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TO: Members of the MAG Street Committee

FROM: Darryl H. Crossman, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, May 6, 2008 - 1:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Street Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those members using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those members using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eileen Yazzie or Steve Tate at (602) 254-6300.

Members of the MAG Street Committee may also attend **in person, via video-conference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by video-conference must notify the MAG site three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 12:55 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 787338 (Street) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above. 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 Eileen Yazzie at the MAG office.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or twelve people for the Street Committee. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of the January 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve the minutes from the January 8, 2008 meeting.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Street Committee 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. Members of the public 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 Street Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. For information.
4. <u>Transportation Programming Manager's Report</u> The MAG Transportation Programming Manager will review recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for MAG Committees and other related regional transportation activities.	4. For information and discussion.
5. <u>MAG Federal Fund Local Sponsored Projects Development Status</u> MAG monitors the development of MAG federally funded projects to help MAG member agencies complete the federal design and obligation process. At the meeting, a status report on MAG federally funded projects will be discussed and members will be requested to provide updates or corrections as appropriate.	5. For information and discussion.

6. Recommendation for Street Committee Representative to the Transportation Enhancement Funds Working Group

Approximately \$12 million in federal enhancement funds are available each year on a statewide basis for the provision of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, pedestrian/bicycle education, landscaping, historic preservation, and archaeological planning. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) manages transportation enhancements in Arizona. MAG works with ADOT to rank applications and incorporate public input into the process.

MAG established the Transportation Enhancement Working Group in 1993 to review and rank Transportation Enhancement applications from the MAG Region. Representatives on the Transportation Enhancement Funds Working Group are from the MAG Management Committee, Street Committee (formerly the TIP Committee), Regional Bicycle Task Force, and others who represent historical preservation, archaeological, pedestrian, and riparian interests. The Street Committee will review and recommend a representative to be forwarded to the Chair of the MAG Regional Council to be considered for possible appointment.

7. MAG Federal Programming Process Update

On March 13, 2007, November 6, 2007, and January 28, 2008, MAG held workshops to discuss the update and establish principles for the MAG Federal Fund Programming Process. The goals of this update of the MAG Federal Fund Programming Process are to ensure compliance with Federal Highway Administration guidance, adherence to MAG Regional Transportation Plan policies, and to clearly document the Process and articulated it to the MAG member agencies.

In the past, the Street Committee was involved in the review and ranking of project

6. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend a Street Committee representative for the Transportation Enhancement Funds Working Group.

7. For information and discussion.

applications for federal funds. The Street Committee may be asked to be a part of the review of project applications in the future. A current memo highlighting issues and sections that are relevant to the Street Committee and the Draft of the MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles is attached (See the attached memo and statement of programming principals).

8. FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Listing of Potential Changes

To provide time to improve the programming process and to address outstanding cost issues in the Freeway Life-Cycle Program, MAG has decided to not produce a new TIP. Instead, MAG will amend the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP to reflect changes submitted by member agencies for FY 2008, FY 2009 and FY 2010. Projects submitted for Federal funding for FY 2013 will be retained by MAG staff and be included in the draft FY 2010-2014 TIP when it is developed next year.

To provide member agencies with information concerning the pending TIP amendment, MAG staff has placed a draft listing of changes on the TIP page of the MAG website for downloading and will distribute a listing at the meeting. Member agencies are requested to review the change list and submit corrections as necessary.

9. Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) Data Collection Requirements and Possible Needed Actions

Current Federal regulations as implemented in the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) require that the states collect International Roughness Index (IRI) data on roadways classified as Other Principal Arterials (OPA) using a profileometer on a 2-year cycle. Pending changes to HPMS would require an annual IRI data collection cycle and additional new pavement data collections items.

8. For information.

9. For information and discussion.

Unlike some other states, ADOT does not collect IRI data on all OPA roadways and instead relies on local agencies for IRI data collection on OPAs off the state highway system. However, only a few MAG member agencies have the necessary equipment to collect IRI data and MAG member agencies own 842 miles of urban OPA roadway or roughly 76 percent of urban OPAs in the State.

At the meeting, means to address the issue will be discussed. Potential means to address the issue include:

- no action other than continuing the current practice of providing ADOT with IRI data where it is available,
- downward classification of OPA roadways to minor arterial, and
- funding IRI data collection off the state highway system from either ADOT, local member agency sources or a combination of the two.

10. For information and discussion: MAG Travel Time and Travel Speed Study

MAG has completed a major traffic data collection exercise. The survey teams collected travel time, travel speed, and intersection delay on 2,000 centerline miles of MAG regional arterials and freeways during AM, PM and Midday. The collected data will be used for analytical and travel forecasting and modeling purposes. The collected traffic information will allow detailed analysis of traffic trends and patterns in the region as well as timely updates of the MAG regional travel forecasting model. MAG has completed a number of similar surveys in the past. The most recent effort included important new dimensions in data collection as well as in applied methodologies, including level of service data on major arterial intersections and utilization of GPS probe car technology. The study was conducted by Jacobs

10. For information and discussion.

Carter & Burgess. Steve Taylor - Jacobs Carter Burgess's project manager and Wang Zhang - MAG project manager for the study - will summarize the most important findings of this study.

11. Future Meeting Schedule

The future schedule of the Committee will be discussed. It has been suggested that the Committee should meet on a quarterly basis.

12. Member Agency Update

This section of the Agenda will provide Committee members with an opportunity to share information regarding a variety of transportation-related issues and to suggest topics for future Committee meetings.

13. Adjournment

11. For information and discussion.

12. For information and discussion.