

January 17, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Chairman, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, January 23, 2001, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A special meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Stuart Boggs at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2000</u>	2. Approve minutes of January 9, 2000.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

4. Value Lane Study

MAG and ADOT have been jointly conducting the Value Lane Study to update the regions' HOV plan and study value lanes. In this agenda item the consultant, Jon Green from the Parsons Transportation Group, will present findings about value lanes with respect to the MAG area. A fact sheet that describes value lanes is Attachment One.

5. Regional Off-Street System (ROSS) Plan

The ROSS Plan identifies opportunities for off-street travel routes for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the MAG region. There are numerous non-motorized travel opportunities using existing off-street rights-of-way and easements, such as canals, linear parkways, flood control channels and utility line easements. The ROSS Plan identifies these opportunities, creates design guidelines, and documents an action plan to create comfortable travel ways for bicyclists and pedestrians using these corridors. The consultant team began work on the project in January, 2000 and an Executive Summary of the Final Draft Plan is Attachment Two.

6. Scottsdale MIS Update

The Scottsdale Major Investment Study will identify and evaluate rapid transit alternatives that would operate along a high capacity corridor within the Cities of Scottsdale and Tempe. The MIS will also consider how these alternatives might interface with the planned Valley Connections Light Rail Transit corridor connecting the cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa which is scheduled to begin operations in 2006.

7. Regional Transportation Plan Update

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the MAG Regional Off-Street System (ROSS) Plan for inclusion into the 2001 Update of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

6. For information and discussion.

At its meeting of November 1, 2000, the MAG Regional Council voted to authorize entering into a contract for consultant services with URS Corporation for development of Phase I of the Regional Transportation Plan.

A early focus of Phase I will be a series of expert panel forums that will take place in February and March. The forums will examine the external forces which are shaping the region and its future transportation needs. The half day forums will bring together local and national experts in the fields of economics, social trends, land use, the environment, and transportation technology. As a kickoff to the forums, a dinner featuring Anthony Downs, Senior Fellow with the Brookings Institute, will be held on February 22nd.

The Regional Transportation Plan will provide a new policy framework for addressing the region's transportation needs through future infrastructure and programming investments.

8. Recommendation of Projects for Additional MAG Federal Funding in the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

As discussed during the December 9, 2000, meeting, additional MAG Federal funds are available for programming in the FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP. It is currently estimated that an additional \$9.3 million in Surface Transportation Program funds and \$15.3 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funds will be available. Member agencies were asked to submit requests for projects for these funds by January 5, 2001. These requests have been rated through the Congestion Management System and CMAQ rating systems and a list of these requests is shown as Attachment Three. This list has been added to those

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8. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend additional projects for MAG Federal funding in the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

projects submitted in September 2000, but which were not recommended for funding, plus any changes to recommended projects that members may have submitted. To date, an additional 84 projects have been submitted and an additional 29 projects have been requested for acceleration and/or additional funds. Full lists have been forwarded to modal technical advisory committees for review and ranking and these modal meetings are currently taking place. An updated list, including modal rankings will be provided to members at the forth-coming meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled TRC meeting is Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.