

March 16, 2004

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, March 24, 2004

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
March 24, 2004**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. 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. 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 Regional Council on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Approve the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of the February 25, 2004 Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approve the February 25, 2004 meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Red Letter Notification

The Regional Council approved the Red Letter Process in 1996 to provide early notification of potential development in planned freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning, and permits. Notifications will be placed on the consent agenda for information and discussion at the Transportation Review Committee, Management Committee, and Regional Council meetings. If a member wishes to take action on a notification, the item can be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. The item could then be placed on the agenda of a subsequent meeting for action. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Information and discussion.

*5C. FY 2003-2004 Annual Transit Performance Report

The Annual Transit Performance Report is prepared and updated annually by the Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority on behalf of MAG. In addition to describing proposed transit adjustments that will occur in FY2004, the report also includes a summary of the regional transit system's operating characteristics for FY 2003. The report was developed using input from MAG member agencies and citizen participation efforts that are normally conducted throughout the year. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Information and discussion.

*5D. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Highway Projects in Gilbert, Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe

The FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Regional Council on November 25, 2003. Since that time, the Town of Gilbert has requested to adjust the Federal funds allocated to three adjoining canal bank multi-use path projects to split the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

5D. Approve an amendment to the 2004-2007 MAG TIP to transfer \$377,800 in CMAQ funds from one Town of Gilbert bicycle/pedestrian project to two others; to allow the advance design and advance purchase of right-of-way projects for the City of Phoenix to be added to the TIP; to transfer \$1,600,000 in CMAQ funds from one City of Scottsdale intersection improvement project to another; and to transfer \$317,100 in CMAQ funds from a City of Tempe pave dirt road project to a pedestrian improvement project

(CMAQ) funds awarded to the central project between the other two projects; the City of Phoenix has requested that they be allowed to advance design and advance purchase the right-of-way for an FY 2006 funded multi-use underpass project; the City of Scottsdale has requested to be allowed to switch funds from one intersection improvement project to another; and the City of Tempe has requested to switch \$317,000 in CMAQ funds from a pave dirt road project to a pedestrian improvement project. The Transportation Review Committee and Management Committee recommended approval of these four amendments. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Recommendations to Arizona Department of Transportation for the FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program (EPDT)

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides approximately \$2.1 million to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for capital assistance to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for people who are elderly and for people with disabilities. ADOT has again requested that the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee rank the Maricopa applications for the FTA Section 5310 funding. The ranking provided by MAG is considered by ADOT in determining which applicants are to be awarded funding. This year, 16 applications for capital assistance awards, totaling 18 van requests and one radio request, were received. The Committee met March 8, 2004 to rank the applications. The Management Committee concurred with the rankings. Please refer to the enclosed material.

that Tempe intends to advance construct in FY 2004.

- 5E. Approve forwarding the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5F. Recommendation of Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2004 CMAQ Funding

The FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Program and FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improve-

- 5F. Approve a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 certified street sweeper projects for FY 2004 CMAQ funding and retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2004 CMAQ funds that may become available due to year-end closeout, including any redistributed obligation authority, or

ment Program contain \$1,460,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding and the remaining \$264,879 in FY 2001 sweeper funding for the purchase of PM-10 certified street sweepers in FY 2004. PM-10 certified street sweeper projects were solicited from member agencies in the Maricopa County PM-10 nonattainment area and 14 applications requesting \$2.1 million in federal funds were evaluated. The MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 certified street sweeper projects for FY 2004 CMAQ funding. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

additional funding received by this region from the Revenue Aligned Budget Authority provisions.

*5G. Conformity Consultation

5G. For consultation.

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment is necessary to incorporate revisions to existing federal aid projects, including: a Town of Gilbert CMAQ pedestrian/bicycle project at the Consolidated Canal between Baseline Road and Galveston Street, a City of Phoenix CMAQ pedestrian/bicycle project at Arizona Canal Diversion Channel and 51st Avenue, a City of Scottsdale CMAQ intersection improvement project at Hayden and Thomas Roads, and a City of Tempe CMAQ pedestrian improvement project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

6. ADOT Life Cycle Program and Statewide Program Fiscal Year 2009 Projects

6. Approval of the draft FY 2009 project list for the MAG Region Statewide Program and the update of the Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System for the purpose of public review and comment.

Each year, ADOT in cooperation with MAG and RPTA, prepares updates for both the Five-Year Statewide Highway Construction Program for the MAG Region and the Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System. For the update of this year's Statewide Program, changes are limited to projects added for the new "fifth" year

of the program. ADOT is requesting that the attached draft list of projects for FY 2009 of the FY 2005-2009 Statewide Program and the attached update to the Life Cycle Program be approved by MAG for public review and comment. Note the proposed FY 2009 Statewide Program is interim, pending the extension of the one-half cent sales tax and programming of new projects as identified in the Regional Transportation Plan. If the sales tax is extended, the Statewide Program will need to be revised. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

7. MAG One-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan

The MAG One-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan demonstrates that the air quality standard will continue to be met through 2015. No violations have occurred in the area since 1996. The Environmental Protection Agency is being requested to redesignate this area to attainment status. The Management Committee recommended adoption. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Adopt the MAG One-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area.

GENERAL ITEMS

8. MAG Regional Videoconferencing System Awards

The Videoconferencing Recognition Program was initiated to recognize outstanding levels of videoconferencing usage among MAG member agencies and MAG committees in order to encourage and sustain videoconferencing over the long term, thereby reducing vehicle miles traveled and reducing air pollution. The awards for Calendar Year 2003 accomplishments were presented at the March Management Committee meeting. A presentation acknowledging the awards will be given. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Information.

9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative bills of importance to MAG. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Discussion of the Draft FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and Expenditures and Projects in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Staff will review the draft FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget that represents the budget document to-date. A revised dues and assessments schedule will be provided. The Executive Committee will discuss the Work Program at its March 22nd meeting. An update on their discussion will be provided to the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. 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.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information, discussion and input on the development of the Work Program and Annual Budget.

11. Information.