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April 9, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and
Members of the Building Lease Working Group

FROM: Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, City of Goodyear, Chair and
Mayor Keno Hawker, City of Mesa

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE
JOINT MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE BUILDING
LEASE WORKING GROUP

Monday, April 16, 2007 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A joint meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee and the Working Group may attend the meeting either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference.

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If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact Mayor James Cavanaugh at (623) 882-7782. For the BLWG, please contact Mayor Keno Hawker at (480) 644-2388. For MAG staff, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

The joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) will be called to order.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee and the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) 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 or the BLWG 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.

2. Information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE BUILDING LEASE WORKING GROUP

3. Update on the Regional Office Center

On March 19, 2007, the Executive Committee and Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) recommended authorizing MAG to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and to execute a lease for the MAG portion of the Regional Office Center. At the March 28, 2007 MAG Regional Council meeting, the Council unanimously approved the Executive Committee's recommendation. As a result of the March meetings, additional questions are being explored. These questions include the tax status of each agency as it relates to financing, abatement of a portion of the property tax by the City of Phoenix (Government Property Lease Excise Tax), and potential relief from the City of Phoenix on other fees and/or taxes associated with the project. A meeting with the Valley Metro Rail Board of Directors is scheduled for April 10th and the Valley Metro Board for April 19,

3. Information, discussion and possible action.

2007. MAG staff is reviewing the cash flow in preparation for financing the building, as well as exploring additional value engineering and space sharing arrangements to determine if additional cost savings can be achieved. Staff will provide an update on the Regional Office Center project.

4. Adjournment of the Building Lease Working Group
5. Approval of Executive Committee 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 (*).

5. Approval of the Executive Committee Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT* BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- *5A. Approval of the March 19, 2007. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- 5A. Review and approve the March 19, 2007 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

- *5B. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Funding from the Arizona Department of Transportation

- 5B. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$13,805 from the Arizona Department of Transportation in United We Ride Grant funding.

On March 16, 2007, MAG was notified that the Arizona Department of Transportation provided MAG \$13,805 in United We Ride Grant funding to further the activities of the MAG Human Services Division. It is necessary to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include these funds. These funds will support the development of the MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan. This plan is required by new SAFETEA-LU regulations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5C. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Funding from 2007 Regional Human Services Summit Sponsors

- 5C. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include up to \$15,723 in contributions from various agencies to further the activities of the Human Services Division.

By March 19, 2007, MAG was notified that ValueOptions of Arizona, Salt River Project (SRP),

Arizona Public Service (APS), Arizona State University College of Human Services, the Arizona Department of Economic Security, and the Arizona Council of Human Services Providers would provide contributions to further the activities of the MAG Human Services Division. It is necessary to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include these contributions. These contributions will support the 2007 Regional Human Services Summit. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Matching Funds for the ADOT High Speed Rail Study Update

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested MAG to participate in the high speed rail study update that the Department is conducting for a possible commuter rail system connecting metropolitan Phoenix and metropolitan Tucson. ADOT has requested financial support from MAG for \$20,000 to use as matching funds for the ADOT study. MAG currently has a commuter rail project underway to develop a detailed strategy to implement commuter rail in the MAG region. The connection between commuter rail within the metropolitan Phoenix area and commuter rail service with Tucson is important. Funding for the MAG participation in the ADOT study would be provided from Proposition 400 planning study funds. An amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed.

5D. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide \$20,000 for ADOT to use as matching funds for the High Speed Rail Study Update.

**ITEMS TO BE HEARD
BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

6. Discussion and Update on the Draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program 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 and approved

6. Input on the development of the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represents the budget document development to-date. There have been some changes to the new project requests. These include an upward revision to the Household Survey project by \$250,000 to \$750,000; a downward revision to the Traffic Count project by \$100,000 to \$150,000; and the deletion of the I-17 and US-93/New River Roadway Framework Study. The Intermodal Planning Group meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2007. Comments from this meeting will be presented to the Executive Committee. The draft FY 2008 Work Program will be brought to the MAG Regional Council in May 2007 for approval. The elements of the budget document are about 80 percent complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Regional Planning Dialogue Update

On March 23, 2007, the COG/MPO Chairs and Directors met to hear a presentation from DMJM Harris, the recommended consultant for the Statewide Intrastate Mobility Reconnaissance Study. On March 28, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved the consultant selection for the Reconnaissance Study. The first product of this study will be presented at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference in August 2007. This will include the draft list of bottlenecks, the implementation of the statewide travel demand modeling tool, and alternative roadway scenarios. In addition, the Blue Ribbon Study Commission and other transportation funding efforts will be discussed. Staff will provided an update on the Regional Planning Dialogue process.

8. Federal Transportation Initiatives

At the January 8, 2007 Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council Executive Committee meeting, MAG staff informed the Committee about two programs that were announced as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (US DOT) National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

Network. The first was the "Corridors of the Future" program and the second was the "Urban Partnership Agreements." For the Corridors of the Future competition, the River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC) submitted a Phase One proposal that includes I-10 through Arizona. Possible participation to assist the ROTCC in their efforts, as well as becoming a member of the coalition, was discussed. MAG staff was requested to prepare a white paper that would provide a background on the ROTCC, a current list of its members, and outline some of the pros and cons of joining the organization. On February 1, 2007, US DOT Secretary Mary Peters announced the semi-finalists for the "Corridors of the Future" program. The Phase One proposal submitted by Wilbur Smith Associates included the I-10 freeway from California to Florida and was selected as a semi-finalist in the "Corridors of the Future" program. Phase Two applications are due on or before May 25, 2007. The final three to five major "Corridors of the Future" will be selected from the Phase Two applications. The ROTCC application was not selected as a semi-finalist. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

10. Adjournment

9. Information, discussion and possible action.

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
JOINT MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND THE BUILDING LEASE WORKING GROUP

March 19, 2007

MAG Offices, Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair	Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Litchfield Park
# Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise, Treasurer	Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix
Mayor Steven M. Berman, Gilbert	

BUILDING LEASE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair	* Councilmember Ron Clarke, Paradise Valley
Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear	Frank Fairbanks, Manager, City of Phoenix

PARTNERING AGENCIES ATTENDING

Bryan Jungwirth for David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA	John McCormick for Rick Simonetta, Valley Metro Rail
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* Not present

Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee and Building Lease Working Group meeting was called to order by Chair James M. Cavanaugh at 12:02 p.m. Chair Cavanaugh stated that Mayor Shafer was participating in the meeting by telephone. Chair Cavanaugh stated that public comment cards were available for those members of the public who wish to comment. He noted that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

2. Call to the Audience

Chair Cavanaugh noted that according to MAG's public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the public comment cards and stated that there is a three minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair Cavanaugh stated that no public comment cards were received.

3. Update on the Regional Office Center

Chair Cavanaugh turned the gavel over to Mayor Hawker, Chair of the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG). Mayor Hawker introduced Denise McClafferty, MAG Management Analyst, who began the update on this item.

Ms. McClafferty noted that detailed financial information was provided at the February 26, 2007 BLWG meeting. She noted that the BLWG requested that a workshop be held in order to provide answers to financial questions. Ms. McClafferty stated that this workshop was held on March 5th. She stated that a presentation was given to the MAG Management Committee on March 14th and the Committee recommended entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and lease agreement for the MAG portion of the Regional Office Center. Ms. McClafferty stated that a presentation was given at the March 16th RPTA Board meeting, at which time the Board took action to approve, but had questions on the tax exempt status of each agency.

Fredda Bisman, MAG General Counsel, stated that questions were asked at the RPTA Board meeting regarding the tax exempt status of the partnering agencies and why MAG had included property taxes in the estimates. She advised that including property taxes was done to be conservative. Ms. Bisman stated that the County Assessor interprets property taxes. She advised that there are two or three attorneys in the area who specialize in these issues and MAG is consulting with them. Ms. Bisman stated that they will work with the County Assessor and will give us a final written opinion on the tax status for property tax purposes. She noted that for bond purposes, Kutak Rock, the bond attorney, will arrive at a determination because they will be issuing the opinion as to whether the bonds are tax exempt or taxable.

Chair Hawker commented that the \$38 per square foot rate could decrease \$3 per square foot if tax exempt. He asked if the bonding would decrease that further. Ms. Bisman replied that the determination of the tax status on bonds is that they are partially exempt and partially taxable because of the nature of the agencies. Chair Hawker asked if that was included in the financial model that gave the \$38 per square foot number. Becky Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, replied that it was included. Chair Hawker stated that he wanted to ensure that any information that might be forthcoming will be good news. Ms. Bisman replied that was correct. She explained that because the scenario was conservative and assumed all entities were subject to property tax, any news received will be good news.

Mr. Jungwirth stated that RPTA and Valley Metro Rail were government entities, and MAG is not. He asked if setting up ownership of the building by a government agency, instead of creating a property corporation and having leases, might be better from a bonding and property tax point of view. Ms. Bisman stated that in working with the Phoenix IDA, they were told by the IDA attorney that bonds have to be issued to a 501(c)(3) corporation. She said there is an existing 501(c)(3) that has been used to finance a number of government projects such as the Regional Office Center. Ms. Bisman stated that another issue in terms of ownership is the Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET), which is an alternative to the property tax and applies if a government is the owner of the building under lease to tenants. She stated that the benefit is a reduction of property tax. Ms. Bisman stated there is sometimes an abatement of property taxes for eight years. She noted that these are all different dimensions to tax questions.

Chair Hawker asked if the requested motion would allow some development of ownership, interest and lower rates. Ms. Bisman stated that the requested motion would keep open those options. She said that staff met with all agency attorneys, reviewed these questions, and believes the IDA financing will work. Ms. Bisman added that the motion provides room to work out the details of the arrangement. Chair Hawker asked for confirmation that the motion would not preclude bonding, property tax, etc. from being shifted around. Ms. Bisman replied that was correct.

Mr. Smith stated that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality uses the Phoenix IDA to finance its project. Ms. Bisman stated that in a GPLET, Phoenix holds the title and leases to the agencies. Mr. Smith stated that this would be similar to the arrangement used for the Phelps-Dodge building. He commented that on the tax rolls, it would be a government building.

Mr. Fairbanks stated that a meeting has been arranged to discuss the GPLET with MAG and the partners. He said that on a staff level, although the entire City Council had not been briefed, he thought the City Council would consider that and be ready to move forward. Mr. Fairbanks said that a GPLET would require some changes to the agreement between partners because the ownership would change, but the City of Phoenix is willing to cooperate fully on the discussion and will work with MAG to make it happen.

Chair Hawker stated that he was comfortable with changing the agreement if significant benefit could be derived. He added that it seemed that the approach had not been determined. Ms. Bisman stated that they are in the process of finalizing and getting a written determination. She said there is enough flexibility within the motion to add provisions, such as the GPLET.

Chair Hawker asked the status of the pricing. Jay Tubbs, Ryan Companies, replied that nothing had changed within the last 30 days; however, the farther out, the greater the risk that the bids will become stale. Chair Hawker asked if there was a timeframe that needed to be met. He commented that he would not want to find an extra \$5 to \$10 million was needed. Chair Hawker asked if the final documents would guarantee a maximum price and have legal work in place at the time of the final vote. Mr. Smith replied that the legal work was currently in process, but would not be complete by the end of the month. He stated that the price is included in the motion, and staff does not expect the cost to exceed this amount.

Mayor Schoaf asked Mayor Hawker if he was convinced the payback was justified. Chair Hawker stated that he was comfortable with moving forward. He added that he would be a lot happier saving \$3 per square foot. Chair Hawker remarked that his target was paying off the facility in 20 years, which is now up to 22 years. He said he was comfortable overall, but would like to squeeze it down to a 20-year payoff. Mayor Schoaf commented that the GPLET would probably bring the payoff closer to 20 years.

Councilmember Neely stated that the GPLET came out of talks with the other agencies. All areas of the Valley were considered, and the Regional Council decided that the building would best be located in the downtown Phoenix area. She said that the entire Phoenix City Council has not yet been briefed, and there is interest in presenting this to the Council to make this happen.

Mr. Fairbanks said that the City of Phoenix will pay the largest portion of the cost. He noted that MAG has a way to fund its portion. Phoenix will pay more for Valley Metro and will be the

biggest contributor to the project. Mr. Fairbanks noted that the typical incentive is to share what comes into the City. This is not a retail-based opportunity, so there is not much coming in, although it could be explored.

Mayor Schoaf asked about the construction sales tax. Mr. Fairbanks stated that he was not sure, but thought the City of Phoenix charged maybe two or two and one-half percent. Mr. Smith stated that some preliminary discussions regarding fees had taken place with the City of Phoenix. He said that the City is in the process of setting up an internal meeting on this matter.

Mr. McCormick asked for clarification that the Regional Office Center, LLC is the corporation that is anticipated to be formed. Mr. Smith replied that was correct. He noted that in the material at each place was information taken from the Arizona Corporation Commission's website about the corporation out of Tucson. Mr. Smith explained that it is a shell corporation and done a number of these projects. He added that groups can use the corporation instead of spending months setting up a 501(c)(3).

Chair Hawker requested that members of the BLWG make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. Mayor Cavanaugh moved to recommend to the Executive Committee authorizing MAG to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Office Center with the Phoenix Industrial Development Authority and the Regional Office Center LLC; and to execute a lease for 30 years for the MAG space in the Regional Office Center, estimated at 113,430 total square feet, for an estimated cost of approximately \$39,772,272 over thirty years. Mayor Hawker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Adjournment of the Building Lease Working Group

There being no further business, the Building Lease Working Group adjourned.

BLWG Chair Hawker turned the gavel back to Regional Council Executive Committee Chair Cavanaugh and the Executive Committee continued with their discussion of this item.

Mayor Berman expressed that his concern was the cost. He said that there are always those who carefully watch spending, and among those are the Legislators, who already feel that the cities have too much money and not enough oversight. Mayor Berman stated that for this reason, he would not support the motion.

Mayor Schoaf expressed his concern that the financial analysis was not yet complete. He explained that there is a ten to twelve percent annual cash flow cost and it is unknown whether we will pay it or not. Mayor Schoaf stated that this has such a huge impact whether this makes sense financially that he would not support the motion at this time.

Chair Cavanaugh stated his support for the motion. He said that the building had been extensively studied and thoroughly researched. Chair Cavanaugh commented that the three organizations deserve to have appropriate office space and this facility will have value over 30 years.

Councilmember Neely asked if there had been an analysis of the break even year if GPLET were in place. Mr. Smith replied that analysis could be done. He noted that it is known that it would

be in the range of \$3 with or without the GPLET, because the status of RPTA being a political subdivision. Mr. Smith added that even without that mechanism the attorneys could determine that they do not have to pay because they are a government. He stated that staff discussed with Kutak Rock qualifying MAG as a government, but they could not. Mr. Smith stated that it was discussed at the meeting with the agency attorneys and no answer was forthcoming. He added that there is one attorney from Steptoe and Johnson who will be meeting with the County Assessor and will provide us with a written opinion prior to the Regional Council meeting. Mr. Smith stated that the analysis of the break even point could be run at that time.

Councilmember Neely stated that she understood the concerns about cost, but the real estate market projections to 20 years show there will not be a downside at all. She acknowledged that it is an investment upfront, but Phoenix has a majority share and expects to be there. She expressed that she wholeheartedly supported the motion.

Mayor Shafer moved to recommend authorizing MAG to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Office Center with the Phoenix Industrial Development Authority and the Regional Office Center LLC; and to execute a lease for 30 years for the MAG space in the Regional Office Center, estimated at 113,430 total square feet, for an estimated cost of approximately \$39,772,272 over thirty years. Councilmember Neely seconded, and the motion carried, with Mayor Berman and Mayor Schoaf voting no. Chair Cavanaugh stated that this item would be forwarded to the Regional Council for their consideration on March 28, 2007.

5. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Chair Cavanaugh stated that public comment would be heard before action was taken on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chair Cavanaugh stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, and #5E were on the consent agenda. Chair Cavanaugh noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

Chair Cavanaugh asked members if they had questions or comments on any of the consent agenda items. No comments were noted.

Mayor Shafer moved to approve consent agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, and #5E. Mayor Manross seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5A. Approval of the January 8, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee, by consent, approved the January 8, 2007 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

5B. Approval to Amend the MAG FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Additional Funding for Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services

The Executive Committee, by consent, approved an amendment to the MAG FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide for an additional \$300,000 of federal

funding for the Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services. In September 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved the qualified consulting firms for the Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services. The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program included \$250,000 for this project. Additional services may be needed to ensure that adequate resources are available for MAG to obtain technical expertise in air quality modeling and plan development required for the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and Eight-Hour Ozone Plan for the nonattainment areas in Maricopa County. The workload has increased due to the complexity of the modeling and responding to several information requests from the Legislature and other stakeholders while facing tight deadlines for plan development. The additional federal funding requested from the Work Program would increase the current on-call budget from \$250,000 to \$550,000.

5C. Approval to Amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Additional Funding for MAG Air Quality Technical Consultant Assistance

The Executive Committee, by consent, approved amending the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide for an additional \$30,000 for the associate contract for MAG Air Quality Technical Consultant Assistance. On October 16, 2006, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include an associate contract with Cathy Arthur for air quality technical assistance services not to exceed \$70,000. Ms. Arthur has extensive experience with the MAG air quality models. Additional technical assistance is now needed for the air quality modeling and plan development for the MAG Eight-Hour Ozone Plan, due to EPA in June 2007, and the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10 due to the EPA in December 2007. The modeling and plan development workload has increased due to the complexity of the modeling and technical information requests from the Legislature and other stakeholders. Ms. Arthur will continue to provide technical assistance with the MAG PM-10 Source Attribution and Deposition Study, transportation conformity analyses, and evaluation of congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects. The additional federal funding requested from the Work Program is \$30,000, which would increase the current associate contract amount from \$70,000 to \$100,000.

5D. Update on the National Surface Transportation Policy & Revenue Study Commission

On February 23, 2007, MAG and ADOT staff provided testimony at the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Commission Field Hearing in Las Vegas. ADOT testified before the Commission on many of the issues that rural Arizona is facing. MAG submitted testimony to the commission that highlighted some transportation and infrastructure issues that urban Arizona faces. The MAG testimony focused on the following points: 1) the USDOT should refocus its mission with respect to federal role in the national transportation system; 2) the USDOT should ensure a fair and equitable share of transportation funds; 3) the USDOT should play a role to increase communication between and among states by reinstating the Intermodal Planning Group (IPG) conferences, especially for the inter Mountain states; and 4) the USDOT should assume leadership in establishing a stable revenue source for transportation. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

5E. Request for a Contract Specialist I Position for the MAG Summary of Budgeted Positions

The Executive Committee, by consent, approved adding a Contract Specialist I position to the MAG Summary of Budgeted Positions. On January 8, 2007, the Executive Committee conducted an executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the MAG Executive Director's Performance Evaluation. As a follow-up to this discussion, it is being requested that additional staff be provided for MAG. An immediate need to add a Contract Specialist I in the Fiscal Services Division is requested due to the increased number of contracts that are processed. This position is not in the current budget, but due to vacancy savings, the cost of adding this position will be covered by the current personnel budget.

6. Discussion of the Draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and Expenditures and Projects in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Ms. Kimbrough updated the Regional Council on the development of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. She said that the Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies, which will take place on April 12, 2007. Ms. Kimbrough reviewed highlights of the Work Program, which includes a memorandum of understanding for cooperative planning between transit and transportation agencies; the request for one staff position to assist in maintaining MAG's internal computer operations; and eighteen new projects, including the Performance Measurement Framework Study that will assist in preparations for the 2010 audit.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the estimated budget for MAG shows a decrease from the FY 2007 budget. She noted that this decrease is, in part, due to three projects in this fiscal year that are either ending or nearing completion: the 2005 Census Survey, the Regional Videoconferencing Project, and the Community Emergency Notification System. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the total FY 2008 is \$31,654,118. Chair Cavanaugh thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

7. Regional Planning Dialogue Update

Mr. Smith updated members on the work underway to expand cooperative efforts with planning agencies in the state. He said that this group, the COG/MPO Chairs and Directors, is chaired by Mayor Cavanaugh. Mr. Smith stated that COG/MPO Chairs and Directors will meet on March 23, 2007 to hear a presentation on the Statewide Intrastate Mobility Reconnaissance Study from the recommended consultant. The results of the study, which will determine choke points in the state, are anticipated in November 2007. Mr. Smith noted an article at each place mentions this historical meeting when elected officials will begin to draft a transportation plan for the state.

Mr. Smith noted that in addition to this effort, the Governor's Growth Cabinet requested a summary of recommendations for consideration at the February 23, 2007 Listening Session. He said that Chair Cavanaugh sent a letter on behalf of the Arizona COG/MPO Association to the Governor's Growth Cabinet. Mr. Smith noted that 85 percent of the growth in the state will take place in four counties—Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yavapai. He said that one-third of the land in these four counties is left for development, of which 57 percent is state land. Mr. Smith stated that changes are needed in the State Land Department to give them the resources to do their planning.

He stated that because the Department is not fully equipped, leapfrog development is being induced over state land.

Councilmember Neely asked the probability that funding for ten framework studies at \$400,000 to \$500,000 apiece could come out of the state coffers? Mr. Smith replied that MAG staff, Eric Anderson and Matt Clark, had preliminary discussion with legislative leadership on funding. He noted that the studies could be incrementally funded through ADOT. Mr. Smith said that the Reconnaissance Study will provide the methodology for the framework studies, which would then be incorporated, resulting in a detailed statewide plan. He added that this would be similar to the process used for the subregional studies used for Proposition 400.

Chair Cavanaugh said that he had discussed this subject with Transportation Secretary Mary Peters. He indicated that she was very positive about bringing the statewide COGs/MPOs together. Chair Cavanaugh remarked that this is clearly a candidate for urban partnership funding and very possibly could get state funding. Chair Cavanaugh suggested using examples and layman's language when presenting the framework and reconnaissance studies at the COG/MPO meeting.

Ms. Smith explained that one example of a framework study is the Hassayampa Study. He said that a framework study considers arterials that feed into the highway system and the anticipated growth in order to form a more complete picture. Mr. Smith explained that a reconnaissance study is a quick study to examine the choke points. He noted that until a consultant conducts the study and a statewide modeling tool is developed, there is only intuition. Mr. Smith stated that he was asked why studies need to be done because everyone knows the areas that need to be addressed. He stated that the studies will show how wide the facility needs to be, how much capacity is needed, and the cost.

Mayor Hawker spoke about giving access to developments built along freeways and encouraging sprawl. Mr. Smith stated that it is necessary to look at growth on the ground by county, especially with the recreational patterns of people vacationing north. He said that the MAG region is affecting the economy of northern Arizona because people are making the decision to not travel north because of I-17. Mayor Hawker commented about ADOT widening the highway to Payson and Show Low. Mr. Smith stated that years ago, the elected officials from the Rim Country came to the MAG Regional Council requesting their support to improve the Beeline because they knew it was in everyone's best interests to improve that road. He said that the Regional Council supported the improvement. Mr. Smith stated that there are places that need improvements for mobility throughout the state.

Councilmember Neely spoke about how economic development is being affected in northern Arizona. She said that a major pharmaceutical company from northern Arizona is siting a facility in the Phoenix area because of the transportation issues they are facing. Councilmember Neely stated that there was no way for their employees to get to the airport in a timely manner. She added that the company had 200 vacant positions because people did not want to make the drive. Councilmember Neely stated that all these issues need to be considered for the viability of the entire state.

Mr. Anderson stated that as capacity is added to the freeway system, a key aspect is what to do with that increased capacity. In the past, increased capacity in this region has been sold cheaply through

developer-sponsored interchanges. Mr. Anderson advised that this model does not work. Capacity has to go hand-in-hand with an access control management strategy to define future traffic interchanges and test them to ensure capacity.

Mayor Hawker asked if this looks at the population projections or does it incrementally find a choke point and then the next choke point. Mr. Anderson stated that is why staff thinks the reconnaissance and framework studies are important. He noted that we need to look 50 to 75 years ahead instead of 20 to 25 years. Mr. Anderson said that our ability to build new facilities is a long process. He commented that we know that I-10 to Tucson needs expansion, but what is the ultimate configuration so that incremental improvements fit in with the long range plan for the facility? That is why we are trying to move away from incremental planning and go to the next step.

Mr. Smith stated that due diligence is needed. MAG is working with the regional planning organizations to get the local perspective, the Governor is working with ADOT, and the Legislature is setting up the Blue Ribbon Commission. Mr. Smith stated that with the three groups, he thought there would be action on transportation the next legislative session.

8. South Mountain Freeway Update

Chair Cavanaugh stated that he had added this item to the agenda because he felt the Executive Committee would be the appropriate group for beginning dialogue to see if there was interest in doing something to get this project started. Chair Cavanaugh expressed concern that this freeway has been an issue for 22 years and something needs to be done. He said he believed that one person who can do this is the Governor. He suggested that MAG might send a letter stating the importance of this subject and ask her personal involvement in getting it moving.

Chair Cavanaugh stated that this is more than an Ahwatukee, South Mountain environmental, or Gila River Indian Community issue—it is about I-10. He stated that virtually every freeway has ingress or egress to I-10. Chair Cavanaugh stated that 40 percent of imports come through Los Angeles and Long Beach. The goods are placed on trucks and transported on I-10 through Phoenix. Chair Cavanaugh noted that the California and Arizona stretches of I-10 are the most dangerous and have the highest fatality rates. He stated that I-10 traffic backs up every day, and is not just restricted to rush hours.

Chair Cavanaugh stated that he thought I-10 was losing its viability as a mover of traffic. He stated that traffic needs to be diverted from I-10. This is the purpose of SR-85, theoretically but not practically. Chair Cavanaugh stated that the I-10 Reliever was approved by the Regional Council, but the real reliever is the South Mountain. He said that the South Mountain has already been approved by the voters twice. If the South Mountain is not built, there is really no need for the I-10 Reliever because its purpose is to feed into the South Mountain facility.

Chair Cavanaugh stated that the Environmental Impact Statement has slipped again—from 2007 to 2008. He said that leadership is needed to push this road. Chair Cavanaugh stated that this road has lacked a champion to emphasize its importance and to influence action to get it done because I-10 is at risk.

Mr. Anderson stated that the South Mountain is a critical link in the regional system. Without the South Mountain, the I-10 Reliever will have to be reevaluated. Mr. Anderson stated that when one piece is taken out of the plan, there are unintended consequences. For example, the West Valley is still suffering dramatically from the loss of east/west capacity resulting from the deletion of the Paradise Freeway in 1995. Mr. Anderson advised that this decision has put a tremendous amount of pressure on I-10, more than it was designed to handle. Mr. Anderson stated that the South Mountain EIS is underway. He said that FHWA is reviewing an internal draft, which MAG also reviewed and provided comments to ADOT. Mr. Anderson stated that one area that needs to be conveyed is the impact of the facility on the arterial street system, especially in the Ahwatukee area. He remarked that mostly, the impact will be positive, as the freeway will relieve the arterial street and improve conditions.

Mr. Anderson stated that when the EIS process began in July 2001, the schedule called for a record of decision in April 2004, which may have been unrealistic. He said that the record of decision is now expected in late 2008. Mr. Anderson said that newspaper articles have noted that there potentially will be litigation following the record of decision, which could delay implementation.

Mr. Anderson stated that ADOT has been in a holding pattern on right-of-way acquisition, because they are limited by FHWA. He noted that ADOT has made some strategic purchases, but not nearly what is needed to protect the corridor. Mr. Anderson stated that we are also up against the cost clock. Because costs have increased dramatically over the past few years, every delay is costing a lot of money. Mr. Anderson remarked that anything that can be done to expedite or provide certainty to the process would be in everyone's best interests. He commented that he thought the project does need a champion. With a recommendation, ADOT would need to develop a work program with specific milestones. Mr. Anderson stated that staff suggested providing regular reports to the Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee on all MAG studies. Mr. Anderson stated that the Gila River Indian Community has a tribal resolution opposing the facility on the community's property and we need to respect that and move forward.

Mayor Shafer stated that Loop 303 would take a lot of traffic off I-10 going north.

Councilmember Neely stated that she had spoken to the Phoenix City Councilmember who represents the area of the north/south connection. She said that she thought the north/south alignment was all right, but the east/west alignment was problematic. Councilmember Neely suggested that if the Governor is asked to champion the project, perhaps she could come up with a couple of alternatives submitted to MAG, and be inclusive of the community and the representatives in that area.

Mayor Manross commented that Councilmember Neely's approach was the best option, to come back to MAG for discussion.

Mayor Hawker stated that the East Valley mayors wrote letters in support of proceeding with the project. He said that the Congressional race set the project back a bit. Mayor Hawker encouraged that this be addressed.

Mr. Smith stated that there has to be a logical termini on this project for FHWA to be satisfied. He added that just the north/south segment cannot be built without the east/west alignment. Mr. Smith

commented that there are thousands of jobs in the East and West Valleys that require back and forth movement across the Valley. If the region does not get this facility, traffic will be forced onto arterial streets and the Broadway Curve.

Mayor Berman commented that many people are very upset with the east/west alignment, and there will probably be backlash.

Councilmember Neely emphasized that Phoenix would like the Governor to look at dual-type routes and come back with recommendations. She acknowledged that there are groups of people that are not happy about the freeway, but she felt there was an area where there could be compromise.

Chair Cavanaugh commented that if the South Mountain is not built, I-10 would need to be widened. He said that no matter where there are improvements, people will be affected. Chair Cavanaugh directed that staff draft a letter to the Governor requesting her personal involvement and a couple of alternatives to satisfying this traffic problem. He added that he would like the letter provided to the Executive Committee for comment prior to it being on the Regional Council agenda, even if it has to slip a month.

Mayor Hawker suggested that the entire Regional Council could sign the letter.

9. MAG 40th Birthday Celebration

Kelly Taft, MAG Communications Manager, noted that on April 12, 2007, MAG will celebrate its 40th birthday. She noted that a survey was sent to Regional Council members seeking input on ideas for marking this occasion. Ms. Taft reported that results of the survey indicated that a majority of members prefer to celebrate the event through an open house event prior to the April 25, 2007 Regional Council meeting. She said that an open house will feature displays of MAG's history. Ms. Taft stated that cities could assist in the event by sharing photos that depict regional collaboration. She said that assistance is also needed on contact information for past Regional Council members and those the Committee felt would be appropriate to invite. Ms. Taft handed out a list of former Regional Council officers. She stated that staff is also trying to compile the photographs of past Regional Council Chairs, preferably in color. Chair Cavanaugh thanked Ms. Taft for her report.

10. Legislative Update

Matthew Clark, MAG Senior Policy Planner, reported on legislative items of interest. He first reported on transportation bills. Mr. Clark stated that SB 1049, which appropriates \$450 million from the State's Rainy Day Fund, failed on the Senate floor. Mr. Clark stated that SB 1172, which increases the maximum maturity date for state highway bonds from 20 years to 30 years, has stalled in the committee process. He noted that both of these items will likely be considered during the budget debate as a way to pay for transportation needs.

Mr. Clark reported that HB 2569 adds a provision to the HELP loan program that would set aside \$20 million to be used for street improvements in cities with a high growth rate, and HB 2570, which deposits \$650,000 for rail right-of-way, are both moving through the process. Mr. Clark

stated that HB 2612, would increase the number of representatives on the State Transportation Board based on population, has moved to the Senate. Mr. Clark stated that HB 2682, which establishes a Blue Ribbon Transportation Committee, has moved from the House to the Senate and is gathering interest.

Mr. Clark reported on an air quality bill, SB 1552, which passed this week, deals with the adoption of local ordinances in regard to air pollution. He noted that it is a placeholder while Senator Allen organizes some meetings.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary



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April 9, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Amy St. Peter, Human Services Manager

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 MAG UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND ANNUAL BUDGET TO INCLUDE FUNDING FROM THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

This information corresponds to consent agenda item #5B, Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Funding from the Arizona Department of Transportation, on the April 16, 2007 Executive Committee agenda. On March 16, 2007, MAG was notified that the Arizona Department of Transportation provided MAG \$13,805 in United We Ride Grant funding to further the activities of the MAG Human Services Division. It is necessary to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include these funds.

These funds will support the development and distribution of a human services coordination transportation plan in accordance with SAFETEA-LU regulations and the Governor's Arizona Rides Executive Order. Beginning in July 2007, SAFETEA-LU will require any applicants of Section 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities; Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute; and Section 5317 New Freedom to comply with a locally developed coordination plan. This is in response to the President's United We Ride Executive Order. The purpose of the plan is to ensure coordination among and between federal and state-funded human services transportation programs.

Activities to develop the human services coordination plan will include the following: regional stakeholder meetings, regional advisory committee meetings, development of implementation projects and media/public awareness activities. MAG has developed a draft plan that will be presented to the MAG Management Committee and the MAG Regional Council in May 2007. The plan was developed on the basis of broad community support including transportation service agencies, non-profit agencies and consumers of services. The MAG Human Services Technical Committee recommended approval of the plan on March 8, 2007. The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee will be presented with the draft plan on April 18, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact me at the MAG office at 602-254-6300.



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April 9, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Amy St. Peter, Human Services Manager

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 MAG UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND ANNUAL BUDGET TO INCLUDE FUNDING FROM 2007 REGIONAL HUMAN SERVICES SUMMIT SPONSORS

This information corresponds to consent agenda item #5C, Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Funding from 2007 Regional Human Services Summit Sponsors, on the April 16, 2007 Executive Committee agenda. By March 19, 2007, MAG was notified that the agencies listed below would provide the indicated contributions to further the activities of the MAG Human Services Division. It is necessary to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include these contributions.

ValueOptions:	\$5,400 check for food
Salt River Project:	\$1,500 check for conference gifts
Arizona Public Service:	\$1,000 check for keynote speaker's honorarium
Arizona State University College of Human Services:	\$1,000 check for facility charges and \$ 590 discount for facility charges
Arizona Department of Economic Security:	\$ 681 in-kind contribution of printing materials
Arizona Council of Human Service Providers:	\$ 302 in-kind contribution for continuing education units
Registration for 150 people at \$35 each:	<u>\$5,250</u> (estimated, based on number of participants)
TOTAL:	\$15,723

These funds will support the 2007 Regional Human Services Summit on June 7, 2007. The value of the in-kind contributions was determined by how much it would have cost MAG to cover that cost internally. MAG had budgeted \$7,600 in assessment funding to cover the costs of this event. Obtaining sponsorships strengthens the event through the partnerships formed. MAG will use any remaining funds originally budgeted for the event to supplement other human services activities at MAG.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact me at the MAG office at 602-254-6300.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

April 6, 2007

SUBJECT:

Discussion and Update on the Draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

SUMMARY:

Each year staff develops the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Work Program is reviewed in April by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. The proposed budget information is being presented incrementally in parallel with the development of the budget information (see Prior Committee Actions below for the presentation timeline of the budget). This presentation and review of the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represent the budget document development to-date.

The MAG Regional Council Executive Committee reviewed the development of the Work Program at its January 8 and March 19, 2007 meetings. The Regional Council and the Management Committee reviewed the development of the Work Program and Annual Budget at its meetings in January, February and March 2007. In March, the updated draft MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was provided to the Management Committee.

Each year new projects are proposed for inclusion in the MAG planning efforts. These new project proposals come from the various MAG technical committees, policy committees and other discussions with members and stakeholders regarding joint efforts within the region. These projects are subject to review and input by the committees as they go through the budget process. The proposed new projects for FY 2008 were presented at the February 14, 2007 Management Committee meeting, the February 28, 2007 Regional Council meeting, and the March 19, 2007 Regional Council Executive Committee meeting. The new project requests have been revised and an updated FY 2008 "MAG Programs In Brief" with the revised new project requests is included in the packet. The new project request revisions are described below:

- The Household Survey project has been revised upward by \$250,000 to \$750,000. Since the original project was proposed, staff has determined that additional information for the project can be gathered through an add-on program from FHWA.
- The Traffic Count Project has been revised downward by \$100,000 to \$150,000. Software for this project has been found that is less costly.
- The Interstate 17 and US-93/New River Roadway Framework Study has been deleted from the list of proposed projects. This study was to be a shared study funded by MAG, Yavapai County, and ADOT.

The summary budget document, "MAG Programs in Brief," allows our members to quickly decipher the financial implications of the MAG budget. The summary budget highlights the changes from the prior year budget in a summarized form. As described above, the summary document also includes a list of new projects with summary narrative. This summary document also includes the new staff position request and the budgeted resources needed to implement these items.

Information for this presentation of the draft budget documents is included for your early review and input. The information is considered draft and is subject to change as the budget continues through the review process.

The Intermodal Planning Group meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2007. This meeting will include a review and comments of the draft FY 2008 MAG budget by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and other related parties.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: In January, February and March proposed new projects, estimated revenues and expenditures, and dues and assessments were reviewed. In March, MAG presented a draft summary of the FY 2008 budget document, "MAG Programs in Brief" and a draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The budget summary will allow our members to quickly decipher the financial implications of the MAG budget.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 requires a metropolitan planning organization to develop a unified planning work program that meets the requirements of federal law. Additionally, the MAG by-laws require approval and adoption of a budget for each fiscal year and a service charge schedule.

POLICY: As requested by the MAG Executive Committee and subsequently approved by the Regional Council in May 2002, the MAG Work Program and Annual Budget detail is being presented earlier to the Management Committee and there is increased notice to members on the budget. MAG is providing a budget summary that outlines new programs and presents the necessary resources to implement these programs. This summary allows member agencies to quickly decipher the financial implications of such programs prior to their approval for implementation.

ACTION NEEDED:

Input on the development of the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Regional Council: On March 28, 2007, the Regional Council was provided the draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair
- * Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair
- + Councilmember Dave Waldron for
 - Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction
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- Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix
- Mayor Art Sanders, Queen Creek

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- # Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe
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- + Mayor Ron Badowski, Wickenburg

- Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown
- * Joe Lane, State Transportation Board
- * Felipe Zubia, State Transportation Board
- # F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Attended by telephone conference call.

+ Attended by videoconference call.

Executive Committee: On March 19, 2007, the Executive Committee was provided the draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair
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- # Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise, Treasurer
- Mayor Steven M. Berman, Gilbert

- Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
- Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Litchfield Park
- Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix

* Not present

Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call.

Management Committee: The March 14, 2007 Management Committee agenda included the draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair
- Brad Lundahl for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair
- # Bryant Powell for George Hoffman, Apache Junction
- Charlie McClendon, Avondale
- Dave Wilcox, Buckeye
- * Jon Pearson, Carefree
- * Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek
- Mark Pentz, Chandler
- * B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage
- Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- # Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills
- * Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend
- Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian Community
- George Pettit, Gilbert
- * Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear

- * Mark Johnson, Guadalupe
- Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
- Christopher Brady, Mesa
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- Terry Ellis, Peoria
- Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
- Mark Young for John Kross, Queen Creek
- * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Sintra Hoffman for Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
- # Amber Wakeman for Will Manley, Tempe
- * Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
- Shane Dille, Wickenburg
- Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
- Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT
- Kenny Harris for David Smith, Maricopa County
- David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

On February 28, 2007, the MAG Regional Council was provided a proposed budget timeline, proposed dues and assessments, projected funding sources and uses, a draft "MAG Programs In Brief," and a detailed listing of proposed new projects for FY 2008.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair
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- Mayor Bob Barrett, Peoria
- * Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix
- Mayor Art Sanders, Queen Creek
- * President Joni Ramos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Councilmember Cliff Elkins for Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
- # Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe
- * Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
- * Mayor Ron Badowski, Wickenburg
- Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown
- * Joe Lane, State Transportation Board
- * Felipe Zubia, State Transportation Board
- F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Attended by telephone conference call. + Attended by videoconference call.

Management Committee: On February 14, 2007, the Management Committee was provided a proposed budget timeline, proposed dues and assessments, projected funding sources and uses, a draft "MAG Programs In Brief," a detailed listing of proposed new projects for FY 2008 and an invitation for the videoconference Budget Workshop.

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- Kenny Harris for David Smith, Maricopa County
- David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

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Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

On January 31, 2007, MAG Regional Council was provided a proposed budget timeline and proposed dues and assessments.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair
Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair
+ Councilmember Dave Waldron for Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction
Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale
Mayor Bobby Bryant, Buckeye
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Attended by telephone conference call. + Attended by videoconference call.

On January 10, 2007, the Management Committee was provided a proposed budget timeline and proposed dues and assessments.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair
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Bryan Jungwirth for David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

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Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

On January 8, 2007, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee was provided a proposed budget timeline and proposed dues and assessments.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair
* Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair
Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise, Treasurer
Mayor Steven M. Berman, Gilbert

Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Litchfield Park
Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix

* Not present

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MAG Programs in Brief

Draft FY 2007-2008 Summary
Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

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ATTACHMENT 1

MAG Programs in Brief

FY 2008 Summary

Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Maricopa Association of Governments, 302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003

Budget Highlights

The MAG annual budget process begins eight months before the final budget is adopted, however, budget management activities at MAG continue throughout the year. To begin preparing the budget, each division is asked to submit new project and/or staffing requests. These requests are initiated by MAG committee project needs and other request and guidance from our members. The requests are brought to the Regional Council, Management Committee, Regional Council Executive Committee, and Intergovernmental Representatives for review and discussion during January and February.

New Projects for FY 2008

Description

Estimated Budgeted Amount

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

2008 Regional Crossing Guard Training Workshops

\$5,000

A major initiative under Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) is the "Safe Routes to School" program that is focused on improving safety conditions along routes to schools and around schools. The school crossing guard training workshops provide basic safety training to school crossing guards and would help improve safe access to schools.

2008 Regional Transportation Safety Forum and Workshop

\$2,000

The 2005 MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan identifies an annual event focusing on transportation safety as a way to increase this public awareness. This project will support the costs of organizing and holding a regional forum or a workshop on transportation safety in 2008.

Dynasmart-P Software Purchase and Training

\$20,000

MAG member agencies have frequently identified the need to be able to perform corridor traffic simulation studies when developing regional initiatives to improve traffic operations. The acquisition of Dynasmart-P would help develop this expertise at MAG and would also directly support an upcoming MAG project related to improving operations.

2008 MAG ITS Strategic Plan

\$50,000

The MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee has recommended a funding strategy for both the freeway and arterial ITS programs. This project will result in a new ITS Strategic Plan that will incorporate these changes as well as provide guidance for future regional investments in ITS.

ATTACHMENT 1

Guidelines for Developing ITS and Traffic Management Infrastructure for Small Rapidly Growing Cities and Towns **\$60,000**

This project will utilize resources available in the MAG region and elsewhere for developing a draft guidelines document. The guidelines produced by this project would ensure that smaller MAG member agencies develop their local ITS infrastructure in a manner compatible with the larger regional system and also benefit from the lessons learned from agencies that have developed the existing regional systems.

Household Travel Survey **\$750,000**

Rapid population growth and economic development has resulted in the need to conduct a household travel survey to better understand travel and trip-making behavior. The last household survey that was conducted was in the fall of 2001. The data will be used to calibrate the MAG Regional Travel Demand Model.

Regional Travel Demand Model Improvements **\$500,000**

The MAG Regional Travel Demand Model is a key tool for both MAG's transportation planning activities as well as for member agencies planning and engineering work. The model conversion to TransCad provides an opportunity to address identified issues and to make major modeling improvements to reflect the current state of the art.

Development of Transportation Geographic Database (GIS-T) **\$250,000**

MAG has been working on an effort to coordinate a geographic database system for the array of transportation related information that MAG uses on a regular basis. Project information from the TIP and Plan, for example, must be accurately reflected in the modeling networks for air quality conformity as well as other purposes. Tracking this information in a consistent fashion is a difficult task as new projects are continually added and other projects changed. The purpose of the project will be to provide further expansion of the GIS-T beyond TIP business process to ensure coordination with network and land use data collected and maintained by MAG.

Development of a Traffic Count Retrieval System **\$150,000**

This project would provide an accessible database that can be used both by MAG and by MAG member agencies to tabulate traffic count information and calibrate the MAG travel demand model to meet the data requirements for the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS). This database for MAG traffic count information can be integrated into the GIS-T system.

Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan **\$600,000**

MAG will complete a Commuter Rail Strategic Plan in December 2007. Based on a comprehensive review of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats the Strategic Plan will establish a process for implementing commuter rail service in the MAG region. This proposed project will be brought back through the MAG committee process for approval contingent on a recommendation to proceed from the Commuter Rail strategic planning process.

Bicycle Design Assistance Program **\$300,000**

The Bicycle Design Assistance program is similar to the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program. The intent of the program is to design crossings, on-street, and off-street facilities with an emphasis on creating an interconnected network.

Pedestrian Design Assistance Program **\$200,000**

The Pedestrian Design Assistance program was initiated in 1996 to encourage the development of designs for pedestrian facilities according to the *MAG Pedestrian Policies and Design Guidelines*.

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The intent of the program is to stimulate integration of pedestrian facilities into the planning and design of all types of infrastructure and development.

***Light Rail Transit (LRT) Planning Support* \$500,000**

With the implementation of Proposition 400, multiple efforts are needed to support the development of the light rail program. The project development includes the update of the LRT Life Cycle Program, guiding principles and policies for the LRT program, travel demand forecasting, planning for bus/rail interfaces and long range operations, and input into the MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan Update.

***Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) Urban Transportation Performance Measure Research project* \$25,000**

TTI produces an annual analysis of urban mobility across the country, usually annually. MAG has participated as both a technical resource and a funding partner on this work for the past few years. Participation in the TTI study provides us with an opportunity to work with TTI on congestion measures.

***MAG Performance Measurement Framework Study* \$150,000**

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), as the regional planning agency, has the lead oversight responsibility for Proposition 400. As such, MAG is developing a multi-modal performance monitoring program for the regional transportation system. A Performance Measurement Framework Study is proposed to select, assemble, and analyze quantifiable selected performance measures that can be used to assess the performance of RTP projects as a precursor to the 2010 performance audit.

INFORMATION SERVICES PROGRAM

***AZ-SMART Direct Support for MAG* \$40,000**

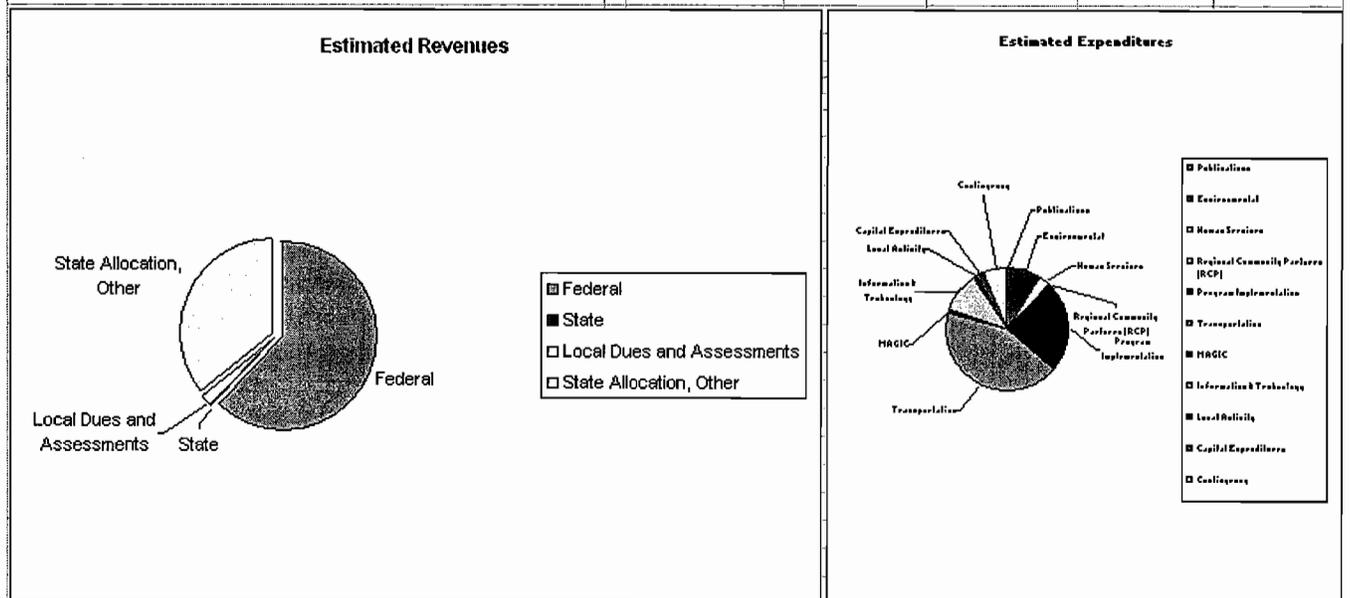
MAG is in the process of developing a statewide socioeconomic model, Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART). The AZ-SMART socioeconomic modeling suite will primarily support socioeconomic activities at MAG. AZ-SMART will build upon a model that MAG currently uses, the Subarea Allocation Model (SAM). Consultant support will be needed to provide detailed technical guidance, support on the transition and implementation, and testing for AZ-SMART.

***AZ-SMART Phase II* \$200,000**

Phase I of the AZ-SMART is scheduled to be completed by the end of Calendar Year 2007, and will result in the implementation of a small area model in ArcGIS utilizing advanced modeling methods. The objective of AZ-SMART Phase II is to incorporate models at different levels of geography, extend the database design to easily increase model boundaries, and provide additional calibration to tie in with Phase I work.

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DRAFT MAG PROGRAMS IN BRIEF 2008					
FY 2007 Budget Compared to FY 2008 Budget					
Revenues By Source	2006 Actual	2007 Revised Budget	2008 Proposed Budget	\$ Change FY 07-FY 08	% Change FY 07-FY 08
Federal	\$13,518,385	\$13,347,469	\$10,525,429	(\$2,822,040)	-21.14%
State	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$47,000	\$12,000	34.29%
Local Dues and Assessments	\$554,823	\$587,891	\$309,251	(\$278,640)	-47.40%
State Allocation, Other	\$5,321,274	\$6,741,171	\$6,170,634	(\$570,537)	-8.46%
Less: Restricted Reserves	-	(\$1,323,951)	(\$1,429,867)	(\$105,916)	8.00%
Total Estimated Revenues Without Carryforward	\$19,429,482	\$19,387,580	\$15,622,447	(\$3,765,133)	-19.42%
Total Estimated Revenue Carryforward		16,216,291	16,031,671	(184,620)	-1.14%
Total Estimated Revenue		\$35,603,871	\$31,654,118	(\$3,949,753)	-11.09%
Expenditures By Division/Function					
Publications	\$73,723	124,701	\$40,037	(\$84,664)	-67.89%
Environmental	\$1,544,656	1,577,249	\$1,447,672	(\$129,577)	-8.22%
Human Services	\$474,147	936,199	\$449,734	(\$486,465)	-51.96%
Regional Community Partners (RCP)	\$1,636	-	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%
Program Implementation	\$6,655,460	5,995,577	\$3,744,481	(\$2,251,096)	-37.55%
Transportation	\$4,316,586	6,727,600	\$6,636,912	(\$90,688)	-1.35%
MAGIC	\$184,581	133,330	\$151,400	\$18,070	13.55%
Information & Technology	\$5,883,834	2,679,098	\$1,754,046	(\$925,052)	-34.53%
Local Activity	\$177,794	125,195	\$120,000	(\$5,195)	-4.15%
Capital Expenditures	\$117,065	233,000	\$294,000	\$61,000	26.18%
Contingency		855,631	\$974,165	\$118,534	13.85%
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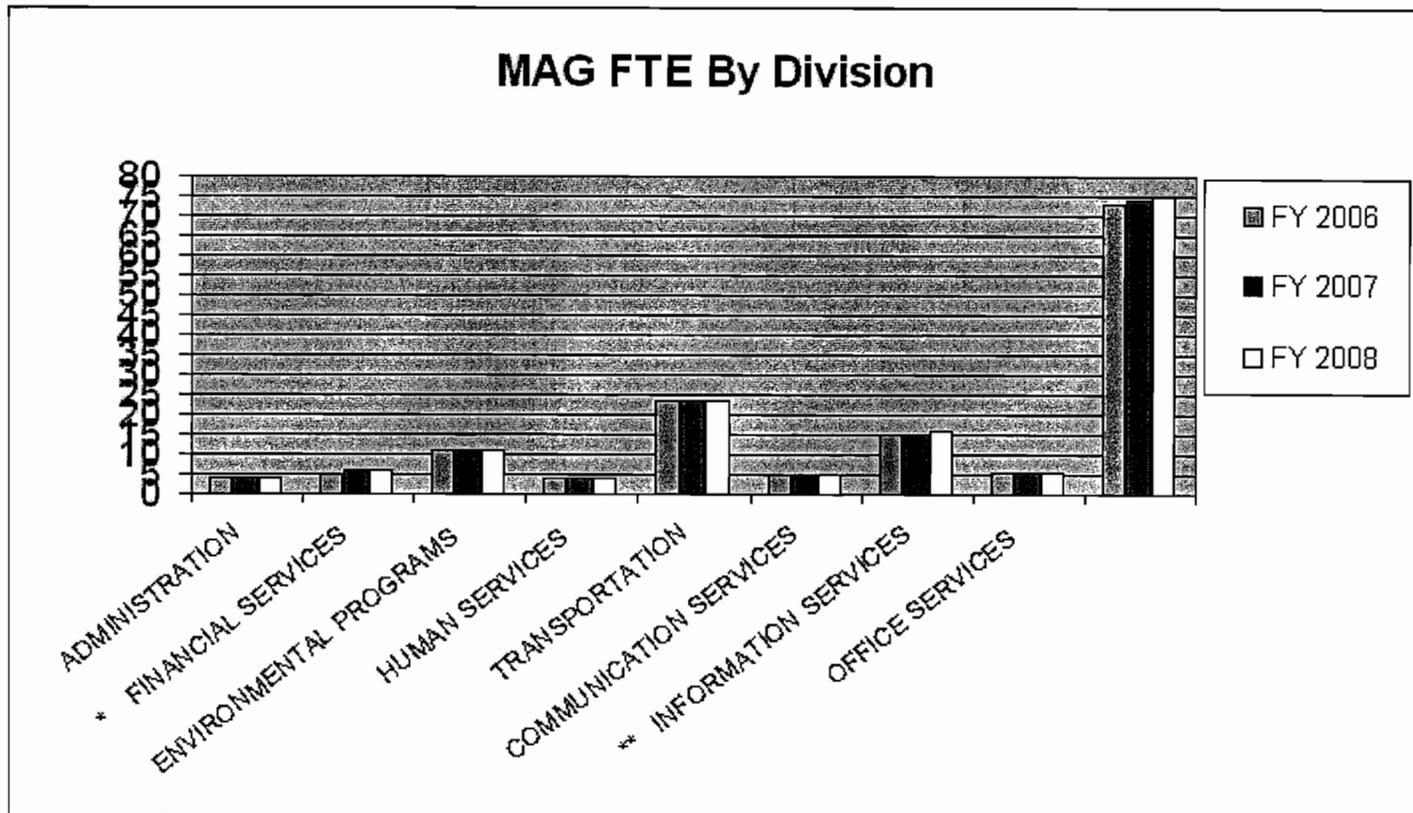
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MAG PROGRAMS IN BRIEF 2008

SUMMARY OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS BY PROGRAM AREA COMPARISON FOR 3 YEARS

	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
ADMINISTRATION	4	4	4
* FINANCIAL SERVICES	5	6	6
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS	11	11	11
HUMAN SERVICES	4	4	4
TRANSPORTATION	23.5	23.5	23.5
COMMUNICATION SERVICES	5	5	5
** INFORMATION SERVICES	15	15	16
OFFICE SERVICES	<u>5.75</u>	<u>5.75</u>	<u>5.75</u>
TOTAL FTE	73.25	74.25	75.25

* Position request, Contracts Specialist I, is for the current year





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TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Matthew Clark, MAG Senior Policy Planner

SUBJECT: RIVER OF TRADE CORRIDOR COALITION

At the January 8, 2007 Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council Executive Committee meeting, staff was requested to prepare a white paper that would provide a background on the River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC), a current list of its members, and outline some of the pros and cons of joining the organization.

Below is a brief overview of the ROTCC and a short list of the benefits and potential concerns of joining the organization. Also included is a short explanation of the first meeting between MAG and the ROTCC, as well as what would be required of MAG should the Regional Council choose to join the organization.

River of Trade Corridor Coalition

The River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC) was created in 2004 to unite cities, counties, businesses and other transportation stakeholders along heavily traveled freeways and highways. The organization's goal is to examine ways to alleviate congestion while protecting and expanding the economic vitality of current roadways.

The "River of Trade" corridor starts at Interstate 10 in Los Angeles, continues through Arizona and New Mexico, heads north at Dallas, Texas, and ends in Ontario, Canada. Currently, the ROTCC includes more than 350 members spanning across nine states.

In June 2006, the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced its "National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Networks." As part of the National Strategy, the US DOT asked for applications to identify the three to five major "Corridors of the Future" that would be eligible for federal resources, funding, staff and technology to help cut traffic jams and relieve freight bottlenecks along the nation's freeways and highways.

The ROTCC submitted an application for the "River of Trade Corridor" to be identified as a US DOT "Corridor of the Future." MAG, as well as several other COGs and MPOs, submitted information to the

ROTCC to be included in the "Corridors of the Future" proposal. Mayor Cavanaugh also wrote a letter to US DOT Secretary Mary Peters in support of the ROTCC's proposal.

On February 1, 2007, Secretary Peters announced the semi-finalists for the "Corridors of the Future" program. The Phase 1 proposal submitted by Wilbur Smith Associates included the I-10 freeway from California to Florida and was selected as a semi-finalist in the "Corridors of the Future" program. Phase 2 applications are due on or before May 25, 2007. The final three to five major "Corridors of the Future" will be selected from the Phase 2 applications.

While the River of Trade Corridor was not selected as a semi-finalist, the organization will continue to work to have the entire transportation corridor designated as a Congressional High Priority Corridor.

First Meeting Between MAG and the River of Trade Corridor Coalition

On June 16, 2006, the Chairman of the River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC), Dallas City Councilman Bill Blaydes, met with MAG staff and the incoming Regional Council Chair, Mayor James Cavanaugh. Councilman Blaydes outlined the organization's mission and history and invited MAG to become a member of the ROTCC. Joining the ROTCC would involve supporting activities of the coalition and hosting a quarterly meeting.

The ROTCC has requested that a representative from the MAG region attend the ROTCC's quarterly meetings. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on June 13, 2007, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. In addition to attending and participating in the quarterly meetings, MAG will be requested to seek support from Arizona's state and federal legislators in support of the ROTCC and encourage them to join the coalition's legislative caucus.

While there are no dues to become a member, if the Regional Council approves joining the ROTCC, MAG will be asked to host a future quarterly meeting. This task will involve setting up a day and a half event for 150 members starting with an evening reception followed by an all day policy meeting. The ROTCC will assist MAG in formulating an agenda and bringing out-of-state members to the event.

The estimated cost of food for the event would be \$7,800 excluding tax or any additional service charges. MAG may also be responsible for transportation to and from the event as well as any tours to local transportation facility and infrastructure highlights.

Benefits of Joining River of Trade Corridor Coalition

Support of Congressional and Multi-State Caucus

The ROTCC has several representatives from both the public and private sector. Approximately 56 cities/towns and counties; and more than 300 private members including individuals and corporations have joined the coalition. These representatives are located in nine states, including Arkansas, Arizona, California, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Texas. Attached is the full membership list for your review.

In addition to the state, city/town and private support, the ROTCC has 11 members in its Congressional Caucus from Texas, Arkansas and Kentucky. With the recent changes in Congress they are working to expand their Congressional and Legislative Caucuses.

Identifying the ROTCC as a Congressional High Priority Transportation Corridor

The ROTCC Congressional Caucus was successful in obtaining a Congressional High Priority Corridor Designation for a portion of the Corridor in Northern Texas. While the ROTCC was not selected as part of the "Corridors of the Future" program, they will continue their efforts to obtain a high priority corridor designation for the entire corridor.

Lobbying for Additional Federal Funds for the Transportation Needs along the Corridor

While this was an area of concern, the ROTCC has indicated that the Coalition does not advocate redistributing funds a region receives for repairs and upgrades to other states or regions. Furthermore, the ROTCC will lobby for above-the-line funding for transportation projects along the Corridor.

Possible Concerns for Joining the River of Trade Corridor Coalition

Below are two of the possible concerns of joining the River of Trade Corridor Coalition. MAG staff has discussed these issues with ROTCC staff to express the importance of regional cooperation and the MAG process.

Representation for Arizona's Transportation Needs

The ROTCC originated in Dallas, Texas. The coalition is represented by the lobbying firm, David Dean International, also located in Dallas, Texas. If MAG were to join the ROTCC, we are delegating some of our control for our needs to an organization outside of Arizona that may not know our issues as well as Arizona representatives. For this arrangement to work a closer relationship will be required than what currently exists.

Additional Transportation Coalitions

In addition to the ROTCC, coalitions, such as the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC), have formed to address the nation's transportation needs. Staff from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) has indicated that joining the CAGTC should be considered.

If appropriate, MAG staff could do some additional research on the CAGTC and ask them speak to the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee at a future meeting.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (602) 254-6300.

Enclosure



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April 9, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Information Center Board of Directors

FROM: Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, City of Goodyear, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE MAG INFORMATION CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, April 16, 2007 12:30 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Information Center Board of Directors has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Board may attend either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at (623) 882-7782 or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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 Denise McClafferty at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the MAG Information Center Board of Directors on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the

2. Information and discussion.

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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 Board of Directors 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. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept an Additional \$80,000 in FY 2007 from Central Arizona Project (CAP)

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4. Adjournment

3. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the acceptance of an additional \$80,000 in FY 2007 from Central Arizona Project (CAP).



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TO: Members of the MAG Information Center Board of Directors

FROM: Rita Walton, Information Services Manager

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007 MAG UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
 AND ANNUAL BUDGET TO ACCEPT \$80,000 IN FY 2007 FROM CENTRAL
 ARIZONA PROJECT (CAP)

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Background

In June 1998, the MAG Regional Council created the Maricopa Association of Governments Information Center (MAGIC). MAG has been producing a wealth of information for many years that is central to its various regional planning activities. These activities include transportation, water quality, air quality, solid waste, human services, urban growth and regional development, land use, and infrastructure planning. Through MAGIC, MAG supplies member agencies and others with value-added information services and technical consulting and provides additional fee-earning alternatives to supplement the resources required to maintain both the information resource and technical expertise.

Both the underlying data and analyses that result are highly regarded by member agencies and are used by numerous other public and private sector groups and individuals. While there is an extensive use of this data, the involvement of MAG in any analysis process has been, to a great extent, a function of funding availability. While the studies performed reflect the eligibility of the funding sources, there are only limited resources to undertake other projects which would be beneficial to the region.

Through MAGIC, this information could be used much more effectively by making it more accessible. Many agencies, including utilities, economic development groups, and school boards, frequently pay for their own, often duplicative, data development. Data made available for other uses or to other agencies or groups could also provide additional resources for MAG to further extend the value of the data already collected.

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In recent years, MAGIC has concentrated on the needs of a few larger clients. The most significant of these are the Central Arizona Association of Governments and the Central Arizona Project.

Central Arizona Association of Governments

MAG prepares socioeconomic estimates and projections for subareas within Maricopa County. However, the Phoenix metropolitan area is rapidly extending into Pinal County, which falls within the jurisdiction of the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG). Because of the interrelationships between Maricopa County and Pinal County growth, it is important that sound estimates and projections be developed for Pinal County. MAG has been under contract with CAAG to provide guidance in setting up a socioeconomic program and to assist in the preparation of socioeconomic estimates and projections for Pinal County. The work performed consists of: guiding CAAG in creating a Population Technical Advisory Committee; collecting, compiling and reviewing Pinal County and Pinal County jurisdiction data; and providing technical assistance in analysis and socioeconomic projections.

Central Arizona Project

MAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Region, has responsibility for collecting socioeconomic data and preparing official socioeconomic estimates and projections for subareas within Maricopa County. The Central Arizona Project (CAP) has responsibility for meeting the water needs of its customers and projecting water usage. MAGIC has been collaborating with CAP to use MAG socioeconomic projections data and assist CAP staff with the development of water use projections. The work performed for CAP consists of gathering and analyzing data, creating a database for the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRDR) member land analysis and preparing databases, GIS coverages and documentation associated with preparation of demographic projections.

Over the next year, CAP has asked MAGIC to:

- Prepare a set of population and housing projections for CAGRDR member lands and for CAP water providers based on the MAG 2007 Socioeconomic Projections
- Assist CAP staff with the transition to in-house preparation of data for CAGRDR member lands
- Assist CAP staff with the transition of CAP's GIS from MAG infrastructure to CAP infrastructure
- Provide database and information management support as needed
- Provide Geographic Information Systems (GIS) support as needed

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If you would like further information, please contact me or Audrey Skidmore at the MAG office.