

September 28, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee  
FROM: Stephen S. Cleveland, Goodyear City Manager, Chairman  
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Thursday, October 5, 2000 - 1:30 p.m.**  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

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**Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct the meeting. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your entity to represent you.**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u>  |  |
| 2. <u>Approval of the June 29, 2000 Meeting Minutes</u>          | 2. Review and approve the June 29, 2000 meeting minutes.   |
| 3. <u>Focus of CMAQ Funding on Particulate Pollution Problem</u> | 3. For information, discussion, and possible recommendation to focus CMAQ funding on projects that reduce PM-10 emissions to assist the region in demonstrating transportation conformity. |
- The purpose of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program is to provide funding for projects and programs designed to assist nonattainment areas in complying with the

National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Final federal guidance for the CMAQ program, effective April 28, 1999, requires an assessment of expected emission reductions for proposed CMAQ projects. In accordance with this guidance, MAG has enhanced the procedures for assessing emission reduction benefits and worked cooperatively with agencies to develop the evaluation criteria. The evaluation of proposed CMAQ projects for the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been completed. When reviewing the evaluation and cost-effectiveness ranking, it is important to note that we need to continue focusing CMAQ funding on projects that reduce PM-10 emissions to assist the region in demonstrating transportation conformity. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4. Evaluation of Proposed CMAQ Projects for the FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP

An evaluation of proposed Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement projects submitted for the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been conducted. The results of the project evaluation are being presented for a possible recommendation to forward the CMAQ evaluation to the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) for use in prioritizing projects. In addition, projects not being forwarded to modal committees (e.g. trip reduction, rideshare, etc.) have been classified as "Air Quality". It is requested that the "Air Quality" projects be ranked and forwarded to the TRC for its October 31, 2000 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4. For information, discussion, and recommendation to forward the CMAQ evaluation to the MAG TRC for use in prioritizing projects. In addition, rank the "Air Quality" projects to be forwarded to the MAG TRC for its October 31, 2000 meeting.

5. Evaluation of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2001 CMAQ Funding

An evaluation of proposed PM-10 certified street sweeper projects for emission reductions and cost-effectiveness for Fiscal Year 2001 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement funding has been conducted. The FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contains \$960,000 in CMAQ funding to purchase PM-10 certified street sweepers in FY 2001 (October 1, 2000-September 30, 2001). A minimum local match of 5.7 percent is required. **Twenty** projects requesting over **\$2 million** in federal funds were received from agencies by September 20, 2000. Following consideration of this information, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee will be requested to recommend a prioritized list of the proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2001 CMAQ funding to the MAG Management Committee. It is important to note that the project ranking will be retained for any additional FY 2001 CMAQ funds that may become available due to year-end closeout, including any redistributed obligation authority or additional funding received by this region from the Revenue Aligned Budget Authority provisions. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. 2000 Vehicle Miles of Travel Forecasting and Tracking Report

On June 22, 1999, the MAG Regional Council committed to annually update the forecast of vehicle miles of travel (VMT) and submit reports to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide

5. For information, discussion and recommendation of a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2001 CMAQ funding to the MAG Management Committee.

6. For information and discussion.

Plan. The purpose of the annual VMT forecasting and tracking report is to ensure that forecasts used in the Serious Area Plan remain accurate. Since the report was due to EPA by September 30, 2000, the Regional Council Executive Committee accepted the report at their September 12, 2000 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Federal Approval of the 2000 Conformity Analysis

MAG received a joint letter from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration indicating a finding of conformity was made with respect to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 Update (LRTP), effective July 31, 2000. The TIP and LRTP are now considered to be conforming and are to be referenced when local governments consider approving regionally significant transportation projects. The U.S. Department of Transportation has issued "Transportation Conformity: A Basic Guide for State & Local Officials", Revised 2000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Governor's Brown Cloud Summit

The Brown Cloud Summit was established by Governor Jane Dee Hull to identify and examine control strategies to improve visibility in the Phoenix area in accordance with Executive Order 2000-3. The full Summit has held four meetings since June 2000. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality conducted four informal education sessions during the month of August. In addition, five subcommittees were formed to achieve specific missions (see attached). Three of the subcommittees are to evaluate controls and recommend

7. For information and discussion.

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strategies that will result in improved visibility in the Phoenix area. The Draft Strawman reports from these subcommittees are enclosed for your information.

9. Call to the Public

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2000.

9. For information.

10. For information and discussion.