

October 22, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 30, 2002
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority 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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If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 30, 2002**

	<u>COUNCIL 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 Regional Council 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 Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	3. For information.
4. <u>Interim Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Interim Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. For 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, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	5. Approve the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*6. <u>Approval of September 25, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u>	6. Review and approve September 25, 2002 meeting minutes.
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*7. <u>Regional Transportation Plan - Phase II Consultant Selection</u>	7. Authorize the MAG Interim Executive Director to negotiate a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. as the consultant to assist in the development of
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A review team consisting of representatives from MAG member agencies interviewed three of these consultant groups and reached a consensus that HDR Engineering, Inc. be selected to assist in the development of Phase II of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Transportation Policy Committee will consider this item at their October 23, 2002 meeting. An update will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8. Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Maricopa County is requesting an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to advance a federally funded project on Gilbert Road, just north of Mesa. On August 27, 2002, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of this advancement. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the TRC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. FY 2003 MAG Early Phase Public Input Opportunity

The MAG Early Phase Public Input Opportunity was conducted from August through October, 2002. These events were held in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority and Valley Metro Rail. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*10 Request for Qualifications for the Transportation Policy Committee Information Program: Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Contract, and Amendment of the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program

At the September 21, 2002 TPC Retreat, staff was directed to issue a Request for Qualifications for a TPC Information Program. The purpose of the program is to work with targeted publics in providing information about the development of a major regional transportation plan by the Committee. Responsibilities will cover a wide range of activities, such as ensuring the

the MAG Regional Transportation Plan - Phase II for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

8. Approve an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP to add an advance construction project, Maricopa County: Gilbert Road, McDowell Road to Beeline Highway; and McDowell Road, Gilbert Road to Mesa Drive, widen roadway and construct low water crossing of the Salt River to FY 2003 for a total of \$15,655,000 Local funds. Also, to change the existing FY 2007 project to a repayment phase of the same project in the amount of \$1,600,000 in MAG STP.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Approval to authorize the MAG Interim Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with a firm recommended by the TPC to implement a TPC Information Program and approval to amend the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to reprogram unexpended MAG federal funds from prior year UPWPs for this purpose.

development of a regional transportation plan that is understood by - and which encourages input from - the business community, transportation stakeholders, and the public. Tasks will include identifying community concerns, establishing and maintaining relationships between the Committee and the broader business community, developing informational materials, facilitating meetings, and working with the media. The RFQ was issued and three Statements of Qualifications were received. The RFQs are being evaluated by a multi-agency review team and it is anticipated that the TPC will recommend that a contract be negotiated at their October 23, 2002 meeting. This recommendation will be forwarded to the members of the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*11. Request for Qualifications for a Transportation Plan Advisor; Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Contract, and Amendment of the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program

At the September 21, 2002 TPC Retreat, staff was directed to issue a Request for Qualifications for a Transportation Plan Advisor. The purpose of the advisor is to assist in the development of policy issues surrounding a major transportation plan being developed by MAG. Responsibilities will cover a wide range of activities, such as identifying community needs that should be addressed in the development of the plan, establishing and maintaining relationships between MAG and its transportation stakeholders, including the business community, public agencies and the public. The RFQ was issued and two Statements of Qualifications were received. The RFQs are being evaluated by a multi-agency review team and it is anticipated that the TPC will recommend that a contract be negotiated at their October 23, 2002 meeting. This recommendation will be forwarded to the members of the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Approval to authorize the MAG Interim Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with a firm recommended by the TPC to serve as the Transportation Plan Advisor and approval to amend the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to reprogram unexpended MAG federal funds from prior year UPWPs for this purpose.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*12. Conformity Consultation

12. For consultation.

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes a request from Maricopa County to advance a regionally significant federal-aid project on Gilbert Road from FY 2007 to FY 2003. A regional emissions analysis was required for the amendment. The results of the regional emissions analysis indicate that the inclusion of the new project in the TIP and LRTP meet the conformity requirements. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*13. Transfer of the Clean Cities Program

In October 1997, the U.S. Department of Energy designated the Maricopa region a Clean Cities Community to support the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Since that time, interest in the Program waned due to a reduction in federal funds and the negative impact from the State Alternative Fuels program. Recently, ENRG, a fuel company, approached MAG about assuming responsibility for the program and creating a committee of public and private sector members. MAG staff is recommending that the Clean Cities Program be transferred to ENRG. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*14. Recommendation of Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2003 CMAQ Funding

The FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contains \$1,460,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to purchase PM-10 certified street sweepers in FY 2003. Twenty-one projects requesting approximately \$3 million in federal funds were received. On October 3, 2002, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 certified street sweeper projects submitted for FY 2003 CMAQ funding. The Management Committee reviewed and modified the recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Approve transferring the Maricopa Clean Cities Program to ENRG.

14. Approve a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 certified street sweeper projects for FY 2003 CMAQ funding and to retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2003 CMAQ funds that may become available due to year-end closeout, including any redistributed obligation authority, or additional funding received by this region from the Revenue Aligned Budget Authority provisions. And for any additional closeout funds, priority would be given to those cities with projects having the greatest air quality impact until the funds are expended.

GENERAL ITEMS

*15. Approval of the Draft July 1, 2002 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates

On September 17, 2002, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) recommended approval of the July 1, 2002 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates. The Updates are used to allocate \$23 million in lottery funds to local jurisdictions, and to set expenditure limitations where appropriate. The State Population Technical Advisory Committee will consider these updates on November 22, 2002. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Updates. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*16. Development of Interim Socioeconomic Projections

In June 1997, MAG adopted official socioeconomic projections. Since there is a need to have updated socioeconomic projections for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, MAG is developing an interim set of projections until DES approves an official Maricopa County control total. It is anticipated that an official set of projections based on those control totals will be presented to the MAG Management Committee and Regional Council for consideration in the spring of 2003. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*17. Request for Public Hearing on Proposed EPA Storm Water Discharge Permit for Small Municipal Systems

At the request of the MAG Storm Water Management Discussion Group, a letter is being sent to the EPA requesting a public hearing on the Proposed Storm Water General Discharge Permit for Small MS4s. Since the October 30, 2002 deadline to submit the request to EPA coincides with the Regional Council meeting, it was not possible to bring this matter to the Council prior to the EPA deadline. However, members of the

15. Approve the Draft July 1, 2002 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates.

16. Information and discussion.

17. Information.

Regional Council will be copied on the recent letter to EPA. The Proposed Phase II General Permit would impact many smaller MAG jurisdictions that were not previously required to obtain a storm water permit under Phase I of the federal program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

18. MAG Transportation Policy Committee Update

18. Information and discussion.

On October 23, 2002, the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled to meet. An update on the meeting will be provided.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

19. Air Quality Update

19. Approve that a unified strategy be developed for effective representation for the region.

At the September Transportation Policy Committee retreat, issues with the lawsuit filed by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest were discussed. The Center is challenging the Environmental Protection Agency approval of the Revised MAG 1999 Particulate Plan for PM-10. If the plan approval is vacated, federal transportation funds could be lost and major transportation projects could be stopped. It was the consensus of the Committee that a unified strategy should be developed for effective representation for the region. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

20. Domestic Violence Update

20. Information and discussion.

In August 1999, the Regional Council authorized the creation of a Domestic Violence Council to develop an effective coordinated valleywide system to protect victims and hold offenders accountable. An update of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Plan has recently been developed documenting progress on

implementation of activities of the Council, many of which involved the participation of local governments. Please refer to the enclosed material.

21. Discussion of Regional Development Scope of Work

At the May Regional Council meeting, the FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was approved. In discussing the Work Program, members requested that the funding for adding staff members to report on regionally significant projects be placed in contingency and that a discussion be held by the Regional Council regarding the scope of work for the project. Several member agencies have advocated a more incremental approach, focusing on information sharing, informal review and the development of an annual report. With current economic times, this suggested approach has been further modified, to assist member agencies with economic information which is at the forefront of development and infrastructure decisions. It is anticipated the scope of work will be discussed in October and possible action taken at the December 11, 2002 Regional Council meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

22. Update on Executive Director Recruitment

An update will be provided on the recruitment of the MAG Executive Director. Please refer to the enclosed material.

23. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council 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.

21. Information and discussion.

22. Information and discussion.

23. Information.