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March 21, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Tom Callow, City of Phoenix Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, March 29, 2007, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Eileen Yazzie at (602) 254-6300.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Draft February 22, 2007 Minutes
3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review 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 Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

### COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Approve Draft minutes of the February 22, 2007 meeting.
3. For information and discussion.
4. For information and discussion.
5. For information and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

6. Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity

The Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity provides Valley residents the opportunity to comment on plans and programs at the point of initial plan analysis. The information provided includes all input received through

6. For information.

the Joint Transportation Public Hearing held on Friday, March 9, 2007. A transcript of that hearing is included in Attachment One.

7. ADOT Red Letter Process

In June of 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the ADOT Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. Upon request any of the notices can be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. Please refer to the materials in Attachment Two.

7. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

8. Proposed Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an ITS Project

An Administrative Adjustment is needed for ITS project CHN07-301 to change the lead agency and modify the scope. This project involves four agencies: Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, and Tempe. It originally had the City of Chandler as the lead agency and is changing the lead agency to the City of Tempe, due to its status as a self-certified agency. ADOT Local government section has asked for a new TIP project number accurately depicting it as a City of Tempe project. Please see Attachment Three. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Interim Closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 MAG Federally Funded Program

The initial list of federally funded projects that are requesting to be deferred will be handed out at the TRC meeting. The deadline for member agencies to submit requests for

8. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend an Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2011 TIP.

9. Action to recommend a list of projects to be carried forward from FY 2007 to a later fiscal year, and to make recommendations on possible priorities for utilizing available MAG federal funds in the FY 2007 closeout process.

projects that can utilize these funds by the end of the Federal Fiscal Year, particularly current TIP projects that can be advanced, is April 26, 2007.

10 Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP - Listing of Projects)

The Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP (Listing of Projects) has now been developed and is in the final stages of review prior to undergoing an air quality conformity analysis. An updated draft copy of the Listing of Projects is included as Attachment Four and will also be sent to interested parties. The draft TIP is expected to be approved by the MAG Regional Council on April 25, 2007, to undergo an air quality conformity analysis. Any changes to regionally significant projects notified after this stage may need to be processed separately from the draft TIP as part of a TIP Errata Sheet. Any changes to projects included in the attached version will be notified to members on Errata Sheets.

11. Conformity Analysis of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans and programs be in conformance with applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, an air quality conformity analysis will be conducted on the "Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan- 2007 Update," prior to consideration for final approval. The 2007 RTP Update has been structured so that it fully complies with the regional transportation planning requirements of the Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). These requirements must be met for plans adopted or amended after July 1, 2007. The 2007 RTP Update addresses several new topics to respond to

10. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP to undergo an air quality conformity analysis.

11. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update for air quality conformity analysis.

SAFETEA-LU, including consultation on environmental mitigation and resource conservation, transportation security, and an updated public participation process. In addition, it includes revised revenue estimates, and updated life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. Please refer to Attachment Five. Also note that a full copy of the 2007 RTP Update can be viewed on the MAG website.

12. Update and Status of Valley Metro Rail Planning Activities

Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (METRO) is charged with planning, building and operating the light rail transit system for the region. Staff from METRO will provide an update on current and upcoming light rail planning activities, including the following: 1) Northwest LRT Extension in Phoenix; 2) Transit System Configuration Study; 3) Glendale High Capacity/Light Rail Transit Sub-Regional Feasibility Study; 4) Mesa Alternatives Analysis; and 5) I-10 West Corridor Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Please see Attachment Six.

13. Member Agency Update

This section of the Agenda will provide Committee members with an opportunity to share information regarding a variety of transportation-related issues within their respective communities.

14. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information and discussion.

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