

## **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](http://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 10, 2020

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Julie Arendall, Goodyear, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 - 12:00 noon  
**Virtual Meeting**

The MAG Management 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 via email 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](http://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 Management 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.

cc: MAG Regional Council



# MAG Management Committee

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

September 16, 2020

### 1. Call to Order

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### 2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to provide input through written comment to the Management 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](http://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 Management 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.

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### 3. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

#### **Action Requested:**

Information.

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#### **4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Council 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 \***

#### **\*4A. Approval of the August 12, 2020, Meeting Minutes**

**Action Requested:**

Approval.

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#### **\*4B. Conformity Consultation**

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2020-2024 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update. The amendment and administrative modification involve changes to several projects, including general highway projects, Arterial Life Cycle Program projects, Freeway Life Cycle Program projects, and transit projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**Action Requested:**

Consultation.

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#### **\*4C. Transportation Improvement Program Project Changes**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2024 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2040 MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update were

approved by the Regional Council on February 26, 2020 and have since been amended four times.

Since approval of the last amendment, additional changes and modifications are needed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**Action Requested:**

Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications as appropriate to the Fiscal Year 2020-2024 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and 2040 MAG Regional Transportation Plan Update, as appropriate.

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**\*4D. MAG Public Outreach Report (Fiscal Year 2019 – Fiscal Year 2020)**

MAG believes that public participation is key to the region's transportation planning process. MAG needs the community's help to plan projects that provide benefits to the region and meet the wide-ranging needs of residents. MAG conducts extensive outreach through social media, online surveys, public hearings and community outreach tables in order to reach diverse populations and obtain feedback from community members within the region. In order to keep policymakers apprised of ongoing community feedback, we are providing this report that highlights MAG's outreach activities and demonstrates MAG's commitment to including a diverse blend of voices in the region's transportation planning process. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**Action Requested:**

Information.

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**\*4E. 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:**

Recommend 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.

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**\*4F. Arizona Department of Transportation Red Letter Process**

In June 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning, and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**Action Requested:**

Information.

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**\*4G. 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 September 2020, the draft MAG Policy Principles are being presented to the MAG Management Committee, Transportation Policy 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 committee meetings with approval at the October 28, 2020, Regional Council meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material. Contact Nathan Pryor, Policy and Government Relations Director, with any questions and proposed input.

**Action Requested:**

Information.

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**\*4H. 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:**

Recommend approval of 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**

**5. Second Project Deferral Request: City of Tempe Alameda Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project – Rural Road to 48th Street**

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding allocated to the MAG region is programmed in accordance with the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures (Guidelines), which were approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 24, 2015. The Guidelines permit the sponsor agency to defer the project one time without justification. If the sponsor agency wishes to defer a project a second time, an appeal process is required, which includes a presentation of the request through the MAG committee process. City of Tempe staff will present a request for a second deferral of the Alameda Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project – Rural Road to 48th Street, deferring the project from FY 2020 to FY 2021. It is anticipated that construction will begin in March of 2021 and be completed within 12 months. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**Action Requested:**

Recommend approval of the second deferral for the City of Tempe, Alameda Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project – Rural Road to 48th Street (TMP19-740).

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**6. Update on the Development of the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan**

MAG has initiated efforts to develop a comprehensive update to the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan that will inform the development and implementation of the new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). An overview of the technical work associated with development of the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan and its strategies as well as its relation to the new RTP will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**Action Requested:**

Information and discussion.

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**7. Update on the Development of a New Regional Transportation Plan**

MAG has initiated efforts to develop a new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that will serve as the basis for the extension of Proposition 400, which will expire at the end of calendar year 2025. An update on the planning work underway, including technical work associated with the development of the new RTP and activities associated with the Management Committee Work Group, will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**Action Requested:**

Information and discussion.

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**8. Legislative Update**

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

**Action Requested:**

Information and discussion.

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**9. Request for Future Agenda Items**

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

**Action Requested:**

Information.

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**10. Comments from the Committee**

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management 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.

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**Adjournment**