

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Due to the risks to public health caused by the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus at public gatherings, the Maricopa Association of Governments has determined that public meetings will be indefinitely held through technological means. Meetings will be open to the public through technological means. In reliance on, and compliance with, the March 13, 2020, Opinion issued by Attorney General Mark Brnovich, the Maricopa Association of Governments provides this special advance notice of the technological means through which public meetings may be accessed. While this special notice is in effect, public comment at meetings will only be accepted through written submissions, which may or may not be read aloud during meetings.

To attend the meeting noticed below by technological means, members of the public may:

1. To watch a live video stream of the meeting, [click here to go to MAG's YouTube channel](#).
2. Members of the public may submit written comments relating to this meeting to azmag.gov/comment. Comments may be sent at any time leading up to the meeting, but must be received at least one hour prior to the posted start time for the meeting.

If any member of the public has difficulty connecting to the meeting, please contact MAG at (602) 254-6300 for support.

September 14, 2020

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Jerry P. Weiers, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE
AGENDA

September 21, 2020 12:00 Noon
VIRTUAL MEETING

The Executive Committee meeting has been scheduled at the time noted above. The meeting will be **held as a virtual meeting only**, with no in-person attendance options available at this time. Instructions on how to participate will be provided to members of the committee. Members of the public will be able to view and listen to the meeting via a live video stream. You can watch the meeting online by [clicking here to go to MAG's YouTube channel](#). Public comments can be provided in written format through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment. If you have questions, please contact the MAG office at (602) 254-6300.

In 1996, the Regional Council approved a simple majority quorum for all MAG advisory committees. If the Executive Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have joined the meeting will be notified that a legal meeting cannot occur and the meeting will end. Your participation in the meeting is strongly encouraged.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact MAG at (602) 254-6300.



MAG Executive Committee

TENTATIVE AGENDA

September 21, 2020

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Call to the Audience**

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to provide input through written comment to the Executive Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public are asked to submit written comments related to this meeting through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment, and indicate for which meeting the comment is intended. Comments may be sent at any time leading up to the meeting, but must be received at least one hour prior to the posted start time for the meeting. Comments received prior to the deadline will be read aloud during the meeting. Comments must not exceed three minutes in length. 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 comments received for agenda items posted for action will be read at the time the item is heard.

Action Requested:

Information.

3. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

Action Requested:

Approval of the consent agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT *

***3A. Approval of the June 22, 2020, Meeting Minutes**

Action Requested:

Approval.

***3B. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021 MAG Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Design Assistance Program**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2019, includes \$500,000 for the MAG Design Assistance program. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for the preliminary design portion of a bicycle or pedestrian project with no matching funds required. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Approve an amendment to the FY 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to include the prioritized list of projects, funding \$500,000 for Design Assistance projects, and allowing unfunded projects on the prioritized list to be eligible if additional funding becomes available.

***3C. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to Include a MAG Transportation Safety Associate Contract With Michael J. Kuzel for an Amount Not to Exceed \$80,000**

The focus of this request is to enhance capabilities of the MAG Transportation Safety Program by incorporating professional services of an individual with experience in analyzing human behaviors as it relates to the built roadway and other systems. The MAG Transportation Safety Associate will provide expertise to assist MAG in three key areas of safety planning, safety planning studies, administration of developed safety education programs, development and

implementation of the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget to include a MAG Transportation Safety Associate Contract with Michael J. Kuzel for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4. **Contract Extension for Federal Government Relations Assistance**

On December 11, 2019, the Southwest Tourism Expansion Act was introduced in the United States Congress. This bill (HR 5405) is the result of MAG's efforts to improve the state and regional economy by allowing for statewide travel of Mexican visitors who have a Border Crossing Card. Capitol Strategies has been providing government relations assistance on this issue. The contract with Capitol Strategies was renewed in January 2020 for eight additional months for services through September 2020.

Action Requested:

Approve an extension of the Capitol Strategies contract for federal government relations assistance for \$4,600 a month for up to six additional months through March 2021.

5. **Draft MAG Policy Principles**

MAG staff has updated the draft regional policy principles, a document that summarizes MAG's legislative positions and the agency's roles and responsibilities. The MAG Policy Principles are updated annually or as needed. In the month of September 2020, the draft MAG Policy Principles are being presented to the MAG Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee, Executive Committee, and Regional Council for review and input. It is anticipated that the draft MAG Policy Principles will be presented for action at the October 2020 policy committees with approval at the October 28, 2020, Regional Council meeting. MAG staff will provide a report on the updated Draft MAG Policy Principles. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

6. COVID-19 Update

MAG's Executive Director will provide a summary of information related to the regional response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MAG's community outreach, accommodations to encourage public comments and engagement during committee meetings, and other steps the agency has taken to safely transition employees back into the office when health metrics have been achieved.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

7. 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.

Action Requested:

Information.

8. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for 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.

Action Requested:

Information.

Adjournment