

July 22, 1997

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30, 1997

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room (new location-see enclosed map)
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Progressive Dinner/Reception - 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 our new 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. **To christen our new offices, MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Members will be encouraged to visit the various MAG offices, view the displays and enjoy the dinner placed throughout the offices.** Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

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

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
July 30, 1997**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of June 25, 1997 Meeting Minutes

4. Call to the Audience

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.

5. Showcased Agency Introduction

As part of the MAG restructuring effort, an opportunity is provided for a MAG member agency to showcase its community. The Town of Queen Creek will showcase their community at this meeting.

6. Executive Director's Report

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

7. Approval of 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, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

3. Review and approve June 25, 1997 meeting minutes.

4. For information.

5. For information and discussion.

6. For information and discussion.

7. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.

*** ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*8. Enhancement Funds Working Group Round V Recommendations

On June 16, 1997, the Transportation Enhancement Funds Working Group recommended a ranked list of applications for Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act Enhancement Funds. This year, six applications were received for local funds, totaling \$1.23 million for \$4.0 million available statewide. Three applications for state funds were received totaling \$1.55 million for \$3.0 million available statewide. These recommendations are provided to the Arizona Department of Transportation Enhancement Review Committee. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Enhancement Funds Working Group. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. Consultant Selection for 1997 MAG Regional Congestion Study

In May 1997, the Regional Council approved the FY 1998 MAG Unified Planning Work Program which included a congestion study. The purpose of the study is to provide traffic congestion data for the MAG planning process. The data will be used to ensure that the MAG transportation models are accurately representing congestion, to provide input into regional transportation studies, and to provide information for traffic studies and road design. The last congestion study was conducted in 1988/1989. A Request for Proposals was advertised and one proposal was received. A multi agency group reviewed the proposal and interviewed the consultant. The review group recommended to MAG that Traffic Research & Analysis Inc. be selected to conduct the Congestion Study for an amount not to exceed \$307,956. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. For information, discussion and approval to forward the Enhancement Funds Working Group ranked list of applications to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

9. For information, discussion, and approval of the contract with TRA for an amount not to exceed \$307,956 to conduct the 1997 MAG Regional Congestion Study.

GENERAL ITEMS

*10. Approval of Draft 2025-2050 MAG Resident Population in Group Quarters by Municipal Planning Area and Regional Analysis Zone

In June, the Regional Council approved the MAG socioeconomic projections, including resident population in group quarters from 2000-2020. Group quarters refers to non-household living quarters such as dormitories, prisons and nursing homes. Subsequently, staff has prepared projections of resident population in group quarters from 2025-2050. On June 26, 1997, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the 2025-2050 group quarters population projections. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*11. Short-term Working Capital Loan Agreement Between the City of Phoenix and MAG

Funding for MAG activities is included each year in the Unified Planning Work Program. Historically, a large portion of the funding for MAG has been provided by federal sources on a reimbursement basis. In the past, salaries for MAG were provided through the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. This staffing arrangement assisted MAG in meeting its short-term cash flow needs while federal reimbursements were being processed. The likelihood of a temporary cash flow shortfall or a need for short-term borrowing has heightened due to the transition of the payroll from the League to MAG. To alleviate the impact of a cash flow shortfall, the City of Phoenix has offered to enter into a short-term working capital loan agreement with MAG. The loan agreement would be for a maximum of \$500,000, and interest would be charged only for the portion used. The maximum rate of interest would be 5.25 percent. This rate reflects the City's foregone interest earnings on the cash advanced to MAG. It is anticipated that this would serve as a standby loan arrangement to be repaid periodically if it is drawn upon. The Management Committee recommended authorizing the loan agreement. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*12. Regional Master Plan for Local Government

10. For information, discussion and approval of the Draft 2025-2050 MAG projections of resident population in group quarters by Municipal Planning Area and Regional Analysis Zone.

11. For information, discussion, and authorization for the MAG Executive Director to enter into a loan agreement between MAG and the City of Phoenix to provide interim funding for operating and payroll expenses at a maximum interest rate of 5.25 percent for a maximum loan amount not to exceed \$500,000.

12. For information, discussion and acceptance of the

Libraries

On October 26, 1994, the Regional Council approved the report, Funding Local Government Libraries FY 1993-FY 2000. One of the recommendations in the report was for the development of a regional library master plan for public libraries. On March 20, 1997, the Maricopa County Library Council approved the Maricopa County Library Master Plan. This Plan was prepared by the Maricopa County Library Council, which is composed of library directors from all types and sizes of libraries: public, college, university, business or professional. The Regional Master Plan was sent to the MAG Library District Coordination Task Force. In May, the Management Committee considered the Plan and requested that the Maricopa County Library District Council hold four public meetings to solicit input on the proposed Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Maricopa County Library Master Plan.

ITEM PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

13. Federal Fiscal Year FY 1997 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout

The FY 1997 program for MAG federal funds was approved by the Regional Council in September 1996 and currently totals \$46.8 million. This program was adjusted in March and May 1997 to reflect project delays and additional funding. Since May, a total of \$1.1 million worth of projects has been delayed and an additional \$1.97 million in MAG federal funds is anticipated. On June 22, 1997, the Transportation Review Committee made recommendations for this funding. The Management Committee concurred with recommendations of the Transportation Review Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. For information, discussion and approval to provide funding to the following projects: Mesa, Stapley Drive for \$595,000; Tempe; Curry Road \$32,175; the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA), new transit vehicles for \$1.075 million; the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Pima Freeway for up to 70% of \$1.2 million; RPTA, new transit vehicles with redistributed obligation authority \$1.6 million; and to loan ADOT any unused obligation authority to ensure that the MAG region does not lose any obligation authority.

14. MAG Priorities for Scoping of ADOT Construction Projects

Each year, the Arizona Department of Transportation develops a Five-Year Highway Construction Program. Hearings are held by ADOT in the Spring, with the State Transportation Board adopting the Program in

14. For information, discussion and approval to forward the existing MAG priorities: 1) HOV lanes on I-17 between I-10 and Dunlap Avenue; 2) HOV lanes on the Superstition Freeway between I-10 and Gilbert Road 3) HOV lanes on the Squaw Peak Freeway between I-10 and Shea Boulevard and 4) the remaining list of the 18 low cost projects to ADOT as the regional priorities

May/June. The process for placing new projects in the Program has been refined, and ADOT requires that the projects be scoped before they are placed in the Program. To receive input on what projects should be scoped, ADOT holds meetings throughout the State. A workshop for the MAG region, was hosted by the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) on June 4, 1997. On June 26, 1997, the TRC reviewed the input from the workshop and recommended that the existing MAG priorities be recommended to ADOT. These include High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane improvements and low cost projects that were previously approved by the Regional Council. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

for scoping and programming for ADOT discretionary funds.

GENERAL ITEM

15. Update on Arizona Works Pilot Program

The Arizona State Legislature passed, and Governor Symington signed into law, SB 1357 which establishes an Arizona Works pilot program to privatize the delivery of welfare services. This program replaces Aid to Families with Dependant Children. An Arizona Works Agency Procurement Board, comprised of nine members appointed by the Governor, will award a contract with a private vendor January 1, 1999 to operate a pilot program in eastern Maricopa County. The service area for the Arizona Works pilot program includes the East Valley cities, including Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, Cave Creek, Carefree, Guadalupe, other Indian communities and portions of the cities of Phoenix and Glendale. A report will be provided on the implementation of the pilot project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. For information and discussion.