

October 5, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 13, 1999 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 13 1999**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>		
<p>2. <u>Approval of September 1, 1999 Meeting Minutes</u></p>	<p>2. Review and approve September 1, 1999 meeting minutes.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens 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 Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.</p>	<p>3. For information.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.</p>	<p>4. For information and discussion.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>5. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda.</p>	

*** ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

<p>*6. <u>Consultant Selection for the MAG Park and Ride Site Selection Study</u></p> <p>In May, the Regional Council approved the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program which included funding for a park and ride site selection study. The purpose of the study is to identify park and ride lots that would support both express bus service and car and van pooling, and</p>		<p>6. For information, discussion, and recommendation to select the consultant firm KJS Associates Incorporated to conduct the MAG Park and Ride Site Selection Study for an amount not to exceed \$370,000.</p>
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help to increase the use of HOV lanes on the regional system. A request for proposals was advertised and six proposals were received. A multi-agency review panel evaluated the proposals and four were selected for interviews. The review panel recommended that the consultant firm KJS Associates, Incorporated, be selected to conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$370,000. MAG staff concurs with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*7. Construction of Median Cable Barriers on the MAG Freeway System

Governor Hull has requested that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) implement median barriers on the regional freeway system as a countermeasure for reducing median cross over crashes on urban freeways. The MAG freeway system has been designed primarily to have a 46-foot median width for which a median barrier is considered optional according to design standards. An ADOT team has reviewed the state-of-practice for placement of median barriers on urban freeways. This included a review of traffic and crash data in other states and has resulted in a Draft Median Barrier Guideline for Urban Freeways. This guideline recommends barriers on medians less than 75 feet in width. According to this recommendation median barriers are required on all existing and planned urban freeways in the region. The guideline also recommends the use of cable median barrier as the most cost effective barrier.

ADOT is planning to utilize available federal Hazard Elimination Safety funds (HES) for retrofitting all existing freeways with cable median barriers. It is proposed that MAG fund installation of median cable barriers on all new freeways (including freeways under construction). Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8. Amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the Regional Rideshare Program

In May 1999, the Regional Council approved the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program, which included funding for the Regional Rideshare

7. For information, discussion and recommendation for approval to:

1. Fund median cable barriers on new freeways (including new freeways under construction) with MAG freeway funds;
2. Fund median cable barriers on all existing freeways with ADOT Hazard Elimination Safety funds;
3. Amend the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the following median cable barrier projects in FY 2000 with ADOT Hazard Elimination Safety funding:

- (i) Agua Fria from Northern Avenue to I-17, (\$2.75 million);
- (ii) I-10 from Dysart Road to Stack (I-17) & 7th Street to I-17, (\$2.79 million);
- (iii) Pima Freeway from Shea Blvd. To Salt River, (\$1.81 million);
- (iv) Price Freeway from Loop 202 to Guadalupe Road, (\$0.76 million);
- (v) Red Mountain from Loop 101 to Country Club Road, (\$0.67 million);
- (vi) Squaw Peak Freeway from Glendale Avenue to Bell Road, (\$1.34 million);
- (vii) Superstition Freeway from Signal Butte Road to Mountain View Road, (\$1.00 million).

4. Encourage ADOT to provide for the maximum landscaping feasible.

8. For information, discussion and recommendation to amend the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the enhanced rideshare amount of \$200,000.

Program. In addition, in June 1999, the Regional Council approved an enhancement to the Rideshare Program for \$200,000 in the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This additional amount was inadvertently not included in the Work Program. Therefore, staff is recommending that the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget be amended to include the enhanced rideshare amount of \$200,000 that was previously approved in the TIP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. Proposed 1999 Revisions to MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee is completing its review of proposed 1999 revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction. In prior years, the MAG Public Works Committee reviewed a summary of their Specifications and Details Committee's recommendations prior to approving the revisions. The Public Works Committee has now been dissolved. It is proposed that in early October, the summary of these recommendations be mailed to members of the MAG Management Committee and to MAG Public Works Directors for review for a period of one month. Following this review, if no objections are received, the proposed revisions will be regarded as approved and printing of the final document will proceed. Resolution of any objections to the proposed revisions will be sought by the co-chairmen of the Specifications and Details Committee. It is anticipated that the annual update packet will be available for purchase in early January, 2000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. For information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

*10. Consultant Selection for the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Revision

In May 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program which included \$225,000 for consultant services for the MAG 208 Water Quality Management

10. For information, discussion and recommendation to select the consultant firm of Carollo Engineers to develop the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Revision for an amount not to exceed \$223,840.

Plan Revision. Twenty years in scope, the MAG 208 Plan is comprised of two major elements. The Nonpoint Source Element of the plan describes federal and State program activities to control nonpoint source pollution. The Point Source Element describes the existing and future wastewater treatment systems for the local jurisdictions. The last revision of the 208 Plan was adopted by the Regional Council in 1993. A request for proposals was advertised and four proposals were received. A multi-agency review team evaluated the proposals and the consensus of the team was that Carollo Engineers be selected to develop the Plan revision for an amount not to exceed \$223,840. On October 5, 1999, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended Carollo Engineers to conduct the Plan revision. MAG concurs with the recommendation of the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*11. Approval of the Draft July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Resident Population Update

The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) has prepared a Draft July 1, 1999 Resident Population Update for the State of Arizona and the counties within Arizona. DES derived a draft resident population of 4,924,350 for the State of Arizona and 2,913,475 for Maricopa County. For Maricopa County this represents an increase of 107,375 residents in the last year, or 3.8 percent. On October 22, 1999, the state and county updates will be presented to the State Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) for consideration. Because the Maricopa County update could change based on comments received at the State POPTAC meeting, the Management Committee is requested to recommend approval of the July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Resident Population Update, provided that it is within one percent of the draft update of 2,913,475. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Resident Population Update provided that it is within one percent of the draft update of 2,913,475.

STUDY SESSION ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

VALLEY VISION 2025 UPDATE

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| <p>12. <u>Valley Vision 2025 Update</u></p> <p>An update on the activities of the Valley Vision 2025 Committee will be provided to the members of the Management Committee.</p> | <p>12. For information and discussion.</p> |
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TRANSPORTATION ITEM

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| <p>13. <u>Update on Transportation Funding Estimate</u></p> <p>In April, the Arizona Department of Transportation met with transportation officials from throughout Arizona to agree on a new set of guiding principles for Arizona's transportation planning and programming process. A key recommendation from this discussion was the formation of a Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC). The RAAC has representatives from ADOT, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and rural Councils of Governments. The purpose of this committee is to annually recommend estimates for the distribution of future state and federal revenues. A series of meetings has been held of the RAAC and an update will be provided to the Committee regarding these discussions.</p> | <p>13. For information and discussion.</p> |
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| <p>14. <u>Update on the Recommendations of Governor Hull's Growing Smarter Commission (10 minutes)</u></p> <p>At the July Regional Council meeting, an update was provided on the draft recommendations of Governor Hull's Growing Smarter Commission. The Regional Council approved Draft MAG Policy Recommendations pertaining to the recommendations of the Commission. Since July, the Commission has received public input and their final report has been issued. Several compromises were made in the final report, and staff has prepared a matrix displaying the differences in the draft and final recommendations. This information was</p> | <p>14. For information, discussion and possible action</p> |
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presented to the Regional Council Executive Committee. The consensus of the Executive Committee was for MAG to host a meeting of member agencies to discuss the final report. A report will be made to the members of the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force Draft Final Report (20 minutes)

In 1995, the Regional Council adopted the Desert Spaces Plan. The Plan included ten implementation steps and recommended that the MAG Blue Ribbon Committee develop a long range open space implementation strategy. In February 1996, the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Committee were adopted by the Regional Council. One of these recommendations was for the formation of the Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force. The Task Force which was subsequently formed included 17 members from federal, state, local and conservation related agencies. The purpose of the Task Force was to develop supportable actions to create a contiguous open space system that sets priorities and identifies processes to implement the Desert Spaces Plan. The recommendations of the Task Force include the following; (1) formation of a citizens committee to provide leadership for the implementation of the Plan; (2) disseminate the policies and guidelines for environmentally sensitive development areas and work with affected groups to implement the policies and guidelines; (3) Use the Desert Spaces Plan in commenting on proposed local, state and federal land use decisions; (4) seek funding sources to acquire, protect and maintain region-wide conservation areas identified in the Desert Spaces Plan and (5) support implementation of the Plan through a variety of methods. It is anticipated that following the Management Committee and Regional Council study sessions on the recommendations, the final report will be presented to the Regional Council in December for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. For information and discussion.

16. Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines (15 minutes)

The Desert Spaces Plan, adopted by the Regional Council in 1995 identified Retention Areas. To develop strategies to protect these areas, the Desert Spaces Implementation Task Force formed a Desert Spaces Sub Committee. The Sub Committee referred to these Retention Areas as Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas (ESDA). The Desert Spaces Plans suggested that growth and development in Retention Areas should be managed sensitively to balance development with natural resources values. "These areas should be managed to retain the integrity of undeveloped hillsides and ridge lines, rivers and washes, native vegetation, wildlife diversity, and archaeological and historic sites". ESDA or Retention Areas, include 759,100 acres of publicly owned land, and 566,643 acres of privately owned land with high open space value, recommended for sensitive development regulations. The purpose of the policies and guidelines are to help guide public and private sector individuals to work together to sensitively manage these ESDA lands. Following the Management Committee and Regional Council study sessions, it is anticipated that the policies and guidelines will be presented to the Regional Council in December for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. For information and discussion.