

April 6, 2012

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, April 17, 2012 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 February 21, 2012 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. Request for Approval for Project Scope Change

The Town of Youngtown requests MAG approval of a change of scope of the *Youngtown FFY2014 Bike Path Project*.

2. For information, discussion and action to approve the meeting minutes of the February 21, 2012 Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting.

3. For information.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and discussion and possible action.

6. Congestion Mitigation (CMP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Teri Kennedy, MAG TIP Manager will give a presentation on how the Congestion Mitigation Program elements will be incorporated into the Transportation Improvement Program bicycle and pedestrian facilities application for 2015. An updated application and criteria rating sheet will be discussed.

7. MAG Bike Map

MAG staff will give an update on the status of the bike map and photos. The final deadline for submission of newly built facilities is May 11, 2012.

8. MAG Bicycle Count

A working group met with the consultant in March and developed a proposed criteria matrix to help define the best locations to count bicyclists. The matrix will be distributed for consideration and a presentation from the consultant will be given at the May meeting.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics.

10. 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.

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.

9. For information and discussion.

10. For information and discussion.

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.
MAG Office Building, Ironwood Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Peter Schelstraete, Tempe Transp. Commission
Kathy Mills, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the January 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Brandon Forrey moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for January 17, 2012. Margaret Boone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

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4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Ann Marie Riley announced that the city of Chandler is hosting a Chandler Century Ride on Saturday March 31 at Tumbleweed Park in Chandler. There is a 7.4 mile Family Ride, a 39 mile Intermediate ride and a 65 Mile Advanced Bike Riders ride.

5. MAG Bike Count Project

Committee members were given the opportunity to review the final draft scope of work for the Bike Count project. Maureen DeCindis reported that only three members sent in their list of locations. Reed Kempton asked that MAG staff send out a copy of the revised scope of work advising members to submit their comments by February 27, 2012 and to remind member agencies to also submit their list of count locations.

6. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Livability Grants

Alice Chen explained how bicycle and pedestrian projects enhance the quality of local applications for the Federal Transit Administration grants. The FTA Grant process in general has moved to discretionary grants rather than formula distribution. Cities and metropolitan planning organizations apply for the grants through a national competition. There are three grants this year: Clean Fuels, Bus and Bus Livability and State of Good Repair. It is very unpredictable when the grants will be made available. Usually there are very short timelines from two to six weeks from the time of the Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) to the date the applications are due. For Transit Accessibility, staff noted that there were no bike and pedestrian projects in previous submittals. The Feds are looking for intermodal projects that connect bike and pedestrian to transit. Transit operators and city staff met to evaluate the submitted projects. The State of Good Repair are for projects to provide access for bikes to transit or for putting bikes on transit. Alice Chen suggested committee members think about projects to be submitted for next year. This year Maricopa County submitted a request to build a Bike Cellar on the southwest corner of Van Buren and Central Avenue, on the light rail line and just south of the Central Bus station.

Eric Iwersen asked if bike and ped projects with other sources federal funding could be submitted. Alice Chen said that those federal funds could be swapped out and used by the region. Then those bike and ped projects could be submitted for these FTA grants. D.J. Stapley ask if the funding was only for construction. Alice Chen responded that the funding was not for planning and only for construction.

Margaret Boone asked about the details of the NOFA. Maureen DeCindis responded that she will send the notice out again.

Reed Kempton asked if Bike and Pedestrian committee could start to collect and review projects. Alice Chen replied that as soon as the current round of projects are submitted in March, the committee could start to look at projects for the FTA funding source for next year.

7. MAG Bike Map

MAG staff requested locations to photograph premier bicycle facilities that lead to major destinations for the back of the 2012 MAG Regional Bikeways Map. Maureen DeCindis said that only three members have submitted photos.

8. Bike Education Program

The Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists presented the final scope of work for the two bike education projects. Kathy Mills presented the scope of work for the Ready to Ride program for novice riders. The handout covered Marketing and Sales, venue locations, and the need for more instructors. The course outline included a video, powerpoint slide and hands-on and parking lot skills. There will be many handouts for reading outside class. Subjects will include bike comfort, helmet fit, safety, road hazards, changing a flat tire, signaling and turning. There will be a practice bicycling in the parking lot. Margaret Boone noted that fliers can be put in libraries. Can flyers be put into employers with low income employees? Kathy Mills replied that they are also looking to find a teacher that speaks Spanish. Margaret Boone suggested that Avondale has a few sites that could work for this program. A space for 20-25 students is required. Tiffany Halperin noted that bike riders are located in central south Phoenix and that there are sites available there. Bob Beane said they are seeking sites.

Bob Beane explained that the insurance through the League of American Bicyclists would require buying extra coverage in order to bike on the streets versus a parking lot. Brandon Forrey asked if the city's insurance coverage could be used. Maureen DeCindis explained that this is a contract between MAG and the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists and that the Coalition is required to have the insurance.

Bob Beane explained that in the Law Enforcement module that most of the police officers have previously said that they get between zero and twenty minutes of bike education during their formal police training. This program will be provided in hard copy and electronic format and would include:

- Safe Bicycling Techniques and Common Misconceptions
- Arizona Bike Laws
- Crash Statistics in the United States and Arizona
- Bicycle Involved Crash Investigation

The law enforcement agency will be given a choice as to how the information will be given to the officers.

Reed Kempton asked that the Coalition send an electronic copy to all members.

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