

July 9, 2009

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 15, 2009  
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 determined at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies are not allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view is always a part of the process.

For those attending in person, 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.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. 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

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
July 15, 2009**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</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.
4.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  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 (*).	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

*4A.	<u>Approval of the June 17, 2009, Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approval of the June 17, 2009, meeting minutes.
*4B.	<u>Project Changes – Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Material Cost Changes to the ADOT Program</u>  The Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from MAG	4B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, FY 2009 and FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, and material cost changes to the ADOT Program as shown in the attached tables.

member agencies to modify projects in the program. To move forward with project implementation for FY 2010, ADOT has requested a number of financial, project description, and schedule changes. The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Town of Fountain Hills, and City of Scottsdale have submitted requests for programming American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in their communities. Valley Metro has requested administrative modifications related to four repayment projects. Project changes related to the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2009 MAG Final Closeout are also included. Details of these requests can be found in the enclosed table. In addition, the enclosed table annotates the material cost changes related to cost increases to the ADOT Program. The Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of this agenda item. On July 8, 2009, the Management Committee recommended approval. The Fort McDowell request to move their ARRA funds to the Maricopa County ARRA project will be heard for the first time at the TPC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- \*4C. Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Portion, MAG Sub-Allocation, Transportation Enhancement Portion, and MAG Region Transit Funds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Act directs transportation infrastructure funds to both highway and transit agencies in states and metropolitan planning organizations. On March 25, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the necessary Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project changes for ADOT-led freeway projects and MAG regional transit projects that are programmed with ARRA funds. On April 22, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the necessary TIP project changes for the majority of the local projects funded with ARRA funds. An update will be provided at the meeting regarding project development for the MAG sub-allocated transportation ARRA funds, the status of the highway and transit funded ARRA projects, and any new developments.

- 4C. Information and discussion.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

5. Transportation Public Involvement Report

MAG has conducted a public involvement process on transportation plans and programs throughout Fiscal Year 2009. Included in this process were a variety of special events, small group presentations, e-mail, telephone and Web site correspondence. The process also included a transportation public hearing hosted by MAG in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro, METRO and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department. Agenda items included the draft project listing for the FY 2010-2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program; Status of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds programmed in the MAG region; City of Phoenix Public Transit Department Program of Projects; and a review of issues for the MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2010 update. A court reporter was in attendance to record public comments verbatim. All comments made at the hearing were provided a formal response from staff. The responses to comments are included in the attached Transportation Public Involvement Report. Also included is a list of the meetings and events MAG staff has participated in since the start of FY 2009. This item was on the July 8, 2009, MAG Management Committee agenda for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Transportation Planning Update - Proposition 400 Regional Freeway Program

In June, the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) received an update on the strategies identified by MAG staff to address the funding gap in the Regional Freeway Program. A presentation was also made at the June 24, 2009, Regional Council meeting and at the July 8, 2009, MAG Management Committee meeting. Input from these meetings will be incorporated into the presentation for the July TPC meeting. Staff is seeking direction from the TPC on strategies in bridging the \$6.6 billion gap in the Regional Freeway and Highway Program for future incorporation of a tentative scenario into the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. Due to the uncertainties in the present cost and

5. Information and discussion.

6. Information, discussion, and possible action to provide direction in bridging the \$6.6 billion gap in the Regional Freeway and Highway Program for future incorporation of a tentative scenario into the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update, with the understanding that due to the present cost and revenue uncertainties that this represents a placeholder and the program will be reevaluated in 18 months.

revenue environment, staff is recommending that the changes in the Proposition 400 Freeway Program projects be forwarded as a placeholder for an 18 month period. At that time additional information will be known on costs and revenues and the program can then be evaluated for possible changes. Additional information is being prepared for the members of the TPC and will be forwarded in a separate mailing.

7. Presentation of the Framework Recommendation for the Interstates-8 and 10-Hidden Valley Transportation Framework Study

As a follow-up to the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Framework Study, MAG and its funding partners, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, Pinal County Public Works, the Town of Buckeye, and the Cities of Goodyear and Maricopa, recognized the need to extend framework planning into southwestern Maricopa County and western Pinal County. Beginning in May 2007, a project team began framework planning efforts for a 3,200 square mile study area in both Maricopa and Pinal Counties for an area bounded by Gila River on the north, SR-87 and Overfield Road on the east in Pinal County, the Tohono O'odham Indian Community and Barry Goldwater Range on the south, and 459th Avenue on the west in Maricopa County. The project's study team has determined that entitled development represents a population of approximately 2.5 million by buildout. At this time, the project's funding partners, in cooperation with a Study Review Team and a project consultant team, have made their final framework recommendation that is ready for study acceptance by MAG and the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG). An illustration of the recommendation and draft of the project's executive summary is included. In this presentation, MAG staff will provide the Committee with information about the final framework recommendation in advance of the Regional Council's consideration of formal acceptance of the study's recommendations in September 2009. This item is on the July 8, 2009, MAG Management Committee agenda for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.