

April 8, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Chris Voigt, Senior Engineer

SUBJECT: WORKSHOP ON ARTERIAL INTERCHANGES

Thursday, May 1, 2003 - 10 a.m.
MAG 2nd Floor Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

In support of the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by the Transportation Policy Committee, the Transportation Review Committee has requested a group meet to address priorities for new interchanges on existing freeways. The results of this review will be forwarded to the MAG RTP process under the direction of the Transportation Policy Committee for further consideration and analysis, as appropriate. Accordingly, a workshop to address new arterial interchanges has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. You are invited to attend this Workshop or send a representative. Please refer to the attached agenda.

For the workshop, a draft list of potential arterial interchanges was developed from information gathered to date in the RTP process. A partial draft list of potential criteria was also compiled that may be used to determine eligibility of interchanges for consideration in the RTP process. **Comments on the attached draft documents will be requested at the workshop.**

As noted above, the results from this review of interchange priorities will be forwarded to the MAG Regional Transportation Plan process for further consideration and analysis, as appropriate. The MAG RTP under the direction of the Transportation Policy Committee will specify final priorities for all transportation projects.

On September 21, 2002, the MAG Transportation Policy Committee requested local jurisdictions submit potential projects for consideration in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process. Among the suggestions for potential projects that have been received to date from local jurisdictions are traffic interchanges (TIs).

At the January 2003 meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC), following general discussion on the need for a process for adding TIs to the regional system, the representative for the City of Goodyear suggested that ADOT and MAG develop a policy to address the future needs of transportation interchanges on the regional freeway system and that specific criteria be developed that establish justification for interchanges. The TRC directed staff to establish a group to identify and establish specific criteria for TI site selection, and the funding and construction of future interchanges on the regional freeway system.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (602) 254-6300 or email cvoigt@mag.maricopa.gov.

Attachments

c: MAG Intergovernmental Representatives

MAG REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN ARTERIAL INTERCHANGE WORKSHOP

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Introduction
2. Identification of Potential Arterial Interchanges for Existing Freeways
A draft list of potential interchanges has been developed based on input received in the MAG RTP process. Your comments on the draft list are requested. Please refer to the attached.
3. Draft Potential Criteria
A draft list of potential criteria that may be used to assess and rank arterial interchanges for construction has been developed for your review and comment. A short-list of criteria is required. Criteria other than the ones listed on the attached may be suggested at the workshop for inclusion on the short-list. Please refer to the attached.
4. Next Steps
Results from this workshop will be forwarded to the RTP process for further consideration and analysis as appropriate.

* Project documents including the scope of work, draft working papers and meeting agendas are being made available on the MAG website, www.mag.maricopa.gov, under "Transportation" and "Regional Transportation Plan"

Attachment #1

Potential Interchanges

Attachment #2

Draft Potential Criteria