

May 20, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG High Capacity Transit Working Group

FROM: Dawn M. Coomer, Multi-Modal Program Manager

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION

Thursday, May 30, 2002 – 2:00 p.m.  
MAG Offices, Suite 200 - Cholla Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

Member agencies and stakeholders are invited to attend the High Capacity Transit Working Group meeting. **Please note the change in the meeting time.** An agenda for the meeting is included for your information. The Working Group is assisting in the development of the MAG High Capacity Transit Plan by providing input and reviewing key deliverables of the project. IBI Group, consultant to MAG for this project, is currently completing a working paper for Milestone 2 of the project. The paper will identify thresholds for commuter rail and other high capacity transit service, document travel demand modeling methods and socioeconomic forecast scenarios, and provide an inventory of facility and operational characteristics and issues of existing rail corridors in the region. An initial assessment of corridors in the MAG region will also be included in the working paper. When completed, the working paper will be placed on the MAG Web site at [www.mag.maricopa.gov](http://www.mag.maricopa.gov).

The MAG High Capacity Transit Plan is addressing the feasibility of commuter rail along existing rail corridors, estimating the costs and benefits of this service, and assessing how it would interact with other transit and roadway modes. The study will also identify other high capacity alternatives for existing rail corridors where commuter rail is not feasible, and identify new potential high capacity transit corridors. The planning efforts for the High Capacity Transit Plan will be integrated with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan.

We hope that you or your designated representative will attend this meeting. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call me or Eric Anderson at (602) 254-6300. E-mail can be sent to [dcoomer@mag.maricopa.gov](mailto:dcoomer@mag.maricopa.gov).

c: MAG Management Committee  
MAG Transportation Review Committee  
Valley Metro Operations Staff  
Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Transit Project Agency Oversight Team  
Intergovernmental Coordinators  
Eric Anderson, MAG

**AGENDA**  
**MAG HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT WORKING GROUP**  
**May 30, 2002**

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Meeting attendees, MAG staff and the IBI Group will be introduced.
2. **Project Milestones and Schedule.** The consultant team will provide a brief review of the project milestones and schedule.
3. **Rail Inventory.** The consultant team will present preliminary result of the physical and operational inventory of rail corridors in the MAG region, including implications for commuter rail.
4. **Key Factors for High-Capacity Transit and Preliminary Corridor Review.** The consultant will summarize key demographic and transportation characteristics of successful commuter rail, light rail and bus rapid transit (BRT) systems, and present an initial analysis of major travel corridors in the MAG region.
5. **General Comments and Questions.**
6. **Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting of the High Capacity Transit Working Group is scheduled for **July 25, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.** in the MAG Cholla Room.