

January 22, 2008

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30, 2008  
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 underneath the 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 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.

c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
January 30, 2008**

	<u><b>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</b></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 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.	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. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

*5A. <u>Approval of the December 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approval of the December 19, 2007 meeting minutes.
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## TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

\*5B. Ratification of Geographic Representative for the Transportation Policy Committee

The composition of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), established by the Regional Council on April 24, 2002, includes three members selected from areas that need to be represented to achieve geographic balance, with the members selected from and by the under represented geographic area and ratified by the Regional Council. Interstate 17 is used as a boundary in determining geographic balance. The term of office of Mayor Joan Shafer of Surprise, one of the geographic balance members, ended in December 2007. To fill the unexpired portion of the two-year term (June 2008), a letter of support for Mayor Lyn Truitt, Surprise, has been received. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. Appointment of City of Phoenix Councilwoman to Serve as the Central City Elected Official on the Transportation Policy Committee

The composition of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), established by the Regional Council on April 24, 2002, includes a central City member (City of Phoenix). When the TPC members were initially appointed in June 2002, the Regional Council appointed the list of committee members. Recently, due to term limits, the current City of Phoenix member on the TPC is vacant. The City of Phoenix has selected Maria Baier to serve as their representative on the TPC. Appointment of Councilwoman to the TPC by the Regional Council as the Central City Elected Official is requested. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Project Changes: Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and Material Change to the ADOT Program

The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan

5B. Ratification of the appointment of Mayor Lyn Truitt, Surprise, to fill the unexpired portion of the geographic balance seat, two-year term (June 2008), on the Transportation Policy Committee.

5C. Appointment of Councilwoman Maria Baier as the Central City Elected Official on the Transportation Policy Committee.

5D. Approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, and a material change to the ADOT Program as shown in the attached tables.

2007 Update were approved by the Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to highway projects in the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table A, and the administrative modification to transit projects in the FY 2008-2012 TIP is listed in Table B. Since the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the list, two additional projects were added: DOT08-841 and TMP08-603. The Management Committee recommended approval of the requested changes. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and an administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. In addition, Table C notes the Material Change to the ADOT Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

#### AIR QUALITY ITEMS

\*5E. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment includes the addition of seven federally-funded Hazard Elimination Safety and Transportation Enhancement projects. The amendment also includes one new project and several minor project changes for the Arizona Department of Transportation in FY 2008. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. In addition, MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for a City of Goodyear project-level conformity determination for a park-and-ride facility located at the northwest corner of Interstate-10 and Dysart Road. Comments on the conformity assessments are requested by January 25, 2008. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Consultation.

## GENERAL ITEMS

\*5F. Upcoming Human Services Grant Opportunities

Every year, MAG facilitates two different application processes to support homeless assistance programs as well as agencies that transport older adults and people with disabilities. The application competition for Section 5310 funds to support agencies that transport older adults and people with disabilities has been opened by the Arizona Department of Transportation. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is expected to release the Stuart B. McKinney applications to support homeless assistance programs in the next few months. This item is presented to make member agencies aware of the opportunities for funding and to offer technical assistance throughout the process.

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness submits a consolidated application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Stuart B. McKinney funds to support homeless assistance programs. Each year, the region receives record-breaking awards. Last year, the region received more than \$20 million. Typically, new applications are limited by HUD to permanent housing projects that serve chronically homeless people. HUD is expected to release the application in March.

The MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Committee prepares a priority listing of applications for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for Section 5310 funds. This funding source provides vans, radio equipment, and software to nonprofit agencies, municipalities and tribes transporting older adults and people with disabilities. Last year, mobility management funds were made available for the first time to assist agencies in coordinating programs. The due date for the applications is February 11, 2008 at noon. No late applications will be accepted. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Information.

\*5G. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2009  
MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual  
Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year throughout the budget development process. The draft budget is presented to the members and public in monthly meetings beginning in January. It is presented in a videoconference presentation for all of the members and public in February. The budget is reviewed by the federal agencies in the spring and considered by the Regional Council in May. This overview of MAG's draft Dues and Assessments for FY 2009 provides an opportunity for early input into the development of the Work Program and Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5H. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan  
Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of  
Buckeye

The Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to incorporate the changes outlined in the Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye. The amendment proposes 18 wastewater treatment facilities to serve the Town of Buckeye Municipal Planning Area (MPA) including five of the six existing facilities, six planned facilities, and seven future facilities. The ultimate proposed capacity for the Town of Buckeye MPA would be 241.2 million gallons per day. The Town plans to maximize opportunities for reuse and recharge of treated effluent from the facilities. In addition, each of the 18 facilities has or may obtain an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for discharges into Waters of the United States. The project is within three miles of the towns of Gila Bend and Wickenburg, cities of Glendale, Goodyear, and Surprise, and unincorporated Maricopa County. Five of the six entities have indicated no objections. The City of Surprise has indicated that it opposes this plan only due to a boundary

5G. Information.

5H. Approval of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye.

issue. The public hearing on the draft amendment was conducted on December 13, 2007. The MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee and the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*51. Ratification of the Annual Performance Review and Compensation of the MAG Executive Director

In January 2003, the Regional Council approved an agreement to hire the current Executive Director. As part of this agreement, it was provided that the Executive Director would receive an annual performance review conducted by the Executive Committee. As part of the evaluation, in November 2007, a questionnaire was sent to the members of the Regional Council to comment on the performance of the Executive Director. On January 14, 2008, the Executive Committee reviewed the comments from the Regional Council, discussed the performance of the Executive Director, and took action to increase the salary of the Executive Director. The action of the Executive Committee is being presented to the Regional Council for ratification. Please refer to the enclosed material.

51. Ratify the action of the Executive Committee to increase the MAG Executive Director's salary.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

6. MAG Federal Funding Process Update

On March 13, 2007 and November 6, 2007, MAG held workshops to discuss the MAG Federal Fund program that utilizes Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds (CMAQ). The next meeting is scheduled for early 2008. Staff will provide an update on the review of the MAG federal funds process that MAG uses to evaluate and recommend projects for CMAQ funding. The goal of the process is to ensure that it is consistent with the provisions of the guidance provided by the Federal Highway Administration and is clearly articulated to the MAG member

6. Information and discussion.

agencies. It is anticipated that a report on possible improvements will be provided in the Spring of 2008.

7. Programming of Projects for MAG Federal Funding in the Draft FY 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) targets all future MAG federal funds to specific modes and, in some cases, identifies specific projects for the funds. For Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), bicycle, pedestrian and air quality projects, the RTP identified funds, but did not specify individual projects. Requests for projects for the MAG federal funds expected to be available for FY 2013, FY 2010, and FY2009 have been received and ranked by modal technical advisory committees. The attached table contains a list of projects submitted, and the recommendations by the Transportation Review Committee and Management Committee for projects to receive MAG federal funding for the respective federal fiscal years. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Interim Appointment of the Chair of the Transportation Policy Committee to Fill the Unexpired Term (June 2008)

In June 2006, Councilwoman Bilsten from the City of Phoenix was appointed as the Chair of the Transportation Policy Committee for a two-year term ending in June 2008. Due to term limits, Councilwoman Bilsten was not eligible to run for re-election creating a vacancy in the Chair position for the TPC. To fill this position until June 2008, the interim appointment of the Chair of the TPC is requested. In June 2008, the Regional Council would then consider the TPC officer positions for a two year term.

7. Approval of the projects listed in the attached table to be added to the MAG Federal Fund Program and to be added to the Draft FY 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

8. Interim appointment of the Chair of the TPC to fill the unexpired portion of the two-year term (June 2008).

## GENERAL ITEMS

9. MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project

The MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project maps out resources used to address human services throughout the region. To put these resources in context, an index for human services demand has been created and mapped out as well. This index is the first of its kind in the country. The project provides a very current measure of the demand for human services that MAG member agencies, funders and nonprofit agencies may use a tool for planning and program development. The MAG Human Services Technical Committee, the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee, and the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

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. Approval of the MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project.

10. Information, discussion and possible action.

11. Information.