

February 16, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee
FROM: Gary Brown, Chairman, Tempe
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, February 23, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next 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 Terry Johnson or John Farry at 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

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | |
| 2. <u>Approval of Minutes of January 26, 1999</u> | 2. Approve minutes of January 26, 1999. |
| 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. Transportation Manager's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information, discussion and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

*6. Long Range Transit Plan

The RPTA has completed an update of the Long Range Transit Plan for the region. The Plan includes a Fixed Guideway System, and major expansions of local bus service, Dial-a-Ride service and express bus service. A copy of the Executive Summary is included as Attachment A. A copy of the full Plan is available on request.

6. For information and action to recommend approval of the 1999 Update of the Long Range Transit Plan for inclusion in the Draft 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan for Conformity Analysis.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

7. Mid-Phase Public Involvement

MAG mid-phase public involvement is being completed in the last two weeks of February. Activities include a transit fair a stakeholders meeting, an open house, and a public hearing. Issues addressed include development of the MAG Five Year Program, the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and the MAG Annual Report on the Freeway Program. A copy of the brochure advertising the event is included as Attachment B.

7. For information, discussion and possible action.

8. Match Rates for MAG Federally Funded

8. For information, discussion and possible

Projects

action.

In December of 1998, the Regional Council approved guidelines to be considered in the process of selecting projects for federal funding. At that time action was deferred on four items for further action by the TRC. On January 26, 1999, the TRC recommended incremental local match rates as: up to \$1 million (5.7 percent); \$1-2 million in additional cost (20 percent); \$2-3 million in additional cost (25 percent); \$3-4 million in additional cost (30 percent); and over \$4 million in additional cost (35 percent). It was recommended that the 5.7% rate would apply to currently programmed projects as well as ADOT, MAG and RPTA projects.

On February 9, 1999, the TRC addressed the timing of new match rates and recommended that they apply only to new projects after FY 2000. The MAG Management Committee discussed the match rate issue on February 10, 1999. No action was taken and the item was returned to the TRC for further consideration.

9. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

9. For information and discussion.

MAG Freeway Program Management will address issues related to the Freeway Life Cycle Program. Topics to be reviewed include: (1) January 1999 Regional Freeways System Life Cycle Certification included as Attachment C, (2) MAG Area Life Cycle Construction Program 2000-2006 and Long Range Plan for freeways included as Attachment D, (3) MAG 1999 Annual Report on the MAG Freeway and Expressway Program, and (4) Cost increase for six projects as outlined in Attachment E.

10A. Draft Accelerated MAG Freeway Program

This year, ADOT has prepared two Life Cycle Programs for the MAG Freeway System. The first program completes the planned freeway system by 2014, and the second program accelerates completion of the system to 2007. The accelerated completion requires additional bonding. It is proposed that this accelerated program be incorporated into the MAG TIP and LRTP for conformity. A copy of the Draft Program will be supplied when it becomes available.

10B. Tentative ADOT 2000-2004 Highway Construction Program

A Draft Tentative ADOT FY 2000-2004 Highway Construction Program is under development. Major projects include HOV lanes on the Superstition and Squaw Peak, Phase I of collector/distributor roads on I-10 north of Baseline Road, and Phase I of widening on SR 85 south of I-10.

In December 1998, ADOT provided MAG with an estimate of \$483 million in new funds for developing the FY 2000-2004 program. MAG is working cooperatively with ADOT to develop a program in accord with this funding estimate. This program will be distributed with the draft TIP as soon as it is available.

10C. Close Out of the FY 1999 MAG Federally Funded Program

As a result of TEA-21, approximately \$16 million in MAG CMAQ funds remain to be programmed for specific projects in FY 1999. These funds can only be applied to projects that have met all federal requirements and are ready to be obligated. A list of proposed project

10A. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend inclusion of the Draft 1999 Accelerated Life Cycle Program and Long Range Plan for freeways into the Draft 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for conformity analysis.

10B. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend to include the Tentative ADOT 2000-2004 Highway Construction Program and projects listed in the February 9, 1999 letter to the ADOT Director for inclusion in the Draft 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Conformity Analysis.

10C. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend addition of the proposed projects to the FY 1999 MAG Federally Funded Program, including necessary TIP amendments, public hearing and conformity analyses.

additions to the FY 1999 program to utilize available funds is included at Attachment F.

10D. MAG Federally Funded Program for FY 2000-2004

In January, MAG modal committees ranked transportation project requests for MAG federal funding for each mode of transportation. Information to facilitate this ranking included (1) Regional Council guidelines, (2) Congestion Management System scores, (3) Air Quality scores, and (4) Management Systems Report. On January 26, 1999, the TRC considered these rankings and provided general modal allocations for staff to develop an initial program.

Under this general direction, MAG staff developed two options. The Formula Option was based on a mechanical application of project rankings and TRC modal allocations. The Staff Option started with the Formula Option and added several policy based adjustments. These options were considered by the TRC on February 9, 1999 and additional direction was provided. Three dust stabilization projects in Surprise totaling \$286,000 were recommended for addition to the 1999 program. Also, direction was provided to use the Staff Option to prepare two options: one with the proposed incremental match rates and the other with the old rate of 5.7% (See Attachment G).

10E. Draft 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The TIP is scheduled for Regional Council approval for conformity analysis in March 1999. A copy of the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG TIP will be provided when available.

10D. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend a program of MAG Federally funded projects for inclusion in the draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for a conformity analysis.

10E. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for a conformity analysis.

11. 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan

The 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan includes major updates to the transit and freeway elements of the Plan. An Executive Summary of the 1999 update is included as Attachment H. A full copy of the Plan is available on request.

12. Legislative Report

The Arizona State Legislative session began in January 1999. TRC members will be apprized of issues related to transportation facilities and funding that are scheduled for consideration by the Legislature.

13. Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

11. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend the 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan for a conformity analysis.

12. For information and discussion.

13. For information.