

June 30, 2009

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Mark Pentz, Chandler, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, July 8, 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 also being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue 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  
July 8, 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 June 10, 2009, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the June 10, 2009, meeting minutes.

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

\*5B. Enhancement Peer Review Group Round 17 Recommendations

The Enhancement Peer Review Group reviews and recommends a ranked list of Enhancement Fund applications from this region to the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). This year, seven enhancement fund applications totaling \$2,890,498 for projects on local roads were received, with approximately \$8 million available statewide. One application for a project on ADOT right-of-way was received totaling \$1 million, with approximately \$5 million available statewide. The Enhancement Peer Review Group recommends that the list of ranked applications be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the TERC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. Elderly Mobility Sign Project Update

A project in the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program was programmed with \$400,000 in federal funds for a regional project that would promote elderly mobility in the MAG region. The resulting project was jointly recommended by the Elderly Mobility Stakeholders Group, Transportation Safety Committee and the Management Committee. The final approval by the Regional Council resulted in the installation of nearly 3,100 new street name signs across the region. Some of these signs replaced existing signs at intersections, and others were placed on intersection approaches providing the name of the upcoming cross street. The key feature that was introduced by these signs was the use of a new letter font named Clearview Font. This font has been adopted by many agencies, including the Arizona Department of Transportation, due to its vastly improved legibility. Sixteen MAG member agencies participated in this project and their sign costs are reimbursed by MAG with project funds. As a result of this project, a few local agencies have decided to adopt the use of Clearview Font for all

5B. Recommend that the list of ranked applications from the MAG Enhancement Peer Review Group be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee.

5C. Information and discussion.

new street name signs. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Consultant Selection for the MAG Hassayampa Framework Study for the Wickenburg Area

The FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council, includes \$70,000 to conduct the Hassayampa Framework Study for the Wickenburg Area. The Town of Wickenburg will contribute \$5,000 toward the project, bringing the total cost of the project to \$75,000. A Request for Proposals for consultants to conduct the study was advertised on April 23, 2009. Four proposals were received from the following firms: Wilbur Smith Associates, Dibble Engineering, HDR, and Wilson & Company. A multi-agency proposal evaluation team consisting of MAG member agencies and MAG staff reviewed the proposal documents. On June 12, 2009, the proposal evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of Wilson & Company to conduct the project, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5E. Project Changes – Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Material Cost Changes to the ADOT Program

The Fiscal Year 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 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 program. To move forward with project implementation for fiscal year (FY) 2010, ADOT has requested a number of financial, project description, and schedule changes. Fountain Hills and Scottsdale have submitted requests for programming American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in their community. Valley Metro has requested administrative modifications related to four repayment projects. Details of these requests can be found in the enclosed table. In addition, the enclosed table annotates the material cost

5D. Recommend that Wilson & Company be selected to conduct the Hassayampa Framework Study for the Wickenburg Area, for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

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

changes related to cost increases to the ADOT Program. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of this agenda item. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5F. Update to Federal Functional Classification System

The MAG funding suballocation for 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). ARRA funded projects must be located on a facility that is classified as an urban collector or rural major collector or higher in the functional classification hierarchy. Maricopa County and Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation have requested that the functional classification of three roadways located in the Ft. McDowell community be updated as related to programming ARRA funds. The Management Committee is requested to recommend the proposed updates to the functional classification system. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5G. Final Closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 MAG Federally Funded Program

Since the Regional Council approved the Interim FFY 2009 MAG Closeout, there have been additional request for project deferrals: GDY07-302 and GDY07-709, which are found in Table A. With these new deferrals, the funding available for Closeout increases from \$28.7 to \$29.3 million. The identification of these additional funds for Closeout indicates that the two projects in the rank ordered Contingency List, MMA09-610 and PHX07-740 can be funded. The Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of the project deferrals and funding as noted above. In addition, the TRC also recommended that any remaining CMAQ Closeout funds be allocated toward funding the remaining street sweepers on the prioritized list for FFY 2009. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Recommend approval of the proposed updates to the functional classification system.

5G. Recommend approval of the Final Closeout for Federal FY 2009 and recommend amending/adjusting the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP and the RTP 2007 Update as needed.

**AIR QUALITY ITEMS**

\*5H. Additional Funding for Sweepers on the Approved Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2009 CMAQ Funding

On January 28, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved a Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2009 CMAQ funding and retained the prioritized list for any additional FY 2009 CMAQ funds that may become available due to year-end closeout, including any redistributed obligation authority, or additional funding received by this region. Funding for the remaining sweepers on the approved Prioritized List is available from \$685,676 in savings associated with four sweeper projects that have been requested to be deleted, and from \$402,968 in Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Closeout funds recommended by the Transportation Review Committee on June 25, 2009. The following sweepers would be funded: Phoenix (the remaining \$62,696 for project #2); Paradise Valley; Tempe; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Chandler; Youngtown; and Buckeye (\$157,590 for project #1). Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5I. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment and administrative modification involves several projects, including Arizona Department of Transportation projects, new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects for Fountain Hills and Scottsdale, and Valley Metro Rail projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Recommend approval of additional funding for sweepers on the Approved Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2009 CMAQ Funding.

5I. Consultation.

5J. Consultation on Proposed Transportation Conformity Processes for the 2009 MAG Conformity Analysis

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies on proposed processes for the conformity analysis on the Transportation Improvement Program and transportation plan. MAG is distributing for comment the proposed processes to be applied beginning with the upcoming conformity analysis for the FY 2010-2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan 2009 Update. Comments regarding this material are requested by July 22, 2009. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5K. Consultation on Potentially Regionally Significant Projects for the Draft FY 2010-2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies on which transportation projects will be considered "regionally significant" for the purposes of regional emissions analysis. Regionally significant projects are subject to conformity requirements. A list of potentially regionally significant projects from the proposed Draft FY 2010-2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program has been prepared. It is requested that comments regarding the list be reported to MAG by July 22, 2009. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5J. Consultation.

5K. Consultation.

### GENERAL ITEMS

\*5L. Amendment to the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Funding from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality for Developing a Roadmap for Greening Water Infrastructure

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has notified MAG that it would be awarded \$45,000 in stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for water

5L. Recommend approval to amend the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept \$45,000 from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality for developing a roadmap for greening water infrastructure.

quality management planning. The funding would be used to conduct a workshop on green infrastructure for water and wastewater treatment plants focusing on Arizona issues, and to prepare a roadmap for greening water infrastructure. It is necessary to amend the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept these funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5M. Digital Aerial Photography Partnership with Central Arizona Association of Governments

In May 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, which included \$40,000 for digital aerial photography for use in planning activities by both MAG and its member agencies. This imagery is purchased on an annual basis and typically includes substantial portions of Pinal County. This year MAG has been approached by the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) to enter into a partnership to issue a single Invitation for Bids. Cost for the imagery purchased through the joint Invitation for Bids would be based on the area covered by the purchase. MAG and CAAG would receive the full imagery acquisition. CAAG's payment responsibility would be for the Pinal County portion of the imagery. As in past years, this photography will be made available at no charge to MAG member agencies, as well as to CAAG member agencies. The Management Committee is requested to recommend approval to amend the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for MAG to accept funds from CAAG for the Pinal County portion of the digital aerial photography. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5N. Annexation Requirements for Census 2010

The 2010 Census is only nine months away. To prepare for this count, MAG wants to ensure that all jurisdictions are aware of the need to complete any annexations by December 31, 2009, and report those annexations to the U.S. Census Bureau by March 1, 2010, in order for population in the newly annexed area to be included in the

5M. Recommend approval to amend the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for MAG to accept funds from the Central Arizona Association of Governments for the Pinal County portion of the digital aerial photography.

5N. Information.

jurisdiction's Census 2010 population. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) annually to update information about the legal boundaries and names of all governmental units in the United States. The Census Bureau uses the boundary information collected in the BAS to tabulate data for various censuses and surveys, including the 2010 Census of Population and Housing. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

6. MAG Federal Funds Working Group

At the June 10, 2009, MAG Management Committee meeting, the expenditure of MAG federal funds was discussed. Following the discussion, it was suggested that a working group be appointed at the July 8, 2009, MAG Management Committee meeting. On June 12, 2009, a memorandum was sent to the Committee requesting that potential names for the working group be submitted to MAG. The composition of the working group is open for discussion. In 1995, when a previous group was formed to discuss this issue, a seven-member working group was formed, consisting of four management representatives and three staff members. If this model is followed, it may be appropriate to have three technical staff members who are familiar with the federal funds program and four management representatives. Balancing these appointments across the region is suggested. Names received will be forwarded in a separate mailing.

7. Transportation Planning Update - Proposition 400 Regional Freeway Program

The Regional Council 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

6. Formation of a MAG Federal Funds Working Group.

7. Information and discussion.

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. Presentation of the Framework Recommendation for the Interstates-8 and 10-Hidden Valley Transportation Framework Study

As a follow-up to the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Framework Study, MAG and its funding partners, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, Pinal County Public Works, the Town of Buckeye, and the Cities of Goodyear and Maricopa, recognized the need to extend framework planning into southwestern Maricopa County and western Pinal County. Beginning in May 2007, a project team began framework planning efforts for a 3,200 square mile study area in both Maricopa and Pinal Counties for an area bounded by Gila River on the north, SR-87 and Overfield Rd. on the east in Pinal County, the Tohono O'odham Indian Community and Barry Goldwater Range on the south, and 459th Avenue on the west in Maricopa County. The project's study team has determined that entitled development represents a population of approximately 2.5 million by buildout. At this time, the project's funding partners, in cooperation with a Study Review Team and a project consultant team, have made their final framework recommendation that is ready for study acceptance by MAG and the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG). An illustration of the recommendation and draft of the project's executive summary is included in the transmittal summary. In this presentation, MAG staff will provide the Committee with information about the final framework recommendation in advance of formal acceptance by the Regional Council of the study's recommendations in September 2009. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Information and discussion.

9. Transportation Public Involvement Report

MAG has conducted a public involvement process on transportation plans and programs throughout Fiscal Year 2009. Included in this process were a variety of special events, small group presentations, e-mail, telephone and Web site correspondence. The process also included a transportation public hearing hosted by MAG in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro, METRO and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department. Agenda items included the draft project listing for the FY 2010-2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program; Status of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds programmed in the MAG region; City of Phoenix Public Transit Department Program of Projects; and a review of issues for the MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2010 update. A court reporter was in attendance to record public comments verbatim. All comments made at the hearing were provided a formal response from staff. The responses to comments are included in the attached Transportation Public Involvement Report. Also included is a list of the meetings and events MAG staff has participated in since the start of FY 2009. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Information and discussion.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

10. Update on the MAG Library District Stakeholder Group

On May 13, 2009, it was noted at the MAG Management Committee that a request had been received to reconvene the MAG Library District Stakeholders Group. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss an equitable agreement regarding the reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Maricopa County Library District. On June 11, 2009, the MAG Library District Stakeholders Group met and recognized that it would be beneficial for a sub-group to continue the discussion on the details of the reciprocal borrowing agreement. The sub-group met on June 22, 2009, and has agreed to continue discussions related to the reciprocal borrowing

10. Information and discussion.

agreement. An update on the discussion to date will be provided to 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.

11. Information, discussion and possible action.

12. Information.