

June 18, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council  
FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman  
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

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Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26, 2002

**Phoenix Airport Marriott Hotel**

Ponderosa/Sagebrush Rooms

1101 North 44th Street, Phoenix (see enclosed map)

Awards Reception/Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Grand Ballroom, Phoenix Airport Marriott Hotel

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the Phoenix Airport Marriott Hotel at the time and place noted above. Supporting information is enclosed for your review. Members of the Regional Council may attend the meeting either in person or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Desert Peaks Awards dinner. MAG will host the reception/dinner for the Regional Council members. The Desert Peaks Awards reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. The Awards presentation is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. Reservations for additional individuals to attend the dinner can be made as space allows.

Parking is available in the parking lot adjacent to the hotel. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip.

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 26, 2002**

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>		
<p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>		
<p>3. <u>Approval of May 22, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u></p>		<p>3. Review and approve May 22, 2002 meeting minutes.</p>
<p>4. <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>4. For information.</p>
<p>5. <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>5. For information and discussion.</p>
<p>6. <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>6. Approve the Consent Agenda.</p>

**ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

<p>*7. <u>Proposed Amendment and Administrative Adjustments to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Transit Projects</u></p>		<p>7. Approve an Amendment and Administrative Adjustments to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects.</p>
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The FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Regional Council on July 25, 2001. Each year, when the Transit Appropriations are released, Valley Metro reviews the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Application that is under development and adjusts the projects listed in the Grant and the TIP to ensure that the two programs are in conformance. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*8. Consultant Selection for the 2002 MAG Travel Speed Study

The FY 2002 Unified Planning Work Program, approved in May 2001 by the Regional Council, included a travel speed study for \$300,000. The data collected from this survey will be used to calibrate the MAG travel demand model. The accuracy of speed data is important to the annual process of evaluating the conformity of transportation plans to state and federal air quality implementation plans. A Request for Proposals was advertised and seven firms submitted proposals. A multi-agency review team considered the proposals and reached a consensus that Carter Burgess, Inc. be selected to conduct the Travel Speed Study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*9. Consultant Selection for the MAG 2002 Traffic Volume Survey

The FY 2002 Unified Planning Work Program, approved in May 2001 by the Regional Council, included a Traffic Volume Survey for \$80,000. The data collected from this survey will be used to calibrate the MAG travel demand model and provide a baseline for transportation planning and traffic engineering studies conducted in the MAG region. A Request for Proposals was advertised and two firms submitted proposals. A multi-agency review team considered the proposals and reached a consensus that Traffic Research & Analysis, Inc. be selected to conduct the 2002 Traffic Volume Survey for an amount not to

8. Approval for Carter Burgess, Inc. to conduct the 2002 MAG Travel Speed Study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

9. Approve the selection of Traffic Research & Analysis, Inc. to conduct the 2002 Traffic Volume Survey for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

exceed \$80,000. The Management Committee recommended approval of the selection. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*10. Amendment of MAG Transportation Model Enhancements Consultant Contract for Station Demand Forecasting

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has provided MAG with funding for staff support and transit modeling improvements. Staff is recommending that the consultant contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas be amended to continue with the refinements to the model for transit purposes. This would increase the present contract from \$412,908 to \$512,908. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Approval of amending the consultant contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas for transportation model enhancements from \$412,908 to \$512,908.

**AIR QUALITY ITEM**

\*11. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for amendments and administrative adjustments to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendments and administrative adjustments are necessary to incorporate revisions to existing transit projects, add new federal-aid transit projects, and to include projects recommended for the interim closeout of the FY 2002 MAG federally funded program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For consultation.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

\*12. Homeless Continuum of Care Recommendations

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

12. For information.

housing, and supportive services. Last year, the region received \$9.2 million. A Continuum of Care Steering Committee was formed and chaired by former Chief Justice Frank Gordon. MAG received 31 applications from non-profit organizations in the Valley. A ranking and review process was administered by the Valley of the Sun United Way. Because the Regional Council meeting will be held after the submission deadline of June 21, 2002, the MAG Executive Committee reviewed and commented on the application rankings at their meeting on June 17, 2002. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*13. 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. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*14. Desert Spaces Implementation

The Desert Spaces Plan (adopted by Regional Council 1995) is a widely accepted plan for regional open space in the MAG region. The Plan recommends conservation and management strategies for lands that were identified as critical to the quality of life in the Valley. In 1996, the Desert Spaces Implementation Task Force was formed to further implement the recommendations of the Desert Spaces Plan. One of the recommendations of this Task Force was to form a citizens committee to provide leadership to enhance the implementation of the Desert Spaces Plan. This action may no longer be appropriate as there have been many changes since the Desert Spaces plan was adopted. The Management Committee recommended not proceeding with the update. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Approval of the MAG FY 2004 PSAP Funding Request and MAG FY 2004-2008 PSAP Equipment Program, and the request for 9-1-1 operating funds for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

14. Approval to not proceed with updating and implementing the Desert Spaces Plan.

- \*15. Ratification of Executive Committee Action to Approve the Separation Agreement with MAG Executive Director

At the June 6, 2002, Executive Committee meeting, the MAG Executive Director offered his voluntary resignation, effective August 1, 2002. In the separation agreement, the last office day was June 7, 2002, with a wind down period ending August 1, 2002. The separation agreement was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee. Ratification of the separation agreement is requested.

- \*16. Ratification of Executive Committee Action to Appoint MAG Assistant Director as the Interim Executive Director

At the June 6, 2002 Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee unanimously appointed Dennis Smith, the current MAG Assistant Director, as the Interim Executive Director, effective June 10, 2002. While serving as the Interim Executive Director, a ten percent increase in salary was approved.

- \*17. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Request for Offer for a Community Emergency Notification System

In October 2000, MAG was notified that funding may be available for an emergency warning system to provide emergency agencies with the ability to notify citizens within an event area of floods, fires, chemical spills, industrial mishaps, evacuations, or other emergencies. This funding was being made available from a court settlement through the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Hazardous Waste Section. On October 19, 2000, the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team recommended accepting the funding. Since that time, ADEQ indicated that a procurement process would be used to determine which agency would implement the system. On April 12, 2002, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality released a Request for Offer (RFO) for a Community Emergency Notification System (CENS). MAG has submitted a response to the RFO. If

15. Ratification of Executive Committee action regarding the separation agreement with the MAG Executive Director.

16. Ratification of the Executive Committee action to appoint the current MAG Assistant Director as the Interim MAG Executive Director effective June 10, 2002, and to provide a ten percent increase to the Assistant Director's salary while serving as the Interim Executive Director.

17. Approval to receive the Community Emergency Notification System funding, if awarded from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and to amend the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to reflect acceptance of the funding and program, and to coordinate with and give consideration to those jurisdictions that already have notification systems in place.

awarded, MAG would receive approximately \$2.5 million over a two year period. One of the provisions of the RFO was to identify how the system would be continued. The RFO closed on May 24, 2002, and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality anticipates awarding the RFO in six weeks. The Management Committee recommended approval of receiving the funding and program, and to coordinate with and give consideration to those jurisdictions that already have notification systems in place. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*18. Amendment to the MAG By-Laws to Include Apache Junction as a MAG Member Agency

At the May 22, 2002 Regional Council meeting, Apache Junction was approved as a MAG member agency. Included in this action was direction for MAG to draft the required changes to the By-Laws to include Apache Junction as a MAG member agency. An amendment to the By-Laws has been prepared, which includes Apache Junction and computes their dues and assessments on the total population of Apache Junction, which includes that portion in Pinal County. It is anticipated that this revised methodology would be incorporated into the invoices sent out for the FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Management Committee unanimously recommended approval of the amendment, while retaining the existing methodology for calculating dues and assessments for Native American communities. Please refer to the enclosed material.

18. Approval of the amendment to the MAG By-Laws to include Apache Junction as a MAG member agency, to revise the methodology for calculating MAG dues and assessments to include the entire population of the MAG member agencies that are beyond the Maricopa County boundary, and to retain the existing methodology for calculating dues and assessments for Native American Communities as stated in the existing By-Laws.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

19. Requested Change to the MAG Regional Freeway Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested a number of material changes to the MAG Regional Freeway Program. The changes are listed in the attachment and include schedule, cost, and new projects. Eight schedule changes

19. Approval of the requested change to add the two noise mitigation projects for the Pima and Price Freeways and approval of the remainder of the changes as requested by ADOT.

are requested to better coordinate with related projects. Seven of the changes involve material cost changes which are defined as increases of more than five percent. The cost changes reflect the latest cost information available. There are five new projects being added. A review of the net impact of these changes indicates that the cash balances for the MAG Regional Freeway Program are adequate to accommodate the requested changes. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

20. Federal Fiscal Year 2002 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2002-2006 and Draft 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2002 and FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$11.3 million is available for closeout. Approximately \$16 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. The Management Committee recommended approval of the interim closeout. Please refer to the enclosed material.

21. Appointment of the MAG Transportation Policy Committee

At the May 22, 2002 Regional Council meeting, potential nominees for the new Transportation Policy Committee were discussed. To provide additional time to confirm potential nominees for the Committee, it was determined that the Committee be appointed at the June 26, 2002 Regional Council meeting. The members of the Regional Council requested information on the length of the term for the Committee members. It is suggested that business members on the Committee serve a two year term, and be eligible for reappointment, with a maximum term of four years. Biographies from those interested in serving as the business members have been requested, along with a brief statement of interest from the potential nominee. Appointment of the Committee members and approval of the length of the term for the business members are being

20. Approve the interim closeout of Federal FY 2002, as follows: (1) Defer the projects listed in Table One; (2) Advance the projects listed in Table Two; (3) Amend the FY 2002 and FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to include the additional funds for the Grand Avenue Major Investment Study as shown in Table Three; and (4) Authorize an amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the necessary projects in FY 2002 and an adjustment to the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as listed in Table Four.

21. Appointment of the members of the MAG Transportation Policy Committee and establishing the length of the term for the business members to be two-year terms, eligible for reappointment, with a maximum term of four years.

requested. Following appointment of the Committee, the Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed at the July 24, 2002 Regional Council meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**GENERAL ITEM**

22. Election of Officers

The MAG Nominating Committee has recommended a slate of officers for 2002-2003. The MAG officer positions are Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. In accordance with the MAG Nomination Process, three At-Large members were also nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. According to the MAG Nomination Process, the Past Chairman of the Regional Council also serves on the Executive Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

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