

December 8, 2004

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, December 16, 2004, 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.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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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. 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 Draft November 23, 2004 Minutes</u>	2. Approve Draft minutes of the November 23, 2004 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review 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 Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

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

3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and possible action.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

5. Projects Submitted for Consideration for MAG Federal Funds in FYs 2008, 2009 and 2010 in the FY 2006-2010 Draft MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

The MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) targets all future MAG Federal Funds to specific modes and, in some cases, identified specific projects for the funds so allocated. However, for ITS, Bicycle, Pedestrian and Air Quality projects, the RTP identified funds, but did not specify individual projects.

Requests for projects for the MAG Federal funds expected to be available for FYs 2008, 2009 and 2010 have been received, ranked by modal technical advisory committees (TACs) and those rankings were reviewed by the TRC on November 23, 2004. The TRC allowed the

5. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend projects for inclusion in the MAG Federally Funded Program for FYs 2006-2010.

MAG ITS Committee to recommend some additional projects based on some inflated funds that are expected to be available and Attachment One contains the most recently recommended projects from the Air Quality, Bicycle and Pedestrian and ITS modes for FYs 2008 through 2010.

Recommended projects from all of these modes will be combined to form a MAG Federally Funded program for FYs 2006-2010. This program will then be added to the remainder of the State, Freeway, Transit and locally/privately funded projects being submitted for inclusion in the TIP to form the draft TIP (Listing of Projects).

6. Federal Functional Classification of Roadways in the MAG Region

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), working with States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, keeps a functional classification database for all publicly owned roadways in the nation. The classes and numbers of miles involved are used in calculating how many transportation federal funds, and which type, are distributed as part of federal legislation.

In addition, roads need to be federally functionally classified in order to qualify for using many of the transportation federal funds available within the region. MAG has been requested to assist with the updating of the Federal Functional Classification of Roadways in the region. Member agencies are responsible for requesting changes, but the region is asked to provide concurrence with any such requests prior to final action by FHWA and ADOT.

MAG has received a series of requests from agencies for upgrading the classification of roadways within our region and has developed a map showing the requested changes. Working with member agencies and the MAG Street Committee, and relying on federally

6. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend concurrence with the changes in Federal Functional Classification shown in the Attached Map.

recommended percentages, MAG has developed a map showing all of the recommended changes to the regional network of roads. At their meeting on November 9, 2004, the MAG Street Committee recommended concurrence with these changes, which are shown in Attachment Two.

7. Regional Arterial Life Cycle Program

The RTP allocates a portion of the funds available from extension of the one-half cent sales tax, some CMAQ and some STP-MAG funds for a series of road widening and intersection improvement projects. These projects have been identified in four distinct five-year 'phases' and MAG staff are producing a draft program of projects that lists the expected implementation time frame for each project including (in many cases, but not all), pre-design, design, acquisition of right-of-way and construction phases.

The current focus is on the first five years and the separate project implementation phases are being described on the understanding that the FY 2006-2010 Draft TIP needs to be consistent with the RTP. Projects are also being added to the first five years that are due to be funded in later phases of the RTP, but these are currently being listed as Advance Design and/or Acquisition and/or Construction phases for which repayments will eventually be identified in later TIPs.

Further discussions are continuing with agencies regarding expectations for project implementations and, especially, individual responsibilities regarding joint projects on roadways that are owned by multiple agencies. As a result, further changes to the five year program are expected, but will be made consistent with the RTP descriptions, at this stage. As the program is still being developed,

7. For information, discussion, and possible action to recommend the Regional Arterial Program for FYs 2006-2010.

a draft copy will be provided to members for review and comment during the meeting.

8. Discussion of the Draft FY 2006-2010 Regional Freeway Program

ADOT staff will provide an overview of the Draft FY 2006-2010 Regional Freeway Program. Discussion will focus on the project development process for the regional freeway system, as included within the MAG Regional Transportation Plan, and the basis for programming recommendations as provided for review and consideration.

Since the last TRC meeting minor changes have been made, including adjustments to eliminate duplication of study and design dollars, splitting the Bethany Home TI projects into north and south components, and minor adjustments to SR 85 funding, among other minor adjustments. Please refer to Attachment Three.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, January 27, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

8. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend regional freeway projects for FYs 2006-2010.

9. For information and discussion