

February 6, 2009

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Chair

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

Wednesday, February 11, 2009 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. 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. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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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
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 11, 2009**

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. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. 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. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of January 14, 2009, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the January 14, 2009, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Recommendation to ADOT's Safe Routes to School Program

A total of \$2,255,000 is available statewide for safety improvement projects through grants from the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program. The program provides grants to public and non-profit agencies for projects that improve road safety and encourage more K-8 children to walk or bike to their neighborhood schools. This is the third cycle of the program, and grants will be provided to projects that implement infrastructure improvements as well as projects that would involve education, training and encouragement. In response to the ADOT request for proposals announced in October 2008, a total of 17 project applications from the MAG region was received by ADOT. The ADOT proposal review process stipulates that MPOs and COGs must recommend a ranked list of projects to ADOT by February 28, 2009. These recommendations will be considered by a statewide SRTS panel that will make a final recommendation to ADOT. The MAG Transportation Safety Committee reviewed all project proposals, and on January 27, 2009, recommended a ranked list of projects from the region as the MAG recommendation to ADOT. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Pedestrian and Bicycle Design Assistance Programs

The FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2008, includes \$150,000 for the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program and \$250,000 for the Bicycle/Shared-Use Design Assistance program. According to federal law, any project which is not constructed after being designed with federal transportation funds could be required to return the funds used for design to the Federal Highway Administration. Eight project applications were submitted by member agencies for the program. On January 20, 2009, the MAG Bicycle Task Force and the MAG

5B. Recommend approval of the ranked list of projects to be submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program.

5C. Recommend approval of the following projects for funding for the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program: Phoenix - 11th Street Streetscape in Historic Garfield District (\$80,000); and Fountain Hills - Saguaro Ranch Park (\$70,000); and recommend approval of the following projects for the Bicycle/Shared-Use Design Assistance Program: Tempe/Mesa Rio Salado Shared-Use Path (\$142,000; Buckeye - BID Canal Multi-Use Path (\$58,000); and Glendale - Neighborhood Access Improvements for Multi-Use Pathways (\$50,000).

Pedestrian Working Group recommended five projects for approval. On January 29, 2009, the Transportation Review Committee unanimously recommended the five Design Assistance projects for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5D. MAG Regional Human Services Plan for FY 2010

The MAG Regional Human Services Plan approved by the MAG Regional Council in 2006, has been updated to reflect funding allocation recommendations for the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) and to identify new human services transportation coordination goals as required by SAFETEA-LU. The plan also presents an assessment of human services delivery in the region while highlighting useful practices implemented by member agencies to address the impact of the economy on human services. On January 8, 2009, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee recommended approval of the SSBG allocation recommendations and the major elements to be included in the MAG Regional Human Services Plan for FY 2010. On January 20, 2009, the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee recommended approval of the MAG Regional Human Services Plan for FY 2010 including the new human services transportation coordination goals and the SSBG allocation recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness Regional Plan to End Homelessness

The MAG Regional Plan to End Homelessness, developed by the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness, was approved by the MAG Regional Council in 2005. The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness, with more than 70 stakeholders, has developed a new Regional Plan that takes a fresh look at the issues surrounding homelessness in the region with goals and action steps to address homelessness in the community. The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness recommended approval of the

5D. Recommend approval of the MAG Regional Human Services Plan for FY 2010, which includes recommending approval of the Social Services Block Grant allocation recommendations and the new human services transportation coordination goals.

5E. Recommend approval of the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness Regional Plan to End Homelessness.

Regional Plan on January 26, 2009. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. Development of the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in April and approved by the Regional Council in May. To provide an early start in developing the Work Program and Budget, this presentation is an overview of MAG's draft proposed new projects for the FY 2010 Work Program. The updated draft budget time line, the invitation for the Budget Webinar presentation on February 19, 2009, at 1:30 P.M., and estimated dues and assessments are included with the budget documents. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Information.

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

*5G. Amendment to the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Additional Funds for the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems and Safety Services On-Call Services Consultant Project

On May 28, 2008, the Regional Council approved the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP). The UPWP included funding for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Safety Services on-call services. On June 25, 2008, the Regional Council approved a list of consultants for ITS and Safety consultants. One of the areas approved in the on-call list was for ITS Planning. Work in the ITS area has been launched, and additional funding (\$20,000) is needed in this area. The proposed project will use the existing on-call consultant services to review and finalize the technical aspects of a document developed by the MAG ITS Committee and the MAG Technical Advisory Group describing the roles and responsibilities for the MAG Regional Community Network (RCN). The RCN is a telecommunications network using fiber optic communications. The primary purpose of this network is to enable the sharing of video images of

5G. Recommendation to amend the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide \$20,000 of MAG Surface Transportation Program funds to the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems and Safety Services On-Call Services Consultant Project for ITS Planning Services to provide a technical review of the roles and responsibilities for the Regional Community Network developed by the MAG ITS Committee and the MAG Technology Advisory Group.

traffic cameras, traffic management data, and other information between state, regional, and local agencies that are responsible for day-to-day operation and management of the multimodal transportation system in the Phoenix metropolitan region. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Transportation Planning Update

An update of the financial outlook for the Regional Freeway Program will be presented based on the revised revenue forecast and cost updates. Overall options to manage the Program that were discussed at the January 2009 Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and Regional Council will be presented.

7. Federal Economic Recovery/Stimulus Update

In response to national discussions of a federal economic stimulus plan, MAG staff began working with member agencies last fall to compile information about local transportation and infrastructure projects that are in need of funding. Since then, MAG staff has continued working with member agencies in response to requests from Arizona congressional delegation and national associations. The U.S. House of Representatives passed their version of the 'American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.' The U.S. Senate has a version of this bill that is currently being considered. In addition to the draft legislation, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued guidance to states and regional agencies in preparation for an Economic Recovery/Stimulus Act. At the Management Committee meeting, MAG staff will explain key components of the proposed legislation and FHWA guidance regarding the Economic Recovery/Stimulus Act.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information, discussion, and possible action regarding the amount of funding potentially made available to the MAG region.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

- 8. Draft MAG Eight-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan

The Draft MAG Eight-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan demonstrates that the eight-hour ozone standard of .08 parts per million will continue to be met through 2025 with existing measures in place. This standard was established by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1997. No violations of this ozone standard have occurred since 2004. The Environmental Protection Agency is being requested to redesignate this area to attainment status. On January 29, 2009, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the MAG Eight-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa Nonattainment Area. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 8. Recommend adoption of the Draft MAG Eight-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa Nonattainment Area.

GENERAL ITEMS

- 9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

- 9. Information, discussion and possible action.

- 10. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

- 10. Information.