

October 5, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

FROM: Reed Kempton, Scottsdale, Chair of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.
MAG Offices, Ironwood Room, Second Floor
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. Committee members may attend the meeting either in **person, by video conference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG site five days before the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 744-5840 and the meeting I.D. is 2453.

If you are attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting and parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the parking garage.

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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 to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership. 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, please contact Maureen DeCindis at (602) 452-5073, or send email to mdecindis@azmag.gov.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the August 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the 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 the Committee requests 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. Please fill out blue cards for Call to the Audience and yellow cards for Action Items.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Staff and committee members are invited to provide an update of pedestrian and bicycle-related activity in their agencies.

5. Bike to Bus Project

MAG staff will present the final concepts for the Bike to Bus project including a bike education website.

2. For information, discussion and action to approve the meeting minutes of the August 16, 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting.

3. For information.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and discussion.

6. Federal Highways Presentation

Sharon Gordon of Federal Highways will discuss changes in the FHWA/ADOT process that affect local jurisdictions implementing federally funded projects.

7. Bicycle Map - Review Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists Recommendations

The committee will review the recommendations from the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists on the facilities depicted on the MAG Regional Bikeways Map.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics.

9. Next Meetings

All meetings will be on the third Tuesday of the month in the Ironwood Room at 1:30 p.m., except where otherwise noted.

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6. For information and discussion.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion.

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.
RPTA Office Building, Chaparral Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Reed Kempton, Scottsdale, Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	* Ken Maruyama for Tami Ryall, Gilbert Steve Hancock, Glendale
Kristen Sexton for Margaret Boone-Pixley, Avondale, Vice-Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	* Joe Schmitz, Goodyear Paul Ward for Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
Michael Sanders, ADOT	Denise Lacey, Maricopa County
Tiffany Halperin, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Jim Hash, Mesa
* Robert Wisener, Buckeye	Brandon Forrey, Peoria, Katherine Coles, Phoenix
* D.J. Stapley, Carefree	Dawn Coomer, RPTA
Chris Mosley for Bob Beane, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists	* Karen Savage, Surprise Eric Iwersen, Tempe
* Jason Crampton, Chandler	
* Douglas Strong, El Mirage	

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Lynn Mushorn, cyclist	Richard Mushon, cyclist
Leticia Vargas, Phoenix	Maryann Batice, student
Kathy Mills, Coalition of Az. Bicyclists	Peter Schelstradede, Tempe Trans. Comm. Vincent Lopez, County Public Health

1. Call to Order

Reed Kempton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the August 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Katherine Coles moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for August 16, 2011. Brandon Forrey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reed Kempton noted that the pages of the minutes should be numbered. Under the section discussing Bike Map Definitions, change it to AASHTO guidelines not standards.

3. Call to the Audience

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Lyn Vershorn of the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists spoke about safety concerns on a three mile segment of Rio Verde Road that is an extension of Dynamite Road as it meets Scottsdale Road. She expressed concerns that there are no bike lanes and no wide outside lanes and the traffic speed is 60-70 miles per hour.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis reported that ASU PURL (Phoenix Urban Research Lab) has contacted MAG to bring in Dan Burden, Livable Cities. Maureen DeCindis asked for conference/workshop ideas that MAG member agencies would find useful. Katherine Coles just submitted their HUD grant and for all planning around rail areas.

Maureen DeCindis reported that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Bicycle Count project was made public on Friday September 16, 2011. It is now available on the MAG website.

Maureen DeCindis reported that the following communities have not submitted their updated bike map information: Avondale, Buckeye, Carefree, El Mirage, Gilbert, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, MCDOT, and Phoenix.

Maureen DeCindis asked the committee if they would like a presentation from ADOT on the new Self-Administered Projects Preliminary Engineering policy at the October meeting. Denise Lacey said that would be a good idea. Paul Ward explained that this program is directed toward Enhancements Projects.

Reed Kempton reported that Valley Forward held their 31st Annual Environmental Excellence Awards on September 17, 2011 and Scottsdale received two Crescordia awards for the Soleri Bridge and Plaza and an Award of Merit for 96th Street Improvement. He also said that Glendale received the Award of Merit for their Bike/Ped Bridge at Loop 101 and 63rd Avenue. Reed Kempton proudly announced that the League of American Bicyclists announced that Scottsdale received Gold status; Phoenix received an Honorable Mention; Tempe received Silver.

Eric Iwersen announced that Tempe has scheduled a ribbon cutting for the Tempe Town Lake Bridge at 6:30 a.m. on October 18, 2011. There will be a press release. Tempe opened a one-mile segment of

Cross Cut Canal pathway that connects two parks and links to Scottsdale.

Brandon Forrey announced that the city of Peoria is hosting a dedication on the New River Path on October 15, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to noon which will feature a 13-mile bike ride. Peoria and Glendale are co-hosting A Trail of Two Cities bike ride once again as part of Arizona on the Move at the Peoria Sports Complex on October 22, 2011.

Eric Iwersen announced the Tempe Tour de Fat on October 15, 2011 at Tempe Town Lake. This event benefits the area non-profits and puts money back into the community.

Michael Sanders announced that ADOT is updating the ADOT Bike and Ped Statewide Plan. There are representatives from all MPO's, COG's, the Arizona Bicycle Coalition, the health department and Department of Public Safety.

Paul Ward reported that Litchfield Park will begin construction in January on the underpass at Wigwam Blvd

5. Bike to Bus Project

MAG staff explained that this topic will be tabled till the next meeting.

6. Discussion on Funding

The committee was asked to discuss funding opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian projects for the future. Reed Kempton noted that he was waiting to see if Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Enhancements stay in place. Maureen DeCindis noted that Margaret Boone-Pixley wanted to be here to lead the discussion but was called out to another meeting.

Paul Ward explained that SAFETEA-LU is still subsidized by the general fund. The user fee or gas tax fee needs to be increased to fund current levels. A consequence of the decrease at the federal funding level would be to combine bike and ped programs with larger transportation programs, but then the bike and ped projects would compete directly with road projects. One state, Tennessee, has a law that says the if the federal funds decrease the state funds will automatically fill in the gap. That is not the case in Arizona.

Reed Kempton noted that Tucson Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) funds the 5.7% match needed by local jurisdictions for Enhancements funds. Paul Ward noted that in the MAG region, the RTP here has designated CMAQ funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Federal funds cannot be used for a match for other federal funds. The only way to do this would be to exchange CMAQ funds with local funds.

7. Bicycle Map Facilities Categories

The committee was asked if there was any further discussion on the types of bicycle and shared-use facilities that will be depicted on the MAG Regional Bikeways Map.

Brandon Forrey expressed that he likes *bike routes* and that the definition works well as it is.

The Coalition will have their updates to the bike map ready for the October meeting for the committee to review.

8. Bicycle Friendly Communities

Reed Kempton spoke about the importance of all the cities in the MAG region to apply for Bicycle Friendly status through the League of American Bicyclists program. At the moment, only the east valley cities have received recognition. In the past Goodyear and Peoria have applied. The new application process on-line is very challenging. It is like writing a dissertation. The jurisdiction must allow plenty of time. The questions are very complicated and retrieving the information can be quite time consuming. Reed Kempton would like all the cities recognized and the cities that have qualified to increase their ranking. He offered the services of his department to assist member agencies. The next round is in February, 2012. Reed Kempton will make the Scottsdale application available for cities to review. This is a very worthwhile program that is now on a four- year cycle which allows cities to show significant changes.

Eric Iwersen said that the application forces you to engage other departments and gives a base line and platform to build from that. Lengthy process but worth it.

Chris Mosely noted that the Coalition is sent applications to review. The Coalition will help any community that would like to apply. The effort this committee is doing for the education will go a long way on the application as well as infrastructure improvements.

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