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May 7, 2007

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, May 14, 2007 - 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.

A Voluntary Association of Local Governments in Maricopa County

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

The joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) will be called to order.

2. Call to the Audience

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.

2. Information and discussion.

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

3. Regional Office Center Update

On April 16, 2007, the Executive Committee and BLWG were provided information regarding the Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET), the MAG cash flow, and alternative scenarios to the current design of the Regional Office Center. The Executive Committee/BLWG recommended moving forward on the original schematic design of the Regional Office Center. On April 19, 2007, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) Board approved a 30 day continuance on the action on the Regional Office Center in order to receive additional information. MAG and RPTA staff have been meeting to address these questions. The additional information, as it is prepared, will be provided at the next RPTA meeting, which is scheduled for May 17, 2007. An update on the Regional Office

3. Information and discussion.

Center will be provided to the Executive Committee.

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 April 16, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- *5B. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Combine Three Projects into One On-Call Project

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget contains three projects to enhance socioeconomic modeling at MAG. The goal of these projects is to ensure that MAG maintains state-of-the-art models, which account for the relationship between growth in our region and other regions of the state. MAG staff is requesting that these three projects be combined into one project with a number of on-call consultants titled the "Socioeconomic Enhancement Project" for a total cost of \$290,000. The combined project would meet the same goal, but would allow MAG staff to better identify the actual needs of the modeling process as it unfolds and to assign the on-call consulting teams with the skills best suited to meet those needs. If combining these three projects into Socioeconomic Enhancement Project is approved, a solicitation for on-call consultants will be conducted. The on-call consultant list will be presented to the Executive

- 5A. Review and approve the April 16, 2007 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
- 5B. Approve and amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to combine three project into one on-call project.

Committee or Regional Council for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Application Process for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Funds for Homeless Assistance Programs

On December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG region. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent and transitional housing as well as supportive services. Forty-nine homeless assistance applications were submitted this year. The Ranking and Review Committee, administered by the Valley of the Sun United Way, is reviewing and scoring each application. Scores will be released on May 11, 2007. The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will approve the final rankings at the May 21, 2007 meeting. The final rankings will be presented to the MAG Regional Council on May 23, 2007 for information. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Transfer the Regional Community Network (RCN) Implementation Project from the MAG Budget to ADOT

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget contains the Regional Community Network Implementation Project. This project was initiated in FY 2006 to provide the communications infrastructure needed to interconnect traffic management centers and public safety agencies within the Phoenix metropolitan region through RCN Phase IA. The Phase IA project will utilize the communications architecture recommendations identified in the 2003 MAG Regional Community Network (RCN) Study. This project will lead only to the implementation of network links that are considered a high priority by the stakeholders in the region. However, the network resulting from

5C. Information and discussion.

5D. Approve an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to transfer \$1,600,000 for the Regional Community Network (RCN) Implementation Project from the MAG budget to ADOT.

this project will be limited to the number of links that can be constructed with funds available for this project. MAG staff is requesting that \$1,600,000 be transferred from the MAG 2007 Work Program for implementation of the project by ADOT. The project would meet the same goal, but would allow ADOT staff to implement the project and oversee construction of the network links with the skills best suited to meet those needs. The MAG ITS Committee will provide oversight for this regional project. Project implementation will also be monitored by the committee through regular progress reports received by MAG. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Amendment to the FY2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Complete an Additional Services Request from the Town of Buckeye for Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study

On March 27, 2007, the Town of Buckeye met with MAG representatives and requested that the project consultant, DMJM Harris, for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study complete an analysis of the Interstate 10 freeway between Miller Road and the proposed Desert Creek Parkway (approximately 9.4-miles). This request came from the Town to allow for further analysis in identifying connections in the vicinity of Wilson Avenue and Bruner Road, and their relationship to the freeway mainline and the nearby SR-85/Turner Parkway system interchange. This effort is beyond the current scope for the project that MAG contracted with DMJM Harris on May 1, 2006. The budget amendment request is for \$23,727.68 and would be paid for with Town of Buckeye funds. This action raises the contract budget for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study from \$500,000 to \$523,727.68. Completion of the additional services is anticipated to coincide with the scheduled completion of the project on August 31, 2007.

5E. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add \$23,727.68 to the interstate 10 Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study to complete the additional services request from the Town of Buckeye.

*5F. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Funding from the City of Phoenix to Support the Development of the Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan

In June 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved MAG to develop a Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan in compliance with SAFETEA-LU regulations. Regional Council also approved the recommendation of the City of Phoenix as the designated recipient for Sections 5316 and 5317 funds. As the designated recipient, the City of Phoenix agreed to pay MAG \$80,000 to develop the coordination plan. It is necessary to amend the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept these funds.

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

On March 19, 2007, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved an additional \$30,000 for the associate contract for MAG Air Quality Technical Consultant Assistance which increased the contract amount to \$100,000. The air quality workload has continued to be extremely intense. Additional technical assistance is needed for the air quality modeling and plan development for the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10 due to the EPA in December 2007. The modeling and plan development workload has increased due to the complexity of the modeling and technical information requests from the Legislature and other stakeholders. The associate will continue to provide technical assistance with the MAG PM-10 Source Attribution and Deposition Study, transportation conformity analyses, and evaluation of congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects. The additional federal funding requested from the Work Program is \$10,220 which would increase the current associate contract amount from \$100,000 to \$110,220.

5F. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept \$80,000 from the City of Phoenix to develop a Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan in compliance with SAFETEA-LU.

5G. Approval to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide for an additional \$10,220 for the associate contract for MAG Air Quality Technical Assistance.

**ITEMS TO BE HEARD
BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

6. Approval of the Draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

In May 2007, the Draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being presented for approval. As adjustments to the budget were made, the draft budget document was updated and presented to the Management Committee, Regional Council Executive Committee, and Regional Council. The draft budget is complete except for any recommendations that may be received in May 2007. The Unified Planning Work Program also includes a Transit Planning Agreement that, once the Work Program is approved, will be signed by MAG, Phoenix Transit, Valley Metro Rail, and the Regional Public Transportation Authority. The resolution will be forwarded to the Federal Transit Administration. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Additional PM-10 Measures Recommended by Maricopa County for the Suggested List and Letter from the Environmental Protection Agency

On March 28, 2007, Maricopa County presented a memorandum at the MAG Regional Council meeting recommending additional PM-10 measures for the Suggested List and identified some concerns. At the meeting, the MAG Regional Council took action to approve the Suggested List of Measures to Reduce PM-10 Particulate Matter as recommended by the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee and the MAG Management Committee with one modification and one addition. The Regional Council directed the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee at their April meeting to consider the remainder of the recommendations. On April 26, 2007, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee considered the remainder of the recommendations from the County. Also, in an April 20, 2007 letter, the Environmental Protection Agency expressed concern about the development of the new PM-10 Plan, the violations of the PM-10 standard occurring

6. Recommend approval of the resolution adopting the Draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments.

7. Discussion and possible action to include additional measures in the Suggested List of Measures to Reduce PM-10 Particulate Matter.

outside the Phoenix nonattainment area, and the development of the Eight-Hour Ozone Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Building a Quality Arizona Resolution

Since March 2006, the Chairs and Directors of the Councils of Governments (COGs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) have been meeting to discuss growth related issues. These meetings have become more formalized as the Arizona COG/MPO Association. A major focus of the Association has been to study and make recommendations regarding future funding for transportation, known as "Building a Quality Arizona." Participating in these meetings have been representatives from the business community, the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Governor's Office. At the March 23, 2007 meeting of the Association, the consensus was to have each COG/MPO approve a resolution supporting the Building a Quality Arizona project. An update on this planning effort will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Federal Transportation Initiatives

At the April 16, 2007 Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council Executive Committee meeting, members of the Executive Committee indicated that they would like to hear a presentation from one of the coalitions that has formed to address the nation's transportation needs. The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) was created to raise media recognition and Congressional awareness of the need to improve national freight efficiency. One of the ideas the CAGTC has proposed is to create a trust fund to be used to build needed infrastructure to facilitate freight movement. Staff from the CAGTC will be available by teleconference to provide a brief overview of the organization's mission and goals and to answer any questions from members of the Executive Committee. Following this presentation, the Executive Committee members may determine whether to join either or both the CAGTC or the River of Trade Corridor Coalition.

8. Recommend approval of the Resolution supporting Building a Quality Arizona.

9. Information, discussion and possible action.

10. Corridors of the Future Program Update

At the April 16, 2007 Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council Executive Committee meeting, an update was provided regarding the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network "Corridors of the Future" program. The Phase One proposal submitted by Wilbur Smith Associates included the I-10 freeway from California to Florida and was selected as a semi-finalist in the "Corridors of the Future" program. Phase Two applications are due on or before May 25, 2007. The final three to five major "Corridors of the Future" will be selected from the Phase Two applications. MAG staff was requested to investigate opportunities to assist Wilbur Smith in their efforts to prepare their Phase Two application. MAG staff has learned that Wilbur Smith has asked the State Departments of Transportation located on the Interstate 10 (I-10) corridor to assist in their efforts to prepare the Phase Two application. The Chairman of the Arizona State Transportation Board has sent a letter in support of the I-10 corridor. MAG staff has prepared a resolution supportive of the efforts to include the I-10 National Freight Corridor as one of the three to five Transportation Corridors of the Future. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

12. Adjournment

10. Information, discussion and possible action to recommend a resolution supporting the I-10 Corridor.

11. Information, discussion and possible action.

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

April 16, 2007

MAG Offices, Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair
Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair
Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise, Treasurer
Mayor Steven M. Berman, Gilbert

Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Litchfield Park
Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix

BUILDING LEASE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair
Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear
* Councilmember Ron Clarke, Paradise Valley

Alana Chavez for Frank Fairbanks, Manager,
City of Phoenix

PARTNERING AGENCIES ATTENDING

Bryan Jungwirth for David Boggs,
Valley Metro/RPTA

John McCormack for Rick Simonetta,
Valley Metro Rail

* 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 James M. Cavanaugh at 12:02 p.m. Chair Cavanaugh stated that Mayor Shafer and Councilmember Neely were participating in the meeting by telephone. Chair Cavanaugh stated that public comment cards were available for those members of the public who wish to comment. He noted 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. Chair Cavanaugh noted materials at each place: a bill summary chart for agenda item #9, the addenda to the agenda, and a draft letter to Governor Janet Napolitano regarding the South Mountain Freeway for agenda item #11.

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 and 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 no public comment cards were received.

3. Update on the Regional Office Center

Chair Cavanaugh turned the gavel over to Mayor Hawker, Chair of the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG). Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, provided an update on the Regional Office Center project. Mr. Smith noted that on March 28th, the Regional Council approved a motion to direct MAG to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and to execute a lease for the MAG portion of the Regional Office Center. He said that this item was on the Executive Committee agenda for a final pass through to see if the Committee wanted to include any cost cutting reductions to the building. Mr. Smith stated that Ryan Companies has assured the partnering agencies that the cost for the Regional Office Center would not exceed \$86.9 million, but to be conservative, potential cuts were considered.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG staff had met with Mayor Hawker and reviewed the cash flow analysis, which they feel is conservative. He said it includes STP funds in the Transportation Improvement Program for air quality and transportation planning.

Mr. Smith provided some rough numbers. He said that if MAG stays in the current building and takes the fourth floor, MAG's cost would be approximately \$1.2 million per year. MAG's lease for the Regional Office Center space would be approximately \$3.7 million per year. Mr. Smith noted that projections show that the additional available space in the current building could accommodate MAG for about eight years.

Fredda Bisman, MAG General Counsel, stated that an attorney, who is an expert in sales and property tax issues, was engaged in regard to questions raised about property and sales tax exemptions. She said that a final answer has not yet been received. Ms. Bisman advised that the tax exemptions related to the GPLET depend more on the City of Phoenix, who suggested they would consider use of the building as a government activity for purposes of an exemption, subject to City Council approval. Ms. Bisman commented that a full written opinion is expected soon.

Mr. Smith stated that 3DI verified that \$86.9 million is a reasonable cost for the Regional Office Center. He noted that there are indemnification issues that staff hopes to address after the RPTA Board meeting on April 19th with a conference call of the Executive Committee on April 23rd.

Monique de los Rios-Urban presented alternative scenarios to the current design of the Regional Office Center. She explained alternative #1, which would reduce the conference center and rooftop terrace and could reduce the price by approximately \$4.3 million. Ms. de los Rios-Urban stated that alternative #2 would reduce one level of the office tower, in addition to reducing the conference center. She said that these changes could reduce the cost by approximately \$7.9 million.

Mr. Smith stated that these costs would be amortized over 30 years. Becky Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, stated that a \$4.3 million cost reduction would amount to about \$290,000 in savings per year in amortized costs. She added that this amount could be slightly higher because not all financing costs were included.

Chair Hawker asked how much it would cost to add the conference center back in at a future date. Ms. de los Rios-Urban replied that she had spoken to the builder and it would depend on when the additional construction would take place. Joe Schmid, Ryan Companies, noted that the elimination of the conference center and the rooftop terrace was included in the \$4.3 million reduction. He said that simply adding the conference center back would cost \$3 to \$4 million. Mr. Schmid explained that if the features eliminated were added later, the construction team would have to be remobilized because it would be a new construction project. Chair Hawker commented that from the numbers he was hearing, a rebuild did not sound that expensive. He asked the effect on the cash flow. Mr. Smith replied that it would be about a \$300,000 cash flow out of \$3.7 million.

Chair Hawker stated that the conference center would provide a facility to accommodate events for which space is usually rented. If there was any item to cut, it would probably be the conference center, which could be added back later. Chair Hawker stated that there would still be a Saguaro Room for Council meetings and asked the dimensions of the new Saguaro Room compared to the current Saguaro Room. Ms. de los Rios-Urban replied that the current room is 28 feet by 75 feet; however, due to the angular configuration, it is closer to 28 feet by 60 feet. She said that the new Saguaro Room would be approximately 45 feet by 75 feet.

Mayor Berman asked how a rebuild would be refinanced. Larry Given, of Peacock, Hislop, Staley, and Given, stated that the financing cost for a \$4 million project is about \$250,000 and would be a separate funding issue. Mr. Schmid stated that \$100,000 in parking costs could be eliminated to match up with the \$4.3 million reduction. He said that the amounts eliminated include \$1 million for the rooftop terrace, \$1 million for the conference center, almost \$1 million for the tower structure. Because the building would be smaller, \$2.5 million to \$3 million in hard costs would need to be added back in hard costs today. If extended to the future, the remobilization costs and costs of money would bring the costs up to \$3 to \$4 million.

Chair Hawker asked how the rooftop terrace and conference center were linked. Mr. Smith replied they were not linked. Chair Hawker asked what it would cost to rebuild the conference center at a later date. Mr. Schmid replied it would cost about \$3 to \$4 million to rebuild. Chair Hawker commented that at worst it would be a 25 percent penalty. Mr. Schmid replied that was correct.

Alana Chavez asked the impact to the neighborhood if the residential development was started at a later date. Mr. Schmid replied that First Avenue or the alley would probably be the location for serving the project.

John McCormack asked about the additional savings in financing costs. Mr. Givens replied it would be approximately \$280,000 per year savings on overall financing, about \$9 million over a 30 year duration. Mr. McCormack asked if there would be a reduced projected cash payment. Ms. Kimbrough replied that those numbers were yet to be prepared because these numbers had just been received.

Bryan Jungwirth asked if most of the cost savings would accrue to MAG rather than to RPTA or Valley Metro. Mr. Smith replied that the percentages to the partners would be readjusted. Ms. Kimbrough stated that a part of the savings would belong to each partner. The current assumptions include each partner paying for sitework and shell costs.

Mayor Cavanaugh asked if the \$200,000 to \$300,000 annual savings would be shared. Ms. Kimbrough replied they would be shared. When the allocation was split, the partners picked up the shell cost and site work cost. She said that the MAG only costs would be somewhat less. Mayor Cavanaugh commented that he thought the six-plex was a valuable part of the building and he would not like to give it up.

Chair Hawker stated that one question that was raised is how much is saved in staff by not having to duplicate human resources, payroll, security, and accounting. He asked if that had been worked into the design. Mr. Smith replied that Valley Metro and Valley Metro Rail have already combined their payroll functions. He said that one option was to have a copy center for large jobs and use a chargeback system. Another option was utilization of the AMWUA space by RPTA and Valley Metro Rail to share plotters and graphics. Mr. Smith stated that deleting one floor was discussed, but due to the potential for the consolidation of transit, this might not be the best decision.

Mayor Berman asked what was driving the increase in staff. He expressed concern for adding staff just because there is space. Mr. Smith replied that MAG staff has always been lean and noted that some MAG staff are in danger of losing vacation time because they cannot take time off. He said that the size of the entire MAG staff is equivalent to the transportation staff of the Dallas MPO. He also noted the size of the MAG staff when compared to other agencies.

Chair Hawker asked the timeline for decision making. He stated that he was getting the sense that having to retrofit the building sounds like it is not worth the savings. Chair Hawker asked if the value engineering was accurate without having to rebid the project. Al Dreska, 3DI, stated that he recommended that additional funding be invested to bring the schematic design documents to their current state and get caught up with the value engineering items. He said that this will provide the opportunity for reevaluation.

Chair Hawker asked the timeline when the cost estimate could be guaranteed. Mr. Dreska said that the schematic update is a 30-day process. Depending on the level of pricing, it would be another 30 to 60 days to be able to issue documents for bidding, then receive, evaluate, and scrub down the numbers. Mr. Dreska added that the Regional Office Center already has a not-to-exceed price. Chair Hawker asked if the documents would not need to be rebid. Mr. Dreska replied that was correct. He said that the Ryan Companies had indicated their willingness to do that. Mr. Smith stated that Ryan has estimated an indemnification of \$100,000 to \$150,000 as opposed to the design development indemnification with Ryan Companies of \$1.3 million. It was noted that indemnification was defined as if the Regional Office Center is built, the money gets folded into the project; if the Regional Office Center is not built, the money is payable to Ryan Companies.

Mayor Shafer made a motion to move forward with the Regional Office Center as is. Mayor Cavanaugh seconded. Chair Hawker called for discussion of the motion.

Mayor Cavanaugh asked the importance of the rooftop terrace. Mr. Smith replied that it was space that could be utilized for receptions. He commented that it could be cut back. Chair Hawker commented that some downtown buildings, including the City of Phoenix building, have terraces.

Mayor Berman asked about privacy concerns by the neighborhood. Ms. de los Rios-Urban stated that the terrace would be located on the First Avenue side of the building. The mechanical and HVAC equipment behind would make it difficult to see into the neighborhood.

Chair Hawker asked about a rebuild of the terrace. Mr. Dreska replied that it would be similar but could have more impact than a rebuild of the conference center. He said that the challenge is how to get material there and remove the existing exterior coating and replace it with an interior walkable surface. Mr. Dreska commented that a rebuild of the terrace could easily be twice the amount. Mr. Smith stated that costs with and without the terrace could be brought back to the committee.

Mayor Berman commented that he opposed the project, but he felt it is easier to pay for something you like. He said that you could pay \$80 million and not get what you want or pay \$86 million and get all you need. Mayor Berman stated that he would say to cut back the building if it meant that half the price was saved. There are a lot of things you could take off, which would compromise the project. It should be a first class building.

Mayor Cavanaugh commented that the rooftop terrace is arguable. He stated that he supported the motion as it stands. Mayor Cavanaugh stated that he felt there was a need to move forward and he agreed that the Center should be a first class building.

Mayor Manross stated that it makes sense to provide the entities the ability to work in proximity by being located in one building. She commented that it is a large investment up front, but in the future it will be a good investment. Mayor Manross stated that no entity will lose money on the project, and it will make the agencies more efficient and more productive in ways that count. She said that all agencies have leases coming up and it behooves the decision makers to do something together and more simply. Mayor Manross stated that she agreed with Mayor Berman about cost reductions. She stated that the rooftop terrace is not a need, but is an investment to others leasing or buying in the future. If the building has amenities and is well built, it will be more attractive and a more secure investment. Mayor Manross stated that she supported the motion.

With no further discussion, the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment of the Building Lease Working Group

With no further business, the Building Lease Working Group meeting adjourned.

5. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Chair Cavanaugh stated that public comment is provided for 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, #5B, #5C, and #5D were on the consent agenda. He noted that no public comment cards had been received. Chair Cavanaugh asked members if they had any questions or any requests to hear an item individually. None were noted.

Mayor Shafer moved to approve the Executive Committee consent agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, and #5D. Mayor Berman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5A. Approval of the March 19, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the March 19, 2007 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

5B. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Funding from the Arizona Department of Transportation

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$13,805 from the Arizona Department of Transportation in United We Ride Grant funding. On March 16, 2007, MAG was notified that the Arizona Department of Transportation provided MAG \$13,805 in United We Ride Grant funding to further the activities of the MAG Human Services Division. It is necessary to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include these funds. These funds will support the development of the MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan. This plan is required by new SAFETEA-LU regulations.

5C. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Funding from 2007 Regional Human Services Summit Sponsors

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include up to \$15,723 in contributions from various agencies to further the activities of the Human Services Division. By March 19, 2007, MAG was notified that ValueOptions of Arizona, Salt River Project (SRP), Arizona Public Service (APS), Arizona State University College of Human Services, the Arizona Department of Economic Security, and the Arizona Council of Human Services Providers would provide contributions to further the activities of the MAG Human Services Division. It is necessary to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include these contributions. These contributions will support the 2007 Regional Human Services Summit.

5D. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Matching Funds for the ADOT High Speed Rail Study Update

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide \$20,000 for ADOT to use as matching funds for the High Speed Rail Study Update. The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested MAG to participate in the high speed rail study update that the Department is conducting for a possible commuter rail system connecting metropolitan Phoenix and metropolitan Tucson. ADOT has requested financial support from MAG for \$20,000 to use as matching funds for the ADOT study. MAG currently has a commuter rail project underway to develop a detailed strategy to implement commuter rail in the MAG region. The connection between commuter rail within the metropolitan Phoenix area and commuter rail service with Tucson is important. Funding for the MAG participation in the ADOT study would be provided

from Proposition 400 planning study funds. An amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed.

6. Discussion and Update on the Draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Rebecca Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, updated members on the development of the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Ms. Kimbrough noted that since the agenda materials were mailed out, changes had been made to three of the new projects. She noted that the Household Survey project was revised upward by \$250,000 to \$750,000; the Traffic Count project was revised downward by \$100,000 to \$150,000; and the I-17 and US-93/New River Roadway Framework Study had been deleted. Ms. Kimbrough stated that MAG received many complimentary remarks at the annual review of the Work Program by the federal partners on April 12th. She said that the partners recommended that MAG highlight the Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan and create a list for ease in locating current year issues. Chair Cavanaugh thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report. He noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

7. Regional Planning Dialogue Update

Mr. Smith stated that on March 28, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved the consultant selection of DMJM Harris to conduct the Statewide Intrastate Mobility Reconnaissance Study. He said that the first products of this study will be presented at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference in August 2007 when the COG/MPO Association meets again. Mr. Smith stated that the next step is the discussion of timing for an election on transportation funding.

Mayor Hawker asked about the involvement of the Governor and Legislature in the process. He commented that there could be a temptation to make an announcement before the studies have been best formulated. Mr. Smith stated that staff has been in close contact with the Governor's Office on this project and they have been invited to meetings. He commented that everyone needs to do due diligence. Mr. Smith stated that the Building a Quality Arizona is envisioned as the big umbrella. If any of the participants were to split off, nothing will be accomplished. Legislators will need to be there because they need to authorize the ballot.

Chair Cavanaugh asked how the August COG/MPO Association meeting would fit in with the League events. Ms. McClafferty stated that August 30th at 11:30 is being considered as the meeting time.

Mr. Smith stated that a draft resolution supporting Building a Quality Arizona has been sent to each COG and MPO. The idea is that they will present it to their Regional Councils. Chair Cavanaugh extended his compliments for bringing this effort together.

8. Federal Transportation Initiatives

Matthew Clark, MAG Senior Policy Planner, stated that the Regional Council Executive Committee discussed joining the River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC) at the January 8, 2007 meeting. He said that at the meeting, MAG staff was requested to prepare a white paper that

would provide a background on the ROTCC, a current list of its members, and outline some of the pros and cons of joining the organization. He noted that this was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Clark stated that the proposal submitted by the ROTCC for the Corridors of the Future competition was not selected to move on to the next phase. However, the proposal submitted by Wilbur Smith Associates, which includes the I-10 freeway from California to Florida, was selected as a semi-finalist in the competition. Mr. Clark noted that a decision on the competition's finalists is expected in the last half of the year.

Mr. Clark stated that the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is one of the coalitions that have formed to address the nation's transportation needs. He said that CAGTC's idea is to put together a trust fund to be used for freight movement. Mr. Clark stated that staff from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) have spoken highly of the CAGTC. Mr. Smith noted that the Southern California Association of Governments in Los Angeles is a member of CAGTC. Mr. Clark noted that CAGTC staff has indicated that they would be glad to make a presentation via teleconference to the Executive Committee. It was noted that the CAGTC was a coalition similar to the ROTCC but focused on addressing all freight corridors in the US, not just I-10.

Mayor Manross asked why the ROTCC proposal was not chosen. Mr. Clark said that he was unsure of the final criteria, and surmised that the USDOT felt the best investment was a true interstate proposal.

Councilmember Neely commented that Arizona would benefit from the improvements to I-10 from California to Florida. She said that her feeling was to get behind this proposal and move forward since the other proposal was out of the running.

Mayor Shafer stated her agreement.

Mr. Smith stated that each proposal's goals could be presented to the Executive Committee for their selection as to which one they would support. Councilmember Neely stated that she would like to hear the presentations.

Mayor Hawker asked the status of the CANAMEX Corridor. Mr. Smith stated that ADOT had submitted the CANAMEX but it was not chosen. Mayor Hawker asked if a coalition had submitted the CANAMEX project. Mr. Smith explained that ADOT had submitted the project by itself. MAG staff had not heard about the submission until it was mentioned at the April 11th Management Committee meeting.

Chair Cavanaugh commented that the Wilbur Smith proposal includes improvements to I-10 from coast to coast. He asked why MAG would support the CAGTC proposal instead. Mr. Smith replied that there is a national interest in setting up a freight trust fund. He added that both groups could be asked to give presentations to the Executive Committee.

9. Legislative Update

Matthew Clark, MAG Senior Policy Planner, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. He reported that Senate Bill (SB) 1049, which appropriates \$450 million from the State's Rainy

Day Fund to transportation, and SB 1172, which increases the maximum maturity date for state highway bonds from 20 to 30 years, have stalled, but may be considered as part of the budget process.

Mr. Clark reported that SB 1591 adds language that states if the light rail system is not completed on or before January 1, 2009, a separate performance audit will be conducted within 12 months after the minimum operating segment has opened. He reported that this bill passed the Senate and House transportation committees and is in Rules. Mr. Clark noted Valley Metro Rail is neutral on this bill.

Mr. Clark stated that a strike everything amendment to House Bill (HB) 2228, which allowed municipalities to use HELP funds, passed Rules on April 9th and is awaiting full Senate action.

Mr. Clark stated that a strike everything amendment HB 2486 was passed in the House Ways and Means Committee that would permit county residents to establish a road improvement and maintenance district with the purpose of building a community road to less-than-county standards. He commented that this could be a concern if the road falls within an area that is subsequently annexed by a city or town.

Mr. Clark stated that a strike everything amendment to HB 2570 passed in the Senate Transportation Committee. He said the amendment changes the bill from setting aside funds for the purchase of rail right-of-way to requiring evidence of legally authorized presence in the United States in order to obtain a vehicle title or registration.

Mr. Clark stated that HB 2682 establishes a Blue Ribbon Transportation Committee. He noted that the bill passed the House and sent to the Senate on February 26, 2007.

Mr. Clark noted that SB 1552 deals with air quality regulations and local ordinances. He said the bill has moved through both chambers and is awaiting action by conference committee. Mr. Clark stated that it is being used as a vehicle bill.

Mr. Clark stated that HCR 2039 is a strike everything amendment that proposes amendments to the State Constitution relating to disposition of state trust land. He said that if passed and signed by the Governor, it would go to voters in the 2008 election.

Mr. Clark reported that SB 1265 would allow Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) to be subject to the excise tax for 911. He said that a strike everything amendment to the bill was passed in the House Appropriations Committee that would require individuals who are not citizens to reimburse the court system for any costs incurred by using the court system.

11. South Mountain Freeway Update

Chair Cavanaugh stated that a draft letter to the Governor had been written and was at each place, along with a letter from Councilmember Neely.

Mr. Smith stated that the South Mountain Freeway has been included in MAG's approved long range plans since 1985. He said that concern has been expressed that the Environmental Impact

Statement (EIS) process is lagging. Mr. Smith stated that there is a purpose and a need for this project. Six months ago when the north/south alignment was determined, another year slipped. Mr. Smith stated that upon direction from the Executive Committee, a draft letter was written to the Governor asking her involvement in keeping the project on schedule.

Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, stated that MAG and Federal Highway Administration reviewed and commented on the draft EIS. He said that the consultant is in the process of incorporating those comments. Mr. Anderson stated that the public release of the EIS is anticipated for January 2008, with the final EIS and record of decision probably one year after that.

Chair Cavanaugh asked if the EIS covered more than the Pecos Road alignment. Mr. Anderson replied that the EIS covers only the Pecos Road as the east/west alternative. Mr. Smith stated that MAG staff has communicated with the Governor's staff, who indicated that the Governor is engaged in this issue. They suggested a meeting be scheduled to update members on the Governor's position. Mr. Smith stated that the Executive Committee could sign the letter and send it to the Governor as is, or could continue the discussion at the Regional Council meeting, get their support, and then meet with the Governor's Office.

Mayor Manross asked Councilmember Neely if she could tell the Committee about the concerns expressed in her letter. Councilmember Neely stated that she had conversations with the Mayor and the Councilmember who represents the area, and Phoenix staff had spoken to the Governor's staff and ADOT. She requested that the Executive Committee grant a 30-day continuance to this issue to allow the City of Phoenix to have that dialogue with the Governor's Office, ADOT and the Regional Council Chair, before going to the Regional Council and taking action.

Mayor Manross stated that since the Governor, City of Phoenix, and ADOT are aware of the urgency of the issue, it might be better to have the dialogue before sending the letter.

Mayor Berman stated that it seemed a reasonable request and asked if there was a downside.

Chair Cavanaugh said that he thought there was a downside because this freeway has been discussed for 22 years, has been approved twice by the voters, and is essential to movement in the region. He said that we often think about this roadway as in a community, but need to start thinking of it as moving people off I-10. Chair Cavanaugh stated that a concrete solution to this issue is needed. He stated that the South Mountain, Ahwatukee and Gila River Indian Community interests are involved in this issue, but the group not involved is the large number of commuters who suffer on I-10. Chair Cavanaugh stated that it is time to respond to that in a serious manner. Chair Cavanaugh stated that he did not want to fracture MAG on this issue, but this issue cannot be continued much longer. A decision is needed that is not politically based, one that is right for people, and he did not see this moving in that direction.

Councilmember Neely commended Chair Cavanaugh for wanting to find a solution. She said that the City of Phoenix was requesting a 30 day delay from the Executive Committee and then bring it back to the next Executive Committee meeting. Councilmember Neely noted that they hope to be able to speak with the Governor and staff during that time period.

Mayor Shafer moved to give a 30-day delay as the City of Phoenix requested and bring back the issue to the next Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Manross seconded.

Mayor Hawker asked about an alignment on the Gila River Indian Community in the Environmental Impact Statement. Mr. Anderson replied that the Gila River Indian Community had passed a tribal resolution opposing the freeway and has not allowed any alternatives to be studied on the Community's lands. Mayor Hawker read from the letter, "With the GRIC being a sovereign nation and the sensitive nature of this issue, we believe it would be helpful for your office to enter into negotiations with the Gila River Indian Community to finally determine if a portion of the freeway can be located on GRIC land." He expressed concern that if this is requested, it could delay the process further. Mayor Hawker said that the letter should state that Pecos Road is the alignment and make some reference that the Gila River Indian Community has stated in the past it does not want the alignment on its lands. Mayor Hawker stated that the letter needed to be strengthened.

Mayor Berman asked Mayor Hawker if he supported a delay of 30 days. Mayor Hawker stated that he supported the delay, but not sending the letter. He said that he would rather it say the draft EIS is out there, let's get behind it and build along Pecos Road. Mayor Hawker stated that the Gila River Indian Community has already expressed its position. We should abide by their wishes and not try to change their minds.

Mayor Berman stated his agreement with Chair Cavanaugh's position that to proceed with the project. However, if a freeway was going to go through his town, he would appreciate someone giving him time to strengthen his position. Mayor Berman stated that he therefore supported giving Phoenix another 30 days. Mayor Berman stated that it is annoying when another jurisdiction is leaning on you with a mandate.

Mayor Manross stated that Mayor Berman's comments were apropos. She said that it is appropriate to give 30 days to Phoenix because sometimes positions change.

Chair Cavanaugh stated that the South Mountain Freeway issue will require the Governor's involvement no matter what the position. He said that he would support the 30 day delay after which he would be willing to support Mayor Hawker's thoughts.

With no further discussion, the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Neely thanked the Executive Committee for their consideration of the City's request.

12. MAG 40th Birthday Celebration Update

Mr. Smith reported on plans for the celebration of MAG's 40th birthday. He said that invitations were sent to former MAG officers and a number have responded. Kelly Taft, MAG Communications Manager, stated that a press release had been issued. She said that an open house will be held prior to the Regional Council meeting and will include displays of memorabilia, a MAG time line, and photos of past chairs, and a birthday cake. Ms. Taft stated that the past officers will be recognized at the Regional Council meeting. She added that those who have

responded to the invitation and expressed they were very excited to attend and appreciative of being recognized.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

May 4, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Rita Walton, Information Services Manager

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 MAG UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND ANNUAL BUDGET TO COMBINE THREE PROJECTS INTO ONE ON-CALL PROJECT

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget contains three projects to enhance socioeconomic modeling at MAG. The goal of these projects is to ensure that MAG maintains state-of-the-art models which account for the relationship between growth in our region and other regions of the state. These projects are as follows:

Task Number	Description	Amount
800-0120-07	Socioeconomic Models Surveys and Assumptions Enhancement Project	\$150,000
800-0120-07	SAM-IM Enhancements - MAG Consultant	\$100,000
800-0110-07	Pilot Project for Three Dimensional Data Sets	\$40,000
Total		\$290,000

MAG staff is requesting that these three projects be combined into one project with a number of on-call consultants titled the "Socioeconomic Enhancement Project" for a total cost of \$290,000. The combined project would meet the same goal, but would allow MAG staff to better identify the actual needs of the modeling process as it unfolds and to assign the on-call consulting teams with the skills best suited to meet those needs. If combining these three projects into Socioeconomic Enhancement Project is approved, a solicitation for on-call consultants will be conducted. The on-call consultant list will be presented to the Executive Committee or Regional Council for approval.

Background

In June 2006, the Regional Council approved hiring the University of Washington for Phase I of a project to enhance the MAG socioeconomic modeling activities through the development of the Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART) modeling suite. This socioeconomic modeling suite will use ESRI products, Microsoft SQL Server and Python or other object oriented programming language to support socioeconomic activities at MAG, the Pima Association of Governments (PAG), and elsewhere throughout the State. When complete, this modeling suite will be

a platform on which to build, calibrate, run, and analyze socioeconomic projections and projection models and will seamlessly integrate with other third party models.

To support the needs of the MAG socioeconomic programs and the development of AZ-SMART, MAG will need to provide additional research, data collection, demographic and economic analysis and socioeconomic modeling as well as application development, Geographic Information Systems, database management and modeling. To that end, MAG had three projects in the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. These projects were intended to “develop and compile socioeconomic data and other databases and perform analysis as necessary to effectively perform planning responsibilities and respond to data requests of MAG and MAG member agencies” and to “ensure consistent collection of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) spatial and tabular data and develop selected new data sets to aid MAG and MAG member agencies.” The projects were also intended to “investigate sources of new data or improved data such as employment-related building databases, user impact fees and oblique imagery,” to “establish procedures for long-term socioeconomic projections,” to “maintain state-of-the-art MAG socioeconomic models” and to “continue enhancing the modeling process.”

Anticipated Tasks

The anticipated tasks for which MAG will request assistance may include, but are not limited to, the development of information, analysis, submodels, methods, assumptions and processes needed to:

- Estimate and project special populations, including seasonal, transient and group quarters.
- Review and update residential velocity curves.
- Research and create non-residential land use sector velocity curves.
- Evaluate non-basic employment in areas where jurisdiction General Plans indicate extensive areas of residential land use.
- Estimate and project the evolving mix of employment by industry or occupation, and the changing work behavior patterns resulting from the future employment mix.
- Create and populate a database of land, residential, and commercial building values and associated detailed data.
- Review and update floor area ratios and employment densities for commercial buildings and sites within the region.
- Create socioeconomic applications in GIS using ESRI products, such as ArcGIS, ArcServer and ModelBuilder.

For that reason, it would be helpful to ask for on-call consultants who have expertise in one or both of two major areas. The first area is research, data collection, demographic and economic analysis and socioeconomic modeling. The second area is application development, Geographic Information Systems, database management and spatial modeling.

Research, Data Collection, Demographic and Economic Analysis and Socioeconomic Modeling

For this area, the consultant should have knowledge and demonstrated experience in:

- Identifying resources and collecting information on socioeconomic topics at the national, state and local level.
- Analyzing information related to socioeconomic activities such as regional, community, and small area population, special populations, and other demographic characteristics. The range of special population groups include seasonal and group quarters, ethnic and minority groups, age cohorts,

and mobility and migration cohorts.

- Understanding the conditions and changes in urban economic and employment conditions including, but not limited to: industrial and occupational employment classifications, residential and commercial real estate markets and conditions, changing work patterns and behaviors, metropolitan economic changes and development, and urban and neighborhood redevelopment.
- Developing information, analysis, and submodels to support urban and regional projections and allocation models, using Microsoft Access or Microsoft Excel.

Application Development, Geographic Information Systems, Database Management and Spatial Modeling

For this area, the consultant should have knowledge and demonstrated experience in:

- Development, population, and maintenance of complex databases and spreadsheets used to support modeling, analysis and estimation efforts.
- All ESRI products to support socioeconomic activities, land use analysis, and spatial information access and analysis, including ArcGIS and ArcGIS Server.
- Python or other object oriented programming language.
- Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Access and Microsoft Excel.

MAG Staff is therefore requesting that three projects in the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget be combined into one on-call project under 800-0120-07 entitled "Socioeconomic Information Enhancement Project" for a total of \$290,000.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

May 4, 2007

SUBJECT:

Application Process for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Funds for Homeless Assistance Programs

SUMMARY:

On December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG Region. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent and transitional housing as well as supportive services. Last year, the region received more than \$20 million for 48 homeless service providers. A total of \$126 million has been awarded to the region since 1999. It is anticipated that the region will be awarded comparably in 2007.

Forty-nine homeless assistance applications were submitted by the due date of April 20, 2007. The Continuum of Care Ranking and Review Committee, administered by the Valley of the Sun United Way, will review and score each application submitted. The final rankings will be completed on May 10, 2007 and will be presented to the MAG Regional Council on May 23, 2007 for information and discussion. The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will consider approval of the final rankings at the May 21, 2007 meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

The development of action steps, and the measurement of goal achievement is based on public input from consumers, providers of services, and local and state governmental representatives. Community stakeholders, including homeless service providers, public officials, non profit representatives, and interested members of the public, are involved in the gaps analysis process which is done each year to determine the unmet need of emergency shelter beds, transitional housing beds, and permanent supportive housing beds. The gaps analysis meeting is being held on May 7, 2007 and the results will be submitted in the consolidated application to HUD. The process of the local application was reviewed at the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness meeting on January 22, 2007. Public input was offered but not received at this meeting.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: A coordinated application and planning process is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to maximize competitiveness for the federal Stuart B. McKinney Act funds. The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness facilitates the year-round planning process in the region. Because of the regional planning entity, there has been consensus about the homeless planning priorities and action steps in the Valley and cooperation with information needed for the federal grant. This approach emphasizes the need for collaboration among public and private agencies to ensure that individuals and families who are homeless are assisted in moving from homelessness to permanent housing and greater self-sufficiency. Since 1994, all applicants for funding from these programs have been required to demonstrate that their programs play an integral role in their community's Continuum of Care.

CONS: The HUD Continuum of Care grant is the largest block of funding that comes to the region for housing and services for persons who are homeless. Since the Continuum of Care is the mandated process for developing this grant application, submission of the application through the MAG Continuum

of Care is necessary in order to draw down the funds. The Continuum of Care process is competitive with up to 20 percent of the Continua of Care defunded by HUD annually. If this region did not submit this grant through the existing MAG Continuum of Care process, potentially the funding for the region could be lost in perpetuity.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The federal application process requires a tremendous amount of staff time to develop the community consensus and to gather the information requested by HUD. This task is complicated by the lack of a consistent data based on needs, services provided and funds expended. The community has identified the need to develop more complete homeless data for future applications. The Maricopa Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), implemented in February of 2003, was used to collect data for the 2007 homeless shelter count and will continue to be utilized in other areas to assist in the collection of system wide data of homeless programs.

POLICY: The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness was created at the request of HUD and with the approval of the MAG Regional Council. This policy level council is composed of a variety of representatives, including elected officials, representatives of the Governor's Office, several state legislators, several funding agencies, service providers, HUD, the religious community, advocates and consumers. This is a broad-based community committee that has agreed to take the responsibility for homeless planning and to ensure that a regional grant application is submitted each year. The Committee has been an effective method to discuss and move forward with regional solutions addressing homelessness.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information and discussion.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness reviewed the planning process and 2007 HUD application weights at the January 22, 2007 meeting. The Committee voted to approve the weights as recommended by staff.

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

- * Councilmember Greg Stanton, Phoenix, Chair
- Bob Duvall for Roberto Armijo, Community Information & Referral Services
- Maryann Beerling, New Arizona Family
- * Judy Bowden, Mesa United Way
- Brad Bridwell, US Vets
- Kathryn Brown, AZ Dept of Corrections
- * Tom Canasi, Tempe, Co-Vice Chair
- Marty Shultz for Kendra Cea, APS
- * Trinity Donovan, Valley of the Sun United Way
- Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale
- * Theresa James, Tempe
- Deanna Jonovich, Phoenix
- Don Keuth, Phoenix Community Alliance, Co-Vice Chair
- * Dan Lundberg, Surprise
- Mike McQuaid, HSC
- Nick Margiotta, Phoenix Police Department
- Carrie Mascaró, 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
- Brenda Robbins, Department of Health Services
- 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 County
- Liz Morales for Ted Williams, AZ Behavioral Health Corporation
- Margot Cordova for Diana Yazzie Devine, Native American Connections

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

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**FY 2008 HUD
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OF CARE
COMPETITION
APPLICANTS**



Continuum of Care
Regional Committee
on Homelessness

Project Sponsor/Organization	Amount Requesting
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation _____	\$1,387,588.00
Native American Connections _____	\$163,178.00
Native American Connections _____	\$91,043.00
Arizona Housing Incorporated _____	\$58,025.00
Native American Connections _____	\$35,000.00
Area Agency on Aging, Region One _____	\$63,064.00
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation _____	\$373,993.00
Southwest Behavioral Health Services _____	\$20,775.00
Phoenix Shanti Group _____	\$70,456.00
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation _____	\$202,030.00
UMOM New Day Centers, Inc. _____	\$80,126.00
META Services, Inc. _____	\$971,973.00
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation _____	\$1,735,423.00
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation _____	\$499,972.00
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation _____	\$938,788.00
Arizona Housing Inc. _____	\$78,663.00
Women in New Recovery _____	\$46,862.00
Catholic Charities Community Services _____	\$24,039.00
Save the Family Foundation of Arizona _____	\$411,726.00
Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc. _____	\$24,269.00
Homeward Bound _____	\$26,250.00
PREHAB of Arizona, Inc. _____	\$510,688.00
Save the Family Foundation of Arizona _____	\$211,412.00
YWCA of Maricopa County _____	\$201,671.00
United States Veterans Initiative _____	\$496,557.00
HomeBase Youth Services _____	\$333,370.00
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development _____	\$437,698.00
Southwest Behavioral Health Services _____	\$205,977.00
Homeward Bound _____	\$313,761.00
Area Agency on Aging, Region One _____	\$60,735.00
Mesa Community Action Network, Inc. _____	\$58,878.00
Sojourner Center _____	\$417,763.00
NOVA Inc. _____	\$1,114,795.00
House of Refuge East _____	\$903,424.00
Community Information & Referral, Inc. _____	\$400,921.00
The Salvation Army _____	\$45,360.00
Phoenix Shanti Group, Inc. _____	\$34,600.00
UMOM New Day Centers, Inc. _____	\$187,584.00
Area Agency on Aging, Region One _____	\$126,575.00
Community Information & Referral, Inc. _____	\$176,752.00
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development _____	\$214,429.00
The Salvation Army _____	\$75,600.00
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development _____	\$318,729.00
Community Bridges, Inc. _____	\$344,610.00
Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. _____	\$101,735.00
Labor's Community Service Agency _____	\$279,594.00
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation _____	\$2,491,440.00
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation _____	\$1,584,456.00
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation _____	\$1,266,780.00
TOTAL _____	\$20,219,137.00

May 4, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Eric Anderson, Transportation Director

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 MAG UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND ANNUAL BUDGET TO TRANSFER THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT FROM THE MAG BUDGET TO ADOT

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget contains the Regional Community Network Implementation Project. In May 2006, the Regional Council approved the Regional Community Network Implementation Project (RCN) for implementation of the Phase IA of the RCN. This project has been designed by Arizona DOT using a federal ITS grant, and was also subjected to a Systems Engineering Analysis (a USDOT requirement for all ITS projects).

The goal of the overall RCN project is to provide the communications infrastructure needed to interconnect traffic management centers and public safety agencies within the Phoenix metropolitan region. The project will utilize the communications architecture recommendations identified in the 2003 MAG Regional Community Network (RCN) Study. The Phase IA project will lead only to the implementation of network links that are considered a high priority by the stakeholders in the region. However, the network resulting from this project will be limited to the number of links that can be constructed with the \$1.6 million available for this project. The project is described in the Work Program under the following task:

Task Number	Description	Amount
500-0656-07	Regional Community Network Implementation Project	\$1,600,000

MAG staff is requesting that \$1,600,000 be transferred from the MAG 2007 Work Program for implementation of the project by ADOT. This project, as described in the MAG 2007 Work Program and Annual Budget, is now ready for implementation to be led by ADOT. The project would meet the same goal, but would allow ADOT staff to implement the project and oversee construction of the network links with the skills best suited to meet those needs. The MAG ITS Committee will provide oversight for this regional project. Project implementation will also be monitored by the committee through regular progress reports received by MAG.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY . . . for your review

DATE:

May 4, 2007

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the FY2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to complete an Additional Services Request from the Town of Buckeye for Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study

SUMMARY:

On March 27, 2007, the Town of Buckeye met with MAG representatives and requested that the project consultant, DMJM Harris, for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study complete an analysis of the Interstate 10 freeway between Miller Rd and the proposed Desert Creek Pkwy (approximately 9.4-miles). This request came from the Town to allow for further analysis in identifying connections in the vicinity of Wilson Ave and Bruner Rd, and their relationship to the freeway mainline and the nearby SR-85/Turner Pkwy system interchange.

Buckeye's request was prompted by the development proposals of the Stardust Companies for the project entitled Tartesso. The development, located on the north side of Interstate 10 between SR-85 and Sun Valley Pkwy, is proposed as an intensive commercial development in the Hassayampa Valley. Stardust proposes constructing over 10 million square feet of retail, office, and medical facilities in this location. Given this proposal, the Town has requested that MAG expand the efforts of the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study to determine how to incorporate the Stardust Companies plans into the transportation framework proposal for the Interstate 10 corridor with additional capacity, but not necessarily access to the freeway mainline, a key east-west freight corridor for the Phoenix metropolitan area.

This effort is beyond the current scope for the project that MAG contracted with DMJM Harris on May 1, 2006. DMJM Harris provided a budget amendment request is for \$23,727.68 to facilitate the additional services requested by the Town. The Town of Buckeye has responded to MAG with their concurrence that the additional services meet their planning needs, and that the Town will pay MAG for the services. This action raises the contract budget for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study from \$500,000 to \$523,727.68.

Completion of the additional services is anticipated to coincide with the scheduled completion of the project on September 30, 2007.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS and CONS:

PROS: The additional services will provide a greater level of analysis of the Interstate 10 corridor in this framework study to address the concerns of the Town of Buckeye and the developer. The primary mission of the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study has been to develop a conceptual framework for this portion of the metropolitan area by establishing the traffic interchange (TI) spacing along Interstate 10 between the SR-303L/Estrella Frwy and 459th Avenue and the supporting network needed

in the Hassayampa Valley to support this spacing. Given the rapid development schedule proposed by Stardust Companies, the additional services request to study the freeway mainline will allow the framework study to provide additional information to both the Town and the development community in their continuing development efforts in the Hassayampa Valley.

It is important to note that this additional service request does not extend the completion date for the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study, which is scheduled for completion by September 30, 2007.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL and POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The additional services request by the Town requires the consultant to perform planning and engineering analyses beyond the scope of the present Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study. These additional services include development schematic diagrams illustrating traffic interchange, collector-distributor, and/or frontage road concepts on the Interstate 10 freeway mainline that will accommodate the demand planned in this portion of the Hassayampa Valley.

POLICY: The additional services request allows MAG to provide the Town of Buckeye with the additional information they will need to make decisions about the development proposals by the Stardust Companies and the ability of this development to be successfully integrated into their roadway network, including Interstate 10. The additional services request also provides the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) with the information they will need to make effective decisions about the access this development may require from the freeway. ADOT has maintenance jurisdiction over Interstate 10, and FHWA has access jurisdiction.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approval of an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add \$23,727.68 to the Interstate 10 Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study to complete the additional services request from the Town of Buckeye.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

None.

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May 4, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Amy St. Peter, Human Services Manager

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 MAG UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND ANNUAL BUDGET TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF PHOENIX TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATION TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

In June 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved MAG to develop a Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan in compliance with SAFETEA-LU regulations. Regional Council also approved the recommendation of the City of Phoenix as the designated recipient for Sections 5316 and 5317 funds. As the designated recipient, the City of Phoenix agreed to pay MAG \$80,000 to develop the coordination plan. It is necessary to amend the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program and annual budget to accept these funds.

The MAG Human Services Coordination Plan presents an inventory of transportation services available presently for human services, an assessment of the gaps in service and short-term strategies to coordinate human services transportation services. The short-term strategies were approved by the MAG Regional Council in February 2007 so training could be offered to Section 5310 applicants. The plan itself is moving through MAG Management Committee and MAG Regional Council in May 2007. The funds received from the City of Phoenix will be used to cover staffing costs associated with the development of the coordination plan.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact me at the MAG office at 602-254-6300.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

May 4, 2007

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

SUMMARY:

Each year staff develops the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Work Program is reviewed in April by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. The proposed budget information was presented incrementally and adjustments made as information was received. The FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being recommended for approval.

The Management Committee reviewed the development of the Work Program and Annual Budget at its meetings on January 10, February 14, March 14 and April 11, 2007. The Regional Council reviewed the draft budget document at its meetings on January 31, February 28, March 28 and April 25, 2007.

Each year new projects are proposed for inclusion in the MAG planning efforts. The proposed new projects for FY 2008 were presented at the February 14, 2007 Management Committee meeting, the March 19, 2007 Executive Committee meeting, and the February 28, 2007 Regional Council meeting. Updates on new projects were presented at the March committee meetings. These new project proposals come from the various MAG technical committees, policy committees and other discussions with members and stakeholders regarding joint efforts within the region. These projects are subject to review and input by the committees as they go through the budget process.

The review of the draft Work Program and Annual Budget for the Intermodal Planning Group meeting on April 12, 2007 resulted in two recommendations that have been implemented in the FY 2008 Work Program and Annual Budget document. These recommendations include listing the Coordinated Human Services Plan in the FY 2008 Work Program and Annual Budget table of contents, and adding an overview section to the budget document to assist in locating the current issues. A memorandum of understanding for cooperative planning between transit and transportation agencies was added in the appendix to the budget for FY 2008. Upon approval of the FY 2008 Work Program and Annual Budget, this agreement will be signed by the cooperating entities including MAG, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, City of Phoenix Transit Division, and Valley Metro Rail.

The capital budget has been revised to include the purchase of copy machine equipment and software to replace three copy machines in the copy center. The budgeted capital costs for FY 2008 are \$401,000. The final draft budget is being transmitted to the Management Committee for review. The estimated total operating costs reflect a 5.89 percent increase from the current year. This increase is, for the most part, due to an increase in budgeted salaries as several vacant positions have been filled. Overall, the final draft budget for FY 2008 reflects a decrease of 11.81 percent from the overall budgeted amount in the current year.

The MAG Region, as a Transportation Management Area and as a Metropolitan Planning Organization, is required (by Federal regulations 23 CFR 450.314) to describe all of the regional transportation-related activities within the planning area, regardless of funding sources or agencies conducting activities. The regional transportation projects received from other organizations are noted in the Work Program.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

PROS & CONS:

PROS: MAG is presenting the final draft FY 2008 budget, which provides for an incremental review of key budget details of the complete draft budget.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 requires a metropolitan planning organization to develop a unified planning work program that meets the requirements of federal law. Additionally, the MAG by-laws require approval and adoption of a budget for each fiscal year and a service charge schedule.

POLICY: As requested by the MAG Executive Committee and subsequently approved by the Regional Council in May 2002, the MAG Work Program and Annual Budget detail is being presented earlier to the Management Committee and there is increased notice to members on the budget. MAG is providing a budget summary that outlines new programs and presents the necessary resources to implement these programs. This summary allows member agencies to quickly decipher the financial implications of such programs prior to their approval for implementation. The draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is also provided.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval of the resolution adopting the Draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments, with the dues and assessments using the final 2005 Census Survey numbers.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Regional Council: On April 24, 2007 the Regional Council was provided an update on the draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

Management Committee: On April 11, 2007, the Management Committee was provided updated information on the draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Brent Stoddard for Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Community
Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	George Pettit, Gilbert
# George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear
Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Mark Johnson, Guadalupe
Dave Wilcox, Buckeye	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
* Jon Pearson, Carefree	Christopher Brady, Mesa
Wayne Anderson for Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Pat McDermott for Mark Pentz, Chandler	Carl Swenson for Terry Ellis, Peoria
* B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	John Kross, Queen Creek
# Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
# Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
* Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian	Will Manley, Tempe
	* Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
	* Shane Dille, Wickenburg

* Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
Bill Hayden for Victor Mendez, ADOT
Kenny Harris for David Smith,

Maricopa Co.
Bryan Jungwirth for David Boggs,
Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call.

+Participated by videoconference call.

Regional Council: On March 28, 2007, the Regional Council was provided the draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear,
Chair
* Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair
+ Councilmember Dave Waldron for
Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction
Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale
Mayor Bobby Bryant, Buckeye
Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree
* Vice Mayor Dick Esser, Cave Creek
Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler
* Mayor Fred Waterman, El Mirage
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Yavapai Nation
* Mayor Wally Nichols, Fountain Hills
* Mayor Daniel Birchfield, Gila Bend
* Governor William Rhodes, Gila River Indian
Community
Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert
Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale
* Mayor Bernadette Jimenez, Guadalupe

Vice Mayor Paul Faith for Mayor Thomas
Schoaf, Litchfield Park
Supervisor Don Stapley, Maricopa County
Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor Ed Winkler, Paradise Valley
Mayor Bob Barrett, Peoria
Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix
Mayor Art Sanders, Queen Creek
* President Joni Ramos, Salt River
Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe
* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
+ Mayor Ron Badowski, Wickenburg
Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown
* Joe Lane, State Transportation Board
* Felipe Zubia, State Transportation Board
F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation
Oversight Committee

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Attended by telephone conference call.

+ Attended by videoconference call.

Executive Committee: On March 19, 2007, the Executive Committee was provided the draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear,
Chair
Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair
Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise, Treasurer
Mayor Steven M. Berman, Gilbert

Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Litchfield Park
Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix

* Not present

Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call.

Management Committee: The March 14, 2007 Management Committee agenda included the draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair

Brad Lundahl for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale,

- Vice Chair
- # Bryant Powell for George Hoffman,
Apache Junction
Charlie McClendon, Avondale
Dave Wilcox, 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
Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian
Community
George Pettit, Gilbert
- * Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear
- * Mark Johnson, Guadalupe
Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park

- Christopher Brady, Mesa
- Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
- Terry Ellis, Peoria
- Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
- Mark Young for John Kross, Queen Creek
- * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa

- Indian Community
- Sintra Hoffman for Jim Rumpeltes,
Surprise
- # Amber Wakeman for Will Manley, Tempe
- * Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Shane Dille, Wickenburg
Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
Dale Buskirk 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.

On February 28, 2007, the MAG Regional Council was provided a proposed budget timeline, proposed dues and assessments, projected funding sources and uses, a draft "MAG Programs In Brief," and a detailed listing of proposed new projects for FY 2008.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear,
Chair
- # Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale,
Vice Chair
- + Councilmember Dave Waldron for
Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction
Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale
Mayor Bobby Bryant, Buckeye
- * Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree
Vice Mayor Dick Esser, Cave Creek
Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler
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Mayor Wally Nichols, Fountain Hills
Mayor Daniel Birchfield, Gila Bend
- * Governor William Rhodes, Gila River Indian
Community
Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert
- # Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale
- * Mayor Bernadette Jimenez, Guadalupe
Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park
- * Supervisor Don Stapley, Maricopa County
Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor Ed Winkler, Paradise Valley
Mayor Bob Barrett, Peoria
- * Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix
Mayor Art Sanders, Queen Creek
- * President Joni Ramos, Salt River
Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Councilmember Cliff Elkins for Mayor
Joan Shafer, Surprise
- # Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe
- * Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
- * Mayor Ron Badowski, Wickenburg
Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown
- * Joe Lane, State Transportation Board
- * Felipe Zubia, State Transportation Board
F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation
Oversight Committee

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

Management Committee: On February 14, 2007, the Management Committee was provided a proposed budget timeline, proposed dues and assessments, projected funding sources and uses, a draft "MAG Programs In Brief," a detailed listing of proposed new projects for FY 2008 and an invitation for the videoconference Budget Workshop.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Christopher Brady, Mesa
# George Hoffman, Apache Junction	* Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Rogene Hill for Charlie McClendon,	Terry Ellis, Peoria
Avondale	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Dave Wilcox, Buckeye	John Kross, Queen Creek
Jon Pearson, Carefree	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
* Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Indian Community
Mark Pentz, Chandler	Doug Sandstrom for Jim Rumpeltes,
B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Surprise
Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno,	Will Manley, Tempe
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	Shane Dille, Wickenburg
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
* Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian	Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT
Community	Kenny Harris for David Smith,
George Pettit, Gilbert	Maricopa County
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA
Mark Johnson, Guadalupe	

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

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

On January 31, 2007, MAG Regional Council was provided a proposed budget timeline and proposed dues and assessments.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear,	Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park
Chair	* Supervisor Don Stapley, Maricopa County
Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Vice Mayor Claudia Walters for Mayor
+ Councilmember Dave Waldron for	Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction	Councilmember Brian Cooney for Mayor
Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale	Ed Winkler, Paradise Valley
Mayor Bobby Bryant, Buckeye	Mayor Bob Barrett, Peoria
Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix
Vice Mayor Dick Esser, Cave Creek	Mayor Art Sanders, Queen Creek
Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler	* President Joni Ramos, Salt River
* Mayor Fred Waterman, El Mirage	Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* President Raphael Bear, Fort McDowell	* Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
Yavapai Nation	# Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe
Mayor Wally Nichols, Fountain Hills	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
* Mayor Daniel Birchfield, Gila Bend	* Mayor Ron Badowski, Wickenburg
* Governor William Rhodes, Gila River Indian	Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown
Community	Joe Lane, State Transportation Board
Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert	* Felipe Zubia, State Transportation Board
* Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation
* Mayor Bernadette Jimenez, Guadalupe	Oversight Committee

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Attended by telephone conference call. + Attended by videoconference call.

On January 10, 2007, the Management Committee was provided a proposed budget timeline and proposed dues and assessments.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Mike Cartsonis for Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Christopher Brady, Mesa
* George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Terry Ellis, Peoria
Dave Wilcox, Buckeye	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
* Jon Pearson, Carefree	John Kross, Queen Creek
Wayne Anderson for Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Mark Pentz, Chandler	Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
* B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Will Manley, Tempe
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Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian Community	Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT
George Pettit, Gilbert	David Smith, Maricopa County
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Bryan Jungwirth for David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA
Mark Johnson, Guadalupe	

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

On January 8, 2007, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee was provided a proposed budget timeline and proposed dues and assessments.

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	

* Not present

Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call.

CONTACT PERSON:

Rebecca Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, (602) 452-5051

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

May 4, 2007

SUBJECT:

Additional PM-10 Measures Recommended by Maricopa County for the Suggested List and Letter from the Environmental Protection Agency

SUMMARY:

On March 28, 2007, Maricopa County presented a memorandum at the MAG Regional Council meeting recommending additional PM-10 measures for the Suggested List and identified some concerns (see Attachment One). At the meeting, the MAG Regional Council took action to approve the Suggested List of Measures to Reduce PM-10 Particulate Matter as recommended by the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee and the MAG Management Committee with one modification and one addition. The Regional Council then directed the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee at their April meeting to consider the remainder of the recommendations.

On April 26, 2007, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the remainder of the memorandum and recommended that Measure #3 Reduce the tolerance of trackout to 25 feet before immediate clean up is required for construction sites and Measure #4 No visible emissions at the property line, be sent back to MAG consultant to provide additional information. The Committee also recommended that Measure #2 Just-in-time grading limitations for construction and Measure #5 Modeling cumulative impacts for permitted sources because of the effects of multiple sources locating in close proximity to each other, not be considered further.

Also, in an April 20, 2007 letter, the Environmental Protection Agency expressed concern about the development of the new PM-10 Plan, the violations of the PM-10 standard occurring outside the Phoenix nonattainment area, and the development of the Eight-Hour Ozone Plan (see Attachment Two). Regarding the PM-10 Plan, EPA indicated that the responsibility for plan implementation relies too heavily on Maricopa County and not enough on local cities and towns, especially in the area of unpermitted sources (unpaved roads and driveways, unpaved parking lots, and disturbed vacant lots). If the entities responsible for implementing the control measures do not have adequate resources at the outset of the plan's implementation, EPA may not be able to approve the plan.

EPA indicated that control measures are being eliminated too early in the PM-10 planning process, without thorough consideration of the technical information. The process should be revisited given that Maricopa County and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality have suggested that some of the eliminated measures be reconsidered. Exceedances at the Buckeye monitor and Pinal County monitors need to be reduced or EPA may expand the Maricopa nonattainment area and designate the western portion of Pinal County as a nonattainment area. Regarding ozone, EPA urged that additional measures be considered since monitored values are close to the standard.

PUBLIC INPUT:

An opportunity for public comment was provided at the April 26, 2007 MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee meeting and no public input was received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The Five Percent Plan for PM-10 is due to EPA by December 31, 2007. A large number of measures are expected to be necessary for the region to be able to demonstrate the five percent reduction in PM-10 emissions per year and attainment of the twenty-four hour PM-10 standard. The County memorandum identified additional measures which would be useful in reducing PM-10 pollution.

CONS: Achieving significant further reductions in emissions and attaining the standard will be difficult, as the region has already implemented a number of the most stringent control programs in the nation. Some of the air quality measures will be controversial, and most will result in increased costs to governments, consumers, or industry.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: On April 26, 2007, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended that Measure #3 Reduce the tolerance of trackout to 25 feet before immediate clean up for construction sites and Measure #4 No visible emissions at the property line, be sent back to the MAG consultant to provide additional information since new information was presented at the meeting. Also, Maricopa County staff reported that these two measures had been included in a new draft of the Maricopa County Fugitive Dust Control Rules to enable adoption by the end of the year. The Committee recommended no further consideration of Measure #2 Just-in-time grading limitations for construction, due to negligible impacts and Measure #5 Modeling cumulative impacts for permitted sources, due to uncertainties about the number and size of sources impacted.

During the measure evaluation process which began in December 2006, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee reviewed two versions of the preliminary draft 2005 emissions inventory prepared by Maricopa County, preliminary draft projected emissions for 2007, 2008, and 2009 prepared by MAG, air quality monitoring data, the modeling approach for the Five Percent Plan for PM-10, preliminary results from the MAG PM-10 Source Attribution and Deposition Study, Preliminary Draft Comprehensive List of Measures to Reduce PM-10 Particulate Matter, and the MAG Analysis of Particulate Control Measure Cost Effectiveness. On February 16, 2007, MAG conducted a workshop on the Preliminary Draft List of Measures and PM-10 Source Attribution Study.

POLICY: On March 28, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved the Suggested List of Measures to Reduce PM-10 Particulate Matter with one modification and one addition from the Maricopa County memorandum (1) to Measure #38 Restrict vehicle use and parking on vacant lots (e.g. Phoenix) by adding State to the list of implementing authorities and (2) to add Measure #1 to the Suggested List to grant Maricopa County the ability to assess liens on parcels to cover the cost of stabilization for the parcel.

Collectively, the Suggested List of Measures to Reduce PM-10 Particulate Matter includes forty-two measures. Many of the most significant measures are under the authority of Maricopa County since they strengthen the Maricopa County Fugitive Dust Control Rules which apply regionwide. It is critical that the dust control rules along with the other measures be adequately implemented and enforced. Several measures are also under the authority of local governments.

ACTION NEEDED:

Discussion and possible action to include additional measures in the Suggested List of Measures to Reduce PM-10 Particulate Matter.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee: On April 26, 2007, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended that Measure #3, Reduce the tolerance of trackout to 25 feet before immediate clean up is required for construction site. Maricopa County has already approved this standard for rock products facilities, and Measure #4, No visible emissions at the property line (also already in effect for rock products facilities), from the March 28, 2007 Maricopa County memorandum be sent back to the MAG consultant to review the emission reductions and cost effectiveness looking at an increase in enforcement and rule effectiveness and the technical feasibility of the measures, including the 25 feet trackout provision, with one member voting no (*italics*) and five members abstaining (**shaded**).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Cleveland, City of Goodyear, Chairman
#Jess Segovia, Avondale
Michael Salisbury for Lucky Roberts, Buckeye
#Jim Weiss, Chandler
#Jamie McCullough, El Mirage
Lisa Taraborelli for Tami Ryall, Gilbert
Doug Kukino, Glendale
Scott Bouchie, Mesa
Gaye Knight, Phoenix
Larry Person, Scottsdale
Antonio DeLaCruz, Surprise
Oddvar Tveit, Tempe
*Walter Bouchard, Citizen Representative
Corey Woods, American Lung Association of Arizona
Barbara Sprungl, Salt River Project
Brian O'Donnell, Southwest Gas Corporation
Mark Hajduk, Arizona Public Service Company
#Gina Grey, Western States Petroleum Association
*Randi Alcott, Valley Metro
Dave Berry, Arizona Motor Transport Association
Jeannette Fish, Maricopa County Farm Bureau
Russell Bowers, Arizona Rock Products Association
*Michelle Rill, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce

Amanda McGennis, Associated General Contractors

Spencer Kamps for Connie Wilhelm-Garcia, Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona

*Stephen J. Andros, American Institute of Architects - Central Arizona

*Mannie Carpenter, Valley Forward
Kai Umeda, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

Beverly Chenausky, Arizona Department of Transportation

Peter Hyde, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

#Wienke Tax, Environmental Protection Agency
Jo Crumbaker, Maricopa County Air Quality Department

Duane Yantorno, Arizona Department of Weights and Measures

Ed Stillings, Federal Highway Administration
Judi Nelson, Arizona State University

*B. Bobby Ramirez, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

*David Rueckert, Citizen Representative

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee: On April 26, 2007, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended that Measure #2, Just-in-time grading limitations for construction, from the March 28, 2007, Maricopa County memorandum not be further considered, with five members voting no (*italics*) and six members abstaining (**shaded**).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Cleveland, City of Goodyear, Chairman
#Jess Segovia, Avondale
Michael Salisbury for Lucky Roberts, Buckeye
#Jim Weiss, Chandler
#Jamie McCullough, El Mirage
Lisa Taraborelli for Tami Ryall, Gilbert
Doug Kukino, Glendale
Scott Bouchie, Mesa
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Corey Woods, American Lung Association of Arizona
Barbara Sprungl, Salt River Project
Brian O'Donnell, Southwest Gas Corporation
Mark Hajduk, Arizona Public Service Company
#**Gina Grey, Western States Petroleum Association**
*Randi Alcott, Valley Metro
Dave Berry, Arizona Motor Transport Association
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*Mannie Carpenter, Valley Forward
Kai Umeda, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
Beverly Chenausky, Arizona Department of Transportation
Peter Hyde, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
#**Wienke Tax, Environmental Protection Agency**
Jo Crumbaker, Maricopa County Air Quality Department
Duane Yantorno, Arizona Department of Weights and Measures
Ed Stillings, Federal Highway Administration
Judi Nelson, Arizona State University
*B. Bobby Ramirez, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
*David Rueckert, Citizen Representative

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

#Participated via telephone conference call.

+Participated via video conference call.

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee: On April 26, 2007, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended that Measure #5, Modeling cumulative impacts for permitted sources because of the effects of multiple sources locating in close proximity to each other, from the March 28, 2007 Maricopa County memorandum not be further considered, with five members voting no (*italics*) and eight members abstaining (**shaded**).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Cleveland, City of Goodyear, Chairman
#Jess Segovia, Avondale
Michael Salisbury for Lucky Roberts, Buckeye
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Russell Bowers, Arizona Rock Products Association
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**RESOLUTION ON
BUILDING A QUALITY ARIZONA**

A Resolution of the Maricopa Association of Governments supporting Building a Quality Arizona.

WHEREAS, in December 2006, the U.S. Bureau of the Census found that Arizona is the fastest growing state in the nation with a 3.6 percent increase in population from July 2005 to July 2006; and

WHEREAS, a population scenario incorporated into Building a Quality Arizona found that only one-third of Arizona's lands can be developed and projected Arizona's population to grow from 6.3 million in 2006 to more than 16 million in 2050; and

WHEREAS, transportation infrastructure is vital for the quality of life for Arizona residents, contributing to economic development, access to employment, housing, and recreation , as well as mobility for all Arizona residents to enjoy the scenic beauty throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Petroleum Institute, as of March 2007, Arizona's combined local/state/federal tax on gasoline is 37.4 cents and the national average is 45.8 cents, a difference of 8.4 cents; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's gas tax has not been increased since 1991 nor indexed to keep track with inflation, resulting in Arizona losing approximately \$1.9 billion from 1991 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, transportation funding has been diverted to the Department of Public Safety beyond the statutory limit and the vehicle license tax reduced resulting in a combined loss of \$867 million from 2001 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, transportation construction costs are increasing by 15 to 25 percent annually, causing existing local and state programs to be delayed; and

WHEREAS, federal transportation funding is in jeopardy, with the federal highway trust fund potentially depleted in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is the fastest growing state in the Union and only receives approximately 90 cents for every dollar that is paid into the National Highway Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force in 2001, estimated the 20-year transportation deficit statewide to be \$20 billion, and a draft scenario for Building a Quality Arizona in 2006 estimated the statewide need to be \$75 billion by 2050; and

WHEREAS, a united partnership for transportation funding is needed to address the transportation funding issue, involving regional planning agencies, the statewide business coalition, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Arizona State Legislature and the Governor,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the member agencies of the Maricopa Association of Governments are committed to working through the Building a Quality Arizona Project in cooperation with the statewide business coalition, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the State Legislature, and the Governor to identify an approach to provide additional transportation funding on a statewide basis to provide the needed transportation infrastructure for Arizona.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
THE MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS THIS
23RD DAY OF MAY 2007.

James M. Cavanaugh, Chair, MAG Regional Council

ATTEST:

Dennis Smith, Executive Director

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADDING THE INTERSTATE 10 NATIONAL FREIGHT CORRIDOR AS ONE OF THE THREE TO FIVE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS OF THE FUTURE

WHEREAS, transportation infrastructure is vital for the quality of life for Arizona residents, contributing to economic development, providing access to employment, housing, and recreation, as well as mobility for all Arizona residents to enjoy the scenic beauty throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 10 is the second highest use transportation corridor in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in December 2006, the U.S. Bureau of the Census found that Arizona is the fastest growing state in the nation with a 3.6 percent increase in population from July 2005 to July 2006; and

WHEREAS, the growth for the state of Arizona has increased by 20 percent in the past five years and is expected to grow by 70 percent by 2020 and 128 percent by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the MAG region is not located on a main line railroad, which significantly limits freight rail capacity into and out of the region and the long term freight rail capacity needs for the MAG region still need to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 750,000 freight trucks travel the Interstate 10 corridor each year; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration estimates that by 2020 the daily traffic on the corridor will include between 12,500 to 25,000 freight trucks and thousands of personal vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate 10 in the MAG region has the highest average per mile fatality rate on the freeway; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is the fastest growing state in the Union and only receives approximately 90 cents for every dollar that is paid into the National Highway Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate 10 Transportation Corridor has not been designated as a Congressional High Priority Transportation Corridor in most of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, achieving Corridor of the Future status for the Interstate 10 National Freight Corridor will help alleviate the current day-long gridlock that hampers the movement of some of the nation's heaviest commercial traffic and jeopardizes the quality of life of our own residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Regional Council of the Maricopa Association of Governments is supportive of the efforts to include the Interstate 10 National Freight Corridor as one of the three to five Transportation Corridors of the Future, as identified by the Department of Transportation's National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Networks.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL COUNCIL THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY 2007.

James M. Cavanaugh, Chair, MAG Regional Council

ATTEST:

Dennis Smith, Executive Director