

May 8, 2007

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 - 4:00 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

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 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.

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.

Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 262-7441, or Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council  
MAG Management Committee

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
May 16, 2007

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 Transportation Policy 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. 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 Transportation Policy Committee 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.

**MINUTES**

4. Approval of March 21, 2007 Meeting Minutes

4. Review and approval of the March 21, 2007 meeting minutes.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

5. Proposed Major Amendment to Delete SR 153 from the MAG Regional Transportation Plan

The City of Phoenix and the Arizona Department of Transportation have been working with MAG staff to analyze the impact of removing SR 153 (Sky Harbor Expressway) from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and using the available funding for improvements to SR 143. SR 153 has been part of the MAG regional freeway system since 1985 and was included in the MAG RTP and Proposition 400. Since the RTP was approved, substantial studies have been conducted related to the improvements of I-10 (the I-10 Collector - Distributor road system) and related to access to the airport. These analyses

5. Information, discussion and recommendation to consult with the State Transportation Board, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, the Indian Communities, the cities and towns in Maricopa County, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee, as required by A.R.S. 28-6353, on the proposal to delete SR 153 from the Regional Transportation Plan and to shift the available funding for improvements to SR 143.

indicate that the original concept for SR 153 no longer is an effective facility in terms of the connection with I-10 at 40th Street and in providing access to Sky Harbor. Furthermore, the current egress from Sky Harbor does not have a connection to SR 143 causing considerable concern for travelers exiting the airport who want to access I-10 and the southeast valley. The proposed change is a major amendment and, as such, requires that the statutory consultation process be followed. This item is on the May 9, 2007 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Proposition 400 Noise Mitigation Funding

At the March 2007 TPC meeting, an overview and discussion occurred about the Proposition 400 Noise Mitigation Funds. Based on the overall approach that was outlined at the meeting, a draft of possible uses, process, and evaluation to identify possible noise mitigation projects has been prepared. Approximately \$20 million is available for this program. Upon approval of the approach by the TPC, MAG would send out a request for projects for this funding. After the projects are submitted to MAG, a report will be provided to the TPC that outlines the requests submitted and recommendations for project funding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Building a Quality Arizona

The Chairs and Directors of the Arizona Councils of Governments (COGs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) (Arizona COG/MPO Association), as well as business leaders, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and representatives from the Governor's Office, have been participating in a series of meetings to address statewide transportation needs. An update on this planning effort will be provided.

8. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

6. Information, discussion and possible action to recommend that MAG solicit projects from MAG member agencies for noise mitigation projects.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.