

June 22, 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, June 29, 2000 - 1:30 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st 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

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of the April 27, 2000 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. For review and approval of the April 27, 2000 meeting minutes.
3. <u>Draft 2000 Conformity Analysis</u> In accordance with the Clean Air Act, conformity is designed to ensure that transportation activities do not contribute to air quality violations. A Draft 2000 Conformity Analysis for the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation	3. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Draft 2000 Conformity Analysis for the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 Update.

Improvement Program and Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 Update has been prepared. The analysis indicates that the Draft TIP and Long Range Plan satisfy the requirements of the federal conformity rule and are in conformance with the applicable air quality plans.

An open house and public hearing will be conducted on June 26, 2000. The comments received and responses will be discussed with the Committee. Following the consideration of public comments, the Committee will be requested to make a recommendation on the Draft 2000 Conformity Analysis to the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4. Implications of a Conformity Lapse

A conformity determination will lapse if: (1) more than three years pass after a conformity determination without a new conformity determination on the new TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan or (2) the federal highway funding sanctions are imposed. At the last meeting, the Committee requested information on the types of projects that may proceed during a conformity lapse. A presentation will be given. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Draft Methodology for Evaluating CMAQ Improvement Projects

Effective on April 28, 1999, the federal guidance for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program indicates that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) need to develop procedures for assessing emission reduction benefits for proposed CMAQ projects. The guidance encourages states, MPO's and transit agencies, in consultation with air quality agencies, to

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cooperatively develop evaluation criteria. MAG is now distributing the draft methodology for review and comment.

It is anticipated that the draft methodology will be used to evaluate proposed projects during the development of the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program that is scheduled to begin in August 2000. Comments are due by June 30, 2000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Planning for the New MAG Regional Transportation Plan

With the acceleration of the MAG Freeway Program to 2007, a key component of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan is being completed. The development of a new MAG Regional Transportation Plan is envisioned to provide a blueprint for transportation improvements in the MAG region over the next twenty years. It is anticipated that the Plan will provide the basis for future Transportation Improvement Programs. All transportation modes will be addressed by the plan.

The concept for the new Regional Transportation Plan is to identify critical needs that will keep this region competitive in the new economy and provide for a high quality of life in this region. The plan will provide a policy and funding framework that will identify and prioritize transportation investments and programs that will be undertaken over the twenty-year life of the plan. A presentation will be given by the MAG transportation staff.

7. Model Dust Control Ordinance

The MAG Regional Council has directed that a Model Dust Control Ordinance be developed that would allow member

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agencies to enforce dust control rules and cite violators. Workshops were conducted on February 18, 2000 and June 9, 2000. Consensus at the last workshop was achieved on a model ordinance.

In addition, a second alternative model ordinance has been prepared which more closely follows the direction from the MAG Regional Council. Both alternatives are being distributed for review and comment. Please submit any comments by July 21, 2000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Inventory Preparation Plan for the 1999 Periodic Carbon Monoxide and Ozone Emission Inventories

In accordance with the Clean Air Act requirements, the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department will be preparing the 1999 Periodic Carbon Monoxide and Ozone Emission Inventories. The inventories will include point, area, onroad mobile, and nonroad mobile sources. These inventories will be key elements of the upcoming maintenance plans.

The County staff will give a presentation on the Inventory Preparation Plan for the 1999 Periodic Carbon Monoxide and Ozone Emissions Inventories. The schedule, approach, data documentation, and quality assurance methods will be discussed.

9. EPA Proposed Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards and Highway Diesel Fuel Sulfur Control Requirements

On June 2, 2000, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published proposed rules for Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards and Highway Diesel Fuel Sulfur Control Requirements. The proposed diesel vehicle standards would

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begin to take effect in 2007. Also, there is a proposed sulfur cap for diesel fuel of 15 parts per million beginning June 1, 2006. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Call to the Public

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

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2000.

10. For information.

11. For information and discussion.