

March 2, 2010

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Mark Pentz, Chandler, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - 12:00 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 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
March 10, 2010**

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 February 10, 2010, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the February 10, 2010, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS***5B. ADOT Red Letter Process**

In June 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from July 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009. Of the 58 notices received, 17 had an impact to the State Highway System. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***5C. Project Additions, Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program**

The FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Requests have been received from the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Town of Buckeye to add new highway right-of-way projects and modify project costs and descriptions in the program. The project adjustments and new projects being added to the TIP are fiscally constrained and funding is available. On February 25, 2010, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the additions, amendments and administrative modifications as listed in the attached table. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***5D. On-Call Consulting Services for Transportation Software Development and Support**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2009 includes On-call Consulting Services for Transportation Software Development and Support at a cost not to exceed \$700,000. The purpose of the project is to ensure that MAG can proceed with support and scheduled improvements of the MAG regional

5B. Information and discussion.

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

5D. Recommend approval of the list of on-call consultants for area of Area of Expertise A (Transportation Modeling Software and Transportation Forecasting Models): Arizona State University, Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates Inc., Caliper Corporation, Cambridge Systematics Inc., HDR Inc., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., PB Americas, Inc., URS Corporation, and Wilbur Smith Associates Inc.; and Area of Expertise B (Transportation Data Management Software): Arcadis U.S. Inc., Arizona State University, Caliper

travel forecasting models and related data sets. MAG issued a Request for Qualifications to create an on-call consulting list for the project with two areas of expertise. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the statements of qualifications and recommended to MAG that the following firms be included on a MAG on-call consulting list for Transportation Software Development and Support: Area of Expertise A (Transportation Modeling Software and Transportation Forecasting Models): Arizona State University, Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates Inc., Caliper Corporation, Cambridge Systematics Inc., HDR Inc., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., PB Americas, Inc., URS Corporation, and Wilbur Smith Associates Inc.; and Area of Expertise B (Transportation Data Management Software): Arcadis U.S. Inc., Arizona State University, Caliper Corporation, HDR Inc., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Midwestern Software Solutions, PB Americas, Inc., and Terra Genesis Inc. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Status Report

A Status Report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds dedicated to transportation projects in the MAG region is provided. This report covers the status of project development as of February 16, 2010. It reports on highway, local, transit, and enhancement projects programmed with ARRA funds and the status of project development milestones per project. An update also will be provided on the Jobs for Main Street bill being considered by the US Congress. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. Amendment to the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is in the process of completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the widening of Interstate 10, the Maricopa Freeway, between the SR-51/SR-202L/Red Mountain

Corporation, HDR Inc., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Midwestern Software Solutions, PB Americas, Inc., and Terra Genesis Inc., for the MAG Transportation Software Development and Support, for a total amount not to exceed \$700,000.

5E. Information and discussion.

5F. Recommend amending the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for \$300,000 to provide for the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study.

"Mini-Stack" and SR-202L/Santan-South Mountain "Pecos Stack" traffic interchanges. The subject of this EIS is clearance that would allow widening of the freeway and reconstruction of the Interstate 10/SR-143 traffic interchange, representing almost \$1 billion in investment for the corridor. During the course of the EIS, questions have been raised about the investment being made in this corridor and the need for alternative transportation options. These include widening Interstate 10 and improving system traffic interchanges to accommodate the growing travel demand between the East Valley and Central Phoenix. MAG proposes amending the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for \$300,000 to provide for the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5G. Selection of Caliper Corporation as Consultant for 2010 Phase I Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model Development

The fiscal year (FY) 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2009, includes \$500,000 to conduct Phase I of the 2010 Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model Development. This is a multi-year/multi-phase project and at MAG's discretion, the selected consultant may also be retained to complete additional phases of the project. Future phases of the project will be subject of separate contracts to be authorized at a future date by MAG. The Request for Proposals was advertised on December 10, 2009. The eight proposals received were reviewed by a multi-agency proposal evaluation team consisting of MAG member agencies and MAG staff. On February 23, 2010, the proposal evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of Caliper Corporation to conduct phase I of the project in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Recommend that Caliper Corporation be selected to conduct 2010 Phase I of the Inner Loop Traffic Operations Model for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5H. 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 amendment and administrative modification include several projects, including an Arizona Department of Transportation request to add new highway design and right-of-way projects and modify project costs in the program. 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. Consultation.

*5I. Consultation on Proposed Transportation Conformity Processes for the 2010 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 Plan. MAG is distributing for comment the proposed processes to be applied beginning with the upcoming conformity analysis for the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. Comments regarding this material are requested by March 26, 2010. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5I. Consultation.

*5J. Consultation on Potentially Regionally Significant Projects from the Draft FY 2011-2015 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

5J. Consultation.

are subject to conformity requirements. A list of potentially regionally significant projects from the proposed Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program has been prepared. It is requested that comments regarding the list be reported to MAG by March 26, 2010. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5K. Development of the FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represent the budget document development to date. The elements of the budget document are about 60 percent complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5K. Information and input on the development of the fiscal year (FY) 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Update on ADOT Federal Transportation Funds for the MAG Region

At the February Management Committee meeting, staff reported on federal transportation planning regulations that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Regional Transportation Plan are required to demonstrate that adequate funding is available to build, operate and maintain transportation projects. At the meeting, staff reported that for several months, MAG staff have attempted to receive financial information from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to determine the status of remaining federal fund balances. Federal fiscal year 2008 was closed out and MAG received the 2008 final balances in May 2009. In February 2010, MAG reported that no information had been received on federal fund transactions since

6. Information, discussion and possible action.

October 2008. Of concern was the status of approximately \$40-\$50 million that MAG carried forward from FY 2009 to FY 2010. At the February Management Committee meeting, staff indicated that ADOT expected to provide the financial report (ledger) to MAG by the end of February. The Management Committee requested that an update be provided in March. On February 26, 2010, MAG received an updated ledger from ADOT. The ledger is under review and a report will be made to the Management Committee.

7. Proposed Federal Economic Stimulus Legislation and Recommended Transit Allocation

The potential for a second round of stimulus funding has been on the agenda for information and discussion during MAG committee meetings. While the timeline and the certainty of a bill passing are still unknown at this time, it is anticipated that if a bill does pass, it will have similar or shorter spending provision deadlines than that of the original American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA I) program. Unlike the original 90-day obligation period, the spending provision requires projects to be under contract within a 90-day period. The legislation in its current form allocates \$8.5 billion to transit which is approximately \$750 million less than the ARRA. In anticipation that a second round of stimulus legislation will be passed, and given the need for operating and preventive maintenance assistance regionwide, staff is recommending that funds that are required to be under contract within 90 days be allocated toward preventive maintenance, Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) operations, and ADA preventive maintenance by applying the principles outlined by the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) for project savings from ARRA I funds. For the balance of funds the MAG Transit Committee will be tasked with recommending projects and priorities at a future date. The RPTA developed allocation guidelines for project savings from ARRA I funds. The Transit Committee and the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Recommend approval that transit funds that are required to be under contract within ninety days be allocated toward operations (up to the maximum allowable), ADA operations and ADA preventive maintenance (10 percent), and preventive maintenance by applying the principles outlined by RPTA for project savings from ARRA I funds; and amend the FY 2008- 2012 MAG TIP as appropriate.

8. Regional Transit Framework Study

In cooperation with MAG member agencies, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, (RPTA), and Valley Metro Rail (METRO), MAG has developed a Regional Transit Framework to identify regional transit needs beyond the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The framework provides decision makers with a comprehensive perspective on the costs, schedules, trade-offs, impacts, and policy implications of three distinct transit investment scenarios for year 2030. In addition, the framework defines more conceptual transit needs for year 2050. The MAG Transit Committee and the Transportation Review Committee recommended acceptance of the Regional Transit Framework. The study documents are available on the following website: www.bqaz.org. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Approval of Transit Planning Agreement and Discussion of Potential Legislation

At the February 16, 2010, Executive Committee meeting a transit planning agreement (MOU) that incorporated recommendations for transit planning roles and responsibilities was discussed. The Executive Committee directed that the local role when conducting a Federal Transit Administration Alternatives Analysis be described in the MOU. It was noted at the meeting that the Regional Public Transportation Authority and Valley Metro Rail would be discussing the MOU in February, with action by the Regional Council expected in March.

Also discussed was SB 1416 that attempts to align MAG's federal transit planning roles and responsibilities with state statutes. The Executive Committee directed that the affected parties hold a meeting to address the concerns expressed with SB 1416. Consensus was reached at the meeting and a telephone conference call of the Executive Committee was scheduled for January 19, 2010, to review the proposed changes to the bill. The MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved with minor modifications, the Transit Planning Agreement (MOU) and the draft legislation for SB 1416. Representatives from the

8. Recommend acceptance of the findings of the Regional Transit Framework as the public transportation framework for the MAG region; acceptance of the enclosed Illustrative Transit Corridors map for inclusion as unfunded regional transit illustrative corridors in the Regional Transportation Plan; and recommend consideration of future planning actions identified in the study through the MAG Unified Planning Work Program process.

9. Recommend approval of the transit planning agreement (MOU) to be forwarded to the Federal Transit Administration and included in the FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

Regional Public Transportation Authority and METRO were in attendance and concurred with the modifications. On February 24, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved draft SB 1416 as rewritten and modified. The METRO Board will consider the MOU and the draft SB 1416 on March 3, 2010. The MOU will be presented to the MAG Management Committee, Executive Committee and Regional Council for approval in March. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

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.

13. Adjournment

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information and discussion.

12. Information.