

March 20, 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, March 28, 2001

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

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

MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
March 28, 2001

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                          |
| 2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                          |
| 3. <u>Approval of February 28, 2001 Meeting Minutes</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3. Review and approve February 28, 2001 meeting minutes. |
| 4. <u>Call to the Audience</u><br><br>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. | 4. For information.                                      |
| 5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u><br><br>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 5. For information and discussion.                       |
| 6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u><br><br>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.                                                       | 6. Approve the Consent Agenda.                           |

\* ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

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| *7. <u>Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u><br><br>The Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) has requested an administrative adjustment to 36 transit projects and an | 7. Approve the administrative adjustment and amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. |
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amendment adding one new project to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Proposed administrative adjustments to the TIP include fifteen project advancements, four project deferrals, and seventeen project scope changes, all of which may be categorized as minor project revisions. The proposed new transit project, which requires a TIP amendment for programming in FY 2001, may also be categorized as exempt. The Management Committee recommended approval of the adjustment and amendment to the TIP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

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

On March 6, 2001, 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 assistance to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for people who are elderly and for people who have a disability. This year, 18 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. The Management Committee concurred with the rankings. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*9. FY 2001-2005 Short Range Transit Report

The Short Range Transit Report (SRTR) is prepared and updated annually by the Regional Public Transportation Authority on behalf of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). In addition to providing recommendations for transit improvements over the next five years, the Report also includes a summary of the regional transit system's operating characteristics from Fiscal Year 1999-2000. The Report was developed using input from MAG member agencies and citizen participation efforts that are normally conducted throughout the year. The Management Committee recommended

8. Approve the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

9. Accept the FY 2001-2005 Short Range Transit Report.

acceptance of the Report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

#### AIR QUALITY ITEMS

\*10. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested that MAG make an administrative adjustment to 36 transit projects and add one new project to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MAG has reviewed the proposed projects and found that the project changes require consultation on the conformity assessment. The proposed 36 minor project revisions may be characterized as administrative adjustments for which a conformity determination is not required. The proposed new transit project may be categorized as exempt, for which a conformity determination is not required. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. For consultation.

\*11. Consultation on Proposed Methodology for the 2001 MAG Conformity Analysis

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies on methodology proposed for the conformity analysis on the transportation program and plan. This methodology includes: the selection of modeling methods, the identification of exempt projects, ensuring the expeditious implementation of transportation control measures, and the identification of projects which require PM-10 hotspot analysis. MAG is therefore distributing for comment the proposed methodology to be applied in the upcoming conformity analysis for the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2001 Update. Comments regarding this material are requested by March 23, 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For consultation.

\*12. Consultation on Potentially Regionally Significant Projects of the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Federal and State conformity regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as MAG to consult with State and local air quality and transportation agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding which transportation projects will be considered "regionally significant" for the purposes of regional emissions analysis. Regionally significant projects are subject to conformity requirements. A list of potentially regionally significant projects from the proposed FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program has been prepared. It is requested that comments regarding the list be reported to MAG by March 23, 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*13. Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan

The Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan has been prepared to reflect the repeal of the Random Onroad Testing Requirements (Remote Sensing Program) from the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program. In 2000, the Arizona Legislature passed H.B. 2104 which repealed the program. The Environmental Protection Agency then indicated that the MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan, including the modeling attainment demonstration, would need to be revised. The revised plan demonstrates attainment of the carbon monoxide standard by the federal deadline of December 31, 2000. The Management Committee recommended adopting the Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*14. Additional Inspectors for the Maricopa County Dust Control Program and Resolution of Appreciation

At the February 28, 2001 Regional Council meeting, Maricopa County staff provided an update on the strengthened enforcement efforts for the Maricopa County Dust Control Program.

12. For consultation.

13. Adopt the Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area.

14. Approve the recommendation that Maricopa County hire four additional inspectors for the Dust Control Program and commend the County for strengthening the enforcement efforts for the Maricopa County Dust Control Program.

The recent recommendation from the Governor's Brown Cloud Summit to add four inspectors to the program was also discussed. It was suggested that the additional inspectors be on the next agenda to request that the County hire the inspectors. The Management Committee recommended that Maricopa County hire the additional inspectors. The Regional Council also requested that the County be commended for strengthening the enforcement efforts for the Maricopa County Dust Control Program. A resolution has been prepared recognizing the County efforts. Please refer to the enclosed material.

#### GENERAL ITEMS

\*15. 911 System Performance Review Consultant Selection Recommendation

In November, MAG advertised a Request for Proposals for the review of the MAG Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System. The purpose of the review is to make a determination of the availability or possible direction for enhancement of its existing day-to-day System Management. A multi-agency evaluation team reached a consensus that Contact One, LLC be selected for the 911 System Performance Review for an amount not to exceed \$102,749. The City of Phoenix, serving as the Contracting Agent for the System, will contract for the consultant services, with payment for the tasks provided by the Arizona Department of Administration. Please refer to the enclosed material. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation for the City of Phoenix to contract for the performance review.

\*16. Options for Animal Control Services

Since 1978, the majority of cities in Maricopa County have contracted with the County under a deficit-based contract, whereby all licensing revenue collected by the County would go to pay for field and shelter activities and any deficit would be made up at the end of the year on a per capita basis. In November 1999, Maricopa County Animal Control Services notified cities and towns that they would be moving to a cost

15. Approve that the City of Phoenix as the Contracting Agent for the MAG Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System, contract with Contact One, LLC to undertake the 911 System Performance Review, for an amount not to exceed \$102,749, with the payment for the tasks provided by the Arizona Department of Administration.

16. Accept the report of the Animal Control Study Committee.

basis contract for field services. This would represent an increase in funding to the County for shelter operations and an increase in cost to many cities and towns for enforcement services. On March 8, 2000, the Management Committee formed the Animal Control Study Committee to examine this issue and to develop a delivery system that is effective, humane and represents the needs of the community. A report on the findings of the Committee will be provided. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

#### TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

17A. FY 2001 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity

MAG co-sponsored several public input opportunities in February and March 2001 with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). Opportunities included a "MAG at the Mall" event, Transportation Fair and an Open House/Public Hearing. The Transportation Fair and Open House/Public Hearing provided information on the draft 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and various aspects of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. The results of these meetings are included in the Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity Report. Staff will present a summary of the results to the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17B. Additional MAG Federal Funding: Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

In January, 2001, the Regional Council approved a list of projects for adding to FY 2006, totaling \$70 million in MAG Federal funds. In addition to these funds, a further \$25 million in MAG Federal funds have been identified as likely to be received during fiscal years 2002 through 2005. On February 27, 2001, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended

17A. For information and discussion.

17B. Approve including the MAG federally funded projects recommended by the Transportation Review Committee in the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis and recommend that if additional funding is available that the projects deleted from the staff recommendation be funded.

projects for the funding and recommended that if additional funding is available that projects deleted from the staff recommendation be funded. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17C. Conformity Analysis of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Staff is recommending a conformity analysis of the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Development of the program considered scores from the MAG Congestion Management and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) rating systems. Projects were ranked by MAG Modal Committees and the MAG Transportation Review Committee addressed funding amounts by mode. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17D. Conformity Analysis of the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2001 Update

Staff is recommending the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Update for an air quality conformity analysis. Items addressed in this Update include: 1) incorporation of the Regional Off Street System (ROSS) plan, 2) extending the time horizon to 2021, 3) an updated funding plan, and 4) incorporation of changes from the Draft FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program. The Management Committee concurred with the staff recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

18. Regional Transportation Plan Update

Staff will provide an update on the Regional Transportation Plan. On February 22, 2001, the kickoff dinner for the plan update was held. A series of five Expert Panel Forums are included in the effort. In addition, the MAG consultant will hold focus groups in various areas of the region.

17C. Approve the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis.

17D. Approve the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2001 Update for an air quality conformity analysis.

18. For information and discussion.