

April 12, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee
FROM: Fred Carpenter, Chairman, Wickenburg
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, April 23, 2002, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. Members of the MAG TRC may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Roger Herzog at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | | |
| 2. <u>Approval of March 12, 2002 Minutes</u> | | 2. Approve minutes of March 12, 2002 Meeting. |
| 3. <u>Approval of March 26, 2002 Minutes</u> | | 3. Approve minutes of March 26, 2002 Meeting. |
| 4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> | | 4. For information and discussion. |

An opportunity will be provided to

members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

5. Transportation Manager's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.

6. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

MAG freeway program management will address issues related to the freeway Life Cycle Program.

5. For information and discussion.

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ITEMS TO BE HEARD

7. Interim Closeout of the FY 2002 MAG Federally Funded Program.

Approximately \$10.4 million of FY 2002 federal funds are available for consideration during the closeout process. These funds are available as a result of project deletions and deferral requests submitted by MAG member agencies. Due to the expected lower FY 2003 federal funds, staff is recommending that \$5.0 million of the available funds be reserved for FY 2003. These monies can then be used to offset the shortfall, or be reprogrammed for FY 2003 if a portion or all of the federal funding reduction is restored by Congress.

7. For the FY 2002 closeout funds, MAG For information, discussion and recommendation to defer some FY 2002 projects to later years of the TIP; to recommend some projects to utilize the available funds and to recommend an

amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP to accomplish the changes.

member agencies have submitted five STP funded projects, which total \$3.0 million, and 14 CMAQ funded projects, which total \$17.3 million. These projects are listed in Attachment One. The TRC needs to recommend which projects should be selected for the available closeout funds.

8. Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP - Listing of Projects - Errata Sheet 03-1

During the development process for the Draft Transportation Improvement Program - Listing of Projects, many changes occur to projects. These changes are generally reflected in Errata Sheets that are submitted for information and are included in the final listing of projects being reviewed by the Management Committee and Regional Council. Regionally significant new additions, regardless of funding source, are addressed as a separate agenda item. A copy of the most recent Errata Sheet 03-1 is shown as Attachment Two.

9. FY 2002-2006 Short Range Transit Report

The Short Range Transit Report (SRTP) is prepared and updated by the Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority on behalf of MAG. In addition to providing recommendations for transit improvements over the next five years, the report also includes a summary of the regional transit system's operating characteristics from FY 2000-2001. The plan was developed using input from MAG Member agencies and citizen participation efforts that are normally conducted throughout the year. The SRTR is intended to provide public sector decision makers, federal government officials and citizens with

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9. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Short Range Transit Report contingent upon a finding of conformity for the MAG FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program.

a summary of local and regionally planned transit system improvements. The document is not intended to bind any one municipality or collective municipalities to the contents within the report, but rather to provide a guide in which to develop and enhance transit services. Please refer to Attachment Three.

10. MAG Bottleneck Study

The MAG Bottleneck Study is currently underway. The study has four major components: 1) To identify bottlenecks, analyze bottlenecks, and to rank projects to improve these bottlenecks; 2) Expand the crash data to include the entire freeway system and to include a more detailed evaluation of freeway crashes; 3) Develop an interchange spacing policy for the urban area to provide guidance on the construction of additional traffic interchanges on the freeway system, and, 4) Identify and evaluate future freeway configurations necessary to carry traffic at an acceptable Level of Service through the year 2025. The data collection phase of this study is completed and the information will be presented.

11. Estimate of Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) Collections by Area

MAG staff was asked to prepare an analysis of the source of the regional area road fund (RARF) collections by area. The RARF is the 1/2 cent sales tax that is being used to fund new freeway construction in the MAG region. Since sales tax receipts are not collected or tabulated by jurisdiction, it is necessary to use an indirect method to estimate the share of RARF by area. See Attachment Four.

10. For information and discussion.

11. For information and discussion.

12. Discussion of Freeway Maintenance Issues

Due to continued budget issues that are impacting ADOT, MAG member agencies are concerned about a range of freeway maintenance issues, including litter control and landscaping. ADOT is preparing a comprehensive presentation on the overall budget and maintenance issue for the May 2002 TRC meeting, however, a preliminary discussion about freeway litter control and landscaping may be useful in developing possible strategies to mitigate the impact of the budget reductions in the MAG region.

12. For information and discussion.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next TRC Meeting will be scheduled for May 21, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG office, Saguaro Room.

13. For information and discussion.