

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, September 25, 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
September 25, 2002**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> | |
| <p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p> | |
| <p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>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.</p> | <p>3. For information.</p> |
| <p>4. <u>Interim Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Interim Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.</p> | <p>4. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>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.</p> | <p>5. Approve the Consent Agenda.</p> |

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

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| <p>*6. <u>Approval of July 24, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u></p> | <p>6. Review and approve July 24, 2002 meeting minutes.</p> |
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

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| <p>*7. <u>Approval of Projects for the FY 2003 MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Program</u></p> | <p>7. Approve selecting the following projects to receive the pedestrian design assistance: (1) The City of Phoenix-\$65,000, 32nd/Washington Streets-Transit Oriented Pedestrian Link</p> |
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On July 16, 2002, the Pedestrian Working Group recommended projects to receive FY 2003 design assistance. In addition, the Working Group requested that staff investigate how to fully fund the top three proposals, since FY 2003 funds are presently limited to \$125,000. The Management Committee recommended approval of selecting the requested projects and funding the remainder of the Mesa project (\$16,000) with unexpended CMAQ funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *8. Adjustment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Reconcile with the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the Telework Outreach Program

In May 2002, the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was adopted by the Regional Council. The FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), approved by the Regional Council in July 2002, includes \$300,000 for the Telework Outreach Program. The FY 2003 Work Program and Annual Budget needs to reflect the Telework Outreach Program in the amount of \$300,000. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *9. Amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Federal Aviation Administration Funds to Support the MAG Continuous Aviation System Planning Program

In April of this year, MAG submitted an application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for \$150,000 in federal funds to continue the regional system planning process. It is anticipated that the FAA may award the grant to MAG prior to the close of the Federal Fiscal Year 2002. To accept these funds, MAG will need to formally accept the grant by September 30, 2002. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Enhancement; (2) City of Surprise-\$40,000, North Original Townsite Trail; and (3) City of Mesa/Arizona State University-\$36,000, ASU East Campus Pedestrian Mall Master Plan, Phase II. Also, to use unexpended CMAQ funds in the amount of \$16,000 to fund the remainder of the City of Mesa project.

8. Approve an amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, to include the Telework Outreach Program for an amount of \$300,000.

9. Approve an amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add \$150,000 in funds from the Federal Aviation Administration to support the MAG Continuous Aviation System Planning Program, contingent upon a receipt of an FAA grant in September 2002.

*10. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program for Highway and Transit Projects

The Maricopa County Human Services Department has been notified of the award of a new \$1.2 million Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant contained in the recently signed Federal FY 2002 Emergency Supplemental Bill. With the local match of \$1.2 million, the total cost of the project is \$2.4 million. Also, the City of Phoenix has received \$500,000 in federal highway safety funds to replace the 43rd Avenue crossing of the Roosevelt Irrigation District Canal for a total cost of \$834,700. It is necessary to amend the FY 2003-2007 TIP to include these projects. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Approve an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the Maricopa County Human Services Department Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for \$2.4 million and to include the City of Phoenix 43rd Avenue bridge replacement safety project for \$834,700.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*11. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on conformity assessments for Glendale Park-and-Ride and Mesa Park-and-Ride project-level conformity determinations. MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the conformity rule and concurs with the project-level conformity determinations. In addition, conformity consultation is being conducted for an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program which includes the City of Phoenix canal crossing at 43rd Avenue and the Roosevelt Irrigation District Canal and the Maricopa County Human Services Department Job Access and Reverse Commute Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For consultation.

GENERAL ITEMS

*12. Approval to Reprogram Funds to Acquire the REMI Model

Many regional organizations throughout the United States use economic models to assist their member agencies in predicting economic trends. Staff is recommending that funds previously

12. Approve reprogramming funds in the Unified Planning Work Program to acquire the REMI model.

approved for a revenue sharing study, be reprogrammed to acquire the Regional Economic Model, Inc. (REMI) model. The model would be useful for (1) checking County population control totals prepared by DES, (2) reviewing sales tax projections prepared by ADOT, and (3) preparing County socioeconomic variables that are currently not available but have other planning applications. The cost of the model is approximately \$56,000. The cost of annual updating of data is \$12,200. The Management Committee recommended approval of reprogramming the funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*13. Transition to Self-Maintenance of the MAG 9-1-1 System

Since the implementation of 9-1-1 service in the MAG region, Qwest has provided 9-1-1 equipment maintenance service for the 26 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in the region. The service has not met the requirements of the PSAPs and an RFP was issued to secure a maintenance provider. Following an unsuccessful RFP process, the State 9-1-1 Office and the MAG 9-1-1 Administrator engaged in discussions to find a solution that meets the fiscal needs of the State 9-1-1 fund and the service level requirements of the MAG 9-1-1 system. The solution that meets both needs is to award Qwest the maintenance contract for two years and begin transitioning to self-maintenance during that time. The State 9-1-1 Office supports this recommendation and agrees to reimburse all costs associated with implementing this plan. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Approval that the 9-1-1 maintenance contract with Qwest be renewed for two years, with a possible one year extension beyond that, with the caveat that MAG develop a 9-1-1 self-maintenance system within that time frame.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

14. Update on the MAG High Capacity Transit Plan

The MAG High Capacity Transit Plan (Plan) is currently one of several studies in process that will help provide input into the Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan is evaluating the

14. Information and discussion.

possible use of existing railroad corridors for commuter rail, and light rail transit and/or bus rapid transit in several other high demand corridors. An agency working group has been meeting bi-monthly to provide input into the project. An update of the study's progress will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

15. MAG Database Information to Assist Economic Development

In May 2000, MAG received a \$295,000 grant from FWHA for a "Regional Growing Smarter Implementation Plan" to be prepared in conjunction with municipal and county general plans as part of Growing Smarter/Plus statutes. MAG staff approached the grant in terms of preparing information on Metro Phoenix for general planning purposes. A major part of the larger project is economic development. Regional Development staff will present a briefing regarding the MAG database information that may be helpful for economic development. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan

In April 2000, MAG initiated a major Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The Plan serves as the key guiding document for the Regional MAG 208 Water Quality Management Planning Program. The Plan describes the desired wastewater treatment configuration for Maricopa County. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Revision. Following the Management Committee recommendation, a letter was received from the Central Arizona Association of Governments requesting that the plan clarify that the MAG 208 planning boundary is the Maricopa County boundary and that jurisdictions or portions of jurisdictions outside of Maricopa County are within other planning areas for all 208 planning purposes and processes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. Information and discussion.

16. Approve the Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan with clarification that the MAG 208 planning boundary is the Maricopa County boundary and that jurisdictions or portions of jurisdictions outside of Maricopa County are within other planning areas for all 208 planning purposes and processes.

17. Human Services Campus

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness was formed in late 1999 to provide homelessness planning and policy development in the region. For the past three years, Maricopa County has joined forces with the Committee to better coordinate services for the homeless and at-risk populations. This process revealed that a downtown center was needed to provide better services. A report on the progress of the development of the Human Services Campus in downtown Phoenix will be presented.

17. Information and discussion.

18. Update on Executive Director Recruitment

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

18. Information and discussion.

19. 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.

19. Information.