

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 17, 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	Joe Schmitz, Goodyear
Margaret Boone, Avondale, Vice-Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Julius Diogenes for Michael.Carlsonis, Litchfield Park
Michael Sanders, ADOT	Denise Lacey, Maricopa County
Tiffany Halperin, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Jim Hash, Mesa
Robert Wisener, Buckeye	Brandon Forrey, Peoria
D.J. Stapley, Carefree	Katherine Coles, Phoenix
* Bob Beane, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists	* Rich Purcell, Queen Creek
Jason Crampton, Chandler	Dawn Coomer, RPTA
^ Mark Smith, El Mirage	Karen Savage, Surprise
^ Nicole Dailey, Gilbert	Eric Iwersen, Tempe
^ Steve Hancock, Glendale	Mark Hannah, Youngtown

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Vince Lopez, Maricopa County Public Health	Lee Jimenez, MCDOT
Brian Sager, Kimley Horn	Leticia Vargas, Phoenix
Susan Conklu, Scottsdale	Anissa Jonovich, Valley Metro

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the June 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Denise Lacey moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for June 19, 2012. Jim Hash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian 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 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 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.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis explained that the new legislation entitled MAP-21 will change the Enhancements process starting this year. The exact details will be known when Federal Highways releases the interpretation of the law.

Reed Kempton reported that Eric Iwersen and Joe Perez were on the Channel 8 Horizon program talking about bicycling in the Valley.

5. MAG Bicycles Count Project

MAG has developed a new Request for Proposal (RFP) for this project. The new Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) paperwork was submitted to ADOT two weeks ago. By the next meeting, more will be known about the schedule.

6. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2015, 2016, 2017 Applications

Maureen DeCindis noted that the committee meetings will change due to the TIP schedule. The meeting on October 16, 2012 is changed to October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. The originally scheduled meeting on November 20, 2012 is changed to November 13, 2012. The time is changed from 1:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. for both the October and November meetings to accommodate the review and ranking process.

Maureen DeCindis referred to the forms on the MAG website:

- Bike/Pedestrian Facility application
- Facility construction schedule
- Application criteria
- Cost Estimate

Reed Kempton asked if the committee members had any questions. Brandon Forrey suggested that number 3 and 5 are redundant questions on the CMP Qualitative evaluation sheet. Brandon Forrey suggested that the 50% mode split and 50% regional mode don't fit well. Monique del los Rios Urban offered a clarification on the process. The questions developed can be changed by the committee. If the qualitative are split, they can also be weighted. Brandon Forrey suggested dividing this into three categories. As long as there is a system and methodology, then the committee can choose. Reed Kempton asked Brandon Forrey to draft the qualitative questions. Joe Schmitz asked if these are yes/no

answers or numerical points. DJ Stapley asked if sense of place and community values could be included. Reed Kempton agreed that sense of place should be included. Maureen DeCindis provided a basic explanation of the new system for scoring and ranking of projects. Joe Schmitz asked if it will be three years before the next round of funding. Maureen DeCindis said that it is uncertain when the next round will occur.

7. MAG Bike Map

MAG staff explained that the bids from the printers are due July 18, 2012. Maureen DeCindis displayed a copy of the new map asking members to identify the exact location of the photo by placing a corresponding number on the front of the map. Members were asked to give approval to print the map. Maureen DeCindis distributed the master list of distribution contacts for committee members to review and correct. Reed Kempton asked if any committee members had any changes to the map. The committee agreed that the map is ready to go to print. The map had been displayed on the MAG website for one month.

8. Design Assistance Program

Applicants were instructed to give a three minute presentation on their project followed by questions and answers. Members will then rank the projects and recommend approval. There is \$200,000 available for this round of Design Assistance.

Maureen DeCindis explained that the Chandler Regional Rail Crossing Guidelines project is to be taken on by MAG. Eric Iwersen asked Jason Crampton if Chandler has contacted the railroad. Jason Crampton explained that there have been on-going discussions with the railroad.

•	Chandler: Regional Rail Crossing Guidelines	\$70,000
•	Glendale: 55 <sup>th</sup> Ave Bike Route Spot Improvement	\$69,300
•	Mesa: Crosscut Regional Connector	\$80,000
•	Phoenix: 32 <sup>nd</sup> St Repurposing Study	\$90,000
•	Scottsdale: Crossing Loop 101 at CAP	<u>\$50,000</u>
		\$289,300

Glendale: 55<sup>th</sup> Ave Bike Route Spot Improvement

Steve Hancock explained that Glendale will widen a segment on 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 20 feet wide to 42 feet wide. 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of this project is already a designated bike route. This segment is 623 feet long and is the only place where the roadway is too narrow for bikes and cars to safely share the road. The project will add 22 feet of curb and gutter. There is an existing irrigation ditch that probably will have to be piped. There are small bridges across the ditch. Highly replicable project because many other MAG cities have ditches running parallel to the roadway and private access driveways cause issues. Brandon Forrey asked if there are any safety issues because 55<sup>th</sup> Ave is a very low volume street. Steve Hancock noted that the roadway is only 22 feet wide therefore cyclists do not have room to share the road with vehicles. Margaret Boone asked if Steve had contact with private property owners. Steve Hancock replied that is part of the assessment.

### Mesa: Crosscut Canal - West Mesa Connector

Jim Hash explained that this is a regional pathway along the Rio Salado and connecting to the Cross Cut Canal. The project uses existing right of way corridor and an existing golf course to provide this connection. Salt River Project approached Mesa saying that all canal banks need to be available for use by the public. Mesa would create a pathway away from but part of the golf course at Mesa Country Club. This pathway will ultimately connect to Mesa to Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe. The source of local funds will come from the bond project. DJ Stapley asked about the demographics. Jim Hash explained that as the consolidated canal heads south it does affect lower economic demographic. There is a retirement home and variety of neighborhoods. Joe Schmitz asked if the canal path is already built. Jim Hash explained that the pathway through the golf course is grass.

### Phoenix: 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Repurposing Study

Leticia Vargas explained that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Study is from State Route 51 to Reach 11. The street once functioned as a thriving busy arterial but since the extension of SR51 there is a lot less traffic going from 58,000 in 1999 to 21,000 vehicles per day now. Businesses and residential communities have approached the city requesting this repurposing study. There are many land uses in this corridor including the Phoenix Mountain Preserve and the north Reach 11 recreation area. The community wants this arterial to be more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. There are two park and ride lots and many schools in the area. This a very replicable project. Phoenix would like this study to look at residential and commercial segments. DJ Stapley asked about vehicle counts. Tiffany Halperin asked how this project was brought forth from the community. Leticia Vargas explained that business owners and residents approached a city councilmember. The councilmember then came to staff after receiving calls from businesses and residents. Brandon Forrey asked if the community wants increased traffic. The roadway is 64 feet wide and a road diet might be the solution. Eric Iwersen asked how many lanes were on this arterial. Leticia Vargas responded that there are three lanes northbound and two lanes southbound and two turning lanes and some frontage roads. Jason Crampton asked if they are looking at pedestrian friendly land use policies. Tiffany Halperin asked what support Phoenix will offer. Leticia Vargas said that management is excited about the project and ready to support it.

### Scottsdale: Crossing Loop 101 at CAP

Susan Conklu reported that this project would design a non-motorized crossing of the Loop 101 freeway and access roads at the Cental Arizona Project. It includes east/west grade-separated crossings. The only alternative crossing is Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd that has 75,000 cars per day. It is not pedestrian friendly and has no bike lanes. The city estimated that the design cost would be \$50,000. The city has local funding and would seek federal funding. This project is part of the 336 mile CAP trail. The intent is to create connectivity with major employment centers such as the Airpark and two community centers, libraries, schools, and resorts. Scottsdale needs to know what design would work the best and an accurate cost estimate. Eric Iwersen asked if there has been any communication with ADOT. Reed Kempton said that ADOT is okay with this project. Michael Sanders agreed that the district is supportive. Joe Schmitz said that the map shows planned pathways. Susan Conklu said that right-of-way has been accrued but this lack of crossing is the biggest hindrance. Reed Kempton said the pathways would be built if the bridge is built. DJ Stapley asked what the proximity to the nearest residential is? Susan Conklu replied that the community is one half to one mile away. Most are single and multi family developments.

After the presentations, Maureen DeCindis instructed committee members to consider the presentations and then submit a ranking sheet. Maureen DeCindis incorporated all the ranking results into an excel spreadsheet and announced the rank order as:

#1	Mesa: Crosscut Regional Connector	\$80,000	\$80,000
#2	Scottsdale: Crossing Loop 101 at CAP	\$50,000	\$50,000
#3	Glendale: 55 <sup>th</sup> Ave Bike Route Spot Improvement	<del>\$69,300</del>	<del>\$70,000</del>
		\$199,300	\$200,000

Denise Lacey made the motion to add \$700 to the Glendale project and Jim Hash seconded that motion, bringing the Glendale project request to \$70,000. The motion passed unanimously. Denise Lacey made a motion to approve the ranking of the Design Assistance Projects. Brandon Forrey seconded the motion. The motion passed with Katherine Coles voting nay.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members had the opportunity to suggest future agenda items.

Eric Iwersen expressed an interest in periodic updates on the Chandler railroad crossing project.

Margaret Boone asked that the committee discuss developing training on implementing complete streets policy to local agency staff.

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.

- ~~August 21, 2012~~ cancelled
- September 18, 2012
- October 16, 2012 October 23, 2012 (12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
- November 20, 2012 November 13, 2012 (12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
- December 18, 2012 December 11, 2012 (noon?)