

October 21, 1997

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 29, 1997

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room (see enclosed map)

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

Please park in the garage under the Norwest Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated.

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 29, 1997**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> | |
| <p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p> | |
| <p>3. <u>Approval of September 17, 1997 Meeting Minutes</u></p> | <p>3. Review and approve September 17, 1997 meeting minutes.</p> |
| <p>4. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council 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 Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.</p> | <p>4. For information.</p> |
| <p>5. <u>Showcased Agency Introduction</u></p> <p>As part of the MAG restructuring effort, an opportunity is provided for a MAG member agency to showcase its community. The Arizona Department of Transportation will be featured at this meeting.</p> | <p>5. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>6. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.</p> | <p>6. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>7. <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, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p> | <p>7. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.</p> |

* ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*8A. Approval of FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year, MAG develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists all required transportation related projects in the MAG region for the next five years. In March 1997, the MAG Regional Council approved the Draft FY 1998-2002 TIP for a conformity analysis. The conformity analysis has been performed and a public hearing was held on October 14, 1997. The TIP comprises 984 highway projects, costing \$2.172 billion (\$446 million federal) and 158 transit projects costing \$460 million (\$295 million federal). The Management Committee recommended approval of the TIP, contingent upon a finding of conformity. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8B. MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update

The MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Summary and 1997 Update address all modes of transportation through the year 2020. To ensure a reasonably feasible and balanced funding plan, the Long Range Plan Update continues to be based on a trend extension of the existing revenue sources. New additions to the 1997 Update include updated freeway priorities and a fixed guideway starter corridor for the MAG region. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Summary and Update. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8C. Consultation on Regional Emissions Analysis for Proposal to Accelerate the Warner Road to Frye Road Segment of the Price Freeway and the Pima Road to Scottsdale Road Segment of the Pima Freeway

In September 1997, the Regional Council approved advancing the completion of the Warner Road to Frye Road segment of the Price Freeway to December 2000 from December 2001 and the completion of the Pima Road to Scottsdale Road segment of the Pima Freeway to the fourth quarter of 2000 from September 2003. Both

8A. For information, discussion and approval of the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

8B. For information, discussion and approval of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the Plan and Update with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

8C. For information, discussion and consultation.

accelerations were approved contingent upon the air quality conformity analysis being conducted. MAG has conducted, for the Arizona Department of Transportation, a regional emissions analysis for these accelerated segments. As the agency responsible for approving and implementing these projects, ADOT is required to make a conformity finding. In accordance with adopted MAG procedures, documentation regarding the regional emissions analysis is being provided for consultation. The deadline for submitting comments to MAG is October 24, 1997. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***8D. Amendment to the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Accelerate the Country Club to Gilbert Road Segment of the Red Mountain Freeway**

In September, the Regional Council approved advancing the completion of the Country Club to Gilbert Road segment of the Red Mountain Freeway to January 2002 from December 2003. This acceleration was approved contingent upon the air quality conformity analysis being conducted. For this project, an amendment to the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program is required. On October 14, 1997, a public hearing on the proposed acceleration was held. A report on the comments received at the public hearing will be provided under agenda item 14. The Management Committee recommended approval of the accelerations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8D. For information, discussion and amendment of the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to advance the completion of the Red Mountain Freeway from Country Club Road to Gilbert Road from December 2003 to January 2002 contingent upon completion of the required air quality conformity actions.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

***9. Consultant Assistance for PM-10 Five Year Extension Request**

It is anticipated that in October, the Regional Council will be requested to approve that the PM-10 Plan include a request for up to a five-year extension of the attainment date for Particulate Matter (PM-10). According to the current PM-10 modeling information, it appears that the committed measures do not result in attainment by the required date (December 31, 2001). Also, it appears that the additional PM-10 measures needed to demonstrate attainment by the federal deadline are not technologically or economically feasible. In order to make this request, consultant assistance will be required. Critical parts of the

9. For information, discussion and selection of a consultant to provide assistance for the PM-10 Five Year Extension Request for an amount not to exceed \$200,000, contingent upon the Regional Council requesting a five-year extension for PM-10.

study will need to be completed for the upcoming 1998 Legislative session. This project involves demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Agency administrator that the plan for this area includes the most stringent measures included in the plan of any State or achieved in practice in any State, and can be feasibly implemented in this area. To meet this accelerated schedule, MAG has initiated a consultant selection process. It is anticipated that a consultant recommendation will be made at the October Regional Council meeting. This selection will be contingent upon the Regional Council requesting a five-year extension. The discussion of the extension request is being considered later in this agenda under the air quality update item. The amount of the study is expected not to exceed \$200,000. Federal planning funds are available from the FY 1998 Unified Planning Work Program. The Management Committee was informed of this anticipated need for consultant assistance. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*10. Draft MAG Conformity Finding

On March 26, 1997, the Regional Council authorized a conformity analysis to be prepared for the FY 1998-2002 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as well as the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update. The draft findings, indicate that the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan meet the federal conformity requirements. Also, an amendment to the FY 1998-2002 TIP advancing completion of the Country Club to Gilbert Road segment of the Red Mountain Freeway from December 2003 to January 2002 was found to meet conformity requirements. Approval of the conformity findings by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and Transportation Plan. The Management Committee recommended approval of the conformity analysis. The MAG Air Quality Policy Committee will consider the conformity analysis on October 23, 1997. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. For information, discussion and approval of the conformity finding for the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update, the MAG 1998-2002 Transportation Improvement Program and the proposed amendment to advance the Country Club Drive to Gilbert Road segment of the Red Mountain Freeway from December 2003 to January 2002.

*11 Approval of Draft July 1, 1997 Maricopa County Resident Population Update

The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) has prepared a Draft July 1, 1997 Resident Population Update for the State of Arizona and the counties within Arizona. DES derived a resident population of 4,600,225 for the State of Arizona and 2,720,575 for Maricopa County. For Maricopa County, this represents an increase of 85,950 people in the last year, an increase of 3.3 percent. The Resident Population Update was transmitted to members of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) and to an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the POPTAC. On September 25, 1997, the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommended approval of the July 1, 1997 Maricopa County Resident Population Update. This approval was contingent upon the action by the State POPTAC on October 31, 1997 being within one percent of the initial draft update. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Update. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*12. Amendment of Planning Technologies Consultant Contract

In October 1996, the Regional Council selected Planning Technologies Inc. to revise the MAG Sub-Area Allocation Model to reflect the 1995 census and the 1995 employment information. Since then, new population and employment forecasts have been developed and adopted. Staff is requesting that the contract with Planning Technologies Inc. be increased by an additional amount of \$10,000 to provide trip generation data and enhance the Sub-Area Allocation Model. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*13. Selection of MAG Auditor for Fiscal Years 1997 Through 2001

In recent months, MAG has solicited the services of a professional audit firm to conduct the MAG audit. A multi-year proposal was requested, and a Request for Proposals was sent to four national/international accounting firms and two regional firms. Two proposals were received. A review committee was formed, including the Finance Director from the City of Glendale. Following this review, MAG is recommending that

11. For information, discussion and approval of the July 1, 1997 Maricopa County Resident Population Update provided that it is within one percent of the Draft Update of 2,720,575.

12. For information, discussion and amendment of the consultant contract with Planning Technologies for an additional amount of \$10,000 to provide trip generation data and enhance the Sub-Area Allocation Model and to authorize the MAG Executive Director to execute the amendment.

13. For information, discussion and selection of the public accounting firm Deloitte & Touche LLP to serve as the independent certified public accountants to conduct the MAG audit for fiscal years 1997 through 2001 and to authorize the MAG Executive Director to execute the contract for these services.

the firm Deloitte & Touche LLP be selected to serve as the independent certified public accountants to conduct the MAG audit for fiscal years 1997 through 2001. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- 14. Input Opportunity Report, FY 1997 Final Phase

In September, the final phase of the MAG FY 1997 Public Involvement Process was conducted. The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Conformity Analysis were made available for a 30-day public comment period. The final phase meeting was held on October 14, 1997. Included in the meeting was an informational open house, followed by a public hearing held before representatives from the MAG Transportation Review and Air Quality Policy Committees. The meeting provided an opportunity for review and final comment on the LRTP, TIP, and Conformity Analysis. Also, an opportunity was provided to receive public comment on a proposed amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to advance the completion of the Red Mountain Freeway from Country Club to Gilbert Road. A report on the comments received at the public hearing was provided to the Management Committee. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 14. For information, discussion and acceptance of the Input Opportunity Report, FY 1997 Final Phase.

GENERAL ITEM

- 15. Draft Graffiti Model Ordinance and Recommendations

In February 1994, the Regional Council formed the Youth Policy Advisory Committee to make recommendations regarding youth issues in the MAG region. Since then, the Committee has developed a model curfew ordinance and an inventory of prevention strategies. Since 1995, the Committee has been examining the graffiti issue. The MAG Graffiti Working Group was formed, and a draft model graffiti ordinance and recommendations have been developed. The

- 15. For information and discussion of the Youth Policy Advisory Committee recommendations, including the Draft Graffiti Model Ordinance. The Regional Council will take action on this item at the December 3, 1997 meeting.

model ordinance was approved by the Committee and forwarded to municipal attorneys for review and comment. Recommendations were developed for prevention, consequences of enforcement, clearinghouse of information and partnerships. On September 11, 1997 the Youth Policy Advisory Committee recommended approval of the recommendations, including the ordinance. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Youth Policy Advisory Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

STUDY SESSION ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

AIR QUALITY ITEM

16. Air Quality Update

In the past several months, the MAG staff has been preparing air quality plans for carbon monoxide and particulate matter (PM-10). The MAG member agencies have been preparing commitments for these plans. The deadlines for these plans are approaching and action by the Legislature is being considered. According to the current PM-10 modeling information, it appears that the committed particulate measures do not result in attainment by the required date (December 31, 2001). Also, it appears that the example additional PM-10 measures needed to demonstrate attainment by the federal deadline are not technologically or economically feasible. Therefore, an extension of the attainment date for up to five years is recommended for inclusion in the PM-10 Plan. The Management Committee recommended that an extension for up to five years be requested. Staff will provide an update on these plans. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. For information, discussion and approval to include in the Serious Area PM-10 Plan a request for up to a five-year extension of the attainment date since it appears that attainment by December 31, 2001 is impracticable and the example additional measures necessary to demonstrate attainment by 2001 are technologically or economically infeasible.