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October 9, 2006

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and
Members of the Building Lease Working Group

FROM: Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, City of Goodyear, Chair and
Mayor Keno Hawker, City of Mesa

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE
JOINT MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE BUILDING
LEASE WORKING GROUP

Monday, October 16, 2006 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A joint meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee and the Working Group may attend the meeting either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference.

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If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact Mayor James Cavanaugh at (623) 882-7782. For the BLWG, please contact Mayor Keno Hawker at (480) 644-2388. For MAG staff, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

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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

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>The joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) will be called to order.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee and the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) 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. Members of the public 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 Executive Committee or the BLWG requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.</p>	<p>2. Information and discussion.</p>

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE BUILDING LEASE WORKING GROUP

<p>3. <u>Update on the Regional Office Building</u></p> <p>On September 18, 2006, the Executive Committee and BLWG were provided an update on the progress of the Regional Office Center, as well as a presentation by the project architect, RNL, on conceptual designs of the building and the potential layout of the conference center. In addition, on June 12, 2006, the Committee authorized the Executive Director to sign a letter of indemnification with Kaye/Ryan for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for pre-development costs. Since that time, staff has requested that Kaye/Ryan design, engineer, purchase and install specific tenant improvements and equipment for the tenant space, the conference center, and the TV recording studio. These functions are typically performed by the tenant or building user. Ryan Companies US, Inc. has agreed to perform</p>	<p>3. Authorization for the Executive Director to indemnify Kaye/Ryan for an additional amount of \$80,000 for the design, engineering, purchase and installation of specific tenant improvements.</p>
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these functions and has solicited fee proposals from consultants for that work. Ryan Companies US , Inc. is requesting to be indemnified for an additional amount of \$80,000.

4. Adjournment of the Building Lease Working Group
5. Approval of Executive Committee 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 (*).

5. Approval of the Executive Committee Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT* BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- *5A. Approval of the September 18, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- *5B. Amendment to the Approved List of Consultants for the MAG ITS/Traffic Engineering/Transportation Safety On-Call Services

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2006, includes projects to be launched in the areas of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Traffic Engineering and Transportation Safety. Approximately 21 projects, in nine areas of technical expertise, will be carried out using a list of On-Call consultants that are qualified in each area of technical expertise. This list of On-Call consultants was approved by the Regional Council Executive Committee at its meeting on February 13, 2006. The MAG ITS Committee, at its January 4, 2006 meeting, had recommended ten consultants for the Traffic Engineering area of expertise. However, the list of recommended consultants that was provided for subsequent Management Committee and Executive Committee consideration had inadvertently left out two firms that ranked at #9 and #10 in the area of Traffic Engineering. The approved list of On-Call

- 5A. Review and approve the September 18, 2006 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
- 5B. Approval of an amendment that would add Works Consulting and HDR, Inc. to the approved list of consultants qualified to carry out Traffic Engineering projects under the MAG ITS/Traffic Engineering, Transportation Safety On-Call services.

consultants needs to be amended to include these two firms. This item was recommended for approval by the MAG Management Committee at the October 4, 2006 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Consultant Selection for the MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2006, includes funding to develop a Commuter Rail Strategic Plan for the MAG urbanized area. Key tasks include conducting a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) and developing a strategic implementation plan. MAG issued a Request for Qualifications on July 14, 2006, and received three responses. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the Statements of Qualifications and conducted consultant interviews. The evaluation team recommended to MAG that URS Corporation be selected to develop the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan for an amount not to exceed \$300,000. This item was recommended for approval by the MAG Management Committee at the October 4, 2006 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Bicycle and Pedestrian Design Assistance On-Call Consultant List

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2006, includes \$200,000 for the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program and \$300,000 for the Bicycle/Shared-Use Design Assistance Program. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List provides member agencies with a pre-approved consultant list to provide assistance for their design project. A request for consultants to submit Statements of Qualifications was sent out in early July and submittals were received at MAG on July 31, 2006. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the applications and recommended to MAG that A Dye Design; e group; HDR Engineering, Inc.; J2 Engineering and Environmental Design; Otak; and Sherman

5C. Approval of the selection of URS Corporation to develop the MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

5D. Approval of the selection of the following consultants for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List: A Dye Design; e group; HDR Engineering, Inc.; J2 Engineering and Environmental Design; Otak; and Sherman Group, Inc.

Group, Inc. be selected for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List. On September 19, 2006, the MAG Bicycle Task Force and the MAG Pedestrian Working Group recommended the selection of the consultant list. This item was recommended for approval by the MAG Management Committee at the October 4, 2006 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Amendments to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program Contract

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes \$594,000 in consultant funding for the Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program. The Regional Public Transportation Authority has indicated that \$47,346.63 will be remaining on the Federal FY 2006 Regional Rideshare Program Contract due to a timing issue with manufacturing and installing the Rideshare/Transit Info, Call 511 freeway signs. To complete this project in Federal FY 2007, it is necessary to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Federal FY 2007 Regional Rideshare Program Contract to add the \$47,346.63. This would revise the total funding for the Federal FY 2007 Regional Rideshare Program Contract to \$641,346.63. This item was recommended for approval by the MAG Management Committee at the October 4, 2006 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. Consultant Selection for Digital Aerial Photography

In May 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Annual Budget, which included \$85,000 for digital aerial photography. As in past years, this photography has been made available at no charge to MAG member agencies. MAG issued an Invitation for Bids and on September 15, 2006 received two bids to provide this product, from Aerials Express and AirPhotoUSA. A multi jurisdictional evaluation

5E. Approval to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Federal FY 2007 Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program Contract to add \$47,346.63.

5F. Approval of the selection of Aerials Express to provide digital aerial photography in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 plus applicable tax.

team reviewed the bids, and recommended to MAG the lower bid of \$35,000 plus tax from Aerials Express be selected. The MAG Executive Committee is requested to approve Aerials Express to provide digital aerial photography in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 plus applicable tax. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5G. Approval to Amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for MAG Air Quality Technical Consultant Assistance

At previous MAG Regional Council Executive Committee meetings, the need for transportation and air quality modeling expertise has been discussed. On October 14, 2006, Cathy Arthur, the Air Quality Modeling Program Manager, will be retiring. Due to the complexity of the tasks performed by Ms. Arthur, it is being recommended that MAG continue to receive technical consulting assistance from her on an as-needed basis. Ms. Arthur has extensive experience with the MAG air quality models and will assist with the transition to a new modeling manager. Ms. Arthur will also assist in preparing the MAG Eight-Hour Ozone Plan, due to EPA in June 2007, and the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10, due to EPA in December 2007. Ms. Arthur will continue to provide technical assistance with the MAG Silt Loading Study and PM-10 Source Attribution and Deposition Study, transportation conformity analyses, and evaluation of congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects. The proposed contract with Ms. Arthur would be for an amount not to exceed \$70,000. If approved, MAG federal funds would be allocated for this purpose.

5G. Approval to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include an associate contract for air quality technical assistance services for an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

**ITEMS TO BE HEARD
BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

6. Transportation Update

At the September Executive Committee meeting, an update was given on the Regional Planning Dialogue meeting that was held on August 22, 2006. As a followup to that session, a meeting of the Chairs and Directors of the Regional Councils and Metropolitan Planning

6. Information and discussion.

Organizations is being planned. An update on this planning and recent discussions with the River of Trade will be provided.

7. Greater Dallas Planning Council Visit

On September 18, 2006, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee discussed an opportunity to participate in a visit by representatives from the Greater Dallas Planning Council (GDPC). The GDPC is made up of elected officials and business leaders from the greater Dallas region and is visiting the MAG region in early November. The visit enables MAG to welcome a group of community leaders from a peer region to gather information and exchange ideas regarding rapid growth and the challenges that come with it. It also provides our region with the ability to reciprocate the hospitality that we received when our elected officials visited Dallas in September 2003. Staff will provide an update on planning activities as well as opportunities for cities to participate in the council's activities. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Adjournment

7. Information, discussion and possible action.

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
JOINT MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
BUILDING LEASE WORKING GROUP MEETING

September 18, 2006

MAG Offices

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair	Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Litchfield Park
* Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise, Treasurer	# Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix
Mayor Steven M. Berman, Gilbert	

BUILDING LEASE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair	Alana Chavez for Frank Fairbanks, Manager, City of Phoenix
Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear	
* Mayor Ron Clarke, Paradise Valley	

PARTNERING AGENCIES ATTENDING

Steve Olson, Arizona Municipal Water Users Authority	David Boggs, Valley Metro Rick Simonetta, Valley Metro Rail
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* Not present

Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee and Building Lease Working Group meeting was called to order by Chair Cavanaugh at 12:00 p.m. Chair Cavanaugh stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

2. Call to the Audience

Chair Cavanaugh noted that according to MAG's public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the public comment cards. He stated that there is a three minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for 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. Chair Cavanaugh stated that there were no public comment cards received.

3. Update on the Regional Office Building

Ms. McClafferty provided an update on the regional office building. She thanked the directors for their time over the last two months. She stated that since the last meeting on July 17, 2006, staff has been busy with various details regarding this project. She reported that the Charrette was held on August 1, 2 and 3, 2006 and valuable input from partnering agencies and their staff was received. A conceptual image of how the building might sit on the site was an outcome of the discussions at the Charrette. Ms. McClafferty stated that staff has also been spending time calculating parking stalls so that an efficient and adequate garage is built. She noted that staff and consultants have toured several different sites to look at conference centers and studio space. These tours included Gilbert Council Chambers, city hall conference rooms, and the fire and police department's training rooms. Ms. McClafferty thanked Mayor Berman for the informative tour of the Gilbert facilities provided by the Gilbert staff. Also visited was the Buttes Resort, Phelps Dodge, and Ryan Companies conference rooms, as well as the Chandler school TV studio.

Ms. McClafferty reported that staff is working with the Financial Advisor on financing scenarios and how we might address the common space, such as the conference center and lobby area. Second meetings have been scheduled with FoRM Design to review agency floor space, and our legal consultant is working on a draft outline for an agreement with the partnering agencies. She noted that a meeting will be scheduled with the Directors to work on the details of this agreement. Staff has also been working with each partnering agency on how they would like to handle their growth space, and each agency determined that they would like to build out their space according to the program. Ms. McClafferty stated that preliminary calculations show that by 2010 (which is only approximately one year after we move into the new building) the building will be at 90 percent capacity. She noted that another idea that staff has been analyzing is whether or not to eliminate a floor from the tower component. She stated that one proposal is to eliminate the "GPEC" space (11,344 sf); combined the administration divisions of VMR & RPTA; and possibly look at eliminating some growth space to enable us to assemble a whole floor. She also noted that the Maricopa Partnership for Arts and Culture (MPAC) has determined that they cannot commit at this time, but would like to continue discussions on integrating artist display space in the building. FoRM Design has been developing layouts to look at different alternatives.

Ms. McClafferty reported that staff attended meetings with the City of Phoenix. Staff met with the Frank Fairbanks and various department heads on September 7, 2006 to discuss this project. A team was set up to help the project through the process. In addition, a fact finding meeting with the Phoenix team was held, which resulted in identifying issues that the developer and architects should be focusing on at this point. Ms. McClafferty stated that staff would like to thank the City of Phoenix for being supportive of this project.

Ms. McClafferty introduced Mr. Jay Tubbs from Ryan Companies to update the Committee on neighborhood communications and other site information. Mr. Tubbs stated that most of the work in the last two months has been internal. He explained that the idea is to develop a conceptual design and layout of the building for review by the Executive Committee and BLWG. After the Committee approves of the progress to date, a meeting with the neighbor would be scheduled. Mr. Tubbs stated that Kaye/Ryan will work on an Open House for the neighborhood regarding this project.

Ms. McClafferty introduced Craig Randock from RNL to provide a presentation on the concepts of the Regional Office Center. He reviewed the massing of the building, the conference room layout, and potential building features.

Mayor Manross stated that the progress looks good. She noted that it would be a good idea to tie the lobby and the retail space together, which might encourage people to come into the building. Mayor Hawker asked the height of the conference room ceilings. Mr. Randock replied that the ceilings were approximately 18 feet clear. Mayor Hawker asked about security in the reception area, as well as the agency floors. Mr. Tubbs noted that we have not fully addressed security issues regarding the building. There has been preliminary discussions with each agency on what type of security they would like on their floors. Mayor Hawker stated that it might be a good idea to screen for weapons on the conference room level. He also asked what the most expensive, but also beneficial, feature of the building. Mr. Randock replied that at this point, there are no expensive features that stand out. He noted that creating high ceilings cost more than regular ceilings. He also noted that shading features also costs, but reduces cooling costs. Mayor Hawker asked for some detail on the roof terrace. Mr. Randock stated that the roof terrace is approximately 2,000 square feet on the east side of the building. The cooling unit will be on the west side of the building

Alana Chavez asked if the upholstery development will be developed in conjunction with the Regional Office Center. Mr. Tubbs replied that the assumption is yes. He noted that the upholstery project is not as far along as the office building, but the office building needed to get to this stage to move forward with the upholstery development. Ms. Chavez noted that the RFP's for rehabilitation and development on the other side of second avenue have gone out. She noted that two are single family residential historic properties that will be rehabilitated, and there is one vacant lot.

Dennis Smith stated that the building is progressing and we should have a better idea on the cost at the November meeting. He noted that the outstanding question is whether or not we eliminate a floor. Mayor Hawker asked who would be at risk if we build the floor. Mr. Smith replied that it could be arrange various ways. Dave Boggs stated that it is hard for the partnering agencies to make a decision without fiscal information. Mr. Smith noted that the financial advisor is looking at different scenarios to allocate the costs, such as splitting the cost by square footage and billing by usage annually, or MAG could pay for the conference center. He noted that the numbers on these scenarios need to be generated and reviewed. Mayor Manross stated that the best investment is to have more space and not less. Rick Simonetta suggested the possibility of a transit police division in the building to address some security issue. Mayor Hawker stated that the project is going in the right direction and the focus should now be on the cost for each agency. Chair Cavanaugh thanked staff for the update.

4. Adjournment of the Building Lease Working Group

Mayor Manross moved to adjourn the Building Lease Working Group meeting. Mayor Berman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Chair Cavanaugh stated that public comment would be heard before action was taken on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item

be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chair Cavanaugh stated that agenda items #5A and #5F were on the consent agenda. Chair Cavanaugh noted there were no public comments.

Mayor Steve Berman moved to approve consent agenda items #5A and #5F. Mayor Manross seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

*5A. Approval of the July 17, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee, by consent, approved the July 17, 2006 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

*5B. Amendment of Valley Metro Rail Contract

The Executive Committee, by consent, approved to amend the Valley Metro Rail contract to increase the budget by \$15,000 to have the MAG Travel Demand Model consultant from PB Consult participate in the peer review process. The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the Regional Council in May 2006, includes a work element to study the 58-mile light rail system configuration and how it will operate. Valley Metro Rail is responsible for this task. The MAG Travel Demand Model will be used to update the demand projections. A peer review of the model is being conducted in October 2006. Valley Metro Rail is requesting that the consultant who developed substantial parts of the model be involved in the peer review. This consultant would provide advice to Valley Metro Rail and MAG for any model refinements that may be recommended through the peer review process. It is proposed that the Valley Metro Rail contract be increased by \$15,000 to provide funding for the model consultant from PB Consult to participate in the peer review process.

*5C. Consultant Selection for the MAG Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services Request for Qualifications

The Executive Committee, by consent, approved the following firms for the Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services for an amount not to exceed \$250,000: E.H. Pechan and Associates be qualified in Air Quality Modeling; ENVIRON be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Implementation of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methods, and Transportation Conformity; Sierra Research be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Implementation of Control Measures, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Statistical Analysis of Data, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methods, and Transportation Conformity; and that Technical & Business Systems be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, and Air Quality Plan Preparation. The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes potential consultant assistance for air quality planning and modeling activities. Consultant services may be needed to assist MAG in the preparation of the Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and Eight-Hour Ozone Plan due to the Environmental Protection Agency in 2007. A request for qualifications was advertised on July 2, 2006 for technical assistance including air quality modeling and the development of regional air quality plans. Twelve proposals were

received by the August 1, 2006 deadline. On August 10, 2006, the consensus of the multi-jurisdictional evaluation team was to recommend to MAG consultants to perform the technical assistance.

*5D. Approval to Amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for MAG Travel Demand Model Consultant Assistance

The Executive Committee, by consent, approved to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include an associate contract for travel demand modeling services not to exceed \$75,000. In several MAG Regional Council Executive Committee meetings, the need for transportation and air quality modeling expertise has been discussed. On September 9, 2006, Mark Schlappi who has served for several years as the MAG System Analysis Program Manager, will be retiring. Due to the complexity of the tasks performed by this position, it is being recommended to continue to receive technical consulting assistance from Mr. Schlappi on an as-needed basis through the remainder of the fiscal year. Mr. Schlappi has the most experience and expertise with the MAG model, which is one of the most complex travel demand models in the nation. The MAG travel demand model will be the subject of a national peer review in October 2006. MAG is also transitioning the travel demand model from the EMME/2 modeling platform to TransCad. To ensure that the model peer review and the transition to the new modeling platform are completed as effectively and efficiently as possible, an associate contract with Mr. Schlappi is needed. The proposed contract would be for an amount not to exceed \$75,000. If approved, MAG federal funds would be allocated for this purpose.

*5E. Recommendations to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program's Auxiliary Applications

The Executive Committee, by consent, approved forwarding the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation. In August 2006, the Arizona Department of Transportation notified MAG that additional accessible vans were available to agencies transporting elderly and persons with disabilities. These are in addition to the initial award approved by the MAG Regional Council in April 2006. MAG accepted applications for the vans until September 1, 2006. On September 5, 2006, the MAG FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee ranked the auxiliary applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding.

*5F. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Shift Funding for Truck Classification Counts

The Executive Committee, by consent, approved amending the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to shift \$10,000 from the Internal Truck Travel Survey to the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map. The MAG FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes a consultant project for an Internal Truck Travel Survey (\$350,000) and an Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map (\$110,000). As part of the model development phase of the Truck Travel Survey, it will be advantageous to have an extensive set of vehicle classification counts for model validation. It has been determined that it would be most cost-effective to perform additional classification counts for this purpose as part of

the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map project. In order to perform the additional classification counts, it is proposed that \$10,000 be shifted from the Truck Travel Survey to the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map. This would revise the total funding for these projects to \$340,000 and \$120,000, respectively. It is estimated that the \$10,000 will provide an additional 130 classification count sites for use in truck model development and other traffic forecasting purposes.

6. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the I-8/I-10 Hidden Valley Roadway Framework Study

Bob Hazlett provided an overview of the Interstates 8 and 10 Hidden Valley Roadway Framework Study. He noted that this study will assess the future demands for Interstates 8 and 10 in the western areas of Maricopa and Pinal Counties and is an extension to the South of the Interstate 10 Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study that MAG has underway. Mr. Hazlett distributed maps to the Committee. He stated that an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to increase the study budget by \$570,000, with the following agencies contributing to the study: Arizona Department of Transportation, \$100,000; Maricopa County Department of Transportation, \$200,000; Pinal County Public Works Department, \$150,000; Town of Buckeye, \$40,000; City of Goodyear, \$40,000; City of Maricopa, \$40,000. Mr. Hazlett noted that the increase will not require additional funds from MAG, and will be paid by the financial participation of the project partners identified above.

Mayor Hawker asked why a study is being done before funding is available. Mr. Hazlett responded that the idea is to identify corridor of the future and allow agencies to start planning. The study is also to help identify where these facilities should be. The next step would be to work with key stakeholders and identify funding options. Mayor Hawker noted that it was a good idea to look out as far as possible. Mr. Hazlett explained that we would first start with build out and back it into 2030 or 2040 to match the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mayor Hawker questioned the distribution of the \$570,000. He noted that Pinal County has half the area and is only contributing \$150,000. Mr. Hazlett explained that the boundaries were established by the working group. He also noted that once you take out the public lands and the Indian reservations it becomes more balanced.

Mayor Hawker moved to approve an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to increase the I-8/I-10 Hidden Valley Roadway Framework Study by \$570,000, with the following agencies contributing to the study: Arizona Department of Transportation, \$100,000; Maricopa County Department of Transportation, \$200,000; Pinal County Public Works Department, \$150,000; Town of Buckeye, \$40,000; City of Goodyear, \$40,000; City of Maricopa, \$40,000. Mayor Berman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Update on the Regional Planning Dialogue: Part II

Dennis Smith stated that the first Regional Planning Dialogue meeting was held in Casa Grande on March 23, 2006. On August 22, 2006, a second Regional Planning Dialogue meeting took place at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns 2006 Annual Conference in Tucson. Attendees

included Councils of Governments (COG) directors, COG officers, elected officials and staff. The focus of these meeting are a state wide approach to transportation issues. Mr. Smith noted that there is a conference call scheduled this Friday with the COG directors to discuss topics and dates for the COG Directors and COG Chairs meeting. Mr. Smith asked Eric Anderson to update the Committee on a meeting he attended with the Business Coalition.

Eric Anderson stated that the Business Coalition plans to take a package to the Legislature in January. He noted that this package may contain various options, such as increasing the gas tax and indexing the gas tax, improvement districts, statewide revenue, and public private partnerships investing in transportation. Mr. Anderson noted that a package would go to the voters in November 2007. He noted that this could be a challenge between now and January. The danger is not having a well thought out plan. Mr. Anderson stated that he would recommend working with the Business Coalition to get a better idea of the plan. He noted that it may be better to develop an interim plan and come back in two or three years with a statewide plan. Mr. Smith noted that this will be a topic of discussion at the COG directors meeting. Chair Cavanaugh noted that the COGs are more organized than the private sector. Mayor Manross agreed that the COGs have a better handle on this topic. She noted that an interim plan would take longer, but moving to quickly without a well thought out plan would be asking for failure. She stated that there should be a more strategic plan. Mr. Smith added that money could be put aside like the STAN account and keep all groups together. Chair Cavanaugh stated that the COG meeting in Tucson was very effective. He noted that this venue provides an opportunity to be organized and effective. Mayor Schoaf stated that a statewide plan is premature and it is critical that simple, clean-cut solutions are presented.

8. Greater Dallas Planning Council Visit

Dennis Smith reported that the Greater Dallas Planning Council is planning a trip to the MAG region in early November. He introduced Kelly Taft to report on the details to date. Ms Taft stated that a representative from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is working with the MAG staff on a visit of the Greater Dallas Planning Council to the MAG region on November 1-3, 2006. Attendees will include elected officials and business leaders from the North Central Texas region. She stated that the delegation is interested in comparing parallel experiences in areas such as transportation, transit, airports, sustainability and new urbanization, and government cooperation. Ms. Taft provided the Committee with a copy of a letter from Mike Eastland, Executive Director of the North Central Texas Council of Governments and a draft agenda. The agenda was developed by the Council in consultation with MAG and which has been approved by their Executive Committee. She noted that the agenda was open to additional changes or adjustments. Ms. Taft reviewed the draft agenda. She noted that the outstanding question is how much MAG wants to sponsor. Mr. Smith noted that Dallas representatives were very accommodating to us during our RTP visit. Councilmember Neely suggested hosting something like the MAG Regional Council meeting, which is more informal where people can interact. Mayor Berman suggested that we do something that would be fully reciprocal. Mayor Manross stated that the overall agenda looks good, but doing lunch here would save some money. Mr. Smith asked if MAG would pick up lunch and dinner with the MAG Regional Council. Mayor Manross suggested spending money on lunch and having the dinner here at MAG. Chair Cavanaugh stated that a first class meal function sends a good message. Mr. Smith stated that he heard that the Committee is okay

with paying for both meal functions with the lunch at MAG and the dinner at the Hyatt. The Committee agreed.

9. River of Trade Corridor Coalition

Matthew Clark stated that following the recommendations agreed upon at the July 12, 2006 MAG Management Committee meeting, staff attended the annual meeting for the River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC) that was held in Dallas, Texas on August 11, 2006. He explained that the ROTCC was created in 2004 to unite cities, counties, businesses and other transportation stakeholders along heavily traveled freeways and highways. The "River of Trade" freeway starts at Interstate 10 in Los Angeles and continues through Arizona and New Mexico before heading north at Dallas, Texas and ending in Ontario, Canada. Mr. Clark stated that the organization's goal is to examine ways to alleviate congestion while protecting and expanding the economic vitality of current roadways. Currently, the ROTCC includes more than 200 members spanning across nine states. Mr. Clark noted his observations. He stated that they are looking for direction and connectivity. This group is putting their efforts into getting the I-10 named as a Congressional High Priority Transportation Corridor. Also, the group is working to become one of the three to five transportation corridors of the future as identified by the Department of Transportation National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Networks.

Mayor Manross asked who the major players are in this group. Mr. Clark responded that this group is spearheaded by a representation of business leaders out of Dallas, Texas. It also consists of councilmembers, small chambers and some mayors. Mayor Manross stated that they should try to get lobby energy. Mr. Clark stated that they would like to expand and improve corridors, but are not sure if the nomination of Secretary Mary Peters would change the direction of the DOT and move the department away from the National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Networks. Chair Cavanaugh asked if MAG would be one of 200. Mr. Clark responded that MAG would be one voice. Chair Cavanaugh asked if they have been successful. Mr. Clark stated that they have been very successful in Texas. Chair Cavanaugh stated that if we do not join, then he suggests contacting them and working with them. Mr. Smith stated that we will contact Mary Peters and continue to work with this group. He noted PAG is already a member. Chair Cavanaugh asked if Mary Peters supported this effort. Mr. Clark stated that we will have to confirm. Mayor Hawker stated that he would recommend staying involved at a national level and tracking their effort. Mr. Smith stated that we will put this item on the next agenda. Chair Cavanaugh suggested making sure that we are not missing anything from not joining.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Hawker moved to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Manross seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

October 6, 2006

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the Approved List of Consultants for the MAG ITS/Traffic Engineering /Transportation Safety On-Call Services

SUMMARY:

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2006, includes projects to be launched in the areas of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Traffic Engineering and Transportation Safety. Approximately 21 projects, in nine areas of technical expertise, will be carried out using a list of On-Call consultants that are qualified in each area of technical expertise. This list of On-Call consultants was approved by the Regional Council Executive Committee at its meeting on February 13, 2006.

The MAG ITS Committee, at its January 4, 2006 meeting, had recommended ten (10) consultants for the Traffic Engineering area of expertise. However, the list of recommended consultants that was provided for subsequent Management Committee and Executive Committee consideration had inadvertently left out two firms that ranked at #9 and #10 in the area of Traffic Engineering. The approved list of On-Call consultants needs to be amended to include these two firms. The amended list of consultants is shown on Attachment One, with the additional firms of Works Consulting and HDR, Inc., shown in ***BOLD ITALICS***.

The On-Call contracts will be utilized over a span of two-years to complete these projects. Project oversight will be provided by the ITS Committee and the Transportation Safety Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None has been received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: None.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: None.

ACTION NEEDED

Approval of an amendment that would add Works Consulting and HDR, Inc. to the approved list of consultants qualified to carry out Traffic Engineering projects under the MAG ITS/Traffic Engineering, Transportation Safety On-Call services.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On October 4, 2006, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of an amendment that would add Works Consulting and HDR, Inc. to the approved list of consultants qualified to carry out Traffic Engineering projects under the MAG ITS/Traffic Engineering, Transportation Safety On-Call services.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley, Glendale,
Chair | Jerene Watson for Stephen Cleveland,
Goodyear |
| Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair | Mark Johnson, Guadalupe |
| # George Hoffman, Apache Junction | Mike Cartsonis for Darryl Crossman,
Litchfield Park |
| Rogene Hill for Charlie McClendon,
Avondale | Jim Huling for Christopher Brady, Mesa |
| * Jeanine Guy, Buckeye | Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley |
| Jon Pearson, Carefree | Carl Swenson for Terry Ellis, Peoria |
| Wayne Anderson for Usama Abujbarah,
Cave Creek | Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix |
| Mark Pentz, Chandler | # John Kross, Queen Creek |
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| Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno,
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| # Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills | Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise |
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Community | * Reyes Medrano, Tolleson |
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| | Dale Buskirk 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.

On February 13, 2006, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved the On-Call consultants list.

MEMBERS ATTENDING ----

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| Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair | # Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek |
| Mayor Woody Thomas, Litchfield Park,
Vice Chair | Mayor Phil Gordon, Phoenix |
| Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Treasurer | Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise |
| | Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear |

- * Not present
- # Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call

On February 8, 2006, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the On-Call consultants list.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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|--|-----------------------------|
| Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley,
Glendale, Chair | Apache Junction |
| Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair | Charlie McClendon, Avondale |
| # Janine Solley for George Hoffman, | Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye |
| | * Jon Pearson, Carefree |

- * Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek
Mark Pentz, Chandler
- * B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage
Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno,
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills
- + Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend
- * Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community
George Pettit, Gilbert
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
- # Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
- * Bryan Meyers, Salt River
Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
Will Manley, Tempe
Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Shane Dille, Wickenburg
Mark Fooks, Youngtown
Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT
David Smith, Maricopa County
David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

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- + Participated by videoconference call.

The MAG Transportation Safety Committee recommended approval of the list of consultants for Transportation Safety Projects shown in Attachment One (Areas of Expertise 7, 8 and 9) at their January 17, 2006 meeting, with one abstention (shaded).

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Robert Maki, City of Surprise, Chairman**
- Reed Henry, ADOT
- * Martin Johnson, City of Chandler
- * Bruce Ward, Town of Gilbert
- * Sandy Adams, City of Glendale
- * Doug Dobson, Apache Junction
Peggy Rubach for Chris Plumb, Maricopa Co
Larry Talley, City of Mesa
- * William Mead, Paradise Valley
Scott Nodes, City of Goodyear
Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix
George Williams for Paul Porell, City of
Scottsdale

- * Mike Lockhart, DPS
- * Marc Scott, City of Tempe
- * Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale
- * Mark Fooks, Town of Youngtown
Mary Kihl, ASU
Jennifer Brown, FHWA
Stuart Boggs for Teri Collins, RPTA
- * Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS
David Cowley, AAA Arizona
- * Linda Mendyka, GOHS
Tom Burch, AARP
Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria

- * not present

The MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee unanimously recommended approval of the list of consultants for ITS Projects shown in Attachment One (Areas of Expertise 1 through 6) at their January 4, 2006 meeting.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Alan Sanderson, City of Mesa, Chairman
- * Debbie Burdette, City of Glendale
Mike Mah, City of Chandler
- * Bruce Ward, Town of Gilbert
Faisal Saleem for Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa
County
- * Ron Doubek, City of Phoenix
Bob Ciotti, RPTA
- * Mike Lockhart, DPS
- * Nick Mascia, City of Surprise

- * Carrol Reynolds, Town of Buckeye
- * Bruce Dressel, City of Scottsdale

- Jim Decker, City of Tempe
- Tim Wolfe, ADOT
- Ron Amaya, City of Peoria
- Scott Nodes, City of Goodyear
- Mary Kihl, ASU
- Alan Hansen, FHWA
- * Dennis Murphy, Phoenix Aviation
- Gus Woodland for Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale
- * BJ Cornwall, City of El Mirage
- * Michael Shine, Town of Queen Creek

* not present

On November 29, 2005, the two selection panels evaluated the proposals and reached a consensus to recommend to MAG that consultant teams be qualified in each of the nine areas of technical expertise.

ITS /TE On call Evaluation Panel

- 1. Alan Sanderson - City of Mesa
- 2. Scott Nodes - City of Goodyear
- 3. Mike Mah - City of Chandler
- 4. Jim Decker - City of Tempe
- 5. Sarath Joshua - MAG

Transportation Safety On call Evaluation Panel

- 1. Scott Nodes - City of Goodyear
- 2. Larry Talley - City of Mesa
- 3. Kerry Wilcoxon - City of Phoenix
- 4. Sarath Joshua - MAG

CONTACT PERSON:

Sarath Joshua, MAG, (602) 254-6300.

MAG ITS, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
ON-CALL CONSULTANT SERVICES
RANK ORDERED LIST OF QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS

Area of Expertise 1: Traffic Engineering

1. LEE ENGINEERING
2. CK ENGINEERING
3. KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES
4. TRANSCORE
5. ITS ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS
6. KITTELSON ASSOCIATES
7. OLSSON ASSOCIATES
8. PBS &J
9. **WORKS CONSULTING**
10. **HDR**

Area of Expertise 2: ITS Planning

1. KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES
2. TRANSCORE
3. ITS ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS
4. CK ENGINEERING
5. SIEMENS
6. PBS &J
7. OLSSON ASSOCIATES

Area of Expertise 3: ITS Operations Planning

1. KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES
2. LEE ENGINEERING
3. ITS ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS
4. TRANSCORE
5. CK ENGINEERING

Area of Expertise 4: ITS Training

1. SIEMENS
2. UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
3. KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES

Area of Expertise 5: ITS Evaluation

1. WORKS CONSULTING
2. LEE ENGINEERING
3. TRANSCORE

Area of Expertise 6: Traffic Data Collection Systems

1. SOFTSERV
2. TRANSCORE
3. WORKS CONSULTING

Area of Expertise 7: Transportation Safety

Phase 1: Crash Data Definitions

1. LEE ENGINEERING
2. KITTELSON ASSOCIATES
3. KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES
4. CK ENGINEERING
5. HDR

Area of Expertise 8: Transportation Safety

Phase 2: Crash Analysis and Forecasting

1. KITTELSON ASSOCIATES
2. KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES
3. CK ENGINEERING
4. LEE ENGINEERING

Area of Expertise 9: Transportation Safety

Phase 3: Develop GIS Tools

1. WORKS CONSULTING
2. KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES
3. KITTELSON ASSOCIATES
4. TRANSCORE

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

October 6, 2006

SUBJECT:

Consultant Selection for the MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan

SUMMARY:

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2006, includes funding to develop a Commuter Rail Strategic Plan for the MAG urbanized area. MAG will fund study work in Maricopa County and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will fund study work in northern Pinal County. Once completed, the plan will provide technical and policy frameworks for advancing commuter rail service in the MAG region.

Key project objectives are to:

1. Complete a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) related to the future implementation of commuter rail service.
2. Prepare and implement an outreach program that provides input into the planning process and identifies the level of support for commuter rail among citizens and elected officials.
3. Define options for the shared use of railway corridors and infrastructure while balancing freight and passenger service needs. Develop ongoing dialogue with all railroad companies included within the MAG commuter rail area.
4. Identify potential risk exposure from: a) environmental issues; and b) safety, ownership, and liability issues. Define possible solutions or mitigation strategies.
5. Evaluate opportunities for integrating commuter rail service with existing and future activity centers.
6. Identify current and future connectivity relationships with other modes, including freeways, airports, bus, and light rail.
7. Identify right-of-way needs as part of an overall corridor and station area preservation strategy. Identify additional out-of-service and former railroad right-of-way corridors that may be suitable for commuter rail service.
8. Identify potential funding options and legislative measures to implement commuter rail.
9. Prepare a Commuter Rail Strategic Plan summary and presentation suitable for wide distribution to a general audience.

The Commuter Rail Strategic Plan will capitalize on draft results derived from ADOT's State Rail Inventory and Assessment Study, currently underway. In addition, this study will build upon previous technical analyses completed with the 2003 MAG High Capacity Transit Plan, which identified more than 129 miles of potential commuter rail corridors and provided initial ridership projections. The High Capacity Transit Plan concluded that commuter rail service was feasible with demand and service levels comparable to commuter rail systems currently in operation in other regions.

PUBLIC INPUT:

The Commuter Rail Stakeholders Group provided input into the project scope of work on June 28, 2006. Stakeholder participants included elected officials, interested citizens, and agency staff. An opportunity for public comment was provided at the October 4, 2006 Management Committee meeting. No public comments were received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: This process will establish a regional framework for developing and implementing future commuter rail service.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The resulting implementation plan will identify appropriate next steps for evaluating the technical merits of potential commuter rail corridors (e.g., travel demand modeling and ridership forecasts).

POLICY: The Commuter Rail Strategic Plan will provide decision-makers with a comprehensive perspective on the costs, schedules, trade-offs, impacts, and policy implications of alternative implementation approaches.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approval of the selection of URS Corporation to develop the MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: On October 4, 2006, the Management Committee recommended approval of the selection of URS Corporation to develop the MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Jerene Watson for Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear
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* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

MAG issued a Request for Qualifications on July 14 and received responses from Booz Allen Hamilton, IBI Group, and URS Corporation. A multi-agency review team evaluated the Statements of Qualifications on August 25, 2006, and conducted consultant interviews on September 13, 2006. The Evaluation Team recommended to MAG that URS Corporation be selected to develop the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Proposal Evaluation Team

City of Chandler: Mike Normand

City of Glendale: Matt Dudley

City of Goodyear: Connie Stepnitz

City of Phoenix: Maria Hyatt

Town of Queen Creek: Mark Young

City of Surprise: Randall Overmyer

City of Tempe: Robert Yabes

ADOT: Marc Pearsall & Scott Friedson

Valley Metro Rail: Wulf Grote

CONTACT PERSON:

Kevin Wallace, MAG, (602) 254-6300.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

October 6, 2006

SUBJECT:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Design Assistance On-Call Consultant List

SUMMARY:

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2006, includes \$200,000 for the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program and \$300,000 for the Bicycle/Shared-Use Design Assistance Program. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List provides member agencies with a pre-approved consultant list to provide assistance for their design project. A request for consultants to submit Statements of Qualifications was sent out in early July and six submittals were received at MAG on July 31, 2006. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the applications and recommended to MAG that A Dye Design; e group; HDR Engineering, Inc.; J2 Engineering and Environmental Design; Otak; and Sherman Group, Inc. be selected for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List provides member agencies with a pre-approved consultant list to provide assistance for their design project. This program assists MAG member agencies by offering professional design assistance to develop bicycle and pedestrian facilities that help reduce congestion and improve air quality.

CONS: According to federal law, any project which is not constructed after being designed with federal transportation funds could be required to return the funds used for design to the Federal Highway Administration.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The Pedestrian Design Assistance Program encourages implementation of the adopted MAG Pedestrian Area Policies and Design Guidelines, and provides demonstration projects for "best practice" pedestrian area policies and facilities. The Bicycle Design Assistance Program uses national accepted practices.

POLICY: This program encourages the development of facilities to encourage walking and bicycling.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approval of the selection of the following consultants for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List: A Dye Design; e group; HDR Engineering, Inc.; J2 Engineering and Environmental Design; Otak; and Sherman Group, Inc.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On October 4, 2006, the Management Committee recommended approval of the selection of the following consultants for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List: A Bye Design; e group; HDR Engineering, Inc. J2 Engineering and Environmental Design; Otak; and Sherman Group, Inc.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Jerene Watson for Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear
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George Pettit, Gilbert	Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
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	Mike Sabatini for David Smith, Maricopa County
	David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

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Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

On September 19, 2006, the MAG Pedestrian Working Group and the MAG Bicycle Task Force recommended that the following consultants be approved for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List.

- A Dye Design
- e group
- HDR Engineering, Inc.
- J2 Engineering and Environmental Design
- Otak
- Sherman Group, Inc.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tami Ryall, Gilbert, Chair, Regional Bicycle Task Force and Acting Chair of the Pedestrian Working Group	* Michael Normand, Chandler
Bruce Meyers, ADOA Gen. Services	* Bill Lazenby, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists
Michael Sanders, ADOT	* Mark Smith, El Mirage
Brian Fellows, ADOT	Steve Hancock, Glendale
Michael Eagan, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Farhad Tavassoli, Goodyear
Kelly LaRosa for Janeen Gaskins, Avondale	* Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
Thomas Chlebanowski, Buckeye	Peggy Rubach, Maricopa County
	Mitch Foy, Mesa

Brandon Forrey, Peoria
Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Srinivas Goundla, Phoenix
Randi Alcott, RPTA
Dawn Coomer, Scottsdale

* Reed Kernpton, Scottsdale
Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Hobart Wingard for Gary Norris,
Surprise

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

On August 15, 2006, the multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the applications and recommended to MAG that A Dye Design; e group; HDR Engineering, Inc.; J2 Engineering and Environmental Design; Otak; and Sherman Group, Inc. be selected for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Design On-Call Consultant List.

MULTI-AGENCY EVALUATION TEAM

Peggy Rubach, Maricopa County
Bill Lazenby, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists
Tami Ryall, Town of Gilbert
Catherine Coles, City of Phoenix
Dawn Coomer, City of Scottsdale

CONTACT PERSON:

Maureen DeCindis, MAG, (602) 254-6300.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

October 6, 2006

SUBJECT:

Amendments to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program Contract

SUMMARY:

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes \$594,000 in consultant funding for the Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program. The Regional Public Transportation Authority has indicated that \$47,346.63 will be remaining on the Federal FY 2006 Regional Rideshare Program Contract due to a timing issue with manufacturing and installing the Rideshare/Transit Info, Call 511 freeway signs. To complete this project in Federal FY 2007, it is necessary to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Federal FY 2007 Regional Rideshare Program Contract to add the \$47,346.63. This would revise the total funding for the Federal FY 2007 Regional Rideshare Program Contract to \$641,346.63. This item was recommended for approval by the MAG Management Committee at the October 4, 2006 meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input has been received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: Amending the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2007 Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program Contract would make it possible for the Regional Public Transportation Authority to complete the project in Federal FY 2007.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The Federal FY 2006 Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program Contract included a work element to permit, manufacture, and install Rideshare/Transit Info, Call 511 freeway signs. Amending the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Federal FY 2007 Regional Rideshare Program Contract to add the \$47,346.63 would enable the signs to be manufactured and installed in Federal FY 2007.

POLICY: Amending the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Federal FY 2007 Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program Contract to add \$47,346.63 would enable the completion of the manufacturing and installation of the Rideshare/Transit Info, Call 511 freeway signs in Federal FY 2007. The signs would provide the public with convenient access to Rideshare/Transit and other travel information.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approval to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Federal FY 2007 Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program Contract to add \$47,346.63.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: On October 4, 2006, the MAG Management Committee recommended amending the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the Federal FY 2007 Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Rideshare Program Contract to add \$47,346.63.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Jerene Watson for Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear
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CONTACT PERSON:

Julie Hoffman, MAG, 602-254-6300



October 6, 2006

TO: Members of MAG Executive Committee

FROM: Rita Walton, Information Services Manager

SUBJECT: VENDOR SELECTION FOR DIGITAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

In May 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Annual Budget, which included \$85,000 for digital aerial photography for use in planning activities by both MAG and its member agencies. As in past years, this photography has been made available at no charge to MAG member agencies. MAG issued an Invitation for Bids and on September 15, 2006 received two bids to provide this product, from Aerials Express and AirPhotoUSA. A multi jurisdictional evaluation team reviewed the bids, and it was recommended to MAG that the lower bid of \$35,000 plus tax from Aerials Express be selected. The MAG Executive Committee is requested to approve Aerials Express to provide digital aerial photography in an amount of \$35,000 plus applicable tax.

BACKGROUND

In May 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2007 UPWP, which included \$85,000 for digital aerial photography to be used in planning and GIS purposes. Since the MAG area is growing rapidly, obtaining updated digital aerial photography on an ongoing basis is crucial. As in past years, this photography will be made available at no charge to all MAG member agencies.

MAG issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) and on September 15, 2006 received two bids to provide this product. The IFB provided the specifications for the digital aerial photos, the format for conveying them, the bid requirements and the evaluation process. On September 15, 2006, proposals were received from Aerials Express and AirPhotoUSA.

A multi jurisdictional evaluation team was formed to review the bids and make a recommendation of a vendor to provide these services. Based on the review, it was recommended to MAG that the lower bid of \$35,000 plus tax from Aerials Express be selected.

The Executive Committee is requested to approve Aerials Express to provide digital aerial photography in an amount of \$35,000 plus applicable tax.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 602-254-6300.



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TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council and MAG Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, MAG Regional Council Chair

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND LUNCH AND DINNER FOR GREATER DALLAS
PLANNING COUNCIL VISIT

Welcome Lunch & Regional Overview

Wednesday, November 1, 2006 - Noon - 1:00 p.m.

MAG Offices, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003

Networking Dinner

Wednesday, November 1, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency - Ellis Room

122 N. Second Street

Phoenix, AZ 85004

On September 18, 2006, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee discussed a great opportunity to participate in a visit with representatives from the Greater Dallas Planning Council (GDPC). The GDPC is made up of elected officials and business leaders from the greater Dallas region and is visiting the MAG region in early November. The visit enables us to welcome a group of community leaders from a peer region to gather information and exchange ideas regarding rapid growth and the challenges that come with it. It also provides us with the ability to reciprocate the hospitality that we received when our elected officials visited Dallas in September 2003. **We would like to invite you to attend one or both of two networking events we have planned for the first day of the group's visit.**

The first event will be a Welcome Luncheon at the MAG offices at noon on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, 302 N. 1st Avenue, Phoenix. The luncheon will be held in the Saguaro Room on the second floor and will include a Regional Overview presentation to provide a broad perspective of growth in the region.

The second event will be a networking dinner held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Ellis Room, 122 N. Second Street, Phoenix. This will be an opportunity to visit directly with members of the contingent regarding issues of mutual interest.

To reserve adequate space and plan for an accurate number of meals, we would like to get a firm number of attendees as soon as possible. A member of our staff will be following up with you shortly to determine your interest and availability. Or, you can RSVP to Kelly Taft at the MAG Office at 602-452-5020 at your earliest convenience. We hope that you can join us to exchange information and ideas with our Dallas neighbors. Please feel free to contact the MAG office with any questions.

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Dallas Elected Officials and Business Leaders – November 1-3, 2006 Draft Agenda

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Regional Orientation, MAG offices or Hyatt
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Discussion of West Valley Emerging Growth; Development around Cardinals Stadium; City of Glendale
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner with MAG Mayors at the Hyatt
Regional Cooperation, MAG Chair

Thursday, November 2, 2006

- 8:00 a.m. Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. New Urbanism – Renewal of Phoenix Downtown
City of Phoenix; Arizona State University
- 11:30 p.m. University & Biomedical Partnerships
City of Phoenix; Development Partners
- 1:30 p.m. City of Tempe – Development of Tempe Town Lake; Development Challenges of a Landlocked Community
- 3:30 p.m. City of Scottsdale – Redevelopment of Downtown Waterfront Project and Loloma Redevelopment
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner in Scottsdale

Friday, November 3, 2006

- 8:00 a.m. Transit/Rail Breakfast
Valley Metro Rail & Valley Metro
- 10:00 a.m. Aviation
Phoenix Sky Harbor and Williams Gateway
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch