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July 10, 2007

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, July 18, 2007 - 4:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A telephone conference call 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

A Voluntary Association of Local Governments in Maricopa County

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Gila River Indian Community ▲ Town of Gilbert ▲ City of Glendale ▲ City of Goodyear ▲ Town of Guadalupe ▲ City of Litchfield Park ▲ Maricopa County ▲ City of Mesa ▲ Town of Paradise Valley ▲ City of Peoria ▲ City of Phoenix
Town of Queen Creek ▲ Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ▲ City of Scottsdale ▲ City of Surprise ▲ City of Tempe ▲ City of Tolleson ▲ Town of Wickenburg ▲ Town of Youngtown ▲ Arizona Department of Transportation

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
July 18, 2007**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Roll Call of Members</u>	
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> 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.

ITEM PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4.	<u>FY 2007 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity</u> The Final Phase input opportunity provides members of the public a final opportunity to comment on MAG transportation plans and programs. As part of the Final Phase, On June 18, 2007, MAG held a Final Phase Transportation Open House and Public Hearing in conjunction with ADOT, Valley Metro, METRO and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department to provide information and receive comment on the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update and Draft 2007 MAG Conformity Analysis. Comments received during the Final Phase and staff responses to comments are included in the FY 2007 Final Phase Input Opportunity Report. This item is on the July 11, 2007 MAG Management Committee agenda. An	4. Recommend acceptance of the Draft FY 2007 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity Report.
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update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*5A. Approval of May 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the May 16, 2007 meeting minutes.

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

On May 23, 2007, the MAG Regional Council requested consultation on the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to delete SR 153, the Sky Harbor Expressway and use the available funding for improvement to SR 143. Formal comment on the proposed major amendment is required from the State Transportation Board, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA), and the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Cities and towns, Indian communities, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) may also provide comments. On June 15, 2007, the State Transportation Board recommended approval. On June 18, 2007, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors recommended approval and on June 21, 2007 the Regional Public Transportation Authority also recommended approval of the proposed major amendment. This item is on the July 11, 2007 MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to delete SR 153 and use the available funding for improvements to SR 143 and that the Regional Transportation Plan and the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be amended subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis.

*5C. Approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year MAG updates the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), primarily by adding a fifth year. All federally funded projects and regionally significant transportation projects (including city and privately funded projects) are required by federal law to be included in the draft TIP for the purpose of meeting the air quality conformity analysis requirements. In April 2007, the Draft FY 2008-2012 TIP was approved by Regional Council to undergo this analysis, which is now complete. On June 18, 2007, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft 2007 RTP Update, the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. This item is on the July 11, 2007 MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update

The Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update has been prepared as part of the continuing MAG regional transportation planning process. The Draft 2007 Update was approved by the Regional Council for air quality conformity analysis on April 25, 2007. A technical conformity analysis was performed on the RTP and the Draft MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and demonstrated that they meet all air quality conformity requirements. On June 18, 2007, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft RTP 2007 Update, the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. This item is on the July 11, 2007 MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Recommend approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update with applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans.

5D. Recommend approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP and TIP with the applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY...for your review

DATE:

July 10, 2007

SUBJECT:

FY 2007 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity

SUMMARY:

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) conducts a four-phase public involvement process: Early Phase, Mid-Phase, Final Phase and Continuous Involvement. The FY 2007 Final Phase Input Opportunity was conducted from May 2007 through June 2007 and provides a final opportunity for input on the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update. During the Final Phase Public Input Opportunity, MAG participated in and cosponsored events with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Regional Public Transportation Authority (Valley Metro), and Valley Metro Rail (METRO). Various forums for input were used during the FY 2007 Final Phase Input Opportunity. MAG received public comment at all MAG policy committees during the phase. In addition, MAG also received comment via telephone and online correspondence.

On Thursday, May 17, 2007, MAG staffed a booth at the State Route 801 Public Information Meeting in Goodyear. Staff was available to answer questions and respond to comments and receive suggestions on the Valley's transportation system – specifically the I-10 Reliever. On Saturday, June 16, 2007, MAG staffed a booth at the Juneteenth Festival. Staff spoke with event attendees regarding the Valley's transportation system and handed out information on the Regional Transportation Plan. On Monday, June 18, 2007, MAG, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee, Valley Metro, METRO and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department co-hosted a Final Phase Transportation Open House and Public Hearing. A court reporter was in attendance to record public comment. A transcript of the hearing is included in this report. Written responses to comments made during the phase are included in Section II of the FY 2007 Final Phase Input Opportunity Report.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Input was received throughout the Final Phase Input Opportunity and is included in the attached Draft FY 2007 Final Phase Input Opportunity Report.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The FY 2007 Final Phase Public Input Opportunity provides a final opportunity for the public to provide comment on transportation plans and programs prior to approval by MAG policy committees, in accordance with federal law. The input process also provides information regarding the meeting process, content, and results to participants, staff, decision makers, federal agencies and other interested parties.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: This input will be considered in the development of the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program.

POLICY: MAG adopted an expanded public involvement process for the annual update of MAG transportation plans and programs, in accordance with the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). MAG has enhanced its process in response to the new federal transportation guidelines known as the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The public involvement process is divided into four phases: early input, mid-phase, final phase and continuous involvement. The Final Phase process fulfills both the federal requirements and MAG policy, while the report conveys these results to policymakers.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend acceptance of the Draft FY 2007 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity Report.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: This item is on the July 11, 2007 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee.

CONTACT PERSON:

Jason Stephens, MAG Public Involvement Planner, (602) 254-6300.

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 16, 2007
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| * Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, Chair | Mayor James Cavanaugh, Goodyear |
| Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Vice Chair | Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler |
| Councilmember Ron Aames, Peoria | Councilmember Cliff Elkins, Surprise |
| Kent Andrews, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community | * Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe |
| # F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation
Oversight Committee | Eneas Kane, DMB Associates |
| # Councilmember Gail Barney, Queen Creek | * Mark Killian, The Killian Companies/
Sunny Mesa, Inc. |
| * Stephen Beard, SR Beard & Associates | * Joe Lane, State Transportation Board |
| * Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert | Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale |
| Dave Berry, Swift Transportation | Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale |
| Jed S. Billings, FNF Construction | * David Scholl, Westcor |
| Mayor Bobby Bryant, Buckeye | * Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale |
| | Supervisor Max W. Wilson, Maricopa County |

* Not present

Participated by telephone conference call

+ Participated by videoconference call

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) was called to order by Vice Chair Keno Hawker at 4:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice Chair Hawker announced that Councilmember Gail Barney and Mayor Elaine Scruggs were participating by telephone.

Vice Chair Hawker noted that a bill summary chart for agenda item #8 was at each place.

Vice Chair Hawker requested that members of the public turn in their public comment cards to staff. Transit tickets for those who used transit to attend the meeting and parking garage ticket validation were available from MAG staff.

3. Call to the Audience

Vice Chair Hawker stated that an opportunity is provided to the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. An opportunity is provided to comment on agenda items posted for action at the time the item is heard.

Vice Chair Hawker noted that no public comment cards had been received.

4. Approval of March 21, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Elkins moved approval of the March 21, 2007 meeting minutes. Mayor Bryant seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, provided a report on a proposed major amendment to delete SR 153 from the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. He stated that the City of Phoenix and the Arizona Department of Transportation have been working on a proposal to remove SR 153/Sky Harbor Expressway from the Regional Freeway System and using the available funding for improvements to SR 143. Mr. Anderson said that if approved, the ownership of SR 153 would be transferred to the City of Phoenix to be used for access to the airport and better access to I-10.

Mr. Anderson stated that there are reasons for improving SR 143 instead of SR 153. He said that SR 153 would not directly connect to I-10 at 40th Street, complicates the I-10 Collector/Distributor road design, and has low traffic volumes for the airport. Mr. Anderson stated that improvements to SR 143 could facilitate increased security measures and better connections at I-10. He said that the project cost is estimated at \$34.4 million.

Mr. Anderson stated that this change would be a major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan. He reviewed the statutory requirements for a major amendment 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. Mr. Anderson said that following the consultation, action would be taken to amend the TIP and RTP as appropriate, subject to air quality conformity analysis. Mr. Anderson then showed aerial photos of the current and proposed plan of the Collector/Distributor road system and pointed out how the SR 143 connection would work better than the SR 153 connection. Vice Chair Hawker thanked Mr. Anderson for his report and asked members if they had questions.

Councilmember Aames asked the timeline for the approval process. Mr. Anderson replied that if approval is given to proceed with consultation, letters on the proposed change would be sent to 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. He said that comments would be due to MAG about the end of

June and the TPC would be requested to make a recommendation for approval, subject to air quality conformity analysis, to the Regional Council in July.

Vice Chair Hawker commented that this change seemed to meet all of the criteria for changes, such as being the same mode and using the money in the same area to relieve congestion.

Mr. Berry asked which other projects had been considered for the expenditure of the funds that would result from the deletion of SR 153. Mr. Berry stated that it is important for the TPC to do due diligence, and as part of the documentation, know the other projects and criteria by which this project was selected over the others. Mr. Anderson stated that other projects were considered, but were vetted through the process. Mr. Anderson stated that SR 153 was designed for better access to Sky Harbor in the original plan. In addition, other improvements to SR 143 were considered. This change is what ADOT, the consultant team, and the City of Phoenix determined would work. Mr. Anderson stated that they also considered using the \$34 million to add to the budget for the I-10 Collector/Distributor Road System, which is programmed for \$550 million. He noted that it was felt that the \$34 million would not go far to do any key improvements to that project and would also not address the Sky Harbor access issue. Mr. Anderson stated that improvements to the west side of the airport were also considered, but rejected because this was on the opposite side of the airport and it was outside the general area of the corridor served by SR 153. He advised there were not many options to consider in that area.

Mr. Berry asked how parallel facilities came to be built. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, responded that this was a difficult section to find a viable solution. As a result, years ago, the area ended up with two facilities--SR 143 and SR 153. Mr. Smith noted that it was felt that SR 153 would not provide enough access to Sky Harbor Airport. He said that it is believed that SR 143 along with the ramps will be adequate.

Supervisor Wilson asked if any problems were anticipated with putting in additional ramps in the river area. Mr. Anderson replied that ADOT engineers have taken this project to the 15 percent design level to ensure the proposal would work. He noted that from engineering and environmental issues, there do not appear to be any fatal flaws. Mr. Anderson noted that this item was delayed for three months to provide additional review.

With no further discussion, Vice Chair Hawker asked for a motion. Mayor Bryant moved to recommend consulting 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. Councilmember Aames seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Proposition 400 Noise Mitigation Funding

Mr. Anderson stated that Proposition 400 provided \$75 million for noise mitigation along the freeways within the MAG region. He said that a substantial portion of this funding has been used to complete the rubberized asphalt program that was not included as part of the initial round of the ADOT quiet paving program. Mr. Anderson noted that approximately \$20 million remain in the noise mitigation fund. He noted that the purpose of this potential program is to address noise mitigation in residential areas where

traffic noise substantially increased due to overall increases in traffic volume on the MAG Regional Freeway System and to mitigate noise in areas originally not eligible for noise mitigation.

Mr. Anderson noted that these areas could include those where noise levels exceed ADOT's threshold, where options exist that could reduce noise levels, or where no freeway improvements are scheduled in the RTP that would provide additional noise mitigation. He noted that when ADOT constructs a freeway project, it must follow its noise policy and provide noise mitigation at that time.

Mr. Anderson stated that other options the TPC could consider for this funding include allowing mitigation for projects if no improvements are scheduled for more than 10 years in the future. He noted that this was suggested at the March TPC meeting. Mr. Anderson stated that another option, which was suggested by ADOT, could be providing added funding for projects that exceed the ADOT cost effectiveness threshold, which is currently \$43,000 per affected property.

Mr. Anderson stated that 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.

Vice Chair Hawker asked if the TPC would also be asked to approve the process and evaluation criteria. Mr. Anderson replied that currently, the dilemma is that the need is unknown. He advised that a solicitation could provide an understanding of need. Mr. Anderson stated that this information would be brought back to the TPC to provide guidance on these types of issues.

Vice Chair Hawker asked how to get the word out to affected neighborhoods and is there consideration of a throwaway project if improvements are not duplicated later, know the design by being far enough along in the project. Mr. Anderson replied that would be a part of the evaluation process. He indicated that they did want to minimize or eliminate throwaway projects and ensure a long life. Mr. Anderson added that they will depend on member agencies rather than neighborhoods submitting directly to MAG. They think cities have a good idea of noise issues in their communities. Mr. Anderson suggested sending out a solicitation letter to member agencies to submit to MAG those areas that need mitigation.

Vice Chair Hawker recognized public comment from Steve Dreiseszun, president of the F.Q. Story Historic District Preservation Association in Central Phoenix, a neighborhood that is bisected by I-10. Mr. Dreiseszun stated that the Association came before the TPC while the RTP was being drafted. He expressed his appreciation that the TPC looked at noise mitigation as an important feature of the plan. Mr. Dreiseszun recalled that during the drafting of the RTP, Councilmember Peggy Bilsten questioned whether \$75 million was a sufficient amount for mitigation. He commented that he was disappointed that currently, only \$20 million remained of that amount. Mr. Dreiseszun stated that 70 percent of the mitigation fund has been spent on rubberized asphalt, which is a wonderful tool and has helped his neighborhood immensely, but does not do the entire job. Mr. Dreiseszun commented that the F.Q. Story neighborhood is the poster child of neighborhoods left behind by previous plans. He suggested that the TPC look at where rubberized asphalt was applied and put that toward taking care of neighborhoods that are in trouble and do not have mitigation opportunities for the future. Mr. Dreiseszun stated that they have tried to minimize the impacts of I-10 to their neighborhood, and have been working with ADOT to incorporate "no engine braking" signs, to which ADOT has been resistant. He reported that they have also worked with the Legislature and Mr. Dave Berry, who assisted on truck muffler legislation. Mr.

Dreiseszun commented that truck muffler noise is the biggest noise problem in his neighborhood. He urged the TPC to restore the funds and spend them where they need to be spent. Vice Chair Hawker thanked Mr. Dreiseszun for his comments.

Mayor Dunn commented that rubberized asphalt has gone a long way in terms of mitigation. He surmised that the solution for mitigating the noise from truck braking might be taller walls. Mayor Dunn asked Mr. Anderson what solutions were being considered where rubberized asphalt has already been applied. Mr. Anderson replied that taller walls, closing gaps in walls, and berms are among the variety of possibilities. He noted that taller walls can be built if the footings are sufficient; otherwise, they have to be torn out and redone. Mr. Anderson added that there is also the cost effectiveness issue to consider.

Mayor Dunn reported that he has received and heard many compliments on rubberized asphalt. He added that its application has caused a great reduction in complaints in his city. Mayor Dunn noted that the truck braking issue might not be an issue in other areas, and he was unsure how much taller the walls could be built. Mr. Anderson replied that ADOT wants to limit the maximum wall height to 20 feet.

Supervisor Wilson asked how far the \$20 million could go when walls are being built. Mr. Anderson replied that he did not have the exact figure, but sound walls cost approximately \$1 million per mile.

Vice Chair Hawker asked staff's recommendation for the process. Mr. Anderson replied that staff recommended MAG sending out a request to member agencies for projects, which would take 30 to 60 days. Mr. Anderson added that they would not be asked to conduct noise tests on their own, but submit projects where they think they have a problem. He said that after the projects are submitted to MAG, member agency, MAG and ADOT staff will sit down and summarize the projects by category until the universe of need is understood. Mr. Anderson said that a report will then be provided to the TPC that outlines the requests submitted and recommendations for project funding. He remarked that in the future, more funds might have to be added if a serious issue is discovered.

Vice Chair Hawker asked if the \$20 million was present value. Mr. Anderson replied that was correct.

Mayor Manross stated that ADOT's noise abatement policy was written in November 2005, and because costs and burdens have changed since then, money will probably need to be added to the fund. Mayor Manross expressed that noise impacts can cause neighborhoods to become less desirable, then they deteriorate and become a burden to cities and towns. She commented that this is an important issue, a quality of life issue, and has a serious impact.

Mayor Manross commented on the policy, the solicitation, and the \$43,000 limit. She noted that some portions of the freeway are getting ready to be expanded without sufficient footings to accommodate taller walls. Mayor Manross commented that these projects will not qualify under the ADOT cost effectiveness threshold. She asked if those projects would be able to apply for funds to cover the difference. Mr. Anderson replied that one of their recommendations is to add augmentation of ADOT's funding as another use for the fund. Mr. Anderson added that ADOT is examining the \$43,000 number and might increase it. He stated staff will also be looking at the basis for the \$43,000 number to ensure it is reasonable.

Mayor Manross asked if there was any need to include in the action her concern about the \$43,000 cost effectiveness threshold. Mr. Anderson replied that she could specify it in a motion, however, it would be noted in the material as a concern expressed by the TPC.

Councilmember Aames referenced discussion at the March TPC meeting about noise mitigation for projects years out. He said that he was actually thinking of a five-year threshold rather than a ten-year threshold. Mr. Anderson noted that the ranking process could be part of the evaluation.

Mayor Manross moved to recommend that MAG solicit projects from MAG member agencies for noise mitigation projects and provide additional funding for projects that exceed the ADOT cost-effectiveness threshold of \$43,000 per impacted property, and to change the threshold of eligibility for areas that are not scheduled for roadway improvements to five years from ten years. Mayor Lopez Rogers seconded.

Vice Chair Hawker opened the floor for discussion of the motion.

Mr. Berry expressed that he was sympathetic to those neighborhoods bisected by freeways. He stated that eight foot walls are built when subdivisions go in next to freeways. Then when the freeways are expanded, the system is expected to bear the cost of noise mitigation. Mr. Berry asked if cities could require sound walls be constructed when developers build subdivisions. Mr. Anderson replied that some municipalities have ordinances, for instance, the Town of Gilbert has an ordinance that requires a commitment of funds to an escrow fund. Mr. Berry asked if this should be incorporated into the motion so this problem does not continue. Mr. Anderson replied that the TPC could encourage jurisdictions to take measures to deal with future noise issues.

Councilmember Elkins stated that SR 143 is an example of how events can occur that can impact traffic patterns. He asked if an analysis of route or traffic changes was built into the process. Mr. Anderson replied that was not included with this funding. He said they are working in a couple of areas that might have noise issues in the future and are doing preconstruction noise mitigation activities. Mr. Anderson commented that situations change and it is probably more prudent to wait until the time it is closer to being built. He added that this is not a great amount of money to do noise mitigation and there are areas that need mitigation now.

Mayor Cavanaugh asked about mitigation in commercial sites. Mr. Anderson replied that ADOT policy discusses different types of land uses, and sensitive commercial areas, such as hospitals, can qualify. Mayor Cavanaugh commented on the motion and said that Mr. Berry's comments deserve additional thought. He stated that he was unsure the motion should be specific because it might set an unintended precedent. Mayor Cavanaugh remarked that the TPC might want other MAG committees to look at this without prejudice from the TPC and let them have an open debate. He remarked that more concerns than the three mentioned might be identified. Mayor Cavanaugh suggested having a broad motion and state that three concerns were expressed at the TPC meeting, but to give precedence to those three without discussing them in detail is presumptive by a more deliberative process.

Mayor Manross remarked that the motion was a recommending motion, which will be discussed further after the TPC. Mayor Manross stated that her motion was important because she knew that some sound walls ADOT is going to build will exceed the cost effectiveness threshold. She indicated that her motion was to make that a consideration and create awareness of this issue. Mayor Manross stated that she saw

no harm in adding it because it will go through other committees. She added that she wanted it in the motion because she knows it is a real example of something that will be challenge.

Vice Chair Hawker remarked that he concurred somewhat with what Mayor Cavanaugh said about making the motion broad. He stated that the material could include those concerns, but having a broad motion would not limit the list to those three.

Mayor Manross asked if communities would know to consider these concerns during the call for solicitation. Mr. Anderson stated that the solicitation could reference the three items and encourage cities and towns to submit other projects as well. Mr. Anderson remarked that there was one city that built sound walls and might want to be reimbursed. He commented that making the solicitation as broad as possible will assist in knowing all the issues. Mr. Anderson stated that after the solicitation is sent out work could take place on the criteria. He said that after the submittals are received the projects will be categorized. Mr. Anderson stated that there will be discussion on how to rank the projects.

Mayor Manross stated that she agreed that more issues will probably surface. She said she was willing to withdraw her motion and remake a more broad motion as long as the points brought up by the TPC that were included in the project solicitation. Mayor Lopez Rogers, as second, agreed.

Mayor Manross moved to recommend that MAG solicit projects from MAG member agencies for noise mitigation projects. Mayor Lopez Rogers seconded.

Vice Chair Hawker asked those participating electronically if they had questions. None were noted. With no further discussion, Vice Chair Hawker called for a vote on question, which passed unanimously.

7. Building a Quality Arizona

Dennis Smith stated that the Building a Quality Arizona project started about two years ago as a dialogue with other state planning agencies to address statewide transportation needs. He stated that at that time, Mayor Hawker was Chair of MAG. Mr. Smith stated that Mayor Cavanaugh is now the Chair of the Arizona Councils of Governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Arizona COG/MPO Association) Association. Mr. Smith stated that a resolution has been drafted for all the COG/MPO agencies to take to their Regional Councils for approval. He noted that the resolution says that the agencies will work cooperatively with other statewide planning agencies, and that we cannot solve transportation problems by working in Maricopa County alone. Mr. Smith noted that in addition to the planning organizations, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Governor's Office, business leaders, and the Time Coalition have been working on the statewide plan.

Bob Hazlett, MAG Senior Engineer, stated that a strategic implementation plan, built upon the framework studies MAG is currently conducting, will be formulated. Mr. Hazlett stated that the Hassayampa Framework Study and the Hidden Valley Study are currently underway. He said that the Yavapai/New River Study might be done in the future, with the potential for other framework studies. Mr. Hazlett noted that Flagstaff has indicated a desire for a study in their area.

Mr. Hazlett noted how the population of Arizona is projected to grow from six million to 16 million by 2050. He pointed out the growth that is just occurring from Benson to Tucson to Phoenix and along Highway 93 to Las Vegas and those areas will need transportation connections.

Mr. Hazlett stated that the study will identify opportunities and constraints to growth and transportation, gather statewide data, develop a statewide travel demand modeling tool to identify transportation system infrastructure needs and their priorities, formulate a strategic implementation plan consisting of policy recommendations, finance techniques, and project delivery and administration methods. Mr. Hazlett stated that coordinated planning efforts are necessary. He noted that the Reconnaissance Study includes collaboration among the COGs, MPOs, ADOT, the business leaders, the Time Coalition, legislative transportation committees, and the Governor's office on Growth and Infrastructure.

Mr. Hazlett displayed a map of statewide transportation improvement concepts that they have examined. He said that the concepts included not just improvements, but those facilities not yet built that will provide connections throughout the state. Mr. Hazlett explained the linkage between land use, transportation, and economic development. He then reviewed the nine-month project schedule and the work products.

Vice Chair Hawker asked if water issues would be incorporated to show the linkage with development. Mr. Hazlett replied that water is a prominent question that is often asked when transportation is being studied. He commented that the population projections keep rising and we keep hearing there is adequate water supply for 16 million people. Mr. Hazlett said that he was unsure this could be directly addressed in the study, but they would do their best to find some correlation and get better information.

Councilmember Elkins expressed the importance of this process to having a state transportation plan. He commented that transportation is woefully underfunded. A document such as this demonstrates to those providing funds of need and how essential it is to have a sound funding program.

Mayor Cavanaugh expressed his thanks to staff for all of the impressive efforts on Building a Quality Arizona. He added that the other COGs and MPOs are excited about the project. Mayor Cavanaugh stated that if this is going to work, it is absolutely imperative that the Indian Communities fully participate. Mr. Hazlett remarked that when the process for the Hidden Valley Study began it was noted that including the Gila River Indian Community was important because the tribal land falls within the study area. Mr. Hazlett noted that the Gila River Community Manager arranged for a study review meeting to be held at Sacaton. He remarked on how incredibly welcoming the community was to those attending the meeting. Mr. Hazlett stated that they are anxious to continue that dialogue. Vice Chair Hawker comments on League outreach efforts to the Indian Communities.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG staff recently met with Gore Industries, a medical supply firm based in Flagstaff. He said that the company is in the process of locating a facility on I-17 in Phoenix because they have issues getting their professional staff to Sky Harbor Airport. During the meeting, the Gore representatives suggested that another subset that needs to be looked at is operations—making efficient use of what we already have, such as freeway message boards or the process for how DPS handles traffic accidents. Mr. Smith stated that he would send an email to the COGs to see if they are willing to find a solution for this statewide.

Councilmember Elkins stated that better management of what we already have is important. He added that the state has many unique traffic management processes.

Councilmember Aames applauded the project. He encouraged keeping it active and growing as a part of a larger framework for what is being done locally.

8. Legislative Update

Matthew Clark, MAG Senior Policy Planner, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. Mr. Clark noted that most activity has been on the budget. He said that the Senate is debating its budget bill, Senate Bill (SB) 1086.

Mr. Clark stated that SB 1097 repeals an appropriation designated for railroad right-of-way acquisition and appropriates the funds to ADOT for costs related to future freight and passenger rail service.

Mr. Clark noted that House Bill (HB) 2781 is the House budget bill. He advised that the bill includes funding for the Maricopa County Travel Reduction Plan, for the Arizona Department of Transportation, and the STAN account. He added that the bill also appropriates funds from the HURF fund to the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Clark stated that SB 1552, which deals with the adoption of local ordinances in regard to air pollution, is still in conference committee. Vice Chair Hawker thanked Mr. Clark for his report. No questions from the TPC were noted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

July 10, 2007

SUBJECT:

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

SUMMARY:

On May 23, 2007, the MAG Regional Council requested consultation on the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to delete SR 153, the Sky Harbor Expressway, and use the available funding for improvements to SR 143. Formal comment on the proposed major amendment is required from the State Transportation Board, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA), and the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Cities and towns, Indian communities, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) may also provide comments. On June 15, 2007, the State Transportation Board recommended approval. On June 18, 2007 the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors recommended approval, and on June 21, 2007 the Regional Public Transportation Authority also recommended approval of the proposed major amendment.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The deletion of the SR 153 corridor and transferring the available funding to SR 143 will result in a better functioning freeway system by removing a freeway that does not provide the best approach for regional mobility and adding improvements to SR 143 that will improve access to and from Sky Harbor International Airport.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The proposed amendment will result in a better functions regional freeway system by improving access to Sky Harbor International Airport and eliminating a poor end-of-freeway condition at SR 153 and 40th Street.

POLICY: The proposed amendment is a major amendment to the Regional Transportation.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to delete SR 153 and use the available funding for improvements to SR 143 and that the Regional Transportation Plan and the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be amended subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: This item is on the July 11, 2007 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee.

MAG Regional Council: On May 23, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved consulting 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.

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- F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee

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Transportation Policy Committee: On May 16, 2007, the Transportation Policy Committee recommended consulting 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.

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- Councilmember Ron Aames, Peoria
- Kent Andrews, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- # F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
- # Councilmember Gail Barney, Queen Creek
- * Stephen Beard, SR Beard & Associates
- * Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert
- Dave Berry, Swift Transportation
- Jed S. Billings, FNF Construction
- Mayor Bobby Bryant, Buckeye
- Mayor James Cavanaugh, Goodyear
- Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler
- Councilmember Cliff Elkins, Surprise
- * Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe
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- * Mark Killian, The Killian Companies/Sunny Mesa, Inc.
- * Joe Lane, State Transportation Board
- Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale
- Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale
- * David Scholl, Westcor
- * Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale
- Supervisor Max W. Wilson, Maricopa Co.

- * Not present
- # Participated by telephone conference call
- + Participated by videoconference call

Management Committee: On May 9, 2007, the Management Committee recommended consulting 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.

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Litchfield Park |
| Bryant Powell for George Hoffman,
Apache Junction | Jim Huling for Christopher Brady, Mesa |
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| Patrice Kraus for Mark Pentz, Chandler | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
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| Pat Dennis for B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage | Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise |
| Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno,
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation | Amber Wakeman for Will Manley, Tempe |
| * Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills | * Reyes Medrano, Tolleson |
| * Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend | * Steve McKay, Wickenburg |
| Joseph Manuel, Gila River
Indian Community | Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown |
| George Pettit, Gilbert | Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT |
| Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear | David Smith, Maricopa County |
| | David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA |

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Delbert Householder
Robert M. Montoya
Felipe A. Zubia
William J. Feldmeier
Bobbie Lundstrom

Re: State Route 153

Dear Mr. Smith:

The State Transportation Board has been provided a comprehensive engineering report on the status of State Route 153 and the recommended proposal to abandon the existing highway and transfer jurisdictional responsibility to the City of Phoenix.

Additionally, the Board has been provided copies of engineering and financial reports with quantifying documentation for this action as well as correspondence from the City of Phoenix and the Arizona Department of Transportation supporting the proposal. The Board has also been briefed regarding the sixty day consultation period beginning on May 24, 2007, and other actions necessary to amend the MAG Regional Transportation Plan

The State Transportation Board voted unanimously at its June 15, 2007, Board meeting to recommend approval of the referenced proposal contingent upon satisfactorily completion of the consultation process, inclusion of the proposed project in the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan, completion of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and subsequent final approval by both the Transportation Policy Committee and the MAG Regional Council.

The Board will then review all applicable documentation to ensure compliance with legal, engineering and financial requirements prior to voting for final approval.

Sincerely,

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Joe Lane
Chairman, State Transportation Board

cc. Victor Mendez, Director, ADOT
Richard Travis, Deputy Director, ADOT
Sam Elters, State Engineer, ADOT



June 18, 2007

The Honorable Peggy Bilsten
Chair, Transportation Policy Committee
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Councilwoman Bilsten:

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors appreciates this opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), as described in Dennis Smith's May 24, 2007 letter. It is our understanding the amendment would delete State Route 153 (Sky Harbor Expressway) from the RTP and shift the available funding to improvements on State Route 143 (Hohokam Expressway).

We have reviewed the explanatory documentation provided in Mr. Smith's correspondence. In addition, several Board members have attended MAG meetings where a formal presentation was made on this subject. It appears the amendment would facilitate better connections to I-10, improved traffic flow and enhanced airport security. Therefore, at this time we express concurrence with the proposed amendment and recommend the amendment be approved.

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors looks forward to continuing consultation on issues affecting the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. We compliment MAG on its careful attention to the RTP amendment and review processes outlined in state law as well as MAG's continuing efforts to manage life cycle costs associate with the RTP.

Sincerely,

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Fulton Brock
Chairman
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

cc. Dennis Smith, MAG

Fulton Brock, Chairman, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors
301 W. Jefferson, 10th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003
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June 26, 2007

Mr. Dennis Smith
Executive Director
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Valley Metro RPTA Board of Directors met on Thursday, June 21, 2007 and approved the Major Amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan as required by Arizona Revised Statute 28-6353 that eliminates SR 153 extension, shift the funding for SR 153 extension to improve SR 143 and transfer proceeds from the sale of ADOT owned parcels in the SR 153 corridor to improve SR 143.

Please let me know if you require any additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Bryan Jungwirth
Assistant to the Executive Director



City of El Mirage

Mayor's Office

June 1, 2007

Dennis Smith
Executive Director
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mr. Smith

As stated in A.R.S. 28-6353 for major amendments which requires consideration of alternatives in the same modal category that will relieve congestion and improve mobility in the same general corridor addressed by the originally planned project. The City of El Mirage supports the proposed removal of SR 153 and shifting the available funding to improvements on the SR 143 would be fully consistent with the requirements of A.R.S. 28-6353. I understand that final action by MAG on this proposal would be contingent on a demonstration of air quality conformity.

Sincerely,

Fred Waterman, Mayor
City of El Mirage

Maricopa Association of Governments
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ELAINE M. SCRUGGS

Mayor

June 26, 2007

Dennis Smith
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of the Glendale City Council, I am writing to notify you that we have no objections to the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that would delete State Route 153/Sky Harbor Expressway from the RTP, and shift the available funding to improvements on State Route 143/Hohokam Expressway.

Staff has reviewed the proposed State Route 143 alternative and concludes it meets the requirements of addressing mobility in the same general corridor. Since the proposal calls for the State Route 143 improvements to be constructed within the same funding threshold approved by the voters we have no objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed major amendment.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Scruggs
Mayor



City of Phoenix

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

June 28, 2007

Dennis Smith
Executive Director
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mr. Smith:

Following two years of close work between City of Phoenix and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) staff, on April 30, 2007, the City of Phoenix requested that ADOT formally submit a request to amend the Maricopa Association of Governments' (MAG) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This amendment would delete State Route 153 (Sky Harbor Expressway) from the RTP and shift the available funding to improvements on State Route 143 (Hohokam Expressway).

We believe this amendment will enhance the regional transportation system in a move that will benefit both airport traffic and the entire metropolitan area. As such, the City of Phoenix expresses concurrence with the proposed amendment and recommends the amendment be approved.

The City of Phoenix is appreciative of this opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment and MAG's careful attention to the Regional Transportation Plan.

Sincerely,

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Frank Fairbanks
City Manager

c: Mayor Phil Gordon
Councilwoman Peggy Neely
David Krietor
Thomas Callow
Eric Anderson

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

July 10, 2007

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

SUMMARY:

Each year MAG updates the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), primarily by adding a fifth year. All federally funded projects and regionally significant transportation projects (including city and privately funded projects) are required by federal law to be included in the draft TIP for the purpose of meeting the air quality conformity analysis requirements. In April 2007, the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP was approved by Regional Council to undergo this analysis, which is now complete. A public hearing on the draft TIP was conducted on June 18, 2007. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft TIP, contingent upon a finding of conformity.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Final phase public meeting input on the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP is included in the Final Phase Opportunity Report that will be discussed as a separate agenda item.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: Approval of the TIP will help ensure the timely construction of regionwide construction projects.

CONS: Approval of the TIP indicates approval of the projects included.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The TIP is a listing of projects that are scheduled for construction within the next five years. The current TIP is the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP, which is valid under Federal rules until August 31, 2007. Approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP is required to validate construction of new projects in years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

POLICY: The TIP is developed with input from all MAG jurisdictions and incorporates controls to ensure fiscal constraint. A new TIP is approved each year to ensure maximum flexibility and to ensure compliance with Air Quality Regulations.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update with applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: This item is on the July 11, 2007 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee.

Transportation Review Committee: On June 28, 2007, the TRC unanimously recommended approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Maricopa County: John Hauskins
- ADOT: Bill Hayden for Dan Lance
- Avondale: David Fitzhugh
- * Buckeye: Scott Lowe
- Chandler: Mike Mah for Patrice Kraus
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- * ITS Committee: Alan Sanderson

- * Members neither present nor represented by proxy. + - Attended by Videoconference
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Regional Council: On April 25, 2007, the Regional Council approved the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP for an air quality conformity analysis.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair
- Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair
- * Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction
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Eileen Yazzie, (602) 254-6300.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

July 10, 2007

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update

SUMMARY:

A Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update has been prepared as part of the continuing MAG regional transportation planning process. The Draft 2007 Update was approved by the Regional Council for air quality conformity analysis on April 25, 2007. A technical conformity analysis was performed on the RTP and the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and has demonstrated that they meet all air quality conformity requirements. On June 18, 2007, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft RTP 2007 Update, the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

The Draft RTP 2007 Update has been structured to comply with the regional transportation planning requirements of the Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). These requirements must be met for plans adopted or amended after July 1, 2007. The Draft RTP 2007 Update addresses several new topics to respond to SAFETEA-LU, including consultation on environmental mitigation and resource conservation, transportation security, and an updated public participation process. In addition, it includes revised revenue estimates, and updated life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. An executive summary of the Draft RTP 2007 Update is enclosed. Both the executive summary and the full report may be accessed on the MAG website.

PUBLIC INPUT:

The results of early and mid-phase public input meetings for the Draft RTP 2007 Update and Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are presented in the FY 2007 Early Phase Input Opportunity Report and the FY 2007 Mid-Phase Input Opportunity Report. These reports have been transmitted previously. An opportunity for input also occurred at the Final Phase/Air Quality Conformity Public Hearing held on June 18, 2007. Comments received at this hearing are provided in the FY 2007 Final Phase Input Opportunity Report.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: The RTP is a Federal requirement. Approval of the 2007 Update incorporates the latest information and helps continue the region's eligibility for federal funds.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The 2007 Update ensures consistency between the TIP and RTP for purposes of conformity analysis.

POLICY: Annual review and updating of the RTP will facilitate progress monitoring and assist in the decision-making process regarding possible adjustments to project scopes and priorities.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP and TIP with the applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: This item is on the July 11, 2007 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee.

Transportation Review Committee: On June 28, 2007, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP and TIP with the applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans.

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