

July 16, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

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

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24, 2002

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
July 24, 2002**

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of June 26, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve June 26, 2002 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. 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 Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Interim Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Interim Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <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, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Approve the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

*7. <u>Enhancement Funds Working Group Round X Recommendations</u>  The Enhancement Funds Working Group received 16 enhancement fund applications for local funds totaling \$5,726,274 with approximately \$7.5 million available statewide. Three applications for state funds were received totaling \$998,009 with approximately \$5.5 million	7. Approval to forward the ranked applications from the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee.
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available statewide. The Working Group ranked the projects and recommended that they be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The Working Group also recommended that two local applications not be forwarded to ADOT. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*8. Draft FY 2004-2008 MAG TIP Guidance Report

Each year at the beginning of the cycle to develop the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), MAG provides a TIP Guidance Report which updates the regional Transportation Management Systems; Title VI, environmental justice and other socioeconomic factors; and other policy changes with regard to programming TIP projects. The Transportation Review Committee recommended acceptance of the Report and also recommended deferring the programming of 2008 MAG federal funds, which except for certain air quality projects, may need to be programmed for air quality conformity purposes. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*9. Federal Fiscal Year 2002 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On June 25, 2002, the Transportation Review Committee recommended the final closeout to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The Committee recommended utilizing any uncommitted or redistributed Obligation Authority (OA) on providing (1) an additional \$468,000 (CMAQ) for advancing a City of Peoria traffic synchronization project; (2) \$313,000 (CMAQ) for advancing the design of the dual left turn lane project at Stapley Drive at US-60 and (3) \$303,000 (CMAQ) for advancing the design of the dual left turn lane project at Val Vista Drive. All three projects are either currently shown in the first year of the TIP or are currently underway. To allow these projects to utilize the federal funds, an administrative adjustment to the FY 2002-2006

8. Acceptance of the Draft FY 2004-2008 MAG Transportation Improvement Program Guidance Report.

9. Approval of the following to close out the MAG Federally funded program: (1) to defer an ITS project in Mesa (\$339,480, CMAQ) and an ITS project in Scottsdale (\$780,000, CMAQ) to FY 2003; (2) provide an additional \$468,000 (CMAQ) for advancing a City of Peoria traffic synchronization project; (3) \$313,000 (CMAQ) for advancing the design of the dual left turn lane project at Stapley Drive at US-60; (4) \$303,000 (CMAQ) for advancing the design of the dual left turn lane project at Val Vista Drive; (5) "loan" any unused OA to ADOT, to be reimbursed the following fiscal year; and (6) approve an administrative adjustment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP to achieve these actions.

MAG TIP is necessary. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Transportation Review Committee and also recommended to defer a FY 2002 project for Mesa and a FY 2002 project for Scottsdale to FY 2003. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### AIR QUALITY ITEMS

\*10. Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2002 Update

The Draft 2002 Conformity Analysis concludes that the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. Approval of the conformity finding by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and LRTP. The Management Committee recommended approval of the conformity finding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*11. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2002 Update to reflect modifications to Mill Avenue in the City of Tempe. An administrative adjustment to the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP is also necessary to incorporate minor project revisions. In addition, consultation is being conducted on the closeout of the FY 2002 MAG Federal funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*12. Draft MAG Comments on the Implementation of the New Eight Hour Ozone Standard

The Environmental Protection Agency is requesting comments on the implementation of the new eight hour ozone standard. Key issues include: classification of areas, attainment dates, transport, transportation conformity, and CMAQ funding implications. On May 30, 2002, the

10. Approval of the Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2002 Update.

11. For consultation.

12. Information and possible discussion of the draft MAG comments on the implementation of the new eight hour ozone standard.

MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed a draft list of MAG comments. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### GENERAL ITEMS

\*13. Small Plant Review and Approval Process for the Proposed Quintero Wastewater Treatment Facility

The City of Peoria has requested that MAG review the proposed Quintero Wastewater Treatment Facility through the Small Plant Review and Approval Process of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The facility would have an ultimate capacity of 150,000 gallons per day and excess reclaimed water would be disposed of through reuse. The City of Surprise and the Maricopa County unincorporated area are within three miles of the project, and both have indicated they do not object to the proposed facility. On July 8, 2002, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Quintero facility. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*14. Census 2000 Data Release

On May 24, 2002, the United States Bureau of the Census released additional Census 2000 data for Arizona, its counties and its places. These data include, but are not limited to, education, employment, income, industry, language at home, occupation, poverty, housing units and housing value. MAG staff has extracted these data for MAG member agencies and incorporated them into a series of tables. Later this summer, these data will be released at the Census Tract and Block Group level of geography. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*15. Support of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

On June 20, 2002, the MAG Human Services Technical Advisory Committee (HSTC), recommended urging the President to release the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Emergency Contingency Block Grant

13. Approval of the proposed Quintero Wastewater Treatment Facility as part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

14. Information and possible discussion.

15. Possible ratification on potential action by the Executive Committee to urge the President to release the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Emergency Contingency Block Grant Funds that have been appropriated by Congress to Arizona.

Funds. On July 15, 2002 the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee (HSCC) Executive Committee recommended approval to urge the President to release the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Emergency Contingency Block Grant Funds that have been appropriated by Congress to Arizona. Please refer to the enclosed material.

## ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

### TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

16. Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the MAG Transportation Policy Committee

At the June 24, 2002 Regional Council Meeting, the members of the Transportation Policy Committee were appointed. The appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair was deferred until the July Regional Council meeting.

17A. FY 2002 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity

As part of its FY 2002 Final Phase Public Input Opportunity, the Maricopa Association of Governments co-sponsored several events in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Valley Metro, and Valley Connections. The Final Phase Open House and Public Hearing was conducted on Monday, July 1, 2002 and provided information on the Draft FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), various aspects of the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2002 Update and the Draft 2002 Conformity Analysis. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17B. Approval to the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year, MAG develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists all required transportation related projects in the MAG region for up to the next five years. The MAG Regional Council approved the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP in April 2002, for the purpose of conducting a conformity analysis. This analysis is now

16. Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the MAG Transportation Policy Committee.

17A. Acceptance of the FY 2002 MAG Final Phase Input Opportunity Report.

17B. Approval of the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

complete, and on July 1, 2002, a public hearing was held as the culmination of a month long public review of the Draft TIP, the Long Range Transportation Plan 2002 Update and the Draft 2002 Conformity Analysis. The Management Committee recommended approval of the TIP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17C. Approval of the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2002 Update

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans and programs be in conformance with applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, a conformity analysis was conducted on the update to the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Key items addressed in the 2002 Update include: (1) extending the time horizon to 2022, (2) addition of a half-diamond interchange on the Agua Fria Freeway at Bethany Home, and (3) incorporation of the West Valley Multi-modal Transportation Corridor Plan. The Management Committee recommended approval of the update. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17D. Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MAG Long Range Transportation Plan

An amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan is requested to reflect modifications to Mill Avenue in the City of Tempe. These modifications have undergone the necessary air quality conformity consultation process. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17C. Approval of the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2002 Update contingent upon a finding of conformity of the LRTP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

17D. Approval to amend the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan to include the modifications to Mill Avenue in Tempe between Rio Salado and University Drive.

**AIR QUALITY ITEM**

18. Strengthened Enforcement of Maricopa County Dust Control Rules

The Maricopa County Fugitive Dust Control Rule 210 is a key measure in the MAG Revised 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. This rule covers a wide variety of fugitive dust sources. A presentation will be given on the status of the strengthened enforcement efforts by Maricopa County.

18. For information.