

November 29, 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, December 11, 2012 at **NOON**
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.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the November 13, 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. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Ranking

Committee members will review and recommend for approval the final ranking of the projects submitted for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. The committee will also review and discuss the proposed project construction scheduling.

2. For information, discussion and action to approve the meeting minutes of the November 13, 2012 Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting.

3. For information.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information, discussion and possible action.

6. Presentation on Walkability and Commercial Performance

A presentation by ASU Andre Ryan Wozniak in the Masters of Urban and Environmental Planning program will present an analysis on what conditions offer the most potential in the link between walkability and commercial performance.

6. For information and discussion.

7. “Wheeling Wednesday” Tweets

MAG staff will present their new social media project tweeting bicycle and pedestrian messages each Wednesday. Committee members will be encouraged to submit information.

7. For information and discussion.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics.

8. For information and discussion.

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.

December 11, 2012 (noon - luncheon)
January 15, 2013
February 19, 2013 (Chaparral Room)
March 19, 2013
April 16, 2013 (need to move)
May 21, 2013 (need to move)
June 13, 2013
July 16, 2013
August 20, 2013
September 17, 2013
October 15, 2013
November 19, 2013
December 17, 2013 (possibly noon)

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 12:30 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	Thomas Chlebanowski 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,
* D.J. Stapley, Carefree	Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Ian Cordwell, Cave Creek	Rich Purcell, Queen Creek
^ Bob Beane, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists	Hobart Wingar for Karen Savage, Surprise
Jason Crampton, Chandler	Eric Iwersen, Tempe
* Mark Smith, El Mirage	Anissa Jonovich for Ben Limmer, Valley Metro
^ Nicole Dailey, Gilbert	
Steve Hancock, Glendale	

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Coffman, Coffman Studio	Ray Dovalina, Phoenix
Jason Harrington, HD&D	Leticia Vargas, Phoenix
Brian Sager, Kimley Horn	Alex Oreschak, MAG
Joe Perez, Phoenix	Emile Schmid, Apache Junction
Raquel Schatz, Apache Junction	Patrick Stone, ADOT
Susan Conklu, Scottsdale	Dean Giles, MAG
Lee Jimenez, County	

1. Call to Order

Reed Kempton called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

2. Approval of the October 23, 2012 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Ian Cordwell moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for October 23, 2012. Katherine Coles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ian Cordwell clarified that the Town Core plan was adopted by Council and was not on a ballot.

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. No one wished to speak.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Margaret Boone reported that on Thursday, November 15, 2012, the first Southwest Valley Bike Facilities Working Group will be meeting to consider how to connect bicycle facilities in the jurisdictions to provide an off street system to connect people with sports venues such as the Super Bowl especially for the family events held the week before.

5. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

MAG staff presented two concepts for the committee to consider as planning projects for the UPWP program:

- MAG Design Assistance Program for \$300,000.
- MAG Wayfinding Signage for Off-Street Network for \$75,000. This project will create a unique branding convention for our historic canal and off-street system. Signage considered will include a numbering/naming system for the major corridors, system maps, and destination signs.

Committee agreed to submit these two projects for consideration for UPWP funding.

6. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Presentation

Dean Giles presented an explanation of the findings of the Air Quality scores on bicycle and pedestrian projects for the TIP 2015, 2016 and 2017. On October 25, 2012, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee made a recommendation to forward the air quality evaluation of proposed CMAQ projects that were sorted by cost-effectiveness. The air quality evaluation is being provided to the modal committees to assist in the project selection process. The evaluations were previously mailed to committee members. For each bicycle and pedestrian project, the table provides the sum of the weighted emission reductions for TOG, N0x, and PM-10. The cost effectiveness is based on the annual emissions reductions divided by the funding requested. The CMAQ program, according to federal guidance, requires that the project selection process include an assessment of the projects expected emission reduction benefits and cost-effectiveness. The purpose of the program is to fund transportation projects that will contribute to attainment or maintenance of federal air quality standards.

7. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Bicycle and Pedestrian Applications Discussion

Committee members listened to three minute presentations on applications submitted for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. Maureen DeCindis explained that the Valley Metro education project will be considered under a different funding source.

APJ-BikePed-1	Apache Junction	Southern/Winchester Sidewalk Installation
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Project Description: Construct 20,640 sq. ft of sidewalk, 20 linear feet of curb and gutter, 17 ADA sidewalk ramps and eight driveways along Southern Avenue between Winchester and Royal Palms and between Winchester and Hondo and Southern Ave.

Emile Schmid explained that Apache Junction is young and was incorporated in 1978. Before the new US 60 was built, travelers took Apache Trail road to access the lakes. Apache Junction was rural. Now 35 years later, more subdivisions, more schools and more paved roads, city clubs, and churches have been built. Apache Junction is currently involved in many regional issues. With that growth noted, there is a deficiency with the number of sidewalks and bike facilities. Therefore, this project needs to be funded.

AVN-BikePed-1	Avondale	Agua Fria Asphalt I-10 Underpass
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Project Description: Construct an asphalt path and an I-10 underpass along the Agua Fria River on the east bank connecting a privately developed path which will connect Van Buren Street to Friendship Park at McDowell Road.

Margaret Boone reported that this project will be a major key connector. The Van Buren corridor is going to be built with a fulfillment center and other employment sites. This pathway corridor will provide a good connection for those in the region. This will be the key link under the I-10 so riders will not have to maneuver through the Dysart or Avondale traffic interchange.

BKY-BikePed-1	Buckeye	Rainbow/Lower Buckeye 10' Shared Use Path
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Project Description: Install 10' shared use path with low water landscaping along Rainbow Road.

Robert Wisener noted that this project will connect the Sundance community of 20,000 to new the park. Currently there only dirt shoulders on this section of the road. This was a result of the parcel being a county island. The speed of the traffic is 60 mph, and therefore is too dangerous to walk or bike without a facility.

BKY-BikePed-2	Buckeye	Watson Road 10' Shared Use Path
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Project Description: Install 10' shared use path with low water landscaping along Watson Road.

Robert Wisener noted that there is 800,000 square feet of retail space on this road and that this is a busy corridor with a critical connection from schools to shopping from the neighborhoods. This was a county island in 1970 and sidewalks were not built then.

BKY-BikePed-3	Buckeye	Lower Buckeye 10' Shared Use Path
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Project Description: Install 10' shared use path with low water landscaping along Lower Buckeye Road.

Robert Wisener explained that this project will connect the sidewalks from the previous two projects.

CHN-BikePed-1	Chandler	Western Canal Crossing improvement at UPRR
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Project Description: Construct an at-grade bicycle/pedestrian crossing on the Western Canal at the UPRR tracks. Improvements will include concrete path, panels, RR signals and gates.

Jason Crampton explained that the path terminates just prior to the railroad crossing causing a gap and safety concern. The Gilbert path is incomplete but Gilbert has indicated that they will finish the path. This trail is on the County trail system and the Sun Circle trail, therefore, it is a very important regional path.

CVK-BikePed-1	Cave Creek	Cave Creek/Carefree Bike Lanes
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Project Description: Construct 5' - 6' wide bike lanes through the Cave Creek Town Core zone. Lane and median widths will be narrowed to accommodate the bike lanes.

Ian Cordwell noted that the boundaries of this project link Cave Creek to Carefree. The project will benefit residents of both cities as well as weekend riders and businesses. This might be the only chance for Cave Creek and Carefree to get bike lanes through the two towns.

GLN-BikePed-1	Glendale	55th Avenue Widening for Bike Lanes and Sidewalk
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Project Description: Construct bike lanes, sidewalk, curb and gutter to a 622 feet long section of 55th Avenue.

Steve Hancock noted that these Glendale projects are not big ticket items moneywise but they do represent important connections for the community.

With the 55th Ave project completed, this will create almost 9 miles in total length of bicycle facilities. Currently there are two 10 foot vehicle lanes on this pinched section of 55th Avenue. Bike lanes exist on the rest of 55th Ave and connect to the AC/DC path, the New River pathway and the Grand Canal system with a total of 32 miles connected. Plus this connects to 47 miles of on-street pathway. Currently bike riders are sharing a 10 foot vehicle lane with autos.

GLN-BikePed-2	Glendale	Neighborhood Connections to Shared Use Pathway
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Project Description: Three neighborhood connections will be constructed for the residents to access Thunderbird Paseo Shared Use Pathway and one connection to the Skunk Creek Shared Use Pathway.

Steve Hancock explained that these may be minor sidewalk improvements but some of the drop offs are 10 inches. This project would provide ADA accessible connections between the neighborhoods and the pathway system. This will provide access to people in wheelchairs. The gravel surface will be replaced by pavers which will allow road bikes as well as other users access to the pathway system.

GLN-BikePed-3	Glendale	New River North Shared Use Pathway
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Project Description: Construct a 10' wide concrete pathway one quarter mile long on the east bank of the New River. A drainage channel will require a bridge and a box culvert.

This project provides for a critical gap in the section connecting to Peoria. The path currently connects all the way north in Glendale. The Peoria project should be completed in 2015. This one gap will complete the larger system.

LPK-BikePed-1	Litchfield Park	6' Sidewalk on Old Litchfield Road
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Project Description: Construct a 6' wide concrete sidewalk along the west side of Old Litchfield Road connecting parks, churches, schools and neighborhoods.

Thomas Chlebanowski explained that this sidewalk will connect neighborhoods and ultimately Avondale so people don't have to walk in the road. The sidewalk will provide access to business and government agencies. Litchfield Park is a newly incorporated city.

MES-BikePed-1	Mesa	Rio Salado Shared Use Pathway - Segment 3
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Project Description: This project will construct 4,000 linear feet on 10' wide concrete shared-use pathway starting at the east point of the ADOT segment two. When complete this will link Mesa to Tempe, Scottsdale and Phoenix.

Eric Iwersen, on behalf of Jim Hash, explained that this section of the Rio Salado path system will directly go downtown Tempe all the way to Dobson Road. This is a major link for the Mesa portion of the path and will link Mesa to Phoenix and Scottsdale.

MMA-BikePed-1	Maricopa County	5' Bike Lanes on McDowell Rd, 76th St to Usery Pass
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Project Description: Construct 5' wide bike lanes by widening the existing pavement or restriping when possible on McDowell Road from 76th Street to Usery Pass Road.

Denise Lacey reported that this project fills in the need by connecting a bikeways gap in both the regional system and the Mesa system. Within one mile of the project area, there are schools and academies, Usery Park with mountain trails and a Valley Metro park and ride lot.

PHX-BikePed-1	Phoenix	Roosevelt Row Bike Lane and Sidewalk Improvement
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Project Description: Widen the sidewalk and add bike lanes on Roosevelt between 3rd Street and 7th Street. Landscaping, benches, trash receptacles, bike racks and pedestrian lighting will be added.

Katherine Coles explained that this project is from 4th Street to 7th Street. This is a regional destination on First Fridays. Phoenix has the largest art walk in the country with up to 15,000 people attending. Phoenix wants to make it more pedestrian family friendly. This project will reduce the width of the street, provide wide sidewalks, reduce vehicle speed, provide mid-block crossings and bike lanes.

PHX-BikePed-2	Phoenix	32 nd Street Bike Lanes: SR51 To Reach 11
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Project Description: Construct 5' bike lanes on 32nd Street from State Route 51 to Reach 11.

Ray Dovalina explained that before the freeway (SR51) extended north to the mountains, there were 40,000 vehicles driving 32nd Street and now the corridor has 15,000 vehicles. The community wants bike lanes and medians. This project will recreate 32nd Street with bike lanes that will connect with a community college, park and ride lot, and a charter school.

PHX-BikePed-3	Phoenix	Rio Salado 12' Shared Use Pathway, 32nd street to 40th street
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Project Description: Construct 12' wide concrete shared use path on the south bank of the Rio Salado from 32nd Street to 40th Street.

PHX-BikePed-4	Phoenix	First Street 8' Sidewalk project
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Project Description: Reduce roadway width on First Street between Roosevelt and Moreland Street to widen sidewalks to 12' wide, add landscaping and benches, trash receptacles, bike racks and pedestrian lighting.

Katherine Coles said that this project would slow down the speed of traffic on this large right of way on this road. It will provide the last link for the pedestrian loop from the downtown employment centers, to the arts and cultural district, the Art museum, the public library and to the Japanese friendship garden.

PHX-BikePed-5	Phoenix	Shea blvd: 32nd St to SR51
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Project Description: The proposed project scope consists of narrowing the existing Shea Boulevard roadway cross-section pavement width from approximately 94ft to approximately 72ft. The proposal would include the consolidation of existing driveways to provide a better pedestrian walkable environment. In addition, the proposed cross-section width would provide for a minimum 8ft multi-use pathway on both directions and landscape buffer including bike lanes. This corridor connects to the existing Shea Park-n-Ride located at the southwest corner of SR-51 and Shea Blvd and connect to the potential bikeway and pedestrian improvements along 32nd Street.

Ray Dovalina explained that by reducing the curb width and consolidating driveways, there will be more room for pedestrian and bike amenities. There are schools and a park and ride lot in the area. This project would finish the roadway and add a 10 foot wide sidewalk.

PHX-BikePed-6	Phoenix	Regional Bike Share Along Metro Rail Corridor Phx to Tempe
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Project Description: Implement a bike sharing program between Phoenix and Tempe.

Katherine Coles explained that this bike share project is a Regional project incorporating Tempe and in the future other cities. The city of Phoenix has applied to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for financial assistance in designing this project. Bike Sharing enhances the current transit system. The racks are portable and placement will be decided based on public input. Users will be local residents and tourist trade. Hotels in downtown are very excited about this project.

PHX-BikePed-7	Phoenix	10' Detached Shared Use Pathway 107th Ave
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Project Description: Widen street with 32' feet of new pavement on the eastern half of 107th Ave. between Camelback and Indian School Road. Construct 5 foot sidewalk or 10' shared use path, curb, gutter and drain.

Ray Dovalina explained that this project would construct a pedestrian facility as well as improve the drainage system in the corridor. The corridor connects to several existing schools, city of Phoenix Dust Devil park, the and the Camelback Ranch development. The project would include street lighting and upgrading of the handicap ramps.

PHX-BikePed-8	Phoenix	12' Shared Use Pathway Rio Salado Pathway-40th Street to SR143
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Project Description: Project Description: Construct 12' wide concrete shared-use path on the south bank of the Rio Salado from 40th Street to the SR143.

Katherine Coles reported that this shared use pathway will be the final leg in the Phoenix segment connecting to Tempe. There are some challenges with putting the path on the top of the levy but when completed the project will contain bumps outs, seating, access to neighborhoods. This project is part of a larger revitalization of this area since 1980.

SCT-BikePed-1	Scottsdale	Shared Use Pathway West World/Indian Bend
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Project Description: Construct 4.7 miles of non-motorized connections from McDowell Mountain Ranch Community Center through Westworld to Pima Road and the East Trailside View. This project will include shared-use path, crossings through four existing tunnels and a sidewalk.

Susan Conklu reported this project will complete many segments connecting many destinations including Thompson Peak Park, Greyhawk Park, Ironwood Park, McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Westworld, Aquatic Center, Library, Schools, Horizon Park & Community Center and the CAP and the Indian Bend Wash path. Neighborhoods have requested this project as the traffic has 40,000 vehicles per day with speeds at 50 mile per hour.

SCT-BikePed-2	Scottsdale	Shared Use Pathway Shea Tunnel Access / 124th St
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Project Description: Construct 14' wide shared-use pathway from the CAP canal to 124th Street between Sahuaro Drive and Via Linda.

Susan Conklu reported this project scored the highest points on the Scottsdale master plan with the task force. This project will fix the existing tunnel under Shea which has 40,000 vehicles per day. The trail is constructed on either end of this connection. This project will provide a critical crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists.

SRP-BikePed-1	Salt River Indian Community	8' Sidewalk Longmore Road Pedestrian Project
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Project Description: Construct 8' wide sidewalk along Longmore Road from McDowell to Osborn Road and on Osborn Road from Longmore to 108th Street connecting two major community destinations.

Jennifer Jack explained that this 1.5 mile project is in their 2010 Long Range Transportation Plan for pedestrian facilities. People should not be walking on the roadway. In this community, 36% of the people are under age of 18 with more school children walking along this road because it has school bus stops. This project would provide a safe sidewalk. According to their bus stop safety study, students need to be out of the flow of traffic. In public outreach, safety was the number one concern. This project will connect activity centers of tribal government complex, a museum, park, café, church and memorial hall to the southern end with the community center for elders, a bank, pool, recreation building, ballfield and library.

SUR-BikePed-1	Surprise	5' Sidewalk Reems Rd
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Project Description: Construct a 6' wide sidewalk along the west side of Reems Road connecting to Peoria and Cactus Road.

Hobart Wingard explained that this sidewalk will connect the neighborhoods with multimodal access to amenities at either end of the project limits. The improvements will provide a safe facility for residents, students and shoppers and those who are heading to Luke Air Force base to the south.

SUR-BikePed-2	Surprise	5' Sidewalk West Point
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Project Description: Construct a 5' wide sidewalk with ADA ramps connecting to Bell Road.

Hobart Wingard explained that the developer only put a sidewalk on one side of the road. This project would build a sidewalk on the other side. Currently the bus stop is on the side of the road without the sidewalk. This sidewalk would connect to the municipalities to the south of Surprise.

TMP-BikePed-1	Tempe	10' Shared Use Path on 8th Street
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Project Description: Construct a 10' wide shared use path along the Creamery Branch between Rural and McClintock Drive with landscaping and activity nodes.

Eric Iwersen explained that this shared-use pathway would be built on the remnant of the abandoned Creamery Branch rail line. The right-of-way was purchased as part of light rail project. This project will link to historic neighborhoods, student housing, to ASU and downtown. This is the first rails to trails project in the region.

TMP-BikePed-2	Tempe	Shared Use Path Priest Drive Underpass
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Project Description: Construct an underpass or grade separated crossing at Priest connecting the Rio Salado pathway including wayfinding signage, landscaping, art and railings.

This project will complete one of the few last gaps in Tempe portion of the Rio Salado pathway. It completes six miles of pathway. This project is a priority for city council members and is in the transportation plan. The project links to the Tempe Center for the Arts, ASU, downtown Tempe and the historic neighborhoods.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members had the opportunity to suggest future agenda items.

9. Next Meetings

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