

April 8, 2004

TO: Members of the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group
FROM: Greg Binder, Phoenix, Chairman
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, April 15, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group (TAG) will be held at the time and place noted above. Members of the Telecommunications Advisory Group may attend in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call 602-261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 624824 (MAGTAG) on your telephone key pad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above. Those attending by videoconference are requested to contact MAG by Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

A Kickoff for the Digital Oasis Initiative will be held at 9 a.m. in the MAG Saguaro room.

If you are attending in person, please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or 11 people for the MAGTAG. **If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Heidi Pahl at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

ADVISORY GROUP ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group (TAG) 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 Chair of the MAGTAG 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 March 18, 2004 Meeting Minutes

4. Effective Use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for MAG Member Agencies

As part of the Information Sharing Working Group initiative to educate and inform the TAG and others on various telecommunications issues, one agenda item each meeting will be devoted to an informational telecommunications-related issue. For this informational session, three guest speakers will provide information on GIS as a tool and how it can be effectively used by local governments. Gene Trobia, Arizona State Cartographer, will provide a general overview on GIS; Rita Walton, MAG Information Services Manager, will discuss how MAG uses GIS to assist member agencies; and Shawn Woolley, Gilbert IT Director will discuss GIS and an Interactive Mapping System (IMS) infrastructure project at Gilbert. Please invite interested parties from your agency

2. For information.

3. Review and approve March 18, 2004 meeting minutes.
5 minutes

4. For information and discussion.
60 minutes

to attend this information sharing session on GIS.

5. Community Vital Signs

Community Vital Signs is a partnership between Valley of the Sun United Way and MAG. This partnership collects data from numerous sources and makes it available to the community. Community Vital Signs was published March 2004 and printed by the Arizona Republic. An update will be provided and copies of the publication will be available at the meeting.

6. MAGTAG Working Group Projects

MAGTAG, members requested that the Information Sharing Working Group arrange informational sessions on telecommunications related issues for future MAGTAG meetings. An update will be provided.

The Digital Oasis Initiative will define and identify high-bandwidth connected buildings, developments and residential communities in the MAG region to encourage trip reduction activities and stimulate further economic development. The Digital Oasis Initiative was on the March 2004 Regional Council agenda. An update will be provided.

7. Announcements and Public Input

An opportunity will be provided to Committee members and members of the public to address the MAGTAG.

8. Date of Future Meetings

MAGTAG meetings are held once a month. The next meeting of the MAGTAG is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday May 20, 2004 in the MAG

5. For information and discussion.
10 minutes

6. For information and discussion.
10 minutes

7. For information and discussion.
5 minutes

8. For information.

Saguaro room. The remainder of meetings
for 2004 are as follows:

June 17, 2004

July 15, 2004

August 19, 2004

September 23, 2004

October 21, 2004

November 18, 2004

December 16, 2004