

October 21, 2008

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee
FROM: Kerry Wilcoxon, Chair, MAG Transportation Safety Committee
SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2008- 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office Building, 2nd Floor, Cholla Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Safety 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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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Call To Order</u>2. <u>Approval of July 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes</u>3. <u>Call to Audience</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Review and approve minutes of the meeting held on July 22, 2008.3. For information. |
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An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety 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 members request an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Program Managers Report

The following items will be addressed:

- Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council (GTSAC) Activities
- Safe Routes To School Program Cycle 3 Call for Projects
- Elderly Mobility Sign Project
- MAG On-Call Consultants

5. Highway Safety Improvement Program funds for COGs and MPOs and Project Selection Process

The state has provided some information on the efforts to develop and implement the state's new Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), a new core program of SAFETEA-LU. At the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council meeting held on August 6, 2008, Arizona DOT announced a new process for distributing federal funds for road safety improvements. The new process is expected to replace the previous Highway Enhancements for Safety (HES) Program, starting in FY 2009.

The new process would result in the suballocation of about \$900,000 to MAG each fiscal year. These funds are intended to be spent on local safety improvement projects that would require no environmental and right-of-way clearances. In order to utilize these funds it is required that MAG must develop a systemwide network screening process to identify regional road safety priorities.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and discussion and possible action to recommend the adoption of a network screening process for safety project selection.

Projects recommended for HSIP funds must also have a Benefit to Cost (B/C) ratio greater than 1. A draft network screening process has been developed by MAG staff and is described in Attachment One. The proposed screening methodology is based on the current practice in Pima County and is also similar to a process used by the City of Peoria. The committee will review the screening process make modifications and if possible adopt a final version.

6. Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Template

At the last meeting, held on July 22, 2008, the committee reviewed the state's document on how to develop a Pedestrian Safety Action Plans. At the time, MAG staff was requested to develop a comprehensive template for use by local agencies for developing Pedestrian Safety Action Plans. A draft document on Steps for Developing a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan was emailed to each committee member for review and is also provided as Attachment Two. This document will be discussed and finalized.

7. School Site Selection White Paper

At the last committee meeting the topic of School Site Selection was discussed by the committee. A few members noted several on-going efforts to address this issue nationally. MAG staff was requested to prepare a white paper on this topic. The observations in the white paper in Attachment Three will be presented to the committee.

8. Potential Regional Projects for ADOT SRTS funding

The state's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, administered by the Arizona DOT, provides an opportunity to apply for a grant that could be used to enhance the annual school crossing guard training event. Many crossing guards that attend this event will benefit from receiving a full set of safety equipment that would include: a vest, a hat and a STOP paddle. A grant from ADOT will make it

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8. For information, discussion and possible action by the committee to recommend that staff prepare and submit an application to ADOT for an SRTS grant.

possible to purchase and distribute 500 safety kits. The attendance at the two training events held in 2008 totaled 450.

9. Campaign on Recommended Motorist Actions at Crash Sites

A goal identified in the MAG Transportation Safety Plan calls for an effort to educate the traveling public on safe motorist actions at crash sites. This was previously discussed at the meeting held on July 22, 2008. The committee felt that it would be appropriate to recommend a project to GTSAC Communications Subcommittee to develop and Public Safety Announcement (PSA).

10. Meeting Schedule for 2009

At present the committee meets quarterly, on the fourth Tuesday of the first month in each quarter. The committee meetings for 2009 will follow the same schedule. Please see Attachment Four for the 2009 meeting schedule.

11. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Members will be requested to report agency activities or current issues that are related to transportation safety.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 27, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

13. Adjournment

9. For information, discussion possible action to recommend the development of a Public Safety Announcement (PSA) on Recommended Motorist Actions at Crash Sites, by the GTSAC Communication Subcommittee.

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11. For information and discussion.

12. For information.