

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

October 7, 2005

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study

SUMMARY:

A regional study is being requested to preserve and protect Interstate 10 in the Western Maricopa County generally west of the White Tank Mountains/Hassayampa Valley. Several agencies would participate financially in the study, including ADOT (\$110,000), MAG (\$110,000), Maricopa County (\$110,000), the Town of Buckeye (\$110,000) and the City of Surprise (\$60,000). The purpose of the study is to develop a roadway framework plan for connections to the Interstate and other regional roadways, including US-60/Grand Avenue, SR-85, Bell Road, and SR-303L/Estrella Freeway. Both ADOT and FHWA are concerned about the number of requests for new interchanges along the region's primary commercial link to Los Angeles, and the general lack of regional connections between the Hassayampa Valley and other portions of the metropolitan area. Given the regional nature of this project, MAG would serve as the lead agency. The project is preliminarily estimated to cost \$500,000. MAG's portion for the project would come from MAG's contingency funds. Recommendations from this study will be considered in future updates of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Developing this project requires an amendment to the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. If amended, MAG will advertise for a consultant to provide services to accomplish this study. Staff will recommend that the consultant complete this effort within twelve months and identification of the key project recommendations within the first nine months of the schedule. A technical working group, consisting of representatives from MAG, ADOT, MCDOT, the Town of Buckeye, the City of Goodyear, the City of Surprise, and FHWA, has been established and will provide input to the project.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input has been received concerning the specific requested change.

PROS AND CONS:

PROS: A framework comprised of regional connections and roadways will be established for this portion of the MAG region, where little transportation infrastructure is available. Recommendations from this project will guide development of the transportation infrastructure and protect the existing investments by MAG and ADOT. The project also represents a significant element for future updates of the Regional Transportation Plan.

CONS: Without a framework for regional connections and roadways, development of the Hassayampa Valley will proceed, and thereby strain the existing and future transportation infrastructure in this portion of the MAG region, especially Interstate 10, the region's primary commercial and freight corridor.

TECHNICAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: Planning in this portion of the region expands the urban transportation modeling area maintained by MAG. The model's present western border is along the proposed CANAMEX alignment (approximately 355th Avenue); this project's study boundary is recommended as 459th Avenue.

POLICY: Recommendations from this project will provide transportation planning guidance to MAG, ADOT, Maricopa County, the Town of Buckeye, the City of Goodyear, the City of Surprise, and FHWA. The project will recommend regional connections and roadways to be included as part of the regional transportation planning process, and for possible incorporation into a future update of the Regional Transportation Plan.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approve amending the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Regional Framework Study for an amount of \$500,000, with approximately \$110,000 provided by MAG using contingency funds.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

This item is on the October 12, 2005 Management Committee agenda to recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Regional Framework Study for an amount of \$500,000, with approximately \$110,000 provided by MAG using contingency funds.

Transportation Review Committee (TRC): On September 29, 2005, the TRC was advised of the proposal.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Maricopa County: Mike Ellegood,
Chairperson

*ADOT: Bill Hayden for Dan Lance

* Avondale: David Fitzhugh

Chandler: Patrice Kraus

*El Mirage: B.J. Cornwall

*Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel

*Gila Bend: Lynn Farmer

*Gilbert: Joe Hughes for Tami Ryall

Glendale: Terry Johnson

Goodyear: Cato Esquivel

Guadalupe, Jim Ricker

Litchfield Park: Mike Cartsonis

Mesa: Jim Huling for Jeff Martin

Paradise Valley: Robert M. Cicarelli

*Peoria: David Moody

Phoenix: Tom Callow

Queen Creek: Mark Young

RPTA: Bryan Jungwirth

Scottsdale: Dave Meinhardt for

Mary O'Connor

Surprise: Randy Overmyer

Tempe: Carlos De Leon

*Wickenburg: Shane Dille

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Regional Bicycle Task Force:
Randi Alcott

*Street Committee: Larry Shobe

*ITS Committee: Alan Sanderson

*Pedestrian Working Group: Eric Iwersen

*Telecommunications Advisory Group:

* Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

+ Attended by Videoconference

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