

October 7, 2003

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 15, 2003 - 4:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING TIME OF 4:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. 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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Refreshments and a light dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 15, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee regarding items on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

- 3. Information.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

- *4A. Approval of September 3, 2003 and September 17, 2003 Meeting Minutes
- *4B. Approval of the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. This Special TIP serves as a four-year regional guide for the preservation, management and expansion of public transportation services, including highways, ridesharing, transit facilities and various congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects. On September 25, 2003, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP for an air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 4A. Review and approve the September 3, 2003 and September 17, 2003 meeting minutes.
- 4B. Recommend approval of the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

- 5. Regional Transportation Plan Policy Concepts

At the September 17, 2003 TPC meeting, policy concepts were considered and approved for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Three of the concepts discussed were not approved, pending further discussion and clarification. These undecided concepts pertained

- 5. Possible recommendation to further refine policy concepts for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan.

to how the RTP could be amended in the future. Refinements to these concepts are being developed and will be sent in a separate mailing.

6. Maintenance Resolution

At the September 17, 2003 TPC meeting, \$279 million was included in the RTP for maintenance. This action has been incorporated into the maintenance resolution that resulted from the meetings of the Maintenance Stakeholder Group. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Review and Discussion of Draft Preliminary Regional Transportation Plan Document

On September 17, 2003, the TPC approved the RTP for an air quality conformity analysis. This analysis and public hearing on the analysis is expected to be completed by November 25, 2003, when certification of the Plan by the Regional Council is anticipated. The results of the air quality conformity analysis will then be incorporated into the final document. Along with the air quality information that is under preparation, further written documentation of the RTP has been prepared for consideration by the TPC. It is anticipated that this information will be reviewed and discussed at the October meeting and action taken at the November 12, 2003 TPC meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Recommendation to approve the maintenance resolution.

7. Information and discussion.