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TO: Members of the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee

FROM: Mike Mah, City of Chandler, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 - **10:00 a.m.**  
MAG Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Cholla Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG ITS Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. Committee members or their proxies may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending video conference must notify the MAG site three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call please contact MAG offices for conference call instructions.

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If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Sarath Joshua at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u>                                   |   |
| 2. <u>Approval of the January 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes</u> | 2. Review and approve minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2009. |
| 3. <u>Call to Audience</u>                                | 3. For information and discussion.                                    |

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the ITS Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for

discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the ITS Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity when the item is heard.

4. Program Managers Report

The following items will be discussed:

- Camera Cameleon Workstation
- Status of TSOP projects

5. Proposed Regional Community Network (RCN) Management Reporting Structure

The RCN is a fiber optic communications network that, when completed, would connect all MAG member agencies for the primary purpose of coordinating traffic control operations between neighboring agencies. The first phase of the project is currently being implemented by Arizona DOT through an ITS project in the MAG Work Program. The RCN Working Group, consisting of agencies represented on the ITS Committee and Technology Advisory Group (TAG) have recommended the establishment of a reporting structure for future oversight and management of this regional communications system. Attachment One describes a proposed reporting structure for the RCN, that is based on the regional emergency 9-1-1 system, which is a similar regional system that was also developed by MAG and overseen by the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team.

6. Regional ITS Architecture (RIA) Project

The consultant team is currently updating the Regional ITS Architecture website to reflect the latest changes that have resulted

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend the adoption of the proposed MAG RCN Management Reporting Structure.

6. For information and discussion.

from comments received from member agencies. The draft final RIA document will be provided to the ITS committee members for review and comment.

7. ITS Infrastructure Planning for Smaller Communities

Common challenges faced by many small and growing urban communities are the lack of funding, and lack of staff resources for planning and developing the necessary ITS infrastructure. In many instances, it would be cost-effective to partner with adjacent jurisdictions, or co-locate police dispatch with traffic management. Attachment Two provides a brief description of the project scope.

There is a substantial body of knowledge and expertise related to ITS infrastructure development available among staff at MAG member agencies. This project will utilize resources available in the region and elsewhere for developing a guidelines document relevant to this region. This project is based on a past committee recommendation and is included in the current MAG Work Program. It will be launched shortly through an on-call consultant project.

8. ITS Strategic Plan

The current ITS Strategic Plan (ISP) for the MAG region was adopted in 2001. A number of significant and relevant changes have occurred in the region since then. Perhaps the most significant of these is the programming of nearly \$200 million for regional ITS applications, on both freeways and arterials. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has dedicated nearly \$143 million, in four five-year phases, for the expansion of the Freeway Management System. Another \$50 million was allocated for arterial ITS applications. However, there is uncertainty, at this time, about future RTP

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funding due to substantial reductions in revenues assumed in the RTP. The lack of a funding plan to utilize ITS infrastructure on freeways has raised questions about the FMS funding plan. Considering all of the above, an update of the region's ITS Strategic Plan will be a timely step to chart a new course for the region's future transportation system, and provide guidance for future regional investments in ITS. Funds for an on-call consultant project is included in the current MAG Work Program.

9. Status Reports by Committee Members of ITS Activities

Members will be requested to report on ITS related activities in their jurisdictions.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

11. Adjournment

9. For information and discussion.

10. For information.