

February 10, 2009

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Steve Berman, Gilbert, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 18, 2009**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>		
<p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>		
<p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy 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. 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 Transportation Policy 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.</p>	<p>3. Information.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>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 (*).</p>	<p>4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.</p>	

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

<p>*4A. <u>Approval of the January 21, 2009, Meeting Minutes</u></p>		<p>4A. Review and approval of the January 21, 2009, meeting minutes.</p>
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ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

<p>5. <u>Transportation Planning Update</u></p> <p>Staff will present an update of the revised financial status of the MAG Freeway Program, review cost saving strategies that have been identified in</p>		<p>5. Information and discussion.</p>
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working with the Arizona Department of Transportation consultants and provide additional information on revised costs for the South Mountain Freeway.

6. Federal Economic Recovery/Stimulus Update

On February 10, 2009, the United States Senate passed their version of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. A conference committee has been scheduled to reconcile the Senate and House versions of the bill. It is expected that Congress will act on this legislation by Friday, February 13, 2009. Presidential action is expected the week of February 17, 2009. If the final bill is passed and signed prior to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting, a general outline of the components of the legislation will be provided at the TPC meeting. In anticipation of final bill passage, MAG staff has been working with the MAG member agencies to review eligibility criteria for projects that have been submitted. To date, the House and Senate versions differ regarding how funding is distributed and timing for obligating projects. A working group meeting to assist the MAG member agencies was held on February 10, 2009, and another meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2009. Due to the limited time expected for member agencies to obligate the federal funds, it is anticipated that a list of projects ready for construction may be provided for the February 25, 2009, Regional Council meeting.

6. Information, discussion, and possible action.