

August 16, 2002

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

Tuesday, August 27, 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 Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of June 25, 2002 Minutes</u>	2. Approve minutes of June 25, 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.

5. For information and discussion.

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.

6. For information and possible action.

CONSENT AGENDA

*7. FY 2003 Transportation Stakeholder Early Input Process

An Early Phase Transportation Stakeholders meeting was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2002. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain initial input on transportation issues and needs in transportation planning and programming. This input will facilitate in the initial selection of projects for addition to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. Please see Attachment Number One for a listing of summarized needs and issues as identified at the August 2002 meeting.

7. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

8. Update on the MAG High Capacity Transit Plan

The MAG High Capacity Transit Plan (Plan) is currently one of several studies in process that will help provide input into the Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan is evaluating the possible use of existing railroad corridors for commuter rail, estimating the costs and benefits of this service, and assessing how it might interact with other types of transit (such as buses and the planned light rail system) and roadways. In addition to commuter rail, the Plan is also evaluating light rail transit and/or bus rapid transit in several other high demand corridors. The Plan was initiated in January of 2002, and is scheduled for completion in December of 2002. An agency working group has been meeting bi-monthly to provide input into the project. Three working papers are currently available on the project page of the MAG Web site at www.mag.maricopa.gov. An update of the study's progress will be provided by IBI Group, consultant to MAG, at the meeting.

9. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Highway and Transit projects.

The FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP was approved by the Regional Council on July 24, 2002. Since that time, Maricopa County DOT has indicated that they wish to advance a highway construction project from FY 2007 to FY 2003. In addition, the Maricopa County Human Services

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve an Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the two projects listed in the Table in Attachment Two.

Department (HSD) has been notified of the award of a new \$1.2 million Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant contained in the recently signed Federal FY 2002 Emergency Supplemental Bill.

It is necessary to amend this TIP to incorporate the two projects concerned. The highway project will require a regional emissions analysis and both projects are detailed in Attachment Two.

10. Regional Plan Update

One of the major tasks in Phase I of the Regional Transportation Plan update is aimed at defining a set of regional values, goals, objectives and strategies. The results of this effort will provide the planning process with a basis for identifying options, evaluating alternatives and making decisions on future transportation investments. A draft set of these factors has been prepared (Attachment Three) and is being transmitted for review and comment.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, September 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

10. For Information and discussion.

11. For information and discussion.