

March 14, 2003

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO THE MARCH 19, 2003 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA TO ALLOW FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Since mailing the Transportation Policy Committee agenda, an addendum to the agenda has been prepared to allow for possible action on agenda item #8, Legislative Update. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at the MAG office.

**COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED**

8. Legislative Update

On February 17, 2003, the House Transportation Committee considered HB 2292. At the hearing, MAG supported the bill and noted that additional consideration would need to be given to placing safeguards, similar to what now exist for the freeway program, in the bill. Examples of safeguards would be the material cost change and enhancement policy. It was also noted by MAG at the hearing that the timing in the bill would need further examination to ensure that a May 2004 election could be held. On February 20, 2003, HB 2292, passed the House by a vote of 60-0.

Following the House vote, staff worked with the supporters of the bill to have the safeguards language addressed in the bill. On March 10, 2003, staff was informed that no new amendments would be considered for HB 2292. On March 11, 2003, HB 2292 was considered by the Senate Natural Resources and Transportation Committee. At this hearing,

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

MAG discussed the safeguards with the Committee. In addition, funding mechanics for addressing streets and transit were raised, along with election timing issues. The bill passed the Committee by a vote of 6-0. If these safeguard and funding mechanics issues are not addressed now, it will leave these issues to be addressed when the election authorization is considered in a later special or regular session of the legislature. Another option would be to consider these improvements in another bill. The next committee to hear the bill is the Senate Finance Committee.