

December 12, 2008

TO: Project Review Team for the Grand Avenue Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan

FROM: Kevin Wallace, Transit Program Manager

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF AGENDA

Thursday, December 18, 1:30 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguario Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

The first meeting of the Project Review Team (PRT) for the Grand Avenue Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan will be held at the time and place noted above. The PRT will meet monthly or as needed to review and comment on study progress and findings. Membership on the PRT will include representatives from the Maricopa Association of Governments, BNSF Railway, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro/RPTA, Valley Metro Rail, and local jurisdictions along the Grand Avenue Corridor.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you may attend by telephone conference call. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 1:25 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 7245 on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

This study will follow the overall framework of the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan, which was accepted by the MAG Regional Council in April 2008. Once completed, the Corridor Development Plan will provide decision-makers with a comprehensive perspective on the costs, schedules, trade-offs, impacts, and policy implications of alternative implementation approaches for commuter rail.

Thank you for your participation in this study. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Wallace, MAG Transit Program Manager, at (602) 254-6300 or by email at [kwallace@mag.maricopa.gov](mailto:kwallace@mag.maricopa.gov).

**AGENDA**  
**Maricopa Association of Governments**  
**Grand Avenue Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan**  
**Project Review Team Meeting #1**

**Date:** December 18, 2008  
**Time:** 1:30 PM  
**Location:** MAG Office, Saguaro Room, 2nd Floor  
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300, Phoenix

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**I. Introductions and Roles/Responsibilities of Team**

- Consultant Team
  - URS
  - Gannett-Fleming
  - Lonnie E. Blaydes
  - Goodman-Schwartz
- Project Review Team
  - Project Management Team—MAG, ADOT, RPTA, & METRO
  - BNSF Railway
  - Local Jurisdictions

**II. Project Background and Overview**

- Review of Commuter Rail Strategic Plan/Applicability to GA Corridor
- Role of Commuter Rail in Regional Transit System
- Discussion of Recent Commuter Rail Implementation in other Western Cities
- Relationship to Other Existing Plans and Studies

**III. Study Goals and Objectives**

**IV. Primary Project Objectives and Work Flow**

- Corridor Development Framework
- Alternative Commuter Rail Service Scenarios

- Conceptual Corridor Development Plan
- BNSF Coordination and Relationship to Project Activities

**V. Project Schedule**

**VI. Project Coordination and Major Milestones**

**VII. Next Meeting**