

January 7, 1999

TO: Members of the Grand Avenue Steering Committee

FROM: Ken Martin, Glendale, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, January 15, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.
MAG Office Building, Suite 200, Ocotillo Room
Phoenix, Arizona

A meeting of the Grand Avenue Steering Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. For members traveling by car, parking is available directly beneath the building and tickets will be available. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip, please lock bicycles in the bike rack in the garage. For information on this agenda please call 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. 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. Approve minutes of March 24, 1998. |
| 2. <u>Approval of Minutes for March 24, 1998</u> | 3. For information. |
| 3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> | |

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. Grand Avenue Steering Committee Membership

The Grand Avenue Steering Committee was established by the Regional Council in September, 1996. It includes representatives from ADOT, RPTA, Maricopa County, the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad, WESTMARC and the communities of Phoenix, Glendale, Peoria, El Mirage, Goodyear, and Surprise. The study limits of the corridor have changed from Van Buren to the Beardsley Canal, to I-17 to 101. Potential changes in committee representation will be addressed.

5. Purpose of the Grand Avenue Major Investment Study

The Grand Avenue Corridor Study was accepted by the Regional Council on May, 1996. The action was to accept the Grand Avenue Concept Study and approve conducting a Major Investment Study and Environmental Concept Study on the Grand Avenue Corridor. The purpose of the study was to determine if there was an interest to address problems in the Grand Avenue Corridor. It was determined that the six-legged intersections were the major problem and that something needed to be done. Three options were proposed for more detailed consideration.

A Major Investment Study is no longer required by federal statutes. However, the MIS requirements are in the process of being incorporated into planning and NEPA regulations. The principal purpose of the Grand Avenue

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Major Investment Study is to develop a lasting consensus for a Grand Avenue Concept. It will also establish the bases for (1) developing design concepts and (2) meeting federal environmental requirements for federal funding. Funds are programmed for two intersections in the corridor and an overall concept is needed before design concepts can be undertaken. In the process of this MIS transit, environmental, social and economic factors will be addressed.

6. Review of Scope of Work

A Stakeholders meeting that addressed the scope of work for the Grand Avenue Major Investment Study was held in September, 1998. Meeting notes are included as Attachment A. Since that time the service of URS Greiner have been secured to complete this study. A copy of the revised draft scope of work is included as Attachment A. The current contract is estimated to cost approximately \$500,000 and a draft report is anticipated by October 1999. The study is being funded by ADOT and co-managed by ADOT and MAG staff. The consultant and project managers will be available to address comments on the scope of work.

7. Schedule of Meeting Dates

It is proposed that the Grand Avenue Steering Committee be scheduled potential times will be discussed. A fast paced schedule is anticipated. Should a meeting not be needed advance notice will be provided.

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