

July 17, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25, 2001

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

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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
July 25, 2001**

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 June 21, 2001 Meeting Minutes</u></p> | | <p>3. Review and approve June 21, 2001 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>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>5. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>6. <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>6. Approve the Consent Agenda.</p> |

***ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

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| <p>*7. <u>Proposed Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u></p> <p>The FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP was approved by the Regional Council on July 26, 2000. It is necessary to amend this TIP to incorporate two projects that have recently been identified as</p> | | <p>7. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the City of Phoenix Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BR) funded study project, the advance design phase of a City of Goodyear traffic signal project, and the ADOT Scenic Byways</p> |
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requiring federal funds in FY 2001. These are a City of Phoenix Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BR) funded study project and the advance design phase of a City of Goodyear traffic signal project. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment. On July 17, 2001, ADOT requested the addition of a Scenic Byways funded project on State Route 88 in eastern Maricopa County to FY 2001 of the existing TIP. These three projects are exempt projects for air quality analysis purposes and the consultation is included under agenda item # 16. Please refer to the enclosed material.

funded project on State Route 88 in eastern Maricopa County in FY 2001.

*8. Proposed Amendment to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On March 28, 2001, the Regional Council approved the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for an air quality conformity analysis. Since that date, a request has been received from ADOT to change the number of through lanes on one of their projects. An air quality conformity regional emissions analysis was completed on this project and an amendment of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP to include this revised project is requested. The required action is considered a major TIP amendment. Consultation on the conformity assessment for this amendment is considered under agenda item #17. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Approval of the amendment to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to change the following project: I-10, 59th Avenue to 83rd Avenue, to increase the number of through lanes from three to four in each direction, in addition to the auxiliary lanes being added.

*9. Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP Guidance Report

Each year MAG updates the MAG Transportation Management Systems Report. This year, recognizing the importance of this annual update as the start of the annual TIP development cycle, the report has been re-titled as the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program Guidance Report. The report is prepared as a guide for jurisdictions to use in selecting projects to be included in the new TIP. The report includes the results of the management systems as well as socioeconomic factors and has been expanded to include the

9. Acceptance of the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program Guidance Report.

application forms for MAG Federal funds. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*10. Enhancement Funds Working Group Round IX Recommendations

The Enhancement Funds Working Group was formed by the MAG Regional Council to review and recommend a ranked list of Enhancement Fund applications from this region to the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). This year, 16 enhancement fund applications for local funds were received totaling \$6,438,570 with approximately \$7.5 million available statewide. Nine applications for state funds were received totaling \$4,687,489 with approximately \$5.5 million available statewide. The Working Group recommends that the attached ranked applications be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for consideration by the TERC. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Working Group. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*11. Consultant Selection for the MAG East/West Mobility Study

The MAG Planning Work Program includes a consultant study to analyze existing mobility constraints and identify road improvements to facilitate east/west traffic flow in the central-north/northwest area of the region. A request for proposals was advertised and three proposals were received. A multi-agency review panel evaluated the proposals and reached a consensus that the consultant firm ENTRANCO be selected to conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$170,000. The Management Committee recommended that ENTRANCO be selected for the study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*12. Federal Fiscal Year 2001 MAG Federal Funds Interim and Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

*10. Approve that the ranked applications from the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee.

11. Approval of the consultant firm ENTRANCO to conduct the MAG East/West Mobility Study for an amount not to exceed \$170,000.

12. Approval of the following to close out the MAG Federally funded program: (1) \$716,000 (CMAQ) for the purchase of two bus rapid transit vehicles for Phoenix; \$600,000 (CMAQ) to advance the design of two arterial crossings of US-60 (Superstition Freeway), and \$500,000 for regional

The MAG Federal funded program for FY 2001 is drawing to a close. To accommodate any redistributed and/or any other uncommitted Obligation Authority (OA) that may become available, it is customary to identify potential projects that could utilize the OA at very short notice and these projects need to be already included in the current TIP. At their meeting on June 26, 2001, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) made recommendations for utilizing any additional OA that become available. The Management Committee concurred with the TRC recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*13. Requested Change to the MAG Regional Freeway Program

The City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert have requested that the schedule for the section of the Red Mountain Freeway from Power Road to University Drive be switched with the Higley Road to Power Road and the Williams Field Road to Higley Road on the Santan Freeway. The Red Mountain segment is scheduled for completion in December 2006 and the two segments of the Santan are scheduled for completion in March 2007. The requested action would schedule the Santan segments for December 2006 completion and the Red Mountain segment by March 2007. The total cost for the Red Mountain (\$95.5 million) and the Santan projects (\$87.8 million) are similar in magnitude. Therefore, this requested change does not materially impact the cash flow for the Regional Freeway Program. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

light rail development; (2) use additional OA that may become available during the next three months to advance the purchase of transit vehicles from future years of the TIP; (3) use any remaining OA (up to \$141,150) for a City of Tempe traffic signal emergency vehicle preemption project; (4) amend the FY 2001-2005 TIP to add the Phoenix bus rapid transit project, the ADOT Superstition Freeway crossing projects, and the Tempe traffic signal emergency vehicle preemption project in FY 2001, and (5) to "loan" any unused OA to ADOT, to be reimbursed the following fiscal year.

13. Approve switching the priorities for the section of the Red Mountain Freeway from Power Road to University Drive, currently scheduled for completion by December 2006, with the priority for two sections of the Santan Freeway from Higley Road to Power Road and from Williams Field Road to Higley Road, currently scheduled for completion by March 2007.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*14. Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update

The Draft 2001 Conformity Analysis concludes that the Draft Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with

14. Approval of the finding of conformity for the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update.

applicable air quality plans. Approval of the conformity finding by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and LRTP. The Management Committee recommended approval of conformity for the TIP and LRTP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*15. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for an Administrative Adjustment to the Draft FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program

An administrative adjustment to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to incorporate minor project revisions and exempt new projects. MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule and has found that the project changes require consultation on the conformity assessment. The projects may be categorized as minor project revisions or as exempt. The exempt projects do not require a conformity determination. The results of the Draft 2001 MAG Conformity Analysis for the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update would be unchanged by this action. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*16. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The City of Phoenix has requested an amendment to add a new Bridge Load Rating Study project to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. In addition, the City of Goodyear has requested an amendment to add a new project for the design of conduit and fiber cabling on Litchfield Road (Smart Corridor). On July 17, 2001, ADOT requested the addition of a Scenic Byways funded project on State Route 88 in eastern Maricopa County to FY 2001 of the existing TIP. The proposed new projects are exempt from a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by July 20, 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. For consultation.

16. For consultation.

- *17. Consultation for a Proposed Amendment to the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update and to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The proposed amendment to the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update (LRTP) and to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes requested changes to four projects. These include changing the number of through lanes on I-10 from 59th Avenue to 83rd Avenue from three to four lanes in each direction, and switching the completion dates for a segment of the Red Mountain Freeway with two segments of the Santan Freeway. The results of the regional emissions analysis indicate that these proposed changes to the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update and the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP do not affect the Draft 2001 MAG Conformity Analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *18. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the FY 2001 Final Closeout

The final closeout of the FY 2001 federally funded program requires an amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for a City of Tempe traffic signal vehicle preemption project. In addition, four other projects have been requested: two projects for the design of dual left turn lanes at the Superstition Freeway at the Val Vista Drive and Stapley Drive traffic interchanges, the purchase of two bus rapid transit vehicles, and a project for preliminary engineering for regional rail development. These projects are exempt from a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by July 20, 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *19. Revised Funding Distribution for the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

On July 26, 2000, MAG was awarded the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate

- 17. For consultation.

- 18. For consultation.

- 19. Approval of the revised distribution of the \$70,000 in grant monies from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Rebate Program.

Program grant for \$140,000 by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). On May 1, 2001, MAG was informed by the DOE that due to budget constraints only \$70,000 would be available to fund 35 vehicles. In addition, the DOE indicated that the grant monies would be redistributed from any coalitions that had not spent any rebate monies by July 1, 2001. Since the funding for this grant was significantly reduced, the Chairman of the MAG Clean Cities Committee requested that all participating entities submit adjustments to their initial funding requests. The revised distribution of the \$70,000 in grant monies has now been prepared. The Management Committee recommended approval of the distribution. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*20. Consultant Selection for Development of a MAG Visibility Modeling System Project

The FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes a \$75,000 project to develop a visibility modeling system for evaluating the changes in visibility associated with control measures in Maricopa County, Arizona. A Request for Proposals was advertised and one proposal was received. On July 3, 2001, a multi-agency evaluation group reviewed the proposal and reached a consensus that the consulting firm ENVIRON be selected for an amount not to exceed \$75,000. The Management Committee recommended approval of the selection. Please refer to the enclosed material.

20. Approval of the consulting firm ENVIRON to develop the MAG Visibility Modeling System Project for an amount not to exceed \$74,931.

GENERAL ITEMS

*21. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Sundance Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Sundance Wastewater Treatment Facility with an ultimate capacity of 3.6 million gallons per day. Excess reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed of through reuse, recharge and discharge to the Roosevelt Irrigation District Canal. The Maricopa County

21. Approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Sundance Wastewater Treatment Facility.

unincorporated area is within three miles of the project, and the County has indicated they do not object to the proposed facility. On July 5, 2001, the MAG Water Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*22. 9-1-1 Budget Request to the Arizona Department of Administration for Equipment and Operating Funds

On June 21, 2001, the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Committee recommended the FY 2003-2007 Public Safety Answering Point Equipment Program for submission to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). In addition, the Oversight Committee recommended requesting funding from the ADOA for operating funds. These operating funds are from the recently enacted 9-1-1 legislation. The requested operating funds would begin the implementation of the 9-1-1 Five Year System Management Plan that was approved by the Regional Council in November 2000. This plan addressed all areas of the system including administration, budget, database maintenance, equipment and growth for the region's 9-1-1 emergency telephone system. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Oversight Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

22. Approval of the MAG FY 2003 PSAP Funding Request and MAG FY 2003-2007 PSAP Equipment Program, and the request for 9-1-1 operating funds for submission to the Arizona Department of Administration.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

23A. FY 2001 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity

MAG co-sponsored several public input opportunities in June and July 2001 with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Regional Public Transportation Authority and Valley Connections. The open house/public hearing provided information on the Draft 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), various aspects of the Long Range Transportation Plan Update and Draft 2001 MAG Conformity Analysis. The results of these meetings are

23A. Accept the FY 2001 MAG Final Phase Input Opportunity Report.

included in the Final Phase Input Opportunity Report. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

23B. Approval of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year, MAG develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), that lists all required transportation projects in the MAG region for up to the next five years. The Draft TIP comprises 990 highway projects costing \$3.089 billion (\$509 million federal) and 350 transit projects costing \$1.476 billion (\$851 million federal). Changes to the Draft TIP approved in March are shown on the attached Errata Sheets 4 and 5. The air quality conformity consultation on the TIP and the changes included in the errata sheets are included as a separate agenda item. At their June 26, 2001, meeting, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of the TIP. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the TRC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

23C. Approval of the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans and programs be in conformance with applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, it is necessary to conduct a conformity analysis on an update to the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Items addressed in this Update include: 1) extending the time horizon to 2021; 2) incorporation of the Regional Off Street System (ROSS) plan; 3) identification of the preferred connection of Loop 303 to I-17; and 4) incorporation of the Park-and-Ride lot plan. The Management Committee recommended approval of the TIP and LRTP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

24. Update on Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force

The Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force has scheduled a series of public meetings to

23B. Approval of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

23C. Approval of the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update contingent upon a finding of conformity of the LRTP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

24. For information, discussion and possible action to take a position on the recommendations of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force.

receive public input on their draft recommendations. On July 16, 2001, the Regional Council Executive Committee recommended that a summary be prepared of the recommendations of the Governor's Vision 21 Task Force and that a position on these recommendations be taken by the Regional Council. The summary is being prepared and will be presented at the Regional Council meeting.

GENERAL ITEMS

25. Support of Mary Peters as Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration

Recently, President George Bush announced that his nomination of Mary Peters, Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation to head the Federal Highway Administration. FHWA is the largest agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation with a budget of more than \$32 billion. Since becoming the ADOT Director, Mary has been instrumental in creating a true partnership between the State and regional planning processes. The nomination of Mary Peters is subject to confirmation by the Senate. Support of this nomination by the Regional Council is requested.

26. MAG Regional Videoconferencing System Update

In February 2001, MAG contracted with Norstan Communications, Inc. to implement a Regional Videoconferencing System (RVS) and provide three years of system service and support. Implementation is nearing completion. MAG member agencies are encouraged to use the RVS for participating in MAG advisory committee meetings and/or for transacting other business. MAG staff will demonstrate and explain the benefits of using the RVS to the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

25. Recommendation to fully support the nomination of Mary E. Peters to head the Federal Highway Administration.

26. For information and discussion.