

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP AND THE
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, October 17, 2006 - 1:30pm.
MAG Office Building, Cholla Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tami Ryall, Gilbert, Chair, Regional Bicycle Task Force and Acting Chair of the Pedestrian Working Group	Farhad Tavassoli, Goodyear Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park Peggy Rubach, Maricopa County
*Bruce Meyers, ADOA Gen. Services	Mitch Foy, Mesa
Michael Sanders, ADOT	Brandon Forrey, Peoria
Brian Fellows, ADOT	Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Michael Eagan, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Srinivas Goundla, Phoenix
Janeen Gaskins, Avondale	*Randi Alcott, RPTA
Thomas Chlebanowski, Buckeye	Dawn Coomer, Scottsdale
Michael Normand, Chandler	Reed Kempton, Scottsdale
Bill Lazenby, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists	Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Mark Smith, El Mirage	Bart Wingard, Surprise
Steve Hancock, Glendale	

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale

1. Call to Order

Tami Ryall called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the September 19 and 26, 2006 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Janeen Gaskins moved to approve and Mitch Foy seconded the move to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group for September 19 and 26, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group 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 were requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes was provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items were given an opportunity at the time the item was heard.

There were no members of the public present.

4. Review and Ranking of the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects.

On September 1, 2006, jurisdictions submitted bicycle and pedestrian projects for the FY2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). There is \$9 million dollars available for bicycle and pedestrian projects.

FEDERAL FUNDING REQUESTED

#1 PRIORITY PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS

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Buckeye - Sidewalk 1900 feet on Eason and 7th Street	\$ 221,550
Fountain Hills Sidewalk on Shea Blvd. (142nd Street-Eagle Mountain Parkway	\$ 273,000
Mesa - 8 Pedestrian Refuge Shelters on the Fiesta Pathway	\$ 998,870
Phoenix - Sidewalk on Hatcher Road from 3rd to 5th Streets	\$ 840,000
Surprise - Replace asphalt with concrete sidewalks West Bell Rd	\$ 892,500
Tempe - Sidewalks and Bike lanes Apache Blvd	<u>\$ 1,938,096</u>
	\$ 5,164,016

#1 PRIORITY BICYCLE PROJECTS

Avondale - Thomas Road alignment across the Agua Fria River	\$ 700,000
Chandler - Chandler Blvd at the Price Road/Loop 101 Traffic interchange	\$ 938,889
Gilbert - Bicycle Crossings & Safety Improvements to 5 intersections	\$ 490,000
Glendale - Multi-use bridge project spanning Loop 101 at 63rd Avenue	\$ 1,369,200
Goodyear - Yuma Road, Estrella Parkway to Litchfield Road	\$ 251,300
Scottsdale - Arizona Canal, Chaparral Rd., to McDonald Dr.	<u>\$ 1,208,076</u>
	\$4,957,465

2 PRIORITY PROJECTS

Tempe - Sidewalks and Bike lanes Hardy Dr	\$ 1,645,130
Glendale - Grand Canal maintenance roads from Loop 101 to New River	\$ 723,800
Scottsdale - Central Arizona Project Canal, Via Linda to Sweetwater	\$ 1,357,382
Scottsdale - Sidewalk on Thomas Road, 64th St. to Pima Rd.	\$ 2,768,016
Gilbert - Sidewalks in the Gilbert Heritage District Downtown Phase I	\$ 490,000
Goodyear - Sidewalk on Yuma Road, Estrella Parkway to Litchfield Road	<u>\$ 593,530</u>
	\$ 7,577,858

Tami Ryall asked the committee if they needed to hear a three minute presentation or just discuss the funding. The committee agreed to discuss the funding.

Tami Ryall put forth a proposal in which every city would get their number one priority project funded. Tempe has requested that their number one project be switched so that the Hardy Drive now becomes the number one project. Tempe would accept \$1,193, 891 for the Hardy project. The city of Glendale would accept \$1,100,000 and Scottsdale would accept \$1,100,000.

Dawn Coomer moved and Peggy Rubach seconded the motion to accept the new funding on the projects.

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	\$ 4,580,189

TOTAL \$9,000,000

Eric Iwerson noted that the geographic distribution is more equitable for all the cities. Mitch Foy reported that the city of Mesa divided their project into four affordable phases. Tami Ryall encouraged all cities to apply for funding by dividing the projects into phases. Next year, Tami Ryall suggested that the committee discuss project size before submission of projects. Federal rules do not preclude this type of appropriation. Mitch Foy noted that splitting projects into phases is a very workable solution. Tami Ryall said that a good approach is to request the design phase in one year and have the construction phase follow in a separate year.

Peggy Rubach reported that Prop 400 has funding for Park and Rides and one issue is prioritizing the building of the lots. The decision may be made at the local level to potentially work with a developer, land leases or bonding.

Janeen Gaskins suggested that at the close-out process, it should be emphasized that bike and ped projects are multimodal and help get people to both transit and rail.

Mark Smith asked if the bike education is going to be funded. Maureen DeCindis reported that the bike education project will now go through the MAG Unified Planning Work Program process.

Construction costs are escalating. Many committee members shared stories of construction difficulties. Cement and steel tend to be the most expensive costs. Mitch Foy asked if asphalt is being used. Tami Ryall noted that Tucson is using a sand colored asphalt. Eric Iwerson noted that the maintenance costs for asphalt are more expensive. Tami Ryall said that Gilbert is exploring mixing earth into the compound. Reed Kempton noted that sections of the Indian Bend wash even though built of cement are 30 years old and need repair and widening.

Eric Iwerson reported that the Tour de Tempe is on Sunday on October 22, 2006. Tempe expects 1,600 people to ride on Sunday. The Tour de Fat is on Saturday October 21, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at Tempe Beach Park.

Brandon Forrey reported that Glendale and Peoria are hosting a bike ride on Saturday October 21, 2006 called a Trail of Two Cities starting at the sports complex to Skunk Creek. Reed Kempton noted that Scottsdale is opening up Thompson Peak Parkway so bicyclists can avoid 101 Freeway.

There is a bike helmet safety video featuring Michael Sanders now showing on Channel 11. There is Silent Sunday bike event on October 22, 2006 at South Mountain Park in which the park will be closed to vehicles.

Janeen Gaskins introduced a new Avondale Transit Coordinator.

Brian Fellows reported that funding for non infrastructure projects will be available in November. The project cap will be \$45,000 for Safe Routes to School projects.

Dawn Coomer reported that Scottsdale is promoting a new Walk, Bike and Take the Bus to school event at GrayHawk Elementary in Scottsdale.

Peggy Rubach asked when the new MAG bike map will be printed. Maureen DeCindis replied that the updating process will begin in 2007.

The Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists has a Road One class for free for all committee members. The class will be held during the week. This will be a shortened class and held from 9am to 5pm. The site has not been chosen as yet. At least five to ten members must apply. Bill Lazenby passed out applications.