

February 4, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, February 12, 2003 - 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
February 12, 2003**

	<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 will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee 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 Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.	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 January 8, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approve January 8, 2003 meeting minutes.
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AIR QUALITY ITEM

*5B. <u>Conformity Consultation</u> A proposed amendment to the FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program involves the addition of five new Transportation	5B. For consultation.
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Enhancement projects in fiscal years 2003 and 2004. In addition, the amendment also includes the deferral of two Maricopa County intersection safety and improvement projects and one Transportation Enhancement project from FY 2002 to FY 2003. An amendment is required to add the new projects to the TIP. The amendment involves new projects that are considered exempt from conformity determinations and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. A description of the projects is provided in the attached interagency consultation memorandum. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Revised Funding Distribution for the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

On July 25, 2001, the Regional Council approved a distribution of the \$70,000 in grant funding from the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Rebate Program. As of January 2003, MAG was informed by some of the recipients that they will be unable to expend \$12,000 of their remaining grant funds when the grant ends on May 31, 2003. Due to the Department of Energy needing to be advised by February 28, 2003, staff contacted the remaining agencies to indicate if they could expend the remaining funds. Two agencies indicated that they could expend the remaining funds. Staff is recommending that the City of Phoenix receive the remaining \$12,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the Telework Outreach Program

The Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) Telework Outreach Program is requesting to use \$160,000 of its \$300,000 grant to launch an Ozone Education Program this Spring. On January 30, 2003, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended amending the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accomplish this task. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Recommend approval of the revised distribution of the remaining \$12,000 in funds from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program.

5D. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to use \$160,000 from the Telework Outreach Program for an Ozone Education Program conducted by the Regional Public Transportation Authority.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS***5E. Red Letter Notification**

The Regional Council approved the Red Letter Process in 1996 to provide early notification of potential development in planned freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning, and permits. Notifications will be placed on the consent agenda for information and discussion at the Transportation Review Committee, Management Committee, and Regional Council meetings. If a member wishes to take action on a notification, the item can be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. The item could then be placed on the agenda of a subsequent meeting for action. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Information and discussion.

***5F. Approval of Rubberized Asphalt Improvements**

In January, the funding for the rubberized asphalt improvements was approved by the Regional Council contingent upon the map of the improvements being approved at the February meeting. On January 30, 2003, the Transportation Review Committee recommended the map for the implementation of the rubberized asphalt improvements. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Recommend approving the map to implement the rubberized asphalt improvements.

***5G. Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Safety and Enhancement Fund Projects**

Recently, the State Transportation Board approved Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA) funding for four projects within the MAG region. In addition, MAG was notified of two Surface Transportation program, Hazard Elimination Safety (STP-HES) funded Maricopa County projects and two TEA funded projects (one for Chandler and one for ADOT) that need to be added to the TIP. These latter four projects were originally programmed in earlier TIPs and were incorrectly reported as being underway during the development of more recent TIPs. It is necessary to amend the current TIP to include

5G. Recommend approval of the Transportation Review Committee's recommendation for an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for federal Transportation Safety and Enhancement funds as shown on the attached Table One.

these projects in FY 2003 and FY 2004 so that they may proceed to construction. All of the projects concerned are regarded as exempt for air quality purposes and the consultation for this item is considered as a separate agenda item. The Transportation Review Committee unanimously recommended approval of this amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEM

*5H. Approval of Recommendations for Social Services Block Grant Fund Recommendations, SFY 2003-2004

Each year, the Human Services Coordinating Committee identifies which services should be targeted for Social Services Block Grant Funds (SSBG). This year, the federal government has not specified and appropriated SSBG funding to the states for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. To move the funding allocation process along as soon as funds become available, the Department of Economic Security has requested that MAG identify services and funding amounts using the same funding allocation figures as in the 2002-2003 fiscal year. To accommodate this request, the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee has recommended using the 2003-2004 recommendations for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Recommend approval of the priority needs, services and funding recommendations for SFY 2003-2004 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security for advertisement and contracting.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. TEA-21 Reauthorization Update (5 minutes)

At the January Management Committee meeting a draft resolution regarding guiding principles for reauthorization was presented for information and discussion. If approved, this resolution could be used in efforts from this region to advocate for the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). Potential transit discretionary projects are included, which are being considered by the Regional Public

6. Information, discussion and recommendation to approve the TEA-21 Reauthorization Resolution.

Transportation Authority. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. ADOT Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System and the MAG Region ADOT Statewide Program (5 minutes)

Each year, ADOT prepares a revised Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System and a Five-Year Highway Construction Program for the MAG region. Even though MAG is not going to be updating the MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan this year, ADOT is requesting that the attached Life Cycle Program and the MAG Region Statewide Program be approved by MAG for the purpose of public review and comment. Once public comment is received and any subsequent program changes are made, the ADOT projects will be incorporated into the next update of the MAG TIP and LRTP, subject to air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Recommend approval of the Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System and the MAG Region Statewide Program for the purpose of public review and comment.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

8. Air Quality Update (5 minutes)

The Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest filed a lawsuit challenging the Environmental Protection Agency approval of the Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area. On December 19, 2002, the Environmental Protection Agency filed its brief in defense of the plan. The American Trucking Associations, Inc. also submitted a brief in support of the Environmental Protection Agency. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

9. Discussion of the FY 2004 Proposed Revenues and Expenditures and Projects in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (5 minutes)

As part of our new budget process, staff is implementing an incremental review of key

9. Information, discussion and input on the development of the Work Program and Annual Budget.

components of the budget and work program, leading to approval of the budget and work program in May 2003. For the February meeting, staff is providing an overview of MAG's estimated FY 2004 revenues and expenses and proposed new projects. This information is considered draft and subject to change. To further assist our member agencies, we are producing a summary budget document, called "MAG Programs in Brief." The purpose of this document is to provide an easy snapshot of the MAG budget. An initial draft of the "MAG Programs in Brief" will be presented for input from the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. 2005 Population Options Status Report (5 minutes)

At the January Management Committee meeting, a status report was given on efforts to provide for a more cost-effective method than conducting a full Special Census for deriving a 2005 population count for distributing state-shared revenue. It was reported that the Census Bureau had estimated that it would cost \$3.6 million to conduct a survey of the region compared to \$30 million for a Special Census; and that the subcommittee requested that the Census Bureau recalculate the cost of conducting a survey assuming a higher level of accuracy for deriving a 2005 population count. The Census Bureau is currently working on a revised cost estimate for a survey, which is anticipated to be available by the Management Committee meeting. In addition, state legislation has been proposed which would allow for the use of population estimates, a survey or a 2000 Census population count in lieu of a Special Census to derive 2005 population figures for distributing state-shared revenues. A status report will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Legislative Update (5 minutes)

Staff will provide a legislative report on HB 2288 regarding the Regional Transportation Districts and HB 2292 regarding the half cent sales tax.

10. Information and discussion.

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12. Desert Peaks Update (5 minutes)

Five years ago, the MAG Regional Council initiated the Desert Peaks Program to recognize regional efforts and the cooperation of governments, citizens, and the private sector.

MAG is beginning the initial planning of the Sixth Annual Desert Peaks Awards Dinner scheduled to be held on June 25, 2003. The total cost for this event is approximately \$48,519. Of that amount, \$15,478 is received from registration fees, sponsorship donations and dues, leaving \$36,144 that needs to be recovered through other funding sources. In discussions with the Federal Highway Administration, it was confirmed that MAG will need to use other funding sources to cover these remaining costs. Options that may be considered include increasing the registration fee, using MAG dues, or reducing the scope of the event. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Comments from the Committee (3 minutes)

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.

12. Information, discussion and possible action to review and recommend approval of the revenues, expenditures, and options for the Desert Peaks Awards Dinner.

13. Information.