

January 16, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24, 2001  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
January 24, 2001**

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>		
<p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>		
<p>3. <u>Approval of December 13, 2000 Meeting Minutes</u></p>		<p>3. Review and approve December 13, 2000 meeting minutes.</p>
<p>4. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. 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 Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.</p>		<p>4. For information.</p>
<p>5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.</p>		<p>5. For information and discussion.</p>
<p>6. <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, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p>		<p>6. Approve the Consent Agenda.</p>

**\* ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

<p>*7. <u>Amendment of MAG Transportation Model Enhancements Consultant Contract for Station Demand Forecasting</u></p> <p>The Regional Public Transportation Authority has provided MAG with funding for staff support and</p>		<p>7. Amend the consultant contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade &amp; Douglas for transportation model enhancements from \$313,000 to \$413,000.</p>
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transit modeling improvements. Staff is recommending that the consultant contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas be amended to continue with the refinements to the model for transit purposes. This would increase the present contract from \$313,000 to \$413,000. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**\*8. Projects and Consultant Approval for MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Program**

On November 17, 2000, the MAG Pedestrian Working Group recommended that eight consultants be included on the on-call list. The Working Group also recommended that the following receive design assistance: 1) The City of Glendale – \$50,000, Creating a More Walkable City One Mile at a Time; 2) City of Avondale – \$30,000, Western Avenue Pedestrian Friendly Design Project; and 3) City of Phoenix – \$50,000, South Mountain to River Multi-Use Trail System. The Working Group requested that staff investigate how to fully fund the top three proposals, since FY 2001 funds are presently limited to \$125,000. Staff is proposing that \$5,000 of FY 2001 STP funds be allocated to allow for full funding of the City of Phoenix Design Assistance Project. The Management Committee concurred with these recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**\*9. ADOT Tentative Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System**

Each year, the Arizona Department of Transportation prepares the Tentative Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System and releases it for public review and comment. The Program provides the detailed plan for the design and construction of the MAG Freeway Plan for the period FY 2001 through FY 2007 given available resources. The Tentative Life Cycle Program incorporates updated revenue projections and cost estimates to reflect the latest information available. The sequence of projects reflects the adopted priorities and the accelerated

8. Approve the on-call consultants recommended by the MAG Pedestrian Working Group to provide pedestrian design assistance and to select the following projects to receive the pedestrian design assistance: 1) The City of Glendale – \$50,000, Creating a More Walkable City One Mile at a Time; 2) City of Avondale – \$30,000, Western Avenue Pedestrian Friendly Design Project; and 3) City of Phoenix – \$50,000, South Mountain to River Multi-Use Trail System. Also, to use \$5,000 of FY 2001 STP funds to allow for funding of the City of Phoenix Design Assistance Project.

\*9. Approve the Tentative Freeway Life Cycle Program for the MAG Freeway System for public review and comment.

schedule to complete the Regional Freeway Program in 2007. The Management Committee recommended the Program for public review and comment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*10. Amendment to the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Funding from the Arizona Department of Transportation and Amendment of the URS Corporation Consultant Contract for Phase I of the Regional Transportation Plan

In November, the Regional Council approved having URS Corporation develop the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. As part of this project, expert forums are planned to be conducted in February/March, 2001. To assist in this effort, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has agreed to provide \$30,000 to support a series of five half-day expert panel forums. The change in project scope requires a change in the project budget from \$510,000 to \$540,000 and an amendment to the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Management Committee concurred with these amendments. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*11. Park and Ride Site Selection

On December 12, 2000, the Transportation Review Committee reviewed and recommended sites for twenty new park and ride lots across the region. The recommendations for programming of ten near term lots are expected to be carried forward into the annual MAG programming process. The draft final report and its recommendations are on the agenda for addition to the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the TRC with the exception that the lot in target area 12/13 not be added to the MAG Plan and that the funds recommended for that area be held for further consideration at a future meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Approve the following: (1) Amendment to the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept \$30,000 from the Arizona Department of Transportation to support development of Phase I of the Regional Transportation Plan and (2) amend the consultant contract with the URS Corporation for Phase I of the Regional Transportation Plan from \$510,000 to \$540,000.

11. Approve the following: 1) The draft final project report and recommendations for twenty new park and ride lots for addition to the next update of MAG Long Range Transportation Plan; and 2) The draft program for ten lots with the understanding that the programming for the lot in Tempe, listed as Priority #11 in the draft consultant report, be advanced and programmed seventh, with lots in Phoenix, Mesa and Goodyear programmed eighth, ninth and tenth, respectively, with the final programming for all lots to be done as part of the annual MAG programming process for all projects. Also, notwithstanding the above recommendation, that a lot in target area 12/13 not be added to the MAG Plan and that the funds recommended for programming for that area be held for further consideration at a future meeting.

GENERAL ITEMS

- \*12. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Goodyear/Litchfield Park Service Company Palm Valley and Sarival Water Reclamation Facilities

The City of Goodyear has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Palm Valley and Sarival Water Reclamation Facilities. The City of Avondale, Town of Buckeye, City of Litchfield Park, and unincorporated Maricopa County are within three miles of the projects. All of the jurisdictions have indicated they do not object to the proposed facilities. The City of Glendale has indicated they do not object to the facilities accepting flow from a portion of the Glendale wastewater planning and service area, which is currently directed to the Casitas Bonitas Wastewater Treatment Facility. The MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- \*13. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Goodyear South Planning and Service Area

The City of Goodyear has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Lum Basin Water Reclamation Facility, an expanded capacity for the Waterman Basin Facility, and the expansion of the existing Corgett Basin Facility. Unincorporated Maricopa County is within three miles of the project and does not object to the proposed facilities. The MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee and the Management Committee have recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 12. Approve the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Goodyear/Litchfield Park Service Company Palm Valley and Sarival Water Reclamation Facilities.

- 13. Approve the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Goodyear South Planning and Service Area.

\*14. Consultant Selection for MAG Regional Community Wide Area Network Study and Implementation Plan

The MAG 2001 Unified Planning Work Program includes a study to establish a MAG Regional Community Wide Area Network Study and Implementation Plan. MAG received seven proposals from consulting firms and is recommending that Kimley-Horn be recommended to prepare the study for an amount not to exceed \$225,000. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation to select Kimley-Horn. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*15. Consultant Selection for MAG Web Update and Enhancement Project

The MAG 2001 Unified Planning Work Program includes a project to update and enhance the MAG Website. In response to a Request for Qualifications, MAG received fourteen statements of qualifications from companies interested in undertaking the MAG Web Update and Enhancement Project. Following multiagency review and interviews, it is recommended that MAG negotiate a contract with Veridian for the interactive mapping portion of the MAG Web Update and Enhancement Project for an amount not to exceed \$40,000; and negotiate a contract with Market NOW to undertake tasks associated with the update of the Website for a cost not to exceed \$60,000. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*16. Amendment to the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept a Grant from the Arizona Community Foundation

MAG received a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Arizona Community Foundation to partially support year-round planning to develop an effective and efficient system of services and housing for our Valley's homeless population. The grant is also to enable the support needed to develop and submit an application to the U. S.

14. Approve Kimley-Horn Associates to undertake the MAG Regional Community Wide Area Network Study and Implementation Plan for an amount not to exceed \$225,000.

15. Approve MAG to negotiate and execute a contract with Veridian for the interactive mapping portion of the MAG Web Update and Enhancement Project for an amount not to exceed \$40,000, and negotiate and execute a contract with Market NOW to update and enhance the remaining portions of the MAG Website for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

16. Amend the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept a \$25,000 grant from the Arizona Community Foundation to partially support homeless planning functions approved by the Regional Council.

Department of Housing and Urban Development for Stewart B. McKinney Act funds. The Management Committee recommended amending the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept these funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*17. Consultant Assistance for the MAG Growing Smarter Implementation Project

MAG received FHWA Transportation and Community and System Preservation Program grant funds to conduct a regional Growing Smarter Implementation Project. As an element of this grant, staff is requesting that \$60,000 be added to the contract with Applied Economics to provide additional socioeconomic database development, fiscal modeling, school facility impact modeling, and sales tax base modeling. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17. Amend the contract with Applied Economics to add \$60,000, (increasing the contract from \$97,483 to \$157,483), to provide additional socioeconomic database development, fiscal modeling, school facility impact modeling, and sales tax base modeling for the MAG Growing Smarter Implementation Project.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

18. Loop 303 Preferred Alignment

At their December 12, 2000 meeting, the Transportation Review Committee recommended the Lone Mountain alignment as the preferred alternative for the 303 connection to Interstate 17. It is envisioned that it would be constructed as a parkway, with access only at major arterial intersections, with sufficient right-of-way to be purchased for a fully controlled access facility. In addition, it was recommended that the New River alignment would be designated for further study. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation with a modification describing the Lone Mountain alignment as the preferred option. On January 16, 2001, the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee concurred with the recommendation of the Management Committee, with the understanding that the 303 corridor be included in the next update of the

18. Approve the Lone Mountain Alignment as the preferred option for the Loop 303 connection with Interstate 17 in the next update of the Long Range Transportation Plan, to be constructed as a limited access parkway with access only at major arterial intersections and for sufficient right-of-way to be purchased for a fully controlled access facility. In addition, the New River Alignment would be designated for further study in the Regional Transportation Plan.

MAG Long Range Transportation Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

19A. Recommendation of Projects for CMAQ Funding in FY 2006 of the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

It is currently estimated that \$35 million will be available in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for programming projects in FY 2006. Approximately 88 CMAQ eligible project requests were received totaling \$178 million. These projects were evaluated and received Congestion Management System and Air Quality Emission Reduction scores. MAG Modal Committees ranked these projects. On November 21, 2000, the Transportation Review Committee recommended projects to receive these funds. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the TRC except that the source of the funding was changed for two projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

19B. ADOT Cooperatively Developed FY 2002-2006 Highway Construction Program

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century requires that projects included in the 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be cooperatively developed by MAG, ADOT and the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). A listing of projects has been cooperatively developed by these agencies and recommended by the Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

19A. Approve the projects recommended by the Management Committee for MAG Federal funding in FY 2006 and to include those projects in the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment.

19B. Approve the cooperatively developed ADOT funded projects for the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment.

**GENERAL ITEM**

20. Acceptance of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

The public accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30,

20. Accept the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2000.



2000. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on November 6, 2000 on the General Purpose Financial Statements (GPFS) and on the combining and individual financial statements in relation to the GPFS. 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. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the audit. Please refer to the enclosed material.

21. Follow-up on January 12, 2001 MAG Regional Council Retreat

On January 12, 2001, a retreat was held for the MAG Regional Council. The retreat explored growth and development for this region to the year 2040. A report on the retreat discussion will be presented to the members of the Regional Council.

21. For information and discussion.