

May 10, 2002

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

Tuesday, May 21, 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

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of April 23, 2002 Minutes</u>	2. Approve minutes of April 23, 2002 Meeting.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> 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.	3. For information and discussion.
4. <u>Transportation Manager's Report</u>	4. For information and discussion.

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

5. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

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

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

5. For information and discussion.

6. For information and possible action.

CONSENT AGENDA

*7. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Transit Projects

The FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP was approved by the Regional Council on July 25, 2001. Each year, when the Transit Appropriations are released, Valley Metro reviews the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Application that is under development and adjusts the projects listed in the Grant and the TIP to ensure that the two programs are in conformance. It is necessary to amend this TIP to incorporate several changes to existing transit projects and these are shown on Attachment One. These

Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects.

7. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve an Amendment to the FY 2002-2006

changes include the deletion of four projects (all being replaced by other projects), the advancement of four projects, the deferral of two projects and the addition of twelve new projects. Other projects have had the scopes and funding sources changed, increased and/or reduced. All of the projects involved are regarded as exempt for air quality conformity purposes and the consultation for this is considered as a separate agenda item.

*8. Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP - Listing of Projects

The Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP was approved by the Regional Council on April 24, 2002, to undergo an air quality conformity analysis. Since that time, several changes to projects in the draft TIP have been notified to MAG staff and these are shown in Errata Sheet 03-3, which is shown as Attachment Two.

*9. Annual Reporting of Highway Performance Monitoring System Data

The primary purpose of the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) is to serve the data and information needs of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), including its ability to advise on national Legislation and Appropriations. The HPMS provides data that reflects the extent, condition, performance, use, and operating characteristics of the nation's highways. The provision of HPMS data is a cooperative effort with state highway agencies, local governments and metropolitan planning organizations working in partnership to collect, assemble, and report the necessary information. Each year, MAG staff requests

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion.

agencies to update a variety of data items for roadways within their boundaries. Specific data on specific sample segments within the region and an estimate of the number of miles of “local” streets is the main requirement. The estimate of local street miles provided by MAG member agencies is listed in Attachment Three.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

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

Following receipt of the Federal FY 2002 Transportation Appropriations Bill and including deleted and deferred projects, approximately \$1 million in MAG Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and \$10 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program (CMAQ) funds are expected to be available during the Federal FY 2002 Initial Closeout.

Under current guidelines, the priorities for utilizing these funds is to advance projects from the first year of the TIP and then to advance projects from outer years of the TIP. The last priority is to allow federal funds for “new” projects. Five projects, totaling \$3 million have been submitted for consideration for the STP funds available and 14 projects, totaling \$11.4 million have been submitted for consideration for the CMAQ funds available. In light of the expected reduction in Federal FY 2003 MAG Federal funds, another option would be to utilize a transfer mechanism through ADOT to defer some of the funding to Federal FY 2003 to help ensure that sufficient funds are available in Federal FY 2003 for programmed projects.

The projects requested are shown in Attachment Four. The TRC will be

10. For information, discussion and possible recommendation of some projects to utilize the available funds and to recommend an Amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP to accomplish the changes.

expected to recommend what projects should be recommended to utilize the available funds.

11. Discussion of Freeway Maintenance Issues

Staff from ADOT will provide a comprehensive overview on recent reductions in the overall ADOT budget with regard to maintenance and operations. ADOT will address concerns from member agencies over freeway litter control, landscaping and other maintenance items, and also discuss possible strategies and funding solutions in an effort to mitigate ADOT budget reductions in the MAG Region.

11. For information and discussion.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information and discussion.