

October 7, 2005

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Keno Hawker, City of Mesa, Chair

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

Monday, October 17, 2005 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North 1st 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) 644-2388 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> 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.	2. Information and discussion.

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 September 12, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*3B. Amendment to the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Plan

A regional study is being requested to preserve and protect Interstate 10 in the Western Maricopa County generally west of the White Tank Mountains/Hassayampa Valley. Several agencies would participate financially in the study, including ADOT, MAG, Maricopa County and the Town of Buckeye and City of Surprise. The purpose of the study is to develop a roadway framework plan for connections to the Interstate and other regional roadways, including US-60/Grand Avenue, SR-85, Bell Road, and SR-303L/Estrella Freeway. Given the regional nature of this project, MAG would serve as the lead agency. The project is preliminarily estimated to cost \$500,000. MAG's portion (approximately \$110,000) for the project would come from MAG's contingency funds. This item is on the October 12, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided

3A. Review and approve the September 12, 2005 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Approve amending the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Regional Framework Study for an amount of \$500,000, with approximately \$110,000 provided by MAG using contingency funds.

on the action by the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*3C. Amendment to the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration Funds

Each year, MAG prepares a Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget that lists anticipated revenues for the coming year. Recently the Arizona Department of Transportation provided the official amount of FY 2005 Federal Transit Administration funds and FY 2006 Federal Highway Administration Planning (PL) funds and State Planning and Research (SPR) funds. (1) The amount of FTA planning funds is \$906,619; (2) The amount of FHWA PL funds is \$4,351,576; and, (3) The amount of FHWA SPR funds is \$750,000. An amendment to the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to include these funds. This item is on the October 12, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on the action by the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*3D. Consultant Selection for Digital Aerial Photography

In May 2005, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, which included \$75,000 for digital aerial photography. As in past years, this photography has been made available at no charge to MAG member agencies for planning purposes. On September 11, 2005, MAG advertised a Request for Proposals for consulting firms to provide these services. Three proposals were received from Aerials Express, Digital Mapping, Inc., and Air Photo USA. A multijurisdictional evaluation team is scheduled to review the proposals by October 7, 2005. A consultant selection will be forwarded to the Management Committee on October 12, 2005. An update will be provided to the Executive Committee on any discussion.

3C. Approve an amendment to the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the award of FY 2005 FTA planning funds and FY 2006 FHWA planning related funds.

3D. Approval of a consultant to provide digital aerial photography not to exceed \$75,000.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4. Update on Phase I of the Regional Governmental Service Center

On September 12, 2005, the Executive Committee concurred with the Building Lease Working Group's (BLWG) recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Langdon Wilson for Phase I, architectural and engineering services related to the Regional Governmental Service Center. On September 28, 2005, the Regional Council approved this recommendation. At the October 11, 2005 BLWG meeting, Langdon Wilson will provide a presentation on the programming and planning process for Phase I. An update will be provided to the Executive Committee on any discussion and input by the BLWG.

5. Regional Planning Dialogue

At the September 2005 League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference, it was noted that Arizona is expected to grow from 5 million in 2005 to 15 million in 2050. Emphasis was placed on the planning regions and agencies such as the State Land Department and the Arizona Department of Transportation working together to address this growth. Following the growth presentation at the Conference, the Directors of the Arizona Councils of Governments met to discuss the importance of fostering more dialogue among the regional and state planning agencies. It was proposed that each year, the leadership of these agencies meet to discuss the immediate and future growth issues to collectively focus on actions that could be pursued. Interest by the Executive Committee members in this type of meeting is being requested. It was proposed that this meeting begin with a dinner followed by a presentation and dialogue that evening. The dialogue would continue the next morning and the meeting would conclude with a wrap-up session at lunch. The idea would be to develop better relationships among the agencies that are preparing plans for the future of Arizona.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Information, discussion and input on conducting a meeting of regional and state agencies to address common growth issues.

6. Desert Peaks 2006

On October 22, 2003, the Regional Council approved restructuring the Desert Peaks Awards Program. On June 23, 2004, the Desert Peaks Awards Program was held at the Arizona Club. Staff is beginning to discuss the planning process for the 2006 Desert Peaks Awards and the venue for this event.

7. Workforce Housing Task Force Draft Resolution

At the September Management Committee, Executive Committee, and Regional Council meetings, a representative from the Workforce Housing Task Force presented an action plan to increase the supply of housing for the workforce in the MAG Region. At the request of the Regional Council, a draft resolution is being prepared to indicate support by the MAG member agencies to address the workforce housing issue. The draft resolution is on the October 12, 2005 Management Committee agenda for possible action. An update will be provided to the Executive Committee on any discussion from the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Adjournment

6. Information, discussion and input on the Desert Peaks Awards Program.

7. Information, discussion, and possible recommendation to approve a Workforce Housing Resolution.