

June 14, 2005

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, June 22, 2005 - 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 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 snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (623) 930-2262, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
June 22, 2005**

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.

4. 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 (*).

3. Information.

4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A. Approval of May 18, 2005 Meeting Minutes

4A. Review and approve the May 18, 2005 meeting minutes.

*4B. Federal Fiscal Year 2005 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

4B. Recommend approving the interim closeout of Federal FY 2005, as shown in the attached Tables and recommend amending/adjusting the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP to allow the projects to proceed.

In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$18.5 million is available for the

interim closeout, plus a possible \$1.5 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. Approximately \$58 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. On March 24, 2005, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended allowing 15 projects, totaling \$12.96 million, to defer from FFY 2005 to later years. This is in addition to \$4.6 million in uncommitted funds. To utilize the available funds, on May 26, 2005, the TRC recommended 26 projects, totaling \$20 million, plus an additional \$4,118,825 in contingency projects if any further funds become available or if any projects unexpectedly drop out. This item is on the June 15, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *4C. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Add a Phoenix Federally Funded Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Project and a Glendale Hazard Elimination Safety (STP-HES) Project for FY 2005

Following approval of the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP on November 25, 2003, some projects have been identified that need to be added to the TIP to allow them to proceed during the current fiscal year. A bridge over the Grand Canal at 19th Avenue in the City of Phoenix has been awarded Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BR) funds, and the City of Glendale has received STP-HES funds for making improvements to the intersection of 51st and Northern Avenues. A TIP Amendment is needed to allow these projects to proceed, but both projects would be regarded as exempt for which an air quality conformity analysis is not required. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of a TIP Amendment to add the BR funded project in Phoenix and the Safety funded project in Glendale. This item is on the June 15, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 4C. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add a bridge replacement and rehabilitation funded project at 19th Avenue at the Grand Canal in Phoenix and a safety improvement project to the intersection of 51st and Northern Avenues in Glendale to FY 2005.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Draft of the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

For the past year, MAG has been developing Draft Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures to guide the implementation of the arterial street component of Proposition 400. The draft policies and procedures development has involved extensive participation of MAG member agencies through a series of workshops and written comments. The Transportation Policy Committee has also provided important input to provide guidance on key policy questions. Based on this input, a revised version of the draft ALCP Policies and Procedures has been prepared. Discussion and action on the draft policies and procedures are anticipated at the June 22, 2005 meeting of the TPC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Requested Change for the MAG Regional Freeway Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested a cost increase of about \$17.6 million for the Red Mountain Freeway segment between Power Road and University Drive. The final design for the project is just about complete and revised cost estimates have been prepared. The revised total construction cost for this segment is estimated to be \$144.1 million for the four and one-half mile section. This segment parallels the Central Arizona Project (CAP) canal and the Spook Hill Floodway Retarding Structure. Both of these features create some complications for the freeway construction since the function of the floodway and retarding structure must be maintained, the freeway must be protected against flooding, and maintenance access for the CAP canal and the adjoining electrical transmission lines must be maintained. This item is on the June 15, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Information, discussion, and recommendation to approve the Draft Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures.

6. Recommend approval of the cost increase for the Red Mountain Freeway from Power Road to University Drive.