

May 23, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, May 29, 2003, 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 Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of April 24, 2003 Minutes</u>	2. Approve minutes of the April 24, 2003 meeting.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. 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.

4. Transportation Manager's Report

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

4. For information and possible action.

5. 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 possible action.

CONSENT AGENDA

*6. Revisions to the MAG High Capacity Transit Study Final Report

At the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) meeting on April 24, 2003, members expressed concern about accepting the recommendations of the High Capacity Transit Study (HCT). Specific concerns included the timing of commuter rail in the recommendations, and the need to address the future of high capacity transit in the Baseline corridor.

At that meeting, the TRC recommended accepting the corridors as identified within the HCT for consideration as input into the Regional Transportation Plan process, subject to integration with the express bus network from the Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Transit System Study, and subject to additional input received from MAG member agencies.

To address the specific concerns of the TRC, the final report has been changed and MAG staff has delayed forwarding the

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TRC recommendation to the Management Committee to provide sufficient time for member agencies to review the revised final report. Revisions include additional clarification regarding the Baseline corridor, and refinement of the recommendations to modify the timing of potential commuter rail start-up service.

An executive summary of the revised final report is enclosed. Members can visit the MAG web site to view the color maps and other project documents at www.mag.maricopa.gov. Members are encouraged to provide any comments or concerns regarding the revised final report to Dawn M. Coomer or Eric Anderson, MAG staff. Please refer to the enclosed memorandum and executive summary to the Final Report in Attachment One.

*7. Proposed TIP Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Regional Freeway System Projects

ADOT has notified MAG of the need to change the potential funding source for three regional freeway system projects on Grand Avenue and the Santan Freeway in FY 2004. Currently, the funding source is defined as RARF/15% funding. However, the work description is being revised to indicate that the projects are being constructed with Grant Anticipation Notes and are expected to be reimbursed with federal funds in future years. The Santan Freeway project description is being revised to add the construction of underpasses at Ray and Greenfield Roads as well as at the Union Pacific Railroad. These facilities had been included in the mainline construction phase, which is

7. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend an Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP for the three Freeway projects as shown in the table in Attachment Two.

programmed for FY 2005 and this phase will be reduced accordingly in a forthcoming program.

The action on these projects does not require an amendment to the TIP and, as the projects do not add capacity, air quality concerns are not an issue. A simple formal notification of this change in the TIP will be reflected by an Administrative Adjustment as shown in the table in Attachment Two.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

8. Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Interim Close Out of the MAG Federally Funded Program

Recent actions by this Committee and the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) and the MAG Management Committee, have resulted in the expected commitment of \$1.99 million in FY 2003 Close Out funds for the purchase of PM-10 efficient street sweepers. Together with changes in the number of deferred projects, it is expected that \$13.4 million in MAG Federal funds will be available for the 28 remaining projects, totaling \$29.6 million.

The memo in Attachment Three contains the following three tables: Table One - A list of all of the projects that have been requested for deferral from FY 2003 to FY 2004 or later; Table Two - A list of all of the FFY 2003 funds available and the projects expected to be obligated; and Table Three - A list of all of the projects that have been submitted for consideration for the close out funds available. This third list has been prioritized according to

8. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to recommend that the projects listed in Table One in the attached memorandum be deferred from FFY 2003 to FFY 2004 or later and to recommend a list of projects to utilize the funds expected to be available. Also to recommend an Amendment to the FFY 2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to allow the recommended projects listed in Table Three in the attached memorandum to proceed.

guidelines approved by the Regional Council for closing out the federal fiscal year. Members will recommend a list of projects for utilizing the funds available in the interim close out and will discuss possible candidate projects as contingencies for the final close out of the federal fiscal year.

9. Update on AZTech

In fulfillment of coordination responsibilities between the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) and the AZTech Executive Committee, Mr. Tom Buick, Director, Maricopa County Department of Transportation and Co-Chairman of the AZTech Executive Committee will make a summary presentation on the current status and future direction of AZTech. Mr. Buick will share with the committee the progress that has been made in achieving the mission and goals of AZTech. The presentation will highlight the status of regional AZTech initiatives including system integration, arterial instrumentation, incident management, data archiving and traveler information. Mr. Buick will also focus on the institutional role of AZTech including strategies developed to meet the future challenges.

10. Overview of the Northern Avenue Super Street Concept

The City of Glendale has requested that the Northern Avenue Super Street concept be presented to and discussed by the TRC. The Super Street concept as applied to Northern Avenue may have applicability elsewhere in the region to increase the

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capacity and traffic flow on certain arterial streets.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, June 26, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

11. For information and discussion.