

March 5, 2008

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Dennis Smith, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **REVISED** - MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

The agenda for the March 14, 2008 meeting of the MAG Management Committee, has been revised to change the action in agenda item #4B, Request to Accelerate the Union Hills/Loop 101 Traffic Interchange Widening. A revised agenda is attached. If you have questions, please contact me or Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, at the MAG office.

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TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: **REVISED** - MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, March 14, 2008 – 11:30 a.m.
Virginia G. Piper Auditorium
U of A College of Medicine – Phoenix
Phoenix Biomedical Campus
550 East Van Buren Street, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE RESCHEDULED MEETING TIME, DATE AND LOCATION

Please note that the Management Committee meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2008, has been rescheduled to the date, time and place noted above. Due to a small number of items for the March Management Committee, the meeting will be held at the end of the Management Committee Forum scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2008. To expedite the Management Committee meeting, the items have been included on a consent agenda. Surface parking is located on the northwest corner of 7th Street and Van Buren Street. Please enter the parking area from 7th Street. Transit tickets will be available for those who used transit to come to the meeting.

The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REVISED TENTATIVE AGENDA
March 14, 2008**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens 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 Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A. Approval of February 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes

4A. Review and approval of the February 13, 2008 meeting minutes.

*4B. Request to Accelerate the Union Hills/Loop 101 Traffic Interchange Widening

The City of Peoria is interested in accelerating the widening of the Union Hills Traffic Interchange (TI) bridge at the Loop 101 which is currently scheduled for construction by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in FY 2012. An arterial street project to construct a

4B. Recommend approval of the proposed acceleration of the Union Hills Traffic Interchange widening project and for MAG to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with ADOT and Peoria, contingent on an amendment to the FY 2008 - FY 2012 Transportation Improvement Program and conformity determination.

Beardsley Road Connector with the Loop 101 is scheduled for construction in the fall of 2008. Given the proximity of the Beardsley Road Connector project to the Union Hills TI significant cost and convenience benefits accrue if both projects are constructed at the same time. ADOT concurs with the request to accelerate the Union Hills TI widening project. To facilitate the advancement of the Union Hills TI, Peoria has requested a HELP loan of \$9.91 million to finance the acceleration. The ADOT Life Cycle Freeway Program has this project programmed for \$18 million so substantial cost savings are expected. Peoria has requested that the interest expense be shared in accordance with the MAG Highway Acceleration Policy. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Status Update on the June 30, 2007 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

The accounting firm of Cronstrom, Osuch and Company, PC has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on January 12, 2008 on the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated there were no reportable conditions in MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be material weaknesses, no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs. The Single Audit report had no new or repeat findings. Two Management Letter comments were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and these are described with the management resolution by MAG in the attached memorandum. The CAFR

4C. Recommend acceptance of the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2007.

financial statements and related footnotes were prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) standards for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awards program. Management intends to submit the June 30, 2007 CAFR to the GFOA awards program for review. If awarded the certificate for the June 30, 2007 CAFR, this would be the agency's tenth consecutive award. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4D. Development of the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represents the budget document development to-date. The elements of the budget document are about 80 percent complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4E. Section 5310 Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program Applications

On February 29, 2008, the MAG FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee developed a priority listing for the applications received for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding. FTA provides these funds to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for capital assistance to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for people who are elderly and for people who have a disability. This year, 20 applications were submitted for capital assistance awards. Forty-five van requests, two radio requests, one software request, and three mobility manager requests were received and considered by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4D. Information.

4E. Recommend forwarding the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

*4F. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Goodyear Sonoran Valley Planning Area

The City of Goodyear has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include four water reclamation facilities (WRFs) for the Sonoran Valley Planning Area. The ultimate capacities for the State Land WRF and Southern Region WRF would be 4.75 million gallons per day (mgd) and 24 mgd, respectively. The Section 23 WRF and Section 28 WRF would each have an ultimate capacity limited to 0.6 mgd. Reclaimed water from the four facilities would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit discharge points to the Waterman Wash. The project is located within three miles of the City of Avondale, Town of Buckeye, City of Maricopa, the Gila River Indian Community, and unincorporated Maricopa and Pinal Counties. To date, five of the six entities have indicated no objections. The public hearing on the draft amendment was conducted on February 13, 2008. Following the hearing, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4G. Legislative Update

An update is provided on legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4F. Recommend approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Goodyear Sonoran Valley Planning Area.

4G. Information, discussion and possible action.