Planning Technologies be selected to provide AZ-SMART support for an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Please refer to enclosed material.

*4D. Regional Support for Low Demand Homeless Overflow Shelter

At the June MAG Management Committee meeting, there was discussion about regional support for the low demand homeless shelter operated by Central Arizona Shelter Services. Since then, municipalities have come forward to offer support. The Management Committee requested the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness to address the low demand shelter. The Continuum of Care has recommended a resolution supporting the shelter. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Recommend approval of the selection of Planning Technologies for AZ-SMART support for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

4D. Recommend approval of the resolution of the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness supporting the Central Arizona Shelter Services' low demand overflow shelter for single homeless men.

*4E. Consultant Selection for Safety Evaluation of the Elderly Mobility Sign Project

The MAG Transportation Safety Committee and the MAG Elderly Mobility Stakeholders Group recently launched a regional road safety project that will result in the installation of street name signs with larger letter sizes, using a font that is more legible to road users. The two committees also recommended a project to evaluate the overall safety effectiveness of these signs. MAG released a Request for Proposals on June 4, 2007, for this purpose. One proposal was received from Arizona State University. A proposal review panel evaluated the proposal and recommended to MAG the selection of Arizona State University. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4F. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update. The proposed amendment includes minor project revisions to Arizona Department of Transportation projects for right-of-way acquisition in the SR 801 (Interstate-10 Reliever) corridor, and implementation of a design-build project on Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway. Minor project revisions do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by August 17, 2007. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4E. Recommend the selection of Arizona State University for performing the Safety Evaluation of the Elderly Mobility Sign Project for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

4F. Consultation.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) II Account

As part of the FY 2008 state budget, the legislature transferred \$62 million from the State Highway Fund to the State Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) account. The legislature in HB 2793 established a subaccount for the reimbursement of interest expenses incurred by or on behalf of a local jurisdiction for the acceleration of transportation projects. HB 2793 allocated \$10 million from the \$62 million STAN II appropriation for this purpose. State law requires that the regional planning agency

5. Information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve a project(s) for reimbursement of interest expense up to \$10 million, and to authorize the MAG Executive Director to enter into an agreement with ADOT and the participating cities for the project to be eligible for reimbursement.

establish a process for the review and approval of reimbursement of interest costs from the STAN account. State law also requires that for a project to be eligible for reimbursement of the interest cost, an agreement needs to be in place with at least one other city or county, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the regional planning agency. On March 20, 2000, the Regional Council adopted a Highway Acceleration Policy. Several MAG member agencies have since accelerated projects using the policy. HB 2793 has now clarified that the interest cost incurred by the cities can be reimbursed by the funding provided in the STAN II legislation.

On July 26, 2007, a request was sent to the MAG member agencies that eligible projects for interest reimbursement be sent to MAG for consideration. To date, MAG has been notified that the I-10 widening project, approved by the Regional Council on April 26, 2006, is interested in receiving reimbursement of its interest costs for that project. The Arizona Department of Transportation had previously scheduled this project to go out to bid, with construction commencing in early fall of this year (2007). To receive the interest reimbursement requires MAG to be part of the agreement with the agencies requesting reimbursement. Projects that are received by MAG will be forwarded to the Management Committee.

6. Requested Changes to the ADOT Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has requested MAG concurrence with two proposed changes to FY 2008 of the ADOT Program. These changes would also require amendment of the MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), as appropriate. The changes involve advance right-of-way acquisition in the SR 801 (I-10 Reliever) corridor, and implementation of a design-build project on the 202L (Red Mountain Freeway). The SR 801 (I-10 Reliever) request is to increase funding from \$3,000,000 to \$15,000,000 for right-of-way protection in FY 2008, for future

6. Recommend concurrence with the proposed changes to the ADOT Program to advance right-of-way acquisition in the SR 801 (I-10 Reliever) corridor, and implement a design-build project on the 202L (Red Mountain Freeway). and to amend the MAG Regional Transportation Plan – FY 2007 Update and the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, as appropriate, contingent on an air quality conformity analysis.

freeway construction in the corridor. The 202L (Red Mountain Freeway) request would implement a \$184,060,000 design-build project to be initiated in fiscal year 2008. Funding would be provided from six previously programmed projects for the Red Mountain Freeway, which had been scheduled for fiscal years 2008-2011. MAG has reviewed the proposed program changes and has determined that they are reasonable, will benefit the overall implementation of the RTP Freeway Program, and can be accomplished within available ADOT cash flows. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. The Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study

Since May 2006, MAG has had the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study underway for establishing a mobility framework for a significant portion of Maricopa County west of the White Tank Mountains. A briefing will be provided about the results and potential recommendations that have been generated on the project. The present schedule for the project anticipates bringing the Hassayampa Valley project for MAG acceptance in September 2007.

8. Comments from the Committee

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.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information.

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
July 11, 2007
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| # Bridget Schwartz-Manock for Jan Dolan,
Scottsdale, Chair | Brian Dalke, Goodyear |
| David Fitzhugh for Charlie McClendon,
Avondale, Vice Chair | * Mark Johnson, Guadalupe |
| # Bryant Powell for George Hoffman, Apache
Junction | Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park |
| * Dave Wilcox, Buckeye | Scott Butler for Christopher Brady, Mesa |
| * Jon Pearson, Carefree | Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley |
| * Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek | Terry Ellis, Peoria |
| Mark Pentz, Chandler | Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix |
| Pat Dennis for B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage | John Kross, Queen Creek |
| Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno,
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community |
| Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills | Kathy Rice for Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise |
| * Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend | Jeff Kulaga for Will Manley, Tempe |
| * Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian
Community | * Reyes Medrano, Tolleson |
| George Pettit, Gilbert | * Steve McKay, Wickenburg |
| Ed Beasley, Glendale | Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown |
| | Bill Hayden for Victor Mendez, ADOT |
| | Mike Sabatini for David Smith,
Maricopa County |
| | David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA |

- * Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Participated by telephone conference call.
- + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Terry Ellis at 12:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acting Chair Ellis noted that Bryant Powell, Apache Junction, and Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Scottsdale, were participating by telephone conference call. He stated that MAG staff was available to assist members of the public in turning in their public comment cards. Acting Chair Ellis stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit

to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

Acting Chair Ellis stated that a bill summary chart for agenda item #6 was at each place.

3. Call to the Audience

Acting Chair Ellis stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Acting Chair Ellis noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations.

Acting Chair Ellis recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who turned in a public records request and asked that the Chair designate a MAG staff member and timeline to handle her request. Ms. Barker said that she has been trying to get information on certification. Ms. Barker noted that MAG has a statutory responsibility for material cost changes. She added that RARF is not coming in as expected; if a project is unwarranted, MAG can make a major amendment to eradicate a project. Ms. Barker stated that this may be the time to make difficult decisions. She stated that the regional transportation partners need to get together and exchange information, and added that ADOT does not yet have transit information. Acting Chair Ellis thanked Ms. Barker for her comments. He said that Kelly Taft, MAG Communications Manager, would assist Ms. Barker with the information MAG can and cannot provide.

5A. FY 2007 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity

Jason Stephens, MAG Public Involvement Planner, provided the Management Committee with the input received on the draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and draft Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update. Mr. Stephens noted that this input is included the Final Phase Input Opportunity Report.

Mr. Stephens stated that MAG has a four-phase public involvement process: Early Phase, Mid Phase, Final Phase, and Continuous Involvement. Mr. Stephens stated that opportunities provided for public input included MAG policy committees, the Juneteenth History Festival, and the Final Phase transportation open house and public hearing, which was held on June 18, 2007. He reviewed some of the comments received during the Final Phase. Acting Chair Ellis thanked Mr. Stephens for his report. No comments from the Committee were noted.

Mr. Pickering moved to recommend acceptance of the Draft FY 2007 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity Report. Mr. Pentz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Acting Chair Ellis stated that agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, #4F, and #4G were on the consent agenda. He noted that a request had been received to remove agenda item #4F from the consent agenda. Acting Chair Ellis asked if any member of the Committee had questions or a request to have a presentation on any other agenda item. None were noted.

Acting Chair Ellis reviewed the public comment guidelines for the consent agenda and noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend approval of consent agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, and #4G. Mr. Crossman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of June 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the June 13, 2007 meeting minutes.

4B. Enhancement Funds Working Group Round XV Recommendations

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended that the ranked applications from the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee. The Enhancement Funds Working Group was formed by the MAG Regional Council in April of 1993 to review and recommend a ranked list of Enhancement Fund applications from this region to the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). This year, nine applications for local funds were received totaling \$3,330,247 with approximately \$8 million available statewide. Two applications for state funds were received totaling \$1,940,476 with approximately \$4 million available statewide. The Working Group recommended that the attached ranked applications be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the TERC.

4C. Proposed Major Amendment to Delete SR 153 from the MAG Regional Transportation Plan

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to delete SR 153 and use the available funding for improvements to SR 143 and that the Regional Transportation Plan and the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be amended subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis. On May 23, 2007, the MAG Regional Council requested consultation on the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to delete SR 153, the Sky Harbor Expressway and use the available funding for improvement to SR 143. Formal comment on the proposed major amendment is required from the State Transportation Board, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA), and the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Cities and towns, Indian communities, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) may also provide comments. On June 15, 2007, the State Transportation Board recommended approval. On June 18, 2007, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors recommended approval.

and on June 21, 2007 the Regional Public Transportation Authority also recommended approval of the proposed major amendment.

4D. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 Final Closeout

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the final closeout of Federal FY 2007. During the interim closeout process, member agencies submitted projects to defer projects to a later year and/or remove federal funds from projects, and submitted projects to utilize the FFY 2007 closeout funds. Regional Council approved the interim closeout on June 27, 2007. In addition to Regional Council's approval, on June 28, 2007, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended three projects to be deferred/removed. Since the TRC meeting, one additional project has been identified to be deferred.

4E. Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update. The Draft 2007 Conformity Analysis concludes that the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. On June 18, 2007, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft TIP, Draft Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update, and Draft Conformity Analysis. On June 28, 2007, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Draft 2007 MAG Conformity Analysis for the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update. Approval of the conformity finding by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and RTP.

4G. On-Call Consulting List for the Socioeconomic Information Enhancement Project

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the list of on-call consultants, Applied Economics, Arizona State University, ECONorthwest, Planning Technologies and Technology Associates, for the MAG Socioeconomic Information Enhancement Project, for a total amount not to exceed \$290,000. On May 14, 2007, the MAG Executive Committee approved the consolidation of three projects in the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to conduct a Socioeconomic Information Enhancement Project at a cost not to exceed \$290,000. The purpose of the project is to enable MAG to maintain state-of-the-art projections models and to support socioeconomic and transportation planning needs. MAG issued a Request for Qualifications to create an n-Call Consulting List for the project and received six Statements of Qualifications (SOQs). A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the SOQs and unanimously recommended to MAG that the following firms be included on a MAG On-call consulting list for the Socioeconomic Information Enhancement Project: Applied Economics, Arizona State University, ECONorthwest, Planning Technologies and Technology Associates.

4F. Prioritized List of PM-10 Paving Projects for FY 2007 CMAQ Funding

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Pat Dennis expressed her concern about the allocation of CMAQ funds for 2007. She said that the City of El Mirage had submitted two projects as part of the CMAQ process for 2007. Ms. Dennis stated that since their projects were already submitted and they were PM-10 projects, she assumed that those projects not funded through the normal process would automatically be considered for the \$5 million funding. Ms. Dennis requested that the El Mirage projects submitted in the process be evaluated in the \$5 million appropriation.

Acting Chair Ellis requested that staff provide a presentation. Dean Giles, MAG Air Quality Planning Program Specialist, noted that on May 23, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved thirteen additional measures for the Suggested List of Measures to Reduce PM-10 Particulate Matter. He said that one of the new measures is that MAG allocate \$5 million in FY 2007 MAG federal funds matched on a fifty/fifty basis by MAG member agencies for paving dirt roads and shoulders and that these funds would be on a nonsupplanting basis for new projects.

Mr. Giles stated that PM-10 paving projects were solicited from member agencies in the Maricopa PM-10 Nonattainment Area and eleven applications requesting \$6,044,673 in FY 2007 CMAQ funds were received. On June 28, 2007, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee made a recommendation to add \$1.044 million to fund all of the projects on the Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 paving projects since all of the projects have merit. If additional funding is not available, fund nine projects and only a portion of the Goodyear shoulder project, with the remaining portion of the Goodyear shoulder project placed first on the list for FY 2008 closeout funds.

Acting Chair Ellis asked Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, to provide a report on the source of funds. Mr. Anderson stated that each year, as part of the closeout process, projects are identified to be deferred from one fiscal year to another. He reported that this year, a number of projects were identified to be deferred from FY 2007 to FY 2008, totaling approximately \$44 million. Mr. Anderson explained that to ensure the program is in balance, the \$44 million will be needed to fund not only those projects that deferred from FY 2007 if they obligate in FY 2008, but also those projects agreed to be funded for FY 2008.

Mr. Anderson stated that historically, the amount of project deferrals is in the \$5 million to \$10 million range and this year it is \$44 million. He noted that the primary reason for the carried-over dollar amount to be so large is that implementation of the Arterial Life Cycle Program is still in the early phases. Mr. Anderson stated that there are a number of projects next year that will be deferred and those funds could be used for dirt road projects. He stated with the historical experience, he felt comfortable the program will have sufficient funds. Mr. Anderson added that if there were no deferrals next year, balancing the program could be problematic. He advised that this year, the \$5 million to \$6 million to tackle the dirt road is being carved out of this year's deferrals, but using closeout and carryover money year after year cannot be continued. Mr. Anderson added that there is a plan to tighten the program in future years.

Mr. Smith stated that there was an emergency situation with the PM-10 plan in May 2007 and MAG was making a statement it was serious about PM-10, especially dirt roads. He said that the match ratio was changed from seventy/thirty to fifty/fifty to ensure funding as many projects as possible. Mr. Smith added that the motion at the May Management Committee discussed timing. He stated that the process was conducted and the projects evaluated, but the El Mirage projects were submitted in a different process. Mr. Smith reported that the Management Committee has choices: 1) Recommend the \$5 million already authorized; 2) Recommend the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommendation to add \$1.044 million to fund all of the projects on the Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Paving Projects; 3) Recommend funding the El Mirage request.

Ms. Dennis expressed her appreciation for the process, but added that the projects submitted by El Mirage are PM-10 projects. She noted that the City understands the fifty/fifty match and has no issue with that. Ms. Dennis remarked that if the bottom line is PM-10, then projects that meet those requirements meet the needs of the nonattainment area and should be funded. She commented that it seemed redundant to reapply. She requested that the El Mirage projects be considered instead of other projects.

Mr. Fairbanks moved to recommend approval of the Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Paving Projects recommended by the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee including the City of Goodyear project. Mr. Pickering seconded. Acting Chair Ellis asked members if there was discussion on the motion. Hearing none, the vote taken on the question passed, with Ms. Dennis voting no.

5B. Approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Eileen Yazzie, MAG Transportation Program Manager, provided the Committee with the highlights of the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. She said that each year, the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is updated. Ms. Yazzie noted that the FY 2008-2012 TIP reports on more than 1,400 projects throughout the region.

Ms. Yazzie reviewed the highway projects, which include street, bicycle, pedestrian, safety, freeway, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), and bridge projects in the region. She advised that the two largest funding commitments are from local agencies, and the Regional Area Road Fund, which is the half cent sales tax. These sources account for 60 percent of the \$6.224 billion of committed highway project funds.

Ms. Yazzie reviewed the transit projects. She said that 48 percent of the funding for FY 2008-2012 transit projects come from 5307, 5309, 5310, and 5311 federal funds. In addition are the Public Transit Funds, which are the half cent sales tax funds designated for transit projects. She explained that these funds make up 35 percent of the total \$1.455 billion committed to fund transit projects in FY 2008-2012. Ms. Yazzie advised that the total project funding of \$1.455 billion is an increase of 23 percent over the FY 2007-2011 TIP.

Ms. Yazzie stated that the total funding commitment in FY 2008-2012 is about \$7.68 billion, which is an increase of 18 percent over the FY 2007-2011 TIP. Acting Chair Ellis thanked Ms.

Yazzie for her report. No requests for public comment were received. He asked members if they had questions.

Mr. Pettit asked the primary source of the additional 18 percent of funding. Ms. Yazzie replied that there are a couple of reasons. She said that the FY 2008-2012 TIP includes a full five years of the half cent sales tax, whereas the sales tax was included in only part of the FY 2007-2011 TIP. Ms. Yazzie noted that the number of projects has increased as well.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update with applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans. Mr. Kross seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5C. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update

Roger Herzog, MAG Senior Project Manager, stated that the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update has been prepared to comply with the regional transportation planning requirements of the Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). He stated that the Draft RTP 2007 Update addresses several new topics to respond to SAFETEA-LU, including consultation on environmental mitigation and resource conservation, transportation security, and an updated public participation process.

Mr. Herzog stated that the 2007 Update includes revised revenue estimates, and updated life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. He stated that costs are currently in balance with expected revenues for all Life Cycle Programs. Mr. Herzog advised that major cost issues are expected in the future as scoping, design concepts and environmental assessments are completed.

Mr. Herzog stated that the Draft 2007 Update was approved by the Regional Council for air quality conformity analysis on April 25, 2007. A technical conformity analysis was performed on the Draft 2007 Update and the Draft MAG FY 2008-2012 TIP, and demonstrated that they meet all air quality conformity requirements. Mr. Herzog noted that the final phase public hearing was conducted on the Draft RTP 2007 Update, the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. He noted that the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the finding of conformity. Acting Chair Ellis thanked Mr. Herzog for his report. No questions from the Committee were noted. No requests for public comment were received.

Mr. Boggs moved to recommend approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP and TIP with the applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans. Mr. Pettit seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Legislative Update

Matthew Clark, MAG Senior Policy Planner, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. Mr. Clark reviewed the provisions of the budget bill, House Bill (HB) 2781, which includes \$62 million for the Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) account and funding for the Arizona Department of Transportation and for the Maricopa County Travel Reduction Plan.

Mr. Clark stated that HB 2793 extends the allowable repayment period for State Highway Fund bonds from 20 to 30 years. It also includes provisions on railroad right-of-way, authorizes ADOT to use \$10 million from the Highway Expansion and Extension Program Fund (HELP), and establishes two subaccounts: 1) Establishes the Roads of Regional Significance Congestion Mitigation subaccount for high-growth areas, and appropriates \$10 million to its use. 2) Establishes a Transportation Acceleration Needs subaccount and appropriates \$10 million from the STAN account into the subaccount, which may be used to reimburse interest costs from STAN for the acceleration of certain transportation projects. Mr. Clark noted that funding for the statewide framework studies was not included in the legislation, but ADOT has made assurances that they will be funded through the ADOT process.

Mr. Clark noted that the creation of a Blue Ribbon Transportation Committee was included in Senate Bill (SB) 1640. Among the committee's responsibilities are the review reports relating to the state's transportation framework and make recommendations on legislation issues to be addressed in the next legislative session.

Mr. Clark stated that the air quality bill, SB 1552, has been signed by the Governor. Mr. Clark stated that many of the measures approved by the MAG Regional Council were included in the bill. He then reviewed the provisions on unpaved roads, parking areas, vacant lots, leaf blowers, street sweepers, off-highway vehicles, agricultural best management practices, and dust control training.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Legislature appropriated \$62 million from the State Highway Fund, which staff understands has already been programmed by ADOT. He advised that the impact of removing the \$62 million on the current highway program is unknown. Mr. Anderson then spoke about the two subaccounts of the STAN account that were created by HB 2793. He said that there will probably be no MAG involvement on recommendations for the Roads of Regional Significance (RRS) subaccount, other than a requirement to include recommended projects in the MAG TIP. Mr. Anderson noted an issue with the RRS subaccount, which includes a provision that requires a project be in communities' SIP and TIP as unfunded. He advised that the MAG TIP has a fiscal constraint requirement and projects cannot be in the TIP if they are unfunded. Mr. Anderson stated that staff is working with ADOT and FHWA on this and followup language may be required. Mr. Anderson commented that another issue with this subaccount is the calculation of the five year growth rate, because there is no guidance as to which rate should be used. He added that another consideration is the eligibility of communities formed just five years prior.

Mr. Anderson stated that for the Transportation Acceleration Needs subaccount, MAG will be required to establish a process to accept and make recommendations to the State Transportation

Board on requests for reimbursement of interest costs resulting from project accelerations. He noted that project agreements must be dated after January 1, 2007.

Mr. Anderson stated that MAG staff is working with ADOT on STAN II issues. He said that one issue is the calculation of MAG's share of the \$62 million. Mr. Anderson explained that it is unknown whether MAG's share, which is 60 percent, will be calculated before or after the two \$10 million allocations are deducted.

Mr. Anderson advised that this year, the amount to accelerate projects is very small, probably about \$20 million, unlike last year. He stated that in addition, the \$62 million is not new money and it is probably already programmed. Acting Chair Ellis thanked Mr. Clark and Mr. Anderson for their reports. No questions from the Committee were noted.

7. Regional Heat Relief Planning Efforts

Amy St. Peter, MAG Human Services Manager, stated that heat relief is more critical now than ever, as the region has experienced its first excessive heat watch since July 3rd. She noted that in 2005, the region received negative national attention when homeless people died as a result of the heat. Ms. St. Peter reported that since then, many agencies have rallied to this cause to ensure the homeless receive relief from the heat.

Ms. St. Peter noted the maps at each place that show water collection/donation sites and water hydration/refuge stations. She stated that the maps would be distributed throughout the region and requested that members post the maps on their websites and distribute them to first responders. Ms. St. Peter expressed her thanks to Cave Creek, Gilbert, Glendale, Maricopa County, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, and Tempe for helping make resources available across the region. She added that nonprofit agencies are also contributing to the effort. The Valley of the Sun United Way is conducting a water drive on July 14th. Ms. St. Peter stated that member agencies could assist in the effort by collecting water, being listed as a water donation or hydration site, or being a refuge location. She noted that the City of Tempe has organized a homeless connect project.

Ms. St. Peter stated that heat relief efforts also need to include the elderly, children, and those with medical issues. She noted that the City of Scottsdale and Maricopa County have programs to meet this need. Acting Chair Ellis thanked Ms. St. Peter for her report.

Mr. Fairbanks commended MAG for its leadership and coordination of this effort, and also to the cities that pulled together to accomplish something to help people. Mr. Fairbanks commented that heat is a problem for homeless people, but it is also a problem for the elderly, the young, and the ill, who can also fall victim to the heat.

8. Comments from the Committee

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.

Acting Chair Ellis announced that two key MAG staff members, Denise McClafferty and Matthew Clark, were leaving MAG the end of the month. He said that Mr. Clark will be working for the City of Mesa. Ms. McClafferty, who has worked at MAG for ten years, was returning to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Acting Chair Ellis suggested that Stephen Cleveland, recently retired Goodyear City Manager, and now working on a consulting basis, be honored at the September Management Committee meeting with a plaque in honor of his many years of regional achievements, including chairing the Management Committee.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that Mr. Cleveland has been an influential leader among the Management Committee.

Acting Chair Ellis noted that Will Manley was retiring the end of August.

Acting Chair Ellis stated that his City Council had discussed the CASS budget overrun and request for additional assistance. He said that the Council wanted to approve some funding, but felt they wanted something in writing to understand the nature of the emergency and asked that the information be submitted.

Acting Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed a new member to the Committee: Mr. Brian Dalke, Interim City Manager for Goodyear.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

July 31, 2007

SUBJECT:

Consultant Contract for AZ-SMART Support

SUMMARY:

The FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes a \$40,000 project for AZ-SMART support. MAG is in the process of developing a statewide socioeconomic model, Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART). The AZ-SMART socioeconomic modeling suite will primarily support socioeconomic activities at MAG. AZ-SMART will build upon a model that MAG currently uses, the Subarea Allocation Model (SAM). This model was developed by Planning Technologies. Since Planning Technologies is the developer of SAM, it is uniquely able to provide detailed technical guidance and support on the implementation and testing for AZ-SMART.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: AZ-SMART will build upon a model that MAG currently uses, the Subarea Allocation Model (SAM). SAM was developed by Planning Technologies. Since Planning Technologies is the developer of SAM, it is uniquely able to provide detailed technical guidance and support on the implementation and testing for AZ-SMART.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The support of Planning Technologies to develop the AZ-SMART modeling suite is essential as they are familiar with the programming and internal processes in SAM.

POLICY: The support provided by Planning Technologies will ensure that AZ-SMART will support the MAG transportation model, and better enable member agencies to determine demands on infrastructure and services.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval of the selection of Planning Technologies for AZ-SMART support for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

None.

CONTACT PERSON:

Anubhav Bagley, (602) 254-6300.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

July 31, 2007

SUBJECT:

Regional Support for Low Demand Homeless Overflow Shelter

SUMMARY:

At the June MAG Management Committee meeting, there was discussion about regional support for the low demand homeless overflow shelter operated by Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS). Since then, municipalities have come forward to offer support to CASS. Maricopa County has been and continues to be a significant funder of the shelter. The Management Committee requested the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness to address the low demand shelter issue. The Continuum of Care has recommended a resolution supporting the shelter.

The resolution reads: The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness supports the low demand homeless overflow shelter operated by Central Arizona Shelter Services. The shelter is at capacity each night by serving up to 325 homeless single men who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets. Funding for the shelter will run out in November 2007. The low demand overflow shelter is an important regional issue that may become a crisis if additional funding is not secured.

Overflow shelter is the term used to describe homeless shelters that are offered during times of increased need, such as the summer months. It is considered "low demand" not because it is not needed, but because the shelter does not make many demands of its homeless clients. For example, case management is a service that is available to the clients, but is not required as in the traditional shelter model. The low demand shelter model has been proven particularly successful in engaging hard-to-serve populations that typically resist treatment but access high dollar emergency services.

Despite the proven results of the low demand overflow shelter, lack of funding may mean the shelter will close in November 2007. The Arizona Department of Housing has pledged to match any funds contributed by the municipalities. Anyone wanting to support the shelter may contact Mark Holleran, the Executive Director of CASS, at (602) 256-6945.

PUBLIC INPUT:

An opportunity was made available at the July 23, 2007 MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness meeting. One citizen emphasized the hours of operation for the low demand shelter of 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. facilitated institutions such as hospitals and prisons as well as outreach teams dropping off homeless men throughout the night. This makes the low demand shelter more accessible than the traditional shelters that only accept new clients until a certain time of night, such as 8:00 p.m.

Another citizen suggested that the services provided by the current shelter system, including the low demand shelter, might be enough to meet the demand if there was adequate housing available to people when they left the shelters. If true, then the priority for new programs should be on housing, not building new shelters.

A third citizen urged that attention be given to homeless young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 who are reluctant to enter large shelters because of safety concerns. They may need a different option more appropriate to their age and experience.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: This resolution proactively responds to a vital concern that can have devastating effects if not addressed. The overflow low demand shelter successfully serves homeless people resistant to regular shelters. When not in shelter, this population tends to access more emergency services at a high cost to the community. Providing funding for the shelter would provide a stable base of support and ensure that high-need, hard-to-serve homeless men have a safe place to stabilize instead of living on the streets at a high cost to the community.

CONS: While sheltering homeless people will ultimately save the municipalities money in terms of reduced utilization of emergency services and crime, the initial investment of funds or in-kind support may impose a burden. Some municipalities are struggling to provide human services within their own jurisdictions and may not be in a position to support the shelter.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The overflow shelter has been at capacity by serving more than 320 single homeless men every night. The needs of these men are just as important as their numbers because the shelter serves an extremely vulnerable population. CASS reports that more than 45 percent of the single men in the overflow shelter are seriously mentally ill. In addition, more than 66 percent are 40 years of age. This is twice the number of men in this age range in the regular CASS shelter. In addition, one third of the single men in the overflow shelter have been discharged from the Department of Corrections. One in five single men has a physical disability which affects their ability attain self-sufficiency. When such chronically homeless people are engaged with services and shelter, they are more successful at securing employment and housing. Research has proven that this intervention is cheaper to provide than having people remain homeless and accessing emergency services such as hospitals, police and fire departments.

POLICY: This resolution promotes the policy that addressing homelessness is a regional concern requiring regional support. Some municipalities have long histories of supporting the shelter, such as the City of Phoenix. Others have recently come forward, such as the City of Peoria committing support to the regular CASS shelter. CASS is committed to maintaining operation of their traditional single adult and family shelters. Without additional funding and a regional policy that supports their operation of the low demand shelter for men, they will be unable to continue operating the low demand shelter. This will leave more than 300 hard-to-serve homeless men with significant barriers to obtaining housing living on the streets with no one designated to assist them.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval of the resolution of the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness supporting the Central Arizona Shelter Services' low demand overflow shelter for single homeless men.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness voted on July 23, 2007 to recommend approval of the resolution supporting the Central Arizona Shelter Services' low demand overflow shelter for single homeless men.

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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| Councilmember Greg Stanton, Phoenix,
Chair | Kendra Cea, APS
Trinity Donovan, Valley of the
Sun United Way |
| Roberto Armijo, Community Information
& Referral Services | Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale, |
| + Jeremy Arp for David Barnhouse, Governor's
Office | * Theresa James, City of Tempe
Deanna Jonovich, City of Phoenix |
| * Maryann Beerling, New Arizona Family | Don Keuth, Phoenix Community Alliance,
Co-Vice Chair |
| * Judy Bowden, Mesa United Way | * Dan Lundberg, Surprise |
| Brad Bridwell, US Vets | Mike McQuaid, HSC |
| Kathryn Brown, AZ Dept of Corrections | |

Nick Margiotta, Phoenix Police Department
* Carrie Mascaro, Catholic Charities
* Terra Masias, Chicanos Por La Causa
Meggan Medina, AZ Dept of Housing
* Guy Mikkelsen, Foundation for Senior Living
* Carolyn Mitchell, Wells Fargo
* Darlene Newsom, United Methodist
Outreach Ministries
Laura Skotnicki, Save the Family
Annette Stein, Maricopa County HS

Jacki Taylor, ACEH
* Margaret Trujillo, MG Trujillo Associates
* Councilmember Mike Whalen, Mesa
* Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa Co.
* Ted Williams, AZ Behavioral Health
Corporation
Diana Yazzie Devine, Native American
Connections

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

+Those members present by audio or videoconference.

The MAG Management Committee discussed regional support for the low demand overflow shelter for information and discussion on June 13, 2007.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair
Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair
George Hoffman, Apache Junction
Charlie McClendon, Avondale
Dave Wilcox, Buckeye
Jon Pearson, Carefree
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek
Mark Pentz, Chandler
Pat Dennis for B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage
Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno,
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend
Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian
Community
George Pettit, Gilbert
Mario Saldamando for Stephen
Cleveland, Goodyear
Mark Johnson, Guadalupe

Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Christopher Brady, Mesa
Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
John Wenderski for Terry Ellis, Peoria
Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Mark Young for John Kross,
Queen Creek
* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community
Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
Amber Wakeman for Will Manley,
Tempe
* Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
* Steve McKay, Wickenburg
* Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
Bill Hayden for Victor Mendez, ADOT
Kenny Harris for David Smith,
Maricopa County
David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

CONTACT PERSON:

Amy St. Peter, MAG, (602) 254-6300

CENTRAL ARIZONA SHELTER SERVICES, INC. (CASS)
MEN'S OVERFLOW/LOW DEMAND SHELTER CRISIS
JULY 2007

Issue

CASS currently has a commitment of \$500,000 towards the projected \$1.1 million budget necessary to operate the Men's Overflow/Low Demand Shelter (MOS) through June 30, 2008. If additional funding is not secured immediately, the CASS Board of Directors has authorized the closure of the MOS in November when existing funding is exhausted. This will result in approximately 325 homeless single adult men losing access to shelter and returning to valley streets.

Background

CASS began providing MOS in 2005 in response to a heat emergency which resulted in the county wide deaths of over 30 unsheltered homeless individuals. Since July of 2006, CASS has operated the MOS at 1214 W. Madison. From January through July 2007, CASS has served 3,450 unduplicated homeless men in the MOS.

For FY 07/08, CASS' only commitment to the year round MOS operation is from Maricopa County in the amount of \$500,000. In the prior year, the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) had provided a one-time grant of \$500,000 for the MOS. While it can no longer maintain that commitment, it has indicated for FY 07/08 a desire to match any new contributions from valley cities and towns. Without additional funding commitments, CASS will cease MOS operations in November of 2007.

Program Description

MOS provides overnight (7 p.m. to 7 a.m.) access to safe and secure shelter. Shelter accommodations are minimal (floor mats, restrooms, and water). Security is provided by shelter staff supported by two off-duty City of Phoenix Police officers. The MOS serves:

- Men turned away from existing shelter programs due to occupancy limitations
- Individuals with extreme service needs including the disabled, the elderly, and those with physical or behavioral health issues.
- Unsheltered "chronic homeless" engaged by street outreach or other mainstream providers.
- Working individuals without access to shelter or affordable housing options.

While supportive services are not mandatory, a case manager and outreach services have been added to assist clients in accessing services from the Human Services Campus (HSC) or CASS' case managed emergency shelter programs. The MOS Program currently serves an average of 325 single adult men each night.

Community Benefits

Health and Human Services Benefits – MOS ensures almost every homeless single adult male seeking shelter has a safe shelter option reducing risk of illness or death due to exposure and violence. The MOS works with outreach and community referral programs to provide a first point of contact in engaging chronically homeless individuals into shelter, HSC supportive services, and housing programs to begin the process of permanently ending their homelessness.

Regional Services – Since January, 64% of clients report Phoenix as their last city of residence, with the balance having come from other communities in Maricopa County or Arizona. The program has also provided shelter for individuals engaged or delivered by regional "mainstream" service providers including local police departments, the behavioral health system, social service outreach efforts, the health care system and the criminal justice system.

Cost Effectiveness – The cost of a night of lodging in the MOS is approximately \$9.25. This is a fraction of the cost of incarceration, emergency services intervention, hospitalization, or other costs incurred by unsheltered homeless individuals in the community.

Recommendation

CASS respectfully asks each City or Town to:

Contribute to CASS for the operation of the MOS through June 30, 2008. This must be new funding and cannot impact current funding committed for CASS' existing emergency shelter operations.

For additional information or to contribute, please contact:

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MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

July 31, 2007

SUBJECT:

Consultant Selection for Safety Evaluation of the Elderly Mobility Sign Project

SUMMARY:

The MAG Transportation Safety Committee and the MAG Elderly Mobility Stakeholders Group have jointly initiated a regional road safety project that would lead to the installation of street name signs with larger letter sizes, and a font that is more legible to road users, based on *FHWA Guidelines and Recommendations to Accommodate Older Drivers and Pedestrians*. The types of signs to be installed will include street name signs, advanced street name signs, and internally illuminated signs.

Sixteen MAG member agencies have agreed to participate in this project. A total of \$400,000 will be provided to participating agencies, on a cost reimbursement basis, for installing the new signs. The project will also provide funds to purchase new software required for making the signs with a new font. The distribution of project funds to each agency was based on the population of residents aged 60 or more. Participating agencies have been given notices to start installing the signs; all signs are expected to be installed by the end of 2008.

The two sponsoring MAG committees recognized the need to perform a safety evaluation of this project. On June 4, 2007, MAG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to perform an Evaluation of the MAG Elderly Mobility Sign Project. One proposal, from Arizona State University (ASU), was received by MAG in response to the RFP. A proposal review panel evaluated the proposal and recommended to MAG the selection of Arizona State University. The total cost of the project is not to exceed \$15,000, and will be funded with federal funds. It is identified as Safety Analysis Support, in the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program.

Project Tasks

The project will include the following tasks:

1. Develop an Analysis Methodology & a Data Collection Plan
2. "Before" Data Collection and Data Summary
3. "After" Data Collection and Data Summary
4. Comparison of "Before" and "After" Data

The project is expected to result in observations and conclusions pertinent to road safety, that are linked to the implementation of new road signs. The proposed methodology includes the use of Focus Groups composed of elderly residents drawn from communities participating in the sign project.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None has been received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The evaluation of the sign project would provide valuable feedback on the effectiveness of the new signs and what steps could be taken to expand the concept to other road signs.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: The resulting consultant projects will, in general, not result in any changes to existing regional policies. In the area of traffic signal operations improvements, some projects may lead to recommendations for unified operations.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend the selection of Arizona State University for performing the Safety Evaluation of the Elderly Mobility Sign Project for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On July 17, 2007, the MAG Transportation Safety Committee recommended approval of Arizona State University for performing the Safety Evaluation of the Elderly Sign Project, with one abstention (**shaded**).

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Robert Maki, Surprise, Chairman | * Mike Lockhart, DPS |
| * Reed Henry, ADOT | * Marc Scott, Tempe |
| * Martin Johnson, Chandler | Kelly LaRosa, Avondale |
| Ken Maruyama, Gilbert | * Mark Fooks, Youngtown |
| Sandy Adams, Glendale | Mary Kihl, ASU |
| * Doug Dobson, Apache Junction | Karen King for Jennifer Brown, FHWA |
| Peggy Rubach for Chris Plumb, | Stuart Boggs for Teri Collins, RPTA |
| Maricopa County | * Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS |
| Larry Talley, Mesa | Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona |
| * William Mead, Paradise Valley | Linda Mendyka, GOHS |
| Luke Albert, Goodyear | * Tom Burch, AARP |
| Erik Anderson for Kerry Wilcoxon, Phoenix | Jamal Rahimi, Peoria |
| George Williams for Paul Porell, Scottsdale | |

* not present

On July 9, 2007, a Proposal Evaluation Panel interviewed the ASU Project Manager following a review of their proposal in response to the MAG Request for Proposals. The panel agreed, unanimously, to recommend to MAG the selection of ASU for performing this project.

Proposal Evaluation Panel

- Larry Talley, City of Mesa
- Linda Mendyka, Governor's Office of Highway Safety
- Maureen DeCindis, MAG
- Sarath Joshua, MAG

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MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

July 31, 2007

SUBJECT:

Conformity Consultation

SUMMARY:

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment includes minor project revisions to Arizona Department of Transportation projects for right-of-way acquisition in the SR 801 (Interstate-10 Reliever) corridor, and implementation of a design-build project on Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by August 17, 2007.

MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule and has found that the amendment requires consultation on the conformity assessment. Minor project revisions do not require a conformity determination. A description of the projects is provided in the attached interagency consultation memorandum.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Copies of the conformity assessment have been distributed for consultation to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Department of Transportation, Regional Public Transportation Authority, City of Phoenix Public Transit Department, Maricopa County Air Quality Department, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Central Arizona Association of Governments, Pinal County Air Quality Control District, and other interested parties including members of the public.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: Interagency consultation for the amendment notifies the planning agencies of project modifications to the TIP.

CONS: The review of conformity assessment requires additional time in the project approval process.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The amendment may not be considered until the consultation process for the conformity assessment is completed.

POLICY: Federal transportation conformity regulations require interagency consultation on development of the transportation plan, TIP, and associated conformity determinations to include a process involving the Metropolitan Planning Organization, State and local air quality planning agencies, State and local transportation agencies, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration. Consultation on the conformity assessment

has been prepared in accordance with federal regulations, MAG Conformity Consultation Processes adopted by the Regional Council in February 1996 and MAG Transportation Conformity Guidance and Procedures adopted by the Regional Council in March 1996. In addition, federal guidance is followed in response to court rulings regarding transportation conformity.

ACTION NEEDED:

Consultation.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

None.

CONTACT PERSON:

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July 31, 2007

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David Boggs, Regional Public Transportation Authority/ Valley Metro
Debbie Cotton, City of Phoenix Public Transit Department
Robert Kard, Maricopa County Air Quality Department
Maxine Leather, Central Arizona Association of Governments
Donald Gabrielson, Pinal County Air Quality Control District
Wienke Tax, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Dean Giles, Air Quality Planning Program Specialist

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON A CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT FOR A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008-2012 MAG TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment includes minor project revisions to Arizona Department of Transportation projects for right-of-way acquisition in the SR 801 (Interstate-10 Reliever) corridor, and implementation of a design-build project on Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by August 17, 2007.

MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule and has found that the amendment requires consultation on the conformity assessment. The amendment includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. The current conformity finding of the TIP and the associated Regional Transportation Plan that was made by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration on August 17, 2006 remains unchanged by this action. The conformity analysis for the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update also remains unchanged by this action. The conformity assessment is being transmitted for consultation to the agencies and other interested parties listed above. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (602) 254-6300.

Attachment

cc: Nancy Wrona, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

A Voluntary Association of Local Governments in Maricopa County

City of Apache Junction ▲ City of Avondale ▲ Town of Buckeye ▲ Town of Carefree ▲ Town of Cave Creek ▲ City of Chandler ▲ City of El Mirage ▲ Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation ▲ Town of Fountain Hills ▲ Town of Gila Bend
Gila River Indian Community ▲ Town of Gilbert ▲ City of Glendale ▲ City of Goodyear ▲ Town of Guadalupe ▲ City of Litchfield Park ▲ Maricopa County ▲ City of Mesa ▲ Town of Paradise Valley ▲ City of Peoria ▲ City of Phoenix
Town of Queen Creek ▲ Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ▲ City of Scottsdale ▲ City of Surprise ▲ City of Tempe ▲ City of Tolleson ▲ Town of Wickenburg ▲ Town of Youngtown ▲ Arizona Department of Transportation

ATTACHMENT

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT FOR A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008-2012 MAG TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The federal transportation conformity rule requires interagency consultation when making modifications to a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Transportation Plan. The consultation processes are also provided in the Arizona Conformity Rule. This information is provided for consultation as outlined in the MAG Conformity Consultation Processes document adopted by the MAG Regional Council on February 28, 1996. In addition, federal guidance is followed in response to court rulings regarding transportation conformity.

The proposed amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program includes the projects in the attached table. The project number, the agency, and description is provided, followed by the conformity assessment. The amendment includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. The minor project revisions are required for minor modifications, including cost updates.

MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule and consultation is required on the conformity assessment. The projects are not expected to create adverse emission impacts or interfere with Transportation Control Measure implementation. The current conformity finding of the TIP and the associated Regional Transportation Plan that was made by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration on August 17, 2006 remains unchanged by this action. The conformity analysis for the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update also remains unchanged by this action.

Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

PROJ #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change	Conformity Assessment
DOT10-826	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): 48th St. - Rural Rd, EB	Design roadway widening	2009	3.2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-834.	
DOT11-832	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): 48th St. - Rural Rd, EB	Widen roadway	2011	3.2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 46,300,000	\$ 46,300,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-835.	
DOT07-650	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): Rural Rd to Loop 101 (Pima Fwy), EB & WB lanes	Design roadway widening	2008	2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 5,700,000	\$ 5,700,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-836.	
DOT09-6C08	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): Rural Rd to Loop 101 (Pima Fwy), EB & WB lanes	Widen roadway	2009	2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 72,300,000	\$ 72,300,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-837.	
DOT09-825	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): SR51 48th St., EB	Design roadway widening	2010	3.2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 4,160,000	\$ 4,160,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-838.	
DOT10-827	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): SR51 48th St., EB	Widen roadway	2011	3.2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 51,900,000	\$ 51,900,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-839.	
DOT08-834	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): I-10/SR51 TI - SR101L	Design Build roadway widening project	2008	7	RARF & State	\$ 72,460,000	\$ 111,600,000	\$ 184,060,000	Add New Project to the 08-12 TIP. replaces DOT07-650, DOT09-6C08, DOT09-825, DOT10-826, DOT10-827, DOT11-832.	
DOT08-669	ADOT	10R: Loop 303 (Estrella Fwy) to Loop 202 (South Mountain Fwy)	Protect right of way	2008	14	RARF	0	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	Increase RARF funding from \$3 million to \$15 million.	

A minor project revision is required to repackage six previously programmed design and construction projects in the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program as one new design-build project for FY 2008. The conformity status of the FY 2007-2011 TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update would remain unchanged. In addition, the new project implementation date does not impact the transportation modeling applied in the regional emissions analysis for the conformity analysis for the FY 2008-2012 TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update.

A minor project revision is required to increase funding for the right-of-way project. The conformity status of the FY 2007-2011 TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update would remain unchanged. In addition, the conformity analysis for the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update also remains unchanged by this action.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

July 31, 2007

SUBJECT:

Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) II Account

SUMMARY:

As part of the FY 2008 state budget, the legislature transferred \$62 million from the State Highway Fund to the State Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) account. The legislature also established in HB 2793, a subaccount for the reimbursement of interest expenses incurred by or on behalf of a local jurisdiction for the acceleration of transportation projects. For this subaccount \$10 million was allocated from the \$62 million STAN appropriation. State law requires that the regional planning agency establish a process for the review and approval of reimbursement of interest costs from the STAN account. State law also requires that for a project to be eligible for reimbursement of the interest cost, an agreement needs to be in place with at least one other city or county, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the regional planning agency.

On March 20, 2000, the Regional Council adopted a Highway Acceleration Policy. Several MAG member agencies have since accelerated projects using the policy. Under the policy, approximately half of the interest expense incurred for accelerating a project was incurred by the member agency requesting the acceleration, with the other half incurred by the Regional Freeway Program. In 2006, when the original STAN legislation was passed, it was determined that interest reimbursement was not eligible for reimbursement. The provisions of HB 2793 now clarify that interest reimbursement is eligible for reimbursement.

To date, MAG has been notified by the cities who sponsored the I-10 widening project, approved by the Regional Council on April 26, 2006, that they are interested in receiving reimbursement of their interest costs. The Arizona Department of Transportation has scheduled this project to go out to bid, with construction commencing in early fall of this year (2007). To receive the interest reimbursement requires MAG to be part of the agreement with the agencies requesting reimbursement.

At the July Regional Council meeting, staff was requested to inform the MAG member agencies of the interest reimbursement item and provide the member agencies an opportunity for their projects to be considered for reimbursement funding if their project qualifies for the reimbursement of interest. On July 26, 2007, a memorandum was sent to the MAG member agencies to determine if other agencies have projects that are eligible for the interest reimbursement and desire to have their project considered. These projects, if received, will be forwarded to the Management Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None received on the issue of interest reimbursement for the I-10 west acceleration project.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The reimbursement of the local interest cost for the acceleration of transportation projects was approved by the Arizona State Legislature and the Governor as part of the 2007 session.

CONS: The reimbursement of the local share of interest expense for the acceleration of transportation projects is not in accord with the adopted MAG Highway Acceleration Policy.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: The reimbursement of the local share of interest expense from the STAN account for the acceleration of transportation projects is addressed in the adopted MAG Highway Acceleration Policy. Three cities in the MAG region have accelerated eight highway projects and have been responsible for a share of the interest expense. HB 2793, passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor this year, provides for STAN funds to be used to reimburse local jurisdictions for the interest expenses related to the acceleration of transportation projects.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve a project(s) for reimbursement of interest expense up to \$10 million, and to authorize the MAG Executive Director to enter into an agreement with ADOT and the participating cities for the project to be eligible for reimbursement.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

None.

CONTACT PERSON:

Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, (602) 254-6300.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

July 31, 2007

SUBJECT:

Requested Changes to ADOT Program

SUMMARY:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has requested MAG concurrence with two proposed changes to FY 2008 of the ADOT Program. These changes would also require amendment of the MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update, as appropriate. The changes involve advance right-of-way acquisition in the SR 801 (I-10 Reliever) corridor, and implementation of a design-build project on the 202L (Red Mountain Freeway).

SR 801 (I-10-Reliever), Right-of-Way:

This request would increase the right-of-way protection programmed for FY 2008 from \$3 million to \$15 million. This is needed to protect R/W required for future freeway construction. An opportunity to proceed with advanced acquisition within the SR801 corridor at this time will result in significant savings versus purchasing build out of a major subdivision at a later date. This acquisition will include total take of 75 acres from a parcel located at SE corner of 67th Avenue and Broadway Road in Phoenix.

SR202L Red Mountain Freeway, I-10/SR51 TI to SR101L (Design Build):

This request is to implement a seven mile, \$184,060,000 design-build project in 2008, on SR202L, Red Mountain Freeway from SR51 to the SR101L/SR202L traffic interchange. The TIP is currently programmed with six individual projects that make up the entire project that had been scheduled for construction in fiscal years 2009-2011. The estimated 24 month design-build construction project will reduce both construction durations and public inconveniences. The changes to the TIP are noted on the attached Table. There are no net cost changes affected by this request.

MAG has reviewed the proposed Life Cycle Program changes and has determined that they are reasonable and will benefit the overall implementation of the RTP Freeway Program. MAG has reviewed the ADOT cash flows associated with the advance right-of-way purchase in the SR 801 corridor, and has determined that the purchase can be accommodated within current cash flow. Also, the implementation of the design-build project for the Red Mountain Freeway improvements will result in no net cost changes in the Program and can be accommodated within current ADOT cash flow.

The new design-build project that is replacing the currently programmed six individual projects on the SR202L Red Mountain Freeway, I-10/SR51 TI to SR101L, and the modified project will not have any apparent air quality impacts, but a consultation process will be followed to confirm this.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input has been received concerning the proposed ADOT Program changes.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The advanced right-of-way purchase will prevent development from occurring in the SR 801 corridor and result in an overall decrease in right-of-way costs. The design-build project on the Red Mountain Freeway will reduce both construction durations and public inconveniences.

CONS: A decision on the alignment of SR 801 has not been made, which will affect the ultimate right-of-way requirements for the facility. In addition, early acquisition of right-of-way and a significant lump-sum contract for the design-build project in the Red Mountain Freeway corridor may reduce cash flow flexibility later in the Program.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: None

POLICY: MAG is required to approve material changes to the ADOT Life Cycle Program.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend concurrence with the proposed changes to the ADOT Program to advance right-of-way acquisition in the SR 801 (I-10 Reliever) corridor, and implement a design-build project on the 202L (Red Mountain Freeway), and to amend the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program and the MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update, as appropriate, contingent on an air quality conformity analysis.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

None

CONTACT PERSON:

Eric Anderson, MAG, 602-254-6300.

**Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY08-12 TIP
Management Committee July 31, 2007**

**Table A
Highway Projects**

PROJ #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change
DOT10-826	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): 48th St. - Rural Rd, EB	Design roadway widening	2009	3.2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-834
DOT11- 832	ADOT	St. - Rural Rd, EB	Widen roadway	2011	3.2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 46,300,000	\$ 46,300,000	being replaced with DOT08-836
DOT07-650	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): Rural Rd to Loop 101 (Pima Fwy), EB & WB lanes	Design roadway widening	2008	2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 5,700,000	\$ 5,700,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-836
DOT09-6C08	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): Rural Rd to Loop 101 (Pima Fwy), EB & WB lanes	Widen roadway	2009	2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 72,300,000	\$ 72,300,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-837
DOT09-825	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): SR51 48th St., EB	Design roadway widening	2010	3.2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 4,160,000	\$ 4,160,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-838
DOT10-827	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): SR51 48th St., EB	Widen roadway	2011	3.2	RARF	\$ -	\$ 51,900,000	\$ 51,900,000	Delete from the 08-12 TIP is being replaced with DOT08-839
DOT08-834	ADOT	202 (Red Mountain Fwy): I-10/SR51 TI - SR101L	Design Build roadway widening project	2008	7	RARF & State	\$ 72,460,000	\$ 111,600,000	\$ 184,060,000	Add New Project to the 08-12 TIP, replaces DOT07-650, DOT09-6C08, DOT09-825, DOT10-826, DOT10-827, DOT11-832
DOT08-669	ADOT	10R: Loop 303 (Estrella Fwy) to Loop 202 (South Mountain Fwy)	Protect right of way	2008	14	RARF	0	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	Increase RARF funding from \$3 million to \$15 million.



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Mr. Dennis Smith, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Smith:

The purpose of this letter is to request MAG concurrence with the following program changes to the MAG Regional Transportation Plan Freeway Program.

SR801 (I-10 Reliever), Right of Way:

This request is to increase funding for a Right of Way project for \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2008. This request is needed to protect R/W required for future freeway construction. An opportunity to proceed with advanced acquisition within the SR801 corridor at this time will result in significant savings versus purchasing build out of a major subdivision at a later date. This acquisition will include a total take of 75 acres from a parcel located at the SE corner of 67th Avenue and Broadway Road in Phoenix.

SR202L Red Mountain Freeway, I-10/SR51 TI – SR101L (Design Build):

This request is to implement a seven mile, \$184,060,000 design build project on SR202L, Red Mountain Freeway from SR51 to the SR101L/SR202L traffic interchange. Funding is provided from previously programmed six individual projects which had been scheduled for construction in fiscal years 2009 – 2011. The prior funding and construction schedule follows:

SR51 – 48th St, EB, Design for \$4,160,000 in FY2010
SR51 – 48th St, EB, Construction for \$51,900,000 in FY2011
48th St – Rural Rd, EB, Design for \$3,700,000 in FY2009
48th St – Rural Rd, EB, Construction for \$46,300,000 in FY2010
Rural Rd – SR101L, EB & WB, Design for \$5,700,000 in FY2008
Rural Rd – SR101L, EB & WB, Construction for \$72,300,000 in FY2009

There are no net cost changes affected by this request. The estimated 24 month design build construction project will reduce both construction durations and public inconveniences.

Please review and submit these changes for MAG concurrence and TIP adjustment.

Your cooperation and assistance in expediting this request is most appreciated. If you have any questions concerning these issues or ADOT's request, please contact me at (602) 712-7524.

Sincerely,


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