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TO: Members of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

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

SUBJECT: REVISED MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.  
MAG Offices, **Chaparral 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.

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## TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the December 13, 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. MAG Bike Count Project

Sherry Ryan of Fehrs & Peers will present the draft scope for the MAG Bike Count Project. Committee members will be give input as to the direction and focus of the project.

2. For information, discussion and action to approve the meeting minutes of the December 13, 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting.

3. For information.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and discussion.

6. MAG Bike Map

MAG staff will present the first draft of the 2012 MAG Regional Bikeways Map. Committee members will be asked to review and comment.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics.

8. 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.

February 21, 2012

~~March 20, 2012~~ cancelled

April 17, 2012

May 15, 2012

June 19, 2012

July 17, 2012

August 21, 2012

September 18, 2012

October 16, 2012

November 20, 2012

December 18, 2012 (noon)

6. For information and discussion.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information and discussion.

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at noon  
MAG Office Building, Ironwood Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Vincent Lopez, Maricopa County Health Dept.  
Peter Schelstraete, Tempe Transportation Commission

1. Call to Order

Margaret Boone-Pixley called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

2. Approval of the November 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Dawn Coomer moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for November 15, 2011. Jim Hash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

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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 and the Pedestrian Committee 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. No one addressed the committee.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis announced that the Transportation Enhancements applications are due on Monday December 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to MAG.

Joe Schmidt reported that Goodyear recently lost a lawsuit on cattle guards with over \$400K in damages and the city had to pay 60% of the damages. One point brought out in the lawsuit was the fact that because the city sits on the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian committee, the city should have known about the correct position of the cattle guard grates. Joe Schmidt suggested that committee members double check with their maintenance and streets staff to avoid risk. Use this experience as a cautionary tale to review this issue in each city.

Paul Ward asked if there is anything written regarding cattle guards in the MAG Pedestrian Design Guidelines. Maureen DeCindis responded that there is no mention of cattle guards in the document. Joe Schmidt explained that the information was in the ADOT Statewide Bike Plan that discusses retrofit solutions. The state plan recommended retrofits. Goodyear does not address cattle guards in their specs and standards. This could be a problem for local jurisdictions. The apparent standard is to have a gap that is less than 1/4" wide and six inches long and placed parallel to direction of travel.

Jason Crampton asked if these narrow ratios serve its purpose to keep cattle out of roadway. Joe Schmidt responded that cattle guards come in nine foot sections that are lifted by heavy equipment. The box it sits over needs to be cleaned out periodically to create depth to prevent the cows crossing. There are painted options in some states. There are also gaps for expansion and contraction and makes it very hard to make it safe for bikes.

Mike Sanders also explained that ADOT has a standard for the clamp on the guard. In the past few years, ADOT received funding to retrofit the cattle guards. A survey of bicyclists was conducted to determine the location of the retrofits.

Joe Schmidt added that Goodyear has had many cow/vehicle accidents. Goodyear recently closed the northern part of the city to open range of cattle.

Mike Sanders brought in some Share the Road and other brochures to share.

Joe Perez noted that the city of Phoenix will be installing a buffered bike lane on Central from Camelback to Bethany Home Road. The city will paint over and add a six foot buffer and bike lane. Brandon Forrey asked if Phoenix had received public support for this project because Peoria had a lot of data that supported bike lanes with but citizens did not agree.

5. MAG Unified Planning Work Program

MAG staff explained that two projects were submitted for the 2013 MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): printing of the MAG Regional Bikeways Map for \$30,000 and the Design Assistance Program for \$200,000.

6. Implementation and Adherence to Regional Bikeway Master Plan 2007 (RBMP)

Joseph Perez from city of Phoenix would like to figure out how the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee utilizes the MAG Regional Bikeway Masterplan. For example, is priority given to projects that adhere to RBMP 2007; and in the scoring mechanism are extra points awarded to implementation/compliance with the RBMP? For example, on page 80, the crossing at 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Indian School and on page 78 Arizona Canal crossings were both submitted and awarded funding through the MAG Design Assistance program. Joseph Perez explained that he was fairly new and unfamiliar with how the document was originally produced. Phoenix would like to use existing the information in the Planned and Future Facilities Map that was produced by Maricopa County for this document. That map shows that there is a planned bike lane on Grand Ave now. Michael Sanders explained that the original Planned and Future Facilities Map came from the 1999 plan and that the 2007 plan also incorporates local projects. The map is meant to be conceptual.

Brandon Forrey explained that Peoria has more ambition than the plan suggests. Peoria intends to put bike lanes and sidewalks on every street feasible.

Joe Schmit explained that in the application for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a question specifically asks the applicant to identify which plans a project is identified in.

Margaret Boone-Pixley said the question from Joe Perez is “Does this committee use this document specifically?” Avondale, for example, would look to MAG Regional Bikeway Masterplan as a guideline as Avondale doesn’t have a bicycle master plan.

Michael Sanders pointed out that since MAG Regional Bikeway Masterplan has been adopted, the committee has adopted the Complete Streets Guide. This is what the committee should be working on for future projects. Brandon Forrey further explained that this document does not require a commitment from cities for bicycle facilities on specific streets. These were sample examples to see realistic options for bike and pedestrian facilities given common problems.

Paul Ward was not involved during the development of this particular plan. In general terms, MAG plans tend to be non-binding on cities and towns and are not usually used to prioritize regional funds except for the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. With regards to should the committee be using the plan as it stands and give bonus points for projects within the plan, this would only be fair if every city had an opportunity to have projects listed in the Bikeway Masterplan. For example, Wickenburg and Gila Bend are not listed in this plan nor are they on the map. Michael Sanders pointed out that Wickenburg is listed in the plan. Paul Ward said that generally speaking bike projects are not that long and tend to be local projects only.

Jim Hash suggested that regional planning should be pinpointing the important regional connections. The Bikeway Masterplan itself is superceded by the Mesa local bike plan. The regional committee should address the regional issues.

Tiffany Halperin agreed with Jim Hash. It would make a lot of sense to prioritize regional connections and support funding those. In the Valley, there is a lack of organizations that look at anything regionally that is why the MAG Bicycle and Pedestriancommittee is important.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics.

- Jim Hash suggested further discussion on updating the current bike and pedestrian plans.
- Michael Sander suggested having the Bike Count powerpoint presentation scheduled for January to be sent to committee members in advance.

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