

April 8, 2019

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Gail Barney, Town of Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA
FOR THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 15, 2019 – Immediately following the MAGIC Meeting
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Ironwood Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person or by telephone conference.

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If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Executive Director at (602) 254-6300.

**MAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 15, 2019**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Executive Committee will be called to order.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the MAG Regional Council Executive 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. Members of the public 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 Executive Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

2. Information and discussion.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*3A. Approval of the March 18, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*3B. FY 2019 Strategic Transportation Safety Plan Update Consultant Selection

The MAG 2019 Work Program identified a project to develop the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP), as a comprehensive update to the previous STSP approved by MAG in 2015. The new STSP will articulate a vision, goals, and strategies for transportation safety. The recommendations from the STSP will include a strategy to fund safety improvements within the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In addition, safety is anticipated to be a cornerstone in the development of the next RTP and proposed extension of Proposition 400. As such, the STSP will demonstrate the benefits of comprehensive safety considerations to the regional multimodal transportation network. The STSP also will be closely coordinated with the Arizona Strategic Traffic Safety Plan (AZSTSP) currently being developed.

A request for proposals was announced on January 25, 2019, for selecting a qualified consultant to develop the STSP. Three qualifying proposals were received. A proposal evaluation panel consisting of regional safety stakeholders and MAG staff reviewed the proposals. The evaluation panel

3A. Approval of the March 18, 2019, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Approval of the selection of Greenlight Traffic Engineering, LLC, to develop the MAG FY 2019 Strategic Transportation Safety Plan update. If negotiations with Greenlight Traffic Engineering, LLC are not successful, that MAG pursue negotiations with its second choice, Y2K, LLC.

recommends the team led by Greenlight Traffic Engineering, LLC for developing the STSP. The budget available for this project is \$300,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *3C. Amendment to the FY 2019 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add the Gila River Indian Community Transit Feasibility Study Update for \$125,000

In November 2018, the Gila River Indian Community requested MAG submit a grant application on its behalf for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5305(e) planning funds to conduct an update to its Transit Feasibility Study to determine the viability of improving the existing transit services and evaluate service expansion within the Community. ADOT has notified MAG that it has awarded \$100,000 in FTA Section 5305(e) planning funds requiring a local match of \$25,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *3D. Amendment to the FY 2019 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to rename the Interstate 10/Papago Freeway Tunnel Traffic Operations Study

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget contains an Interstate 10/Papago Freeway Tunnel Traffic Operations Study. MAG staff is requesting an amendment to the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to change

- 3C. Approval to amend the FY 2019 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add \$125,000 for the Gila River Indian Community Transit Feasibility Study Update.

- 3D. Approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to change the name of the Interstate 10/Papago Freeway Tunnel Traffic Operations Study to the Interstate 10: Papago Tunnel to the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 System Interchange Corridor Study.

the name of the study to the Interstate 10: Papago Tunnel to the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 System Interchange Corridor Study. The name change better reflects the limits of the project and scope. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*3E. Acceptance of Grant Award from the National Economic Partnerships Program

On August 27, 2018, MAG submitted a grant application on behalf of partners throughout the Arizona Sun Corridor to the Federal Highway Administration for the National Economic Partnerships Program. The application requested \$250,000 to support the implementation of Value Impact Analysis (VIA). The goal of the one-year project is to develop a tool that will assess the value of transportation investments and impact of these investments on the economy. On March 11, 2019, MAG was notified that the grant award had been approved by the National Economic Partnerships Program. The purpose of this agenda item is to accept the grant and amend the FY 2019 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include this grant award of \$250,000.

The \$250,000 in grant funding will support one or more consultants that will be competitively procured. MAG will provide \$32,500 in cash and in-kind contributions as match for the grant. Pima Association of Governments will provide \$17,500 in in-kind contributions to meet the required \$50,000 in match

3E. Approval to amend the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the \$250,000 grant from the National Economic Partnerships Program for the purpose of implementing the Value Analysis Impact project.

funding to receive the grant. Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization is also a key partner on the project.

- *3F. Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Read On Arizona to Provide Mapping and Analytical Support for Early Learning Projects and to Amend the FY 2019 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Funding

MAG staff has been providing technical support to Read On Arizona for the development of MapLIT, an early literacy mapping and analytics tool. In the past, this effort has been funded through grants to the Regional Community Partners. MAGIC has been approached by Read On Arizona and their partners to enhance the current tools and also develop a Parent Engagement tool for Arizona with potential funding for up to five years. Due to access to datasets and the development of current tools, MAG staff is uniquely positioned to conduct the work that is important for the State. Staff is requesting approval to enter into an agreement with Read On Arizona and their partners to accept up to \$45,000 per year for five years for development and enhancement of GIS datasets, tools, and analytics, and approval to amend the FY 2019 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add this funding for an increase to the overall budget of \$45,000.

- 3F. Approval to enter into an agreement and to accept up to \$45,000 per year for five years from Read On Arizona, and approval of the budget amendment to the FY 2019 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add this funding for an increase to the overall budget of \$45,000.

*3G. Request for Reallocation of Capital Funds to Upgrade MAG Meeting Rooms

On May 25, 2018, the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was approved by the MAG Regional Council, which included \$200,000 in capital carry forward that is not going to be spent this fiscal year. MAG staff is requesting reallocation of \$135,000 of these funds for audio and video upgrades to the MAG Chaparral and Cottonwood meeting rooms to replace aging and end-of-life equipment to better support MAG meetings. The existing equipment is scheduled for replacement in the coming fiscal year, but MAG would benefit from immediate replacement.

3G. Approval to amend the FY 2019 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to reallocate \$135,000 in capital carry forward funds for audio and video upgrades to the MAG Chaparral and Cottonwood meeting rooms.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. FY 2020/2021 Unified Planning Work Program & Annual Budget Update

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represents the budget document development to date. The elements of the budget document are approximately 70 percent complete. Staff is finalizing

4. Information and discussion.

personnel costs and will be proposing a salary increase and new staff requests for FY 2020-2021 to the committee. Approval of the Draft MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is scheduled for the May meetings of the Management Committee, Executive Committee and Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Policy and Technical Amendments to MAG Committees and Related Processes

The MAG committee structure includes 19 technical committees and seven policy committees. In addition to these committees, other working groups and ad hoc committees may be operating at any given time, depending on topical issues.

To ensure consistency and integrity in MAG committees and related processes, staff has compiled a number of policy and technical changes for consideration. Among these are opportunities for committee composition/representation changes, technical amendment(s) to the MAG By-Laws, conforming changes to the MAG Policies and Procedures, as warranted, and others.

MAG staff will begin the process of presenting these issues to the MAG Executive Committee for their consideration, direction, and potential future action.

5. Information and discussion.

6. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

7. Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

The employment agreement entered into with the MAG Executive Director on April 9, 2018, provided that the Executive Committee conduct an annual performance review in consultation with the Regional Council. On November 19, 2018, the Executive Committee suggested that the performance review for the Executive Director take place in April 2019.

On March 4, 2019, the evaluation survey and Major Regional Goals and Results for FY 2018-2019 were sent to members of the Regional Council, Management Committee and other outside agencies to receive their input on the review. The results of the completed surveys were compiled and will be discussed by the members of the Executive Committee. This information will be sent separately.

The Executive Committee may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the MAG Executive Director's review and salary. The meeting may then be reconvened to take action regarding the review. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. 38 431.03(A)(1).

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session to discuss the MAG Executive Director's performance evaluation. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1).

8. Possible Action on the Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

The Executive Committee may reconvene the regular meeting to take action regarding the annual performance review of the MAG Executive Director. Such action may include possible changes to the Executive Director’s annual compensation and/or benefits as provided in the Employment Agreement.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Executive Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

10. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for the Executive Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Executive Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

8. Information, discussion and possible action regarding the MAG Executive Director's performance evaluation.

9. Information.

10. Information.