

April 12, 2004

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 19, 2004 - 12:00 noon  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 968-4474 or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

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**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	2. Information and discussion.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee 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 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.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

\*3A. Approval of the February 9, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

\*3B. Project and Consultant Approvals for the MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Program

MAG is providing \$200,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding for the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program. MAG member agencies were requested to submit projects in February 2004 to receive the design assistance. On March 9, 2004, the MAG Pedestrian Working Group recommended that nine consultants be included on the on-call list as attached and that the following receive design assistance: 1) City of Goodyear Pedestrian Bridge - \$40,000 and 2) City of Phoenix Central Laveen Commercial District Watercourse Demonstration Project - \$80,000. The Transportation Review Committee concurred with the Pedestrian Working Group recommendations. An update will be provided on any discussion or action taken by the Management Committee at their April 14, 2004 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

3A. Review and approve the February 9, 2004 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Approve the selection of those on the attached list as on-call consultants to provide pedestrian design assistance and to select the following projects to receive the pedestrian design assistance: 1) City of Goodyear Pedestrian Bridge – \$40,000 and 2) City of Phoenix Central Laveen Commercial District Watercourse Demonstration Project – \$80,000.

## ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4. Discussion and Update on the Draft FY 2005  
MAG Unified Planning Work Program and  
Annual Budget

In May, we anticipate presenting the Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to the Regional Council for approval. Minor adjustments have been made to some of the budgeted amounts. To begin finalizing the budget, guidance is needed on the Walking and Bicycling in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference, the Building a Quality Regional Community project, and the Building Codes Compilation and Web Addition Project and Assessment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Compensation Study Update

On February 9, 2004, the Executive Committee agreed to move forward with a compensation study for MAG staff with Public Sector Personnel Consultants (PSPC). A staff member from the City of Peoria and a staff member from the City of Mesa have participated in an advisory role in the development of the study. A list of comparative agencies was provided to PSPC. A mid-point meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2004 to discuss the progress of the study. Staff will provide the Executive Committee an update on the discussions at the meeting.

6. Need to Include PM-10 in the CMAQ  
Allocation Funding

Presently, the transportation reauthorization legislation does not include the PM-10 particulate standard in the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding allocation formula. If PM-10 is not included, Arizona will not be allocated federal air quality funding for its most serious air pollution problem. It is anticipated that a Conference Committee will convene the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. To date, Congressman Shadegg offered an amendment to include PM-10 in the

4. Information, discussion and input on the development of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

5. Information, discussion and input on the progress of the Compensation Study.

6. Information, discussion and input on the need to include PM-10 in the CMAQ allocation funding.

formula on the House Floor, but it was withdrawn after two key Congressmen agreed to revisit the language in the Conference Committee. Congressman Hayworth also sent a letter of support signed by California, Nevada, Utah, and Washington. An update will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Papago Park-Tovrea Castle Centennial Project

Mr. John Driggs, former Mayor of the City of Phoenix, and Chairman of the Phoenix Heritage Commission, Tovrea Castle Project, will present a concept to the Executive Committee for a Centennial Project for the Papago Park area. It is envisioned that by coordinating several major public projects in and around the Papago Park area, that this could serve as the focal point for Arizona's statehood centennial in 2012. Several agencies could be involved in coordinating and implementing this concept. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. 2004 Desert Peaks Awards Update

On October 22, 2003, the Regional Council approved restructuring the Desert Peaks Awards Program. The 2004 Desert Peaks Awards Program will be held at the Arizona Club in conjunction with the Regional Council Annual meeting on June 23, 2004. Thirty-five nominations have been submitted. A panel of eight judges has been confirmed and a meeting to select the award recipients has been scheduled for May 19, 2004. Staff will provide additional information on the planning process for the 2004 awards program.

9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative bills of importance to MAG.

10. Adjournment

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information, discussion and input on the Desert Peaks Awards Program.

9. Information and discussion.