

March 3, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee  
FROM: Stephen S. Cleveland, Goodyear, Chairman  
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 11, 1998 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix (see enclosed map)

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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. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Anytime 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.

**Immediately prior to the meeting, at 11:00 a.m., a briefing will be held on the 2025 Vision Process. Information on the briefing is enclosed. The briefing will begin at 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.**

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
MARCH 11, 1998**

		<b>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Approval of February 10, 1998, Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve February 10, 1998 meeting minutes.
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u>  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 to not 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.	3. For information.
4.	<u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	4. For information and discussion.
5.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  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 can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	5. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda.

## \* ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT

## TRANSPORTATION ITEM

\*6. Administrative Adjustments to the FY 1998-2002  
MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program was approved by the Regional Council in October 1997. It is necessary to revise the annual element of the TIP to accelerate 18 projects, amend four projects and defer two projects. The 18 accelerated projects are a result of additional funding opportunities within the FY 1998 Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill. In addition, two projects are deferred and three projects need to be adjusted as a result of shifts in project funding. These projects do not affect the MAG conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*7. Recommendation to Increase the Multimodal  
Representation on the Transportation Review  
Committee

In 1994, the Regional Council established the Transportation Review Committee (TRC), which is composed of high level technical advisors from the MAG member agencies. On April 30, 1997, the TRC recommended expanding the membership to include representation of the MAG modal committees (Street, Bicycle, Pedestrian, Intelligent Transportation System and Telecommunications) and a freight industry representative as non-voting members for a one-year trial period. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*8. Recommendations to the Arizona Department of  
Transportation for the FTA Elderly & Persons  
with Disabilities Program

On March 2, 1998, the MAG FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee ranked applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding. FTA provides these funds to the Arizona Department of Transportation for capital

6. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the transit administrative adjustments to the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

7. For information, discussion and recommendation to expand the membership of the TRC to include the chairmen or their representative of the MAG modal committees (Street, Bicycle, Pedestrian, Intelligent Transportation System and Telecommunications) and a freight industry representative as non-voting members for a one-year trial period.

8. For information, discussion and recommendation to forward the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly & Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

assistance to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for people who are elderly and for people who have a disability. This year, 17 applications for capital assistance awards were received and considered by the Committee. The ranking provided by MAG is considered by ADOT in determining which applicants are to be awarded. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*9. Interagency Consultation: Processes and Potentially Regionally Significant Projects for the 1998 Conformity Analysis

Arizona conformity rules require a recipient of federal highway or transit funds (e.g., ADOT, RPTA, Maricopa County, cities, towns) to determine whether the transportation project is regionally significant for conformity purposes before approving the project. A listing has been developed by MAG indicating the projects from the Draft FY 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that potentially would be considered as regionally significant. Comments on the list are due to MAG by March 23, 1998.

Federal and State conformity regulations also require MAG to consult with federal, State and local air quality and transportation agencies regarding the following processes: selection of modeling methods; identification of exempt projects; ensuring expeditious implementation of transportation control measures; identification of projects which require PM-10 hotspot analysis. Updated information for use in the conformity analysis for the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (1998 Update) and the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program is being transmitted for consultation. The deadline for submittal of written comments to MAG is March 23, 1998. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. For information, discussion and consultation.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

- \*10. Draft July 1, 1997 Water Service Area Resident Population Updates

Each year MAG prepares Water Service Area Resident Population Updates on behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). The Updates will be used by ADWR in assessing municipal compliance with per capita water use targets. On February 26, 1998, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Updates. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 10. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the July 1, 1997 Water Service Area Resident Population Updates.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

- 11. FY 1998 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity Report (5 Minutes)

In February, mid-phase public meetings were sponsored by the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA), the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee and the Maricopa Association of Governments. In addition to informational open houses and a transportation fair, a joint public hearing was conducted by representatives from the governing bodies of these agencies on February 24, 1998. The public hearing included a presentation on the MAG Freeway Program Annual Report and an opportunity for citizens to comment on transportation issues. All of the events provided information on the draft 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program and various aspects of the Long Range Transportation Plan. At the completion of the mid-phase meetings, the results will be compiled in the Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity Report and sent in a separate mailing to the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 11. For information, discussion and recommendation to accept the FY 1998 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity Report.

- 12. 1988 MAG Annual Report on the MAG Freeway Program (15 Minutes)

Each year, MAG prepares an Annual Report on the MAG Freeway Program. The Annual Report is required by a state law passed in 1992. Its

- 12. For information and discussion.

purpose is to address the status of the regional freeway system. Since the first issuance of the Annual Report in April 1992, the Regional Freeway System as reported in the Arizona Department of Transportation Life Cycle Program has been in balance with available revenues, and construction schedules have been met. On February 24, 1998, a hearing was conducted on the Annual Report. Representatives from the MAG Regional Council, the State Transportation Board, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) were designated to conduct the public hearing. At the hearing, the City of Phoenix requested that the interim project for the Pima Freeway segment between 56th Street and Scottsdale Road be deleted from the Program and that the construction of the final freeway design be accelerated. MAG and ADOT staff are currently working on the analysis of the Phoenix request and a report will be made to the Management Committee. On February 25, 1998, a summary of the public hearing was presented at a joint meeting of the Regional Council, State Transportation Board, the RPTA and the CTOC. Findings of the report will be reviewed for the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Conformity Analysis of the Draft FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (15 Minutes)

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. The TIP serves as a five-year regional guide for the preservation, management and expansion of public services, including highways, ridesharing, transit facilities and various congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects. Projects in the TIP are from local, state and federal sources. On February 24, 1998, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended the projects in the FY 1999-2003 MAG TIP for an air quality conformity analysis, excluding the MAG Freeway Program projects. Since the TRC meeting, the public hearing for the MAG Freeway Program has been held and staff is recommending a conformity analysis on the TIP including the Freeway Program projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. For information, discussion and recommendation to authorize an air quality conformity analysis of the Draft FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

14. Conformity Analysis of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan: Draft 1998 Addendum (5 Minutes)

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, it is necessary to conduct a conformity analysis on an addendum to the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan. Items addressed in the addendum include: 1) priority changes to the ADOT Life Cycle Program and Long Range Plan for Freeways, 2) extending the time horizon to 2018, 3) incorporation of changes from the FY 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program, and 4) incorporating updates to the Long Range Street Plan as submitted by member agencies. On February 24, 1998, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Addendum for an air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee Update (10 minutes)

In April 1996, the Regional Council approved a strategic plan for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in the region. In December 1996 the Regional Council formed the MAG ITS Committee. The roles and responsibilities of the committee include: (1) vision and leadership, (2) long range plan, (3) programming, (4) funding, (5) coordination (6) education and promotion and (7) data collection and reporting. In recent years, federal demonstration funds and MAG Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds have initiated a significant number of ITS projects, including freeway management system and signal coordination projects. ADOT has received a \$7.9 million Model Deployment Initiative (MDI) Grant for ITS projects in the region. The FY 1999-2003 TIP is proposing \$6.0 million in new ITS projects. Additional funding for ITS may be forthcoming under proposed State and Federal legislation. A report on ITS activities will be provided to the members of the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan: Draft 1998 Addendum for an air quality conformity analysis.

15. For information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

16. MAG Telecommunications Advisory Committee Update (10 minutes)

In September 1994 the Regional Council approved formation of the Electronic Highway User's Group. This Committee is now called the MAG Telecommunication Advisory Group (MAG TAG). This Committee has completed a major study entitled "Electronic Highway Infrastructure Development and Information Services" which addressed a variety of telecommunication issues of interest to member agencies including model telecommunication ordinances, right-of-way coordination, locating wireless towers, emergency communications, telecommuting and teleconferencing. A report on the activities of the Committee will be provided to the members of the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. For information and discussion.

17. MAG Homeless Plan Update (5 minutes)

In 1987, the Regional Council established the Homeless Task Force to provide regional leadership and direction in addressing the issues of homelessness in this region. In 1996, the Regional Council requested an updated plan to determine whether existing strategies should be revised or new strategies needed. Under the direction of the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee, a special Homeless Working Group was convened. The Working Group included representatives from the Regional Council, Human Services Coordinating Committee, Human Services Technical Committee and ad hoc governmental members. Recommendations were developed in four areas: services, housing, employment and public policy. On October 16, 1997, the Human Services Coordinating Committee recommended approval of the MAG Homeless Plan Update.

Since the Coordinating Committee action, the issue of continuing the \$19 million in rental vouchers for over 500 homeless seriously mentally ill persons has surfaced. The Arizona Department of Commerce, Department of Health Services and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

17. For information, discussion and recommendation to address the federal funding shortfall for housing homeless people who are seriously mentally ill.

Development are suggesting that cities fund the housing component for those homeless mentally ill persons. Transferring this responsibility to cities would have a serious impact on the delivery of housing to homeless individuals. Please refer to the enclosed material.