

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.

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

August 20, 2020

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Jerry P. Weiers, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: **REVISED MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - 11:30 a.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING

The agenda for the August 26, 2020, MAG Regional Council meeting has been revised to allow for a change to the requested action for agenda item 3H.

The MAG Regional Council 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. 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 Regional Council 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.

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c: MAG Management Committee



MAG Regional Council

TENTATIVE AGENDA

August 26, 2020

1. Call to Order

2. Executive Director's Report

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

Action Requested:

Information.

3. 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 *

*3A. Approval of the June 24, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Action Requested:

Approval.

***3B. 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, and Freeway Life Cycle Program 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.

***3C. 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 three times.

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

Action Requested:

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.

***3D. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add \$75,000 to the SR-30/Tres Rios, SR-202L South Mountain to I-17/Black Canyon Scoping Study and Planning and Environmental Linkages Statement**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by MAG Regional Council in May 2019, includes the SR-30/Tres Rios, SR-202L South Mountain to I-17/Black Canyon Scoping Study and Planning and Environmental Linkages Statement (PEL). As the scoping study has progressed, additional engineering and analysis needs have been identified to refine corridor options and inform development of the study's final recommendations anticipated in December 2021. Accordingly, this agenda item represents a request to add \$75,000 to the SR-30/Tres Rios, SR-202L South Mountain to I-17/Black Canyon Scoping Study and PEL. The additional money will come from the Freeway Life Cycle Program region-wide preliminary engineering funding allocation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Approval of the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add funding in the amount of \$75,000 to the SR-30/Tres Rios, SR-202L South Mountain to I-17/Black Canyon Scoping Study and Planning and Environmental Linkages Statement.

***3E. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report, January – June 2020**

The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) is the financial management tool for the arterial street component of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The ALCP Policies and Procedures, which were approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 24, 2015, guide management of the program. The ALCP Policy and Procedures require that a status report be provided to MAG committee members to give an update on all project requirements and financial information. This agenda item reflects the second semi-annual update for FY 2020. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Information.

***3F. Appointment of the MAG Economic Development Committee Member Agency Position**

The MAG Regional Council approved increasing the composition of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) to include 21 MAG member agency

positions that have one-year terms with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the MAG Regional Council. The member agency positions include a representative from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

On July 28, 2020, a letter was received from Director John Halikowski recommending Mr. Mark Sanders serve as the ADOT representative on the EDC. The Regional Council is requested to approve Mark Sanders as the ADOT EDC member. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Approve the appointment of Mark Sanders as the ADOT representative on the MAG Economic Development Committee.

***3G. Community Stipends for the Rural Transportation Incubator**

On May 13, 2019, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved an amendment to the FY 2019 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept grant funding from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. This funding was awarded to Regional Community Partners and MAG. The project budget includes \$130,000 to support transportation services for older adults with low incomes in rural communities statewide. This project also includes \$60,000 in grant funding from the Federal Highway Administration, approved by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee on September 27, 2018. This funding provides communities with stipends to support the implementation of technology solutions to make transportation services for older adults with low incomes more effective.

On May 27, 2020, MAG released a Request for Proposals to identify communities to receive the transportation and technology stipends. By June 19, 2020, a total of nine proposals were received by the deadline of noon. All proposals met threshold requirements. On June 29, 2020, an evaluation team met to review and score the proposals. Based on the scoring and evaluation criteria listed in the Request for Proposals, the team is recommending the selection of Assist to Independence, Changepoint Integrated Health, Foundation for Senior Living, Interfaith Community Services, Neighbors Who Care, New Horizons Disability Empowerment Center, TAP AZ Coalition for

Military Families, Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers Program, and the City of Winslow, for a total not to exceed \$190,000.

Action Requested:

Approval of the selection of Assist to Independence, Changepoint Integrated Health, Foundation for Senior Living, Interfaith Community Services, Neighbors Who Care, New Horizons Disability Empowerment Center, TAP AZ Coalition for Military Families, Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers Program, and the City of Winslow, for a total not to exceed \$190,000.

***3H. Appointment of Transportation Policy Committee Members**

The composition of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), established by the Regional Council on April 24, 2002, includes elected officials from the seven largest cities/towns, a Native American Indian community member, as well as a State Transportation Board member. MAG received letters of interest from Tempe and Gilbert – two of the seven largest cities/towns, a letter from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the Native American Indian Community seat, and a letter from the State Transportation Board requesting that the officials be appointed to the TPC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Appointment of representatives from Tempe, Gilbert, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and the State Transportation Board to serve on the Transportation Policy Committee.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4. 2020 Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Count Report

Conducted on a single day, on January 28, 2020, the Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Count is an annual street and shelter count that determines the number of people experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County during a given point in time. The Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care worked with 24 municipalities in the Maricopa County region for the PIT count and will use the data collected as well as the regional Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to better understand the population experiencing homelessness in the region, and to provide solutions that will make

homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

5. Regional Economic Update

The COVID-19 pandemic has made a large impact on our regional economy. MAG staff have been tracking data on unemployment filings, consumer activity levels, and housing. An update will be provided on current regional economic trends and resources.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

6. 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.

7. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

Action Requested:

Information.

9. Comments from the Council

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