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SUBJECT: AGENCY STEERING GROUP FORUM FOR THE MAG GRAND AVENUE
MAJOR INVESTMENT STUDY -- PHASE II

Tuesday, December 7, 2004 – 10 a.m.
City of Glendale
Transportation Planning Conference Room, Suite 315
5800 West Glenn Drive, Glendale, AZ 85301

An Agency Steering Group (ASG) Forum has been scheduled for the time and place noted above for the MAG Grand Avenue Phase II Major Investment Study. You are invited to attend this event or send a representative. **Comments on the attached materials are requested by Wednesday, December 15, 2004.**

The focus of the forum will be to review draft Working Papers #3 (Facilities and Conditions) and #4 (Issues), which have been completed in draft form following the recent delivery of modeling results. Additionally, the City of Glendale has requested an agenda item to review their plans or proposals for programming related Grand Avenue projects for the Fiscal Year 2006 to 2010 period for the MAG Transportation Improvement Program that is now in development. Preliminary microsimulation results for a base year also will be presented.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (602) 254-6300 or email cvoigt@mag.maricopa.gov.

Attachments

c: Study Area MAG Intergovernmental Representatives (Agenda only)
Andy Smith, ADOT
Jim Book, City of Glendale
Grant Anderson, City of Goodyear
Clem Ligoeki, MCDOT
Mike Sabatini, MCDOT
Tom Callow, City of Phoenix
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Randy Overmyer, City of Surprise
Stuart Boggs, Valley Metro
Janet Woolum, Arizona Department of Commerce
John Dugan, Pharos Corp./BNSF
Jonathan Lindsey, Fennemore Craig/BNSF
Mike Connors, HDR (Project Consultant)

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Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Notes from Previous Forums and Workshops
Please refer to the attached notes from the July 6, 2004 Agency Steering Group Forum. Also attached is the VISSIM microsimulation memo discussed at that Forum. Notes are also provided for the network review workshop held in October.
3. HDR Update
4. Notes from Interviews
An overview will be provided of input received in interviews of elected officials and staff with the Cities of Phoenix and Peoria. Interviews are also scheduled or are being scheduled with City of Glendale staff as well as representatives of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Please refer to the attached notes for agency stakeholder interviews conducted to date.
5. Microsimulations
HDR will provide an overview of results obtained to date with the VISSIM microsimulation model.
6. Draft Working Paper #3: Existing, Programmed & Planned Facilities, & Conditions.
The attached draft paper includes recently completed results for modeling for the base and Plan networks.
7. Draft Working Paper #4: Issues and Needs Identification, and Preliminary Evaluation Criteria. HDR will present an overview of issues identified to date through review for related studies, consultation and technical analyses.
8. Planned or Proposed RTP Phase I Programming for the City of Glendale
The City of Glendale requested an agenda item to review their plans or proposals for programming Grand Avenue projects for Phase I of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the draft MAG Transportation Improvement Program that is now in development.
9. Other Comments
10. Public Input
11. Next Steps: Written comments on the attached draft material or agenda items are requested by **Wednesday, December 15, 2004**. The next Forum is scheduled tentatively for 10 a.m. to noon on February 1, 2005.

Attachments

1. Notes from Previous Forums and Workshops
 - a) July 6, 2004 Forum
 - b) VISSIM Microsimulation (memo)
 - c) October 12, 2004 Network Review Workshop

2. Agency Stakeholder Interview Notes

3. Draft Working Paper #3: *Existing, Programmed and Planned Facilities and Conditions*

4. Draft Working Paper #4: *Draft Working Paper #4: Issues and Needs Identification, and Preliminary Evaluation Criteria*