

June 17, 2003

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, June 25, 2003

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
June 25, 2003**

	<b><u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>
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. Information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  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 that are being presented for action. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	5. Approve the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

*5A. <u>Approval of May 28, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approve May 28, 2003 meeting minutes.
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**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

*5B. <u>Approval of the Recommendations in the High Capacity Transit Study</u>	5B. Accept the corridors as identified within the High Capacity Transit Study for consideration as input into the Regional Transportation Plan process, subject to integration with the express bus
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The High Capacity Transit Study (HCT) was reviewed at the April Management Committee meeting. The study is designed to be the first step in developing and prioritizing the recommended network of high capacity transit services. The study evaluated the possible use of existing railroad corridors for commuter rail and identifies other high capacity transit technologies, such as bus rapid transit or light rail, in other high demand corridors in the region. The planning efforts for the HCT are being integrated with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Future steps include additional review of corridors, including analysis of expected funding available, and consultation with member agencies and the public, to refine the number and coverage of the recommended corridors in the RTP. The Management Committee recommended acceptance. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Highway Projects

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has notified MAG of the need to change the potential funding source for three regional freeway system projects on Grand Avenue and the Santan Freeway in FY 2004. The action on these projects does not require an amendment to the TIP and, as the projects do not add capacity, air quality concerns are not an issue. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Federal Fiscal Year 2003 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2003 and FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$13.4 million is available for the close out. Approximately \$29.6 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. On May 29, 2003, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended

network from the Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Transit System Study, and subject to additional input received from MAG member agencies.

5C. Approve the proposed administrative adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as shown on the attached Table One.

5D. Approve the interim closeout of Federal FY 2003, as recommended by the Transportation Review Committee at their May 29, 2003, meeting as follows: (1) Defer the projects listed in Table One; (2) Add new projects, or advance from a future year, or allocate additional funds to, the projects listed in Table Two; (3) Amend the FY 2003 and FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to include the additional funds for the Bicycle Education Workshop, the Pedestrian Design Program, the Williams Gateway Airport Freeway - Corridor Study and the Evaluation of ITS Applications for

approval of the deferral of the 15 projects requested and recommended projects to utilize the majority of the funds available. The Management Committee concurred with the TRC recommendation. Due to the Bicycle Education Workshop, the Pedestrian Design Program, the Williams Gateway Airport Freeway-Corridor Study and the Evaluation of ITS Applications for Elderly Mobility affecting the Unified Planning Work Program, a recommendation from the Executive Committee on these issues was requested. On June 16, 2003, the Executive Committee recommended approval. This item is on the June 18, 2003 Transportation Policy Committee agenda for action. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. In addition, further action is expected next month on contingency projects to utilize any further funds that might become available during the final close out phase. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Elderly Mobility as shown in Table Three; and (4) Authorize an amendment/administrative adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the necessary projects in FY 2003.

**AIR QUALITY ITEM**

\*5E. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for administrative adjustments and an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Administrative adjustments are necessary to change the potential funding source for three regional freeway system projects on Grand Avenue and the Santan Freeway in FY 2004. Also, an amendment is necessary to add new projects to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and administrative adjustments are necessary to incorporate minor project revisions for projects recommended for the Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Interim Closeout. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. For consultation.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

\*5F. Small Plant Review and Approval Process for the Proposed Shangri-La Ranch Wastewater Treatment Facility

5F. Approve the proposed Shangri-La Ranch Wastewater Treatment Facility as part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

The City of Phoenix has requested that MAG review the proposed Shangri-La Ranch Wastewater Treatment Facility through the Small Plant Review and Approval Process of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The Maricopa County Municipal Small Plant Planning Area is within three miles of the project, and the County has indicated they do not object to the proposed facility. The MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5G. 9-1-1 Budget Request to the Arizona Department of Administration for Equipment and Operating Funds

Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund. The MAG 911 Oversight Team and the Management Committee recommended approval of the submittal. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5H. Compiling Information on Regionally Significant Development Projects

In December 2002, the Regional Council approved an 18-month evaluation period for MAG to compile information on Regionally Significant Development Projects. The purpose of this effort is to provide MAG member agencies with the regional transportation costs of major development projects. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5I. Homeless Continuum of Care Update

On December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity

5G. Approve the MAG FY 2005 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2005-2009 Equipment Program, and the request for 9-1-1 operating funds for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

5H. Approval of compiling information on regionally significant development projects, including annual impact of cumulative development in the region.

5I. Information, discussion and possible comment on the Homeless Continuum of Care process.

for a year round homeless planning process that includes submittal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for Maricopa County. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent and transitional housing and supportive services. It is anticipated the region could receive up to \$15 million in 2003. MAG received 44 applications from non-profit organizations in the Valley. A ranking and review process, administered by Valley of the Sun United Way, is in process. Based on the very tight time frame, the Executive Committee and Regional Council are requested to comment on the application process. At the June 16, 2003 Executive Committee meeting, comments included a desire by members to learn more of the process if possible prior to the release of the process and the submittal of recommendation to HUD and that the Notice of Funding Availability materials be sent to municipalities to make the process more inclusive. Since the rankings will not be available until July 9, 2003, there is not a MAG committee meeting that coincides with the 2003 Continuum of Care process. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

6. Regional Transportation Plan Update

An update will be provided on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan that is being developed by the Transportation Policy Committee.

6. Information and discussion.

**AIR QUALITY ITEM**

7. Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Boundary

By July 15, 2003, the Governor is required to recommend nonattainment area boundaries for the eight-hour ozone standard. If no boundary is recommended, the Environmental Protection Agency will use the Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes all of Maricopa and Pinal Counties.

7. Information, discussion, and possible action to approve the recommendation of the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee regarding an eight-hour ozone nonattainment area boundary for transmittal to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Governor.

As the Regional Air Quality Planning Agency, MAG is preparing a recommendation for the boundary. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is also preparing a recommendation to be announced on June 17, 2003. On May 8 and 27, 2003, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) reviewed the initial analysis prepared by MAG staff. The AQTAC may make a recommendation on June 19, 2003. The recommendation of the AQTAC will be sent following the action of the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### GENERAL ITEMS

8. Draft Revised MAG Interim Projections of Population, Housing and Employment by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis Zone (RAZ) for July 1, 2010, 2020, 2025 and 2030

At the May Management Committee meeting, the Draft MAG Interim Projections for Population, Housing and Employment were discussed and recommended for acceptance. In recommending approval of the projections, discussion was heard regarding the availability of water to support the projected population. To address this concern, the projections were forwarded to member agencies for a final review and were revised based on input received before proceeding to the Regional Council for approval. On June 11, 2003, the Management Committee recommended acceptance of the revised interim projections. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Regional Council Annual Accomplishments

A presentation will be made on the Regional Council Annual Accomplishments for the prior year.

10. Election of Officers

The MAG Nominating Committee has recommended a slate of officers for 2003-2004. The MAG officer positions are Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. In accordance with the MAG

8. Accept the Draft Revised MAG resident population, housing and employment projections by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis Zone (RAZ) for July 1, 2010, 2020, 2025 and 2030 for use as interim projections.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Election of the Regional Council officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, and the three At-Large Members as members of the Executive Committee. According to the MAG Nomination Process, the Past Chair of the Regional Council also serves on the Executive Committee.

Nomination Process, three At-Large members were also nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. According to the MAG Nomination Process, the Past Chair of the Regional Council also serves on the Executive Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Update on Comments Received on the MAG Regional Town Hall Report

On March 28, 2003, the first MAG Regional Town Hall was held. A final report of the event was recently mailed out to participants, the Regional Council, the Transportation Policy Committee, and the Management Committee. In addition, the report was posted on the MAG website. Comments on the report are requested.

12. 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.

11. Information and discussion.

12. Information.