

June 7, 2005

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, June 15, 2005 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. Special parking places marked "MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER" will be reserved for Management Committee members on the fourth and fifth levels of the garage. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
June 15, 2005**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on 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. Citizens 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 Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> 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. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. <u>Approval of May 11, 2005 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approve the May 11, 2005 meeting minutes.
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- *5B. Federal Fiscal Year 2005 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2005 and FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$18.5 million is available for the interim closeout, plus a possible \$1.5 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. Approximately \$58 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. On March 24, 2005, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended allowing 15 projects, totaling \$12.96 million, to defer from FFY 2005 to later years. This is in addition to \$4.6 million in uncommitted funds. To utilize the available funds, on May 26, 2005, the TRC recommended 26 projects, totaling \$20 million, plus an additional \$4,118,825 in contingency projects if any further funds become available or if any projects unexpectedly drop out. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5C. Consultant Selection for the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan

The FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council, includes \$150,000 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for the development of the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan. A multi-jurisdictional review team evaluated the five proposals received and recommended to the MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force that Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. be selected to develop the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan for \$150,000. On May 17, 2005, the MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force recommended that Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. be awarded the \$150,000 contract to develop the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5D. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Add a Phoenix Federally Funded Bridge Replacement and

- 5B. Recommend approving the interim closeout of Federal FY 2005, as shown in the attached Tables and recommend amending/adjusting the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP and the FY 2005 and FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to allow the projects to proceed.

- 5C. Recommend approval to select Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. as the consultant to develop the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan for \$150,000.

- 5D. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add a bridge replacement and rehabilitation funded project at 19th Avenue at the

Rehabilitation Project and a Glendale Hazard Elimination Safety (STP-HES) Project for FY 2005

Following approval of the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP on November 25, 2003, some projects have been identified that need to be added to the TIP to allow them to proceed during the current fiscal year. A bridge over the Grand Canal at 19th Avenue in the City of Phoenix has been awarded Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BR) funds, and the City of Glendale has received STP-HES funds for making improvements to the intersection of 51st and Northern Avenues. A TIP Amendment is needed to allow these projects to proceed, but both projects would be regarded as exempt for which an air quality conformity analysis is not required. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of a TIP Amendment to add the BR funded project in Phoenix and the Safety funded project in Glendale. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Grand Canal in Phoenix and a safety improvement project to the intersection of 51st and Northern Avenues in Glendale to FY 2005.

*5E. Proposed New Federal Functional Classification for Old Litchfield Road, From Indian School Road to Bird Lane

The City of Litchfield Park has requested to raise the functional classification for Old Litchfield Road, Indian School Road to Bird Lane from the current classification of Local Street to Urban Collector. The roadway is regarded as being eligible for reclassification and staff are recommending that MAG concurrence with the City's request should be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation. The Transportation Review Committee unanimously recommended concurrence of this functional classification change. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Recommend MAG concurrence with Federally classifying Old Litchfield Road from Indian School Road to Bird Lane, as an Urban Collector.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

*5F. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes a City of Phoenix request for a Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation project over the Grand Canal at

5F. Consultation.

19th Avenue for FY 2005 and a City of Glendale request for a federally-funded safety improvement project at 51st and Northern Avenues for FY 2005. In addition, as part of the Federal FY 2005 Interim Year End Closeout, the proposed amendment includes new projects and changes to existing projects in the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by June 24, 2005. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEM

*5G. Preparations for Conducting the 2005 Census Survey

At the May 2005 Management Committee meeting, an update on preparations for the 2005 Census Survey was provided. Since that time a number of events have transpired. Address lists have been forwarded to the Census Bureau to reduce the amount of block canvassing field work and help control census costs. The proposed list of outdoor locations was transmitted to member agencies for comment and revised as necessary. A print test of the census questionnaire was conducted, mail materials reviewed and input provided by member agencies. Additionally, MAG has updated the Census Survey 2005 Web site to include downloads for the regional brochure and frequently asked questions. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Information.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Requested Change for the MAG Regional Freeway Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested a cost increase of about \$17.6 million for the Red Mountain Freeway segment between Power Road and University Drive. The final design for the project is just about complete and

6. Recommend approval of the cost increase for the Red Mountain Freeway from Power Road to University Drive.

revised cost estimates have been prepared. The revised total construction cost for this segment is estimated to be \$144.1 million for the four and one-half mile section. This segment parallels the Central Arizona Project (CAP) canal and the Spook Hill Floodway Retarding Structure. Both of these features create some complications for the freeway construction since the function of the floodway and retarding structure must be maintained, the freeway must be protected against flooding, and maintenance access for the CAP canal and the adjoining electrical transmission lines must be maintained. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Draft of the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

House Bill 2456, passed in 2004 in association with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Proposition 400, requires "budgeting processes" for the freeway/highway and arterial streets/intersections modes in the RTP be adopted to ensure that the estimated costs for projects in each mode do not exceed the total amount of revenues estimated to be available for that mode (ARS 28-6352). In response to this new requirement, MAG has initiated the development of an Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) and has completed the development of Draft *ALCP Policies and Procedures* to guide its implementation. An update will be provided on discussion and action to date. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information and discussion.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

8. Update on Critical Issues with the Maricopa County Air Programs

At the May 25, 2005 Regional Council meeting, a report was provided on two critical air quality issues that if not addressed could impact the MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan.

First, on May 18, 2005, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a Notice of Deficiency to Maricopa County for the County's

8. Information and discussion.

Clean Air Permit Program for industrial sources. The program does not meet the Clean Air Act requirements and is seriously flawed. The EPA notice indicates that if Maricopa County does not take significant action to assure adequate administration and enforcement of the program within 90 days, EPA may enforce a federal permitting program and apply sanctions. The sanctions include the loss of federal highway funds and two-to-one offsets for industrial sources.

Second, in August 2004, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors approved \$1 million to hire 19 additional full-time employees to strengthen the enforcement of the Maricopa County Fugitive Dust Control Rules. However, only seven have been hired. The Fugitive Dust Control Rules are key measures in the MAG Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. Failure to adequately enforce the rules could jeopardize meeting the federal particulate standards, which could result in a plan requiring further emission reductions that could be difficult to achieve.

At the May Regional Council meeting, Maricopa County was requested to provide monthly updates regarding progress made on correcting the deficiencies regarding the Title V Permit Program and on hiring additional inspectors. An update will be provided to the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

9. Election of Officers

Each June, the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are elected by the Management Committee.

10. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

9. Elect a Chair and a Vice Chair.

10. Information.