

June 2, 2009

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 - 12:00 noon  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
June 10, 2009**

**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 May 13, 2009, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the May 13, 2009, meeting minutes.

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS****\*5B. Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP)**

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies 94 arterial street projects to receive funding from the regional sales tax extension and from MAG federal funds. The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) provides information for each of the 94 projects spanning a 20-year life cycle. Information contained in the ALCP includes project location, regional funding, fiscal year (FY) of work, type of work, status of project and the lead agency. As part of the ALCP process, Lead Agencies update project information annually, at a minimum. MAG staff has programmed the Draft FY 2010 ALCP based on the information provided by Lead Agencies and from projected revenue streams from the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF), MAG Surface Transportation Program funds (STP-MAG), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. On May 27, 2009, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**\*5C. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program**

The fiscal year (FY) 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The majority of the requested changes are related to modifying transit projects and the costs related to 2009. These modifications are needed to match the transit grant applications. The other requested project changes involve adding three new federal-aid Safe Routes to School projects, modifying costs for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded projects, modifying the project schedule for ADOT led projects, and doing the technical amendment to add the Phoenix Sky Train project into the TIP.

5B. Recommend approval of the Draft FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program contingent on a new Finding of Conformity for the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update and FY 2010-2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, which will be finalized in January 2010.

5C. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, as shown in the attached tables.

These requests were recommended for approval by the Transportation Review Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Update to the Federal Functional Classification System

The sub-allocation to the MAG region from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) requires projects to adhere to the requirements established in the Surface Transportation Program (STP). As such, ARRA funded projects must be located on a facility that is classified as an urban collector or rural major collector or higher in the federal functional classification hierarchy. Toward that end, MAG member agencies have requested the update of the federal functional classification of specific roadways. On May 27, 2009, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of the updates for Vulture Mine Road, Pecos Road, and Estrella Drive. Since the TRC met, there has been an additional request to classify Norterra Parkway. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5E. PM-10 Pave Unpaved Road Projects

The MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) allocates all future MAG federal funds to specific modes and, in some cases, identifies specific projects for the funds. For PM-10 Pave Unpaved Road projects, the RTP and MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identify the funding source of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) but do not specify individual projects. Requests for CMAQ funds expected to be available for PM-10 Pave Unpaved Road projects for 2011 and 2012 have been received, reviewed by the Street Committee, and ranked by the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC). The Transportation Review Committee recommended PM-10 Pave Unpaved projects in 2011 and 2012 to be programmed with CMAQ funds which are shown in the attached tables.

5D. Recommend approval of updates to the federal functional classification system as identified in the attached material.

5E. Recommend approval of a list of PM-10 Pave Unpaved Road projects to be programmed with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in 2011 and 2012, and to be included in the Draft FY 2010-2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

\*5F. Amendment to the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Funding for a Park and Ride Study and a Transit Circulator Study for the City of Avondale

In March 2009, the Regional Council allocated American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for the MAG region. The City of Avondale received funding for a park and ride study site selection study. Following the Regional Council action, the City of Avondale was informed by the Federal Transit Administration that the ARRA funds could not be used for a park and ride lot site selection study. To move this project forward, MAG is requesting that the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget be amended to provide MAG federal planning funds in the amount of \$200,000 to support a park and ride site selection study and \$150,000 for a bus circulator study. The park-and-ride study is an analysis of potential sites and right-of-way availability for a park and ride parking structure facility in the vicinity of I-10 and Avondale Boulevard. The circulator study will deliver a plan that recommends routes, operations and funding sources for the service.

5F. Recommend approval to amend the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$200,000 to support a Park and Ride Site Selection Study for the City of Avondale and to include \$150,000 for a Transit Circulator Study.

#### AIR QUALITY ITEMS

\*5G. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the fiscal year (FY) 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment involves several projects, including transit projects for Avondale and Phoenix and new federal Safe Routes to School projects located in Phoenix and Gilbert for FY 2010. The proposed administrative modification involves several projects, including minor revisions to transit projects for Phoenix, and Arizona Department of Transportation projects on State Route 88, Loop 101 Pima Freeway, and Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway. The amendment includes projects that are exempt from a conformity determination and the administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not

5G. Consultation.

require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by June 19, 2009. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5H. New Finding of Conformity for the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, As Amended

On April 22, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved a proposed amendment to add Stage One of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Automated Train System (Sky Train) to the fiscal year (FY) 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2007 Update for the necessary air quality conformity analysis. MAG has conducted a regional emissions analysis for the proposed amendment. The results of the regional emissions analysis for the proposed amendment, when considered together with the TIP and RTP as a whole, indicate that the transportation projects will not contribute to violations of federal air quality standards. Any comments on the amendment and finding of conformity are requested by June 19, 2009, following a 30-day public review period. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Recommend approval of the new Finding of Conformity for the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, as amended.

#### GENERAL ITEMS

\*5I. Resource Maps - Part of Regional Heat Relief Planning Efforts

The Maricopa Association of Governments has developed two maps of resources to help make water and shade available to vulnerable populations during the hot summer months. This activity supports regional heat relief activities. The first map shows where water hydration stations and refuge locations are located throughout the county, or where people in need can go for water and shade. The second map shows water collection and donation sites in the region. Many heat-relief efforts have been added since last year to prevent people from dying from heat-related illnesses. This item is presented to alert member

5I. Information and discussion.

agencies to resources available throughout the summer months and to solicit assistance in making these resources available. Please refer to the enclosed material.

## ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

### TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Update and Review of Project Deferral Requests for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 MAG Closeout

The interim closeout has established the availability of \$28.7 million in unobligated MAG Federal funds for the current federal fiscal year (FFY). In addition, there may additional funds through redistributed Obligation Authority (OA); generally, states and Metropolitan Planning Organizations are notified of funding availability in late July to mid August, but have been notified as late as mid September. By May 19, 2009, member agencies submitted requests to defer or delete federal funds from projects for approximately \$14 million. On May 27, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved \$10.6 million of requests for project deferrals. There is an additional \$3.4 million of requests to defer or remove federal funds from projects being heard at the May - June committee cycle. The Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of the new requests on May 28, 2009. Please see Table A for information about requests to defer projects or remove federal funding. Member agencies have submitted project requests for FFY 2009 MAG Closeout in the amount of \$79.6 million. The projects are explained in Table B, and are listed by the closeout priorities, and then cost effectiveness. Some projects may not have a cost effectiveness score; this does not mean they are 'ranked' low. When the TRC met on May 28, 2009, it did not recommend projects to be funded through FFY 2009 MAG Closeout. The TRC will be having an additional Committee meeting on June 8, 2009 to review the requests and possibly make a recommendation for FFY 2009 MAG Closeout funding. An update will be provided at the Management Committee meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of additional projects to be deferred from FFY 2009 to FFY 2010 or later, recommend approval of additional projects requesting removal of federal funds, recommend approval on priorities for utilizing MAG federal funds, which become available through the FFY 2009 Closeout Process, and make the necessary amendments and modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as necessary to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update.

7. Transportation Planning Update - Proposition 400 Regional Freeway Program

The Committee will receive an update on the strategies identified by MAG staff to address the funding gap in the Regional Freeway Program. Topics covered within this presentation include an update on cost saving proposals in the SR-202L/South Mountain Freeway and SR-303L corridors. The update will conclude with a presentation on overall strategies and scenarios for meeting the Regional Freeway funding gap, based on the corridor-specific cost savings, data collected from the Central Phoenix Peer Review Group, discussions with ADOT and their Management Consultants, and MAG staff recommendations.

8. Expenditure of MAG Federal Funds

Each year, MAG programs transportation and air quality projects for member agencies. Increasingly, projects that are expected to be obligated or purchased, such as street sweepers, in the year they are programmed are not completed. This results in the funds being carried forward to the next year. The amount of funds being carried forward has been increasing. A discussion will be held regarding potential remedies for this problem. One potential strategy is to implement a hard deadline and not allow projects to be carried forward. Another strategy would be to not allow additional projects to be programmed by the member agency if they have projects that have not been obligated. A related issue is the need to have a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program and Plan. With the current economic conditions, it is important that the MAG member agencies certify that they have the financial resources to complete the programmed projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion, and possible action.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

9. Zero Emissions Partnership Update

On February 28, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved supporting efforts to develop a universal electric vehicle charging infrastructure that will support all electric and plug-in hybrid electric

9. Information and discussion.

vehicles. On April 16, 2009, MAG, ECOtality and Nissan North America announced a zero emissions partnership that will help facilitate the introduction of pure electric vehicles in the MAG region. ECOtality provided an update on the zero emissions partnership program to the MAG Planning Stakeholders Group on May 19, 2009 and to the MAG Building Codes Committee on May 20, 2009. The proposed infrastructure will utilize 220-volt charging stations at residential and commercial locations, as well as 440-volt fast-charge stations that could be strategically located to allow vehicles to fully charge in less than 26 minutes. The public and commercial charging systems will utilize the standardized plugs and connectors that have been adopted by major auto manufacturers and will be compatible with all plug-in vehicles. MAG will work closely with ECOtality regarding the implementation of charging infrastructure in the region through the MAG committee process. A representative from ECOtality will present an update on the zero emissions partnership and their electric vehicle program efforts.

10. Election of Officers

Each June, the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are elected by the Management Committee.

11. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

12. 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. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

11. Information, discussion and possible action.

12. Information.