

May 4, 2004

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Terry Ellis, Peoria, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, May 12, 2004 - 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.

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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
May 12, 2004**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

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.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

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.

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of April 14, 2004 Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approve the April 14, 2004 meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- *5B. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for ADOT Highway Projects and a Maricopa County Job Access and Reverse Commute Project

The FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Regional Council on November 25, 2003. Since that time, ADOT has requested to accelerate \$2,829,000 in National Highway System (NHS) funds from their FY 2005 Wickenburg By-pass project to acquire right-of-way in FY 2004. In addition, Maricopa County has been awarded \$3,234,705 in Job Access and Reverse Commute funds to continue their program already in progress. It is necessary to amend the TIP to include these projects so that they may proceed to construction. All of the changes are regarded as exempt projects or are regarded as minor project revisions for which no air quality conformity is required and the consultation for this item is considered as a separate agenda item. On April 29, 2004, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of a TIP amendment for these projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5C. Request to Change the Federal Functional Classification of a Town of Gila Bend Roadway and Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP to Reprogram MAG Federal Funds on a Gila Bend Project

The Town of Gila Bend has requested to recognize Martin Avenue, Old Main Street to Stout Street as a federally functionally classified Rural Major Collector Street. MAG approval is required in order for ADOT to proceed with classification of the facility. In addition, the Town of Gila Bend has requested to reprogram its Watermelon Road project, so that the \$188,600 in STP funding allocated to it is used to complete pedestrian improvements on Martin Avenue, Old Main Street to Stout Street. An amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP is needed to

- 5B. Recommend an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP to accelerate \$2,829,000 in NHS funds to acquire right-of-way for the Wickenburg By-pass project from FY 2005 to FY 2004, and to add a new phase of the Maricopa County Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program with \$3,234,705 in JARC funds in FY 2004.

- 5C. Recommend that Martin Avenue between Old Main Street and Stout Street in the Town of Gila Bend be recognized as a federally functionally classified Rural Major Collector Street. In addition, to recommend that the funds programmed for improvements to the Watermelon Road intersection be reprogrammed onto the Martin Avenue, Old Main Street to Stout Street Pedestrian Improvements project and approve an Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP to accomplish this change.

accomplish this reprogramming. This change is regarded as an exempt project or is regarded as a minor project revision for which no air quality conformity is required and the consultation for this item is considered as a separate agenda item. On April 29, 2004, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the change in functional classification and approval of a TIP amendment for this project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

*5D. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes an Arizona Department of Transportation request for a new right-of-way acquisition project for State Route 93 (Wickenburg By-pass) in FY 2004, and the addition of new federal Job Access and Reverse Commute funds for continuing a Maricopa County transit project in FY 2004. In addition, the Town of Gila Bend has requested a new pedestrian improvement project on Martin Avenue, Old Main Street to Stout Street in FY 2005. The amendment includes new projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. For consultation.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

AIR QUALITY ITEM

6. Update on Air Quality Issues

On April 15, 2004, the Environmental Protection Agency officially designated this region as a nonattainment area for the eight-hour ozone standard. The area is located mainly in Maricopa County as well as Apache Junction. Also, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is working on air quality control measures for the

6. Information and discussion.

Salt River PM-10 State Implementation Plan Revision to reduce particulate matter. It is anticipated that these measures will be submitted to EPA in August 2004. An update on key air quality issues will be presented.

GENERAL ITEMS

7. Draft FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

In May 2004, the draft FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being presented for approval. As adjustments to the budget were made, the draft budget document was updated and presented to the Management Committee, Executive Committee, and Regional Council. If legislation is approved, MAG would join the Arizona State Retirement System. If the retirement change is made, the overall 2005 budgeted costs would not change. A compensation study begun in February is expected to be completed by May 14th and the impact of salary adjustments would be presented to the Executive Committee. Two projects currently included in the budget are under review—"Building a Quality Regional Community" and the "Building Codes Compilation and Web Addition." Information on these projects will be presented to the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative bills of importance to MAG.

9. Management Committee Nomination Process

In May 2002, the Management Committee approved having the outgoing Chair of the Management Committee be responsible for working with members to nominate a manager for the Vice Chair position, and the current Vice Chair would be nominated for the position of Chair. At the meeting, it was acknowledged that the tradition was for officers to serve two one-year terms, and that the positions rotate to

7. Recommend approving the resolution adopting the FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments, and to amend the FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2004 Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate the FY 2004 Surface Transportation Improvement Program funds identified in the FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information and discussion.

achieve geographic balance. This June, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee will have served two one-year terms. In June, the election of officers will be held.

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.

10. Information.