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TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee  
Participating Agency Staff

FROM: Chris Voigt, Senior Engineer

SUBJECT: FINAL REPORT FOR THE MAG PARK AND RIDE SITE SELECTION PROJECT

Please find attached for your files a copy of the Executive Summary of the final report for the MAG Park and Ride Site Selection Study, along with a CD-ROM received recently from the consultant containing a complete copy of the full report. Also enclosed are an updated map of the regional Park and Ride System as incorporated into the 2001 update of MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and a current listing of all of the park and ride projects contained in the MAG 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Local agencies will be responsible for implementing all phases of park and ride projects programmed for their jurisdictions, including environmental clearance/pre-design, right of way acquisition, design and construction.

The attached LRTP map and TIP listing reflect changes that have occurred to date and will continue to occur in the exact locations and timing for construction of the individual park and ride lots since the original study was completed and approved by the Regional Council in January 2001. One reason for changes is that the environmental clearance process required for each park and ride lot requires a consideration of alternative sites, which means that the locations following the environmental process may differ slightly from the initial locations recommended in the study. A second reason for changes is ongoing development may eliminate a site that was recommended initially or make it less competitive with other local sites. Site changes are however restricted generally to the target areas established for each site as marked in the map in the Executive Summary, which target specific high demand corridors and areas for the new facilities. Any needed changes to the locations of the recommended lots following the individual environmental clearance processes will be reflected in annual updates of the MAG LRTP.

The Park and Ride Executive Summary contains a map of the recommended target areas for each park and ride lot, as noted above, and a table listing the relative order of priority for the lots to be constructed. The relative priorities generally were determined using the technical criteria listed in the Executive Summary and detailed in the main report. Currently twelve of the twenty sites have been programmed. The remaining sites will be programmed as additional funding becomes available, which is expected to average one per year until the system is completed. As the funding sources are a mix of local, state and federal funds, a uniform twenty percent matching requirement was established for all projects currently programmed and will be expected to also be applied for future projects to be programmed.

For your reference, the Design Criteria working paper included in the main report recommends criteria or standards for construction of park and ride lots that may be useful to local agencies in the pre-design and design stages of the park and ride projects. The Costs working paper also included in the main report reviews may also be a useful reference in the design phases for identifying potential high cost areas, such as areas of maintenance.

Thank you for participating in this project. If you have any general questions or comments about the project or its recommendations, please contact me at (602) 254-6300 or [cvoigt@mag.maricopa.gov](mailto:cvoigt@mag.maricopa.gov). If you wish to review or discuss programming options, please contact the MAG Programming Manager, Paul Ward, at (602) 254-6300 or [pward@mag.maricopa.gov](mailto:pward@mag.maricopa.gov).

Attachments