

January 29, 2014

TO: Members of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

FROM: Katherine Coles, Phoenix, Chair of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 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. If you are attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as 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.

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 three business days before the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call please contact MAG offices for conference call instructions.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on August 21, 2013, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership based on the attendance of the three previous Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meetings. If the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have arrived at the meeting will be instructed that a legal meeting cannot occur and will subsequently be dismissed. Your attendance at the meeting is strongly encouraged. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. Please contact Maureen DeCindis at (602) 254-6300 or send email to mdecindis@azmag.gov if you have any questions or need additional information.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

For the February 2014 meeting, the quorum requirement is 11 committee members.

2. Approval of the December 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

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3. Call to the Audience

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3. For information.

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.

4. For information and discussion.

5. Request for 2nd Deferral of the City of Scottsdale Arizona Canal from Chaparral to Indian Bend Wash Project

The City of Scottsdale is requesting to defer the Arizona Canal project from Chaparral to Indian Bend Wash. The project was previously deferred and a must, per MAG programming policies, be reviewed by MAG member committees to establish that the sponsoring agency has continuously worked on the project since it was deferred and that the cause of the delay is due to nonfinancial circumstances beyond the control of the sponsoring agency.

At the meeting, staff from the City of Scottsdale will brief the Committee on the status of the project, the cause of the delay and the ability of the City to complete the project should the approval of the request of the City be approved.

6. MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway/Railroad Crossing Recommendations Report

Throughout Maricopa County there are several existing and planned pedestrian/bicycle shared-use paths that cross railroad tracks that are not located on public streets or at intersections. There were no regional guidelines for the treatment of these unique path crossings of railroads. MAG staff and Kimley-Horn will present the findings and recommendations of this report.

5. For information and potential action to recommend approval of deferral request to the Transportation Review Committee.

6. For information and discussion.

7. Updates to the MAG On-line Bikeways Map

MAG staff will present concepts and ideas on updating and enhancing the on-line bike map with photos, videos and wayfinding instructions.

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.

- ~~March 18, 2014~~ **March 11, 2014**
- April 15, 2014
- May 20, 2014
- June 17, 2014
- July 15, 2014
- August 19, 2014
- September 16, 2014
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- December 16, 2014 (possibly noon)

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MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at NOON
MAG Office Building, Ironwood Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Katherine Coles, Phoenix, Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	* Thomas Chlebanowski, Litchfield Park
Tracy Stevens, Avondale, Vice-Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	* David Maestas, Maricopa
Michael Sanders, ADOT	Denise Lacey, Maricopa County
* Raquel Schatz, Apache Junction	Jim Hash, Mesa
* Robert Wisener, Buckeye	* Brandon Forrey, Peoria
^ D.J. Stapley, Carefree	Rich Purcell, Queen Creek
Ian Cordwell, Cave Creek	Amanda Leuker for Ben Limmer, Valley Metro
Jason Crampton, Chandler	Susan Conklu, Scottsdale
Jose Macias, El Mirage	Stephen Chang, Surprise
Nicole Lance, Gilbert	* Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Steve Hancock, Glendale	* Robert Carmona, Wickenburg
Joe Schmitz, Goodyear	Grant Anderson, Youngtown

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Beane, Coalition of AZ. Bicylists	Alex Oreschak, MAG
Kenneth Steel, Maricopa County Health Dept.	Margaret Boone, MAG
Anissa Janovich, Valley Metro	
Ashley Barinka, Mesa	

1. Call to Order

Chair Katherine Coles called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Approval of the November 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Jim Hash moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for November 19, 2013. Grant Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

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4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis announced that she will be changing positions at MAG and will be working part time in 2014 as a MAG Associate. She will continue to staff the Bike and Ped Committee.

Bob Beane explained that the League of American Bicyclists are coming to the valley in January or February to look at existing infrastructure and speak to representatives from the cities.

Jason Crampton reported that the opening of the Chandler bike/ped bridge at Galveston Street over the 101 freeway will be this weekend.

Denise Lacey accepted a promotion at MCDOT as Systems Planning Branch Manager. Other reps may come in her place for the first few months to the Bike/Ped committee.

Margaret Boone announced that the Transportation Alternatives Non-Infrastructure program is starting in January. A letter to schools will be sent out soon announcing this program. An email will be sent to the Safety Committee and the Management Committee notifying them of the availability of funds. Joe Schmitz asked if eligible projects will be listed. Margaret Boone responded that information will be available on the MAG website and there will also be a workshop.

Jose Macias reported that lower El Mirage path project that is being coordinated with Maricopa County Flood Control will be completed soon. The construction of the bike and ped paths at Thunderbird Road and Cactus road will be completed in 2015.

Grant Anderson reported that the path between the Agua Fria Ranch to 111th Avenue will be 2015.

5. Bicycles Count Project

Alex Oreschak gave an update on the status of the MAG Bicycles Count project. The count is done and consultant is analyzing the data mid to late January. Alex demonstrated the Eco Counter website. Data gets uploaded to the website and the location is geo-coded. The data displays in many ways such as a bar chart. The chart can show hourly trends as well.

Bob Beane asked if the consultant will present the data and how to use. MAG staff will check to see if the consultant will be presenting the data and the next steps.

6. Transportation Alternatives Program

Katherine Coles, as a member of the Transportation Alternatives Evaluation group gave an update on the status of the Transportation Alternatives program. This program unlike the CMAQ program also included safe routes to school. There was an Evaluation Team that was comprised of members from Bike and Ped committee, Transit committee, Safety committee, Streets committee, ADOT and FHWA. At TRC, Phoenix and Mesa agreed to remove their projects that were next in line for funding so that Cave Creek and Gilbert could potentially move up if funding becomes available.

Jim Hash noted that the weighting of 40 per cent was unclear going into the presentation score. Katherine Coles explained that the qualitative scores were gathered by the Evaluation group reading the applications. MAG staff determined the quantitative scores based on metrics. Members requested that all information pertaining to how each score was determined be presented and discussed.

Denise Lacey noted that members of the TRC expressed concerns at how heavily the presentation score weighted the overall score. MAG staff explained that the score was not determined by the professional speaking ability of the presenter. The score was determine based upon the information presented by the applicant. Members suggested that there might be a better way in the future. Maureen DeCindis said that MAG staff welcomes the input to make the application and process better.

7. Maricopa County Public Health Resources

Kenneth Steel of Maricopa County Public Health gave a presentation of the resources and partnership opportunities between public health and transportation.

Health in Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

Health Community Design

- Increases physical activity
- Reduces injury
- Increases access to health food
- Improves water and air quality
- Minimizes the effects of climate change
- Decreases mental health stresses
- Strengthens the social fabric of a community

ADOT Injury Incident Data

Google Fusion Map at <http://azbikelaw.org/blog/crashmap-data>

Descriptive statistics – the data isn't adjusted for overall population or number of cyclists

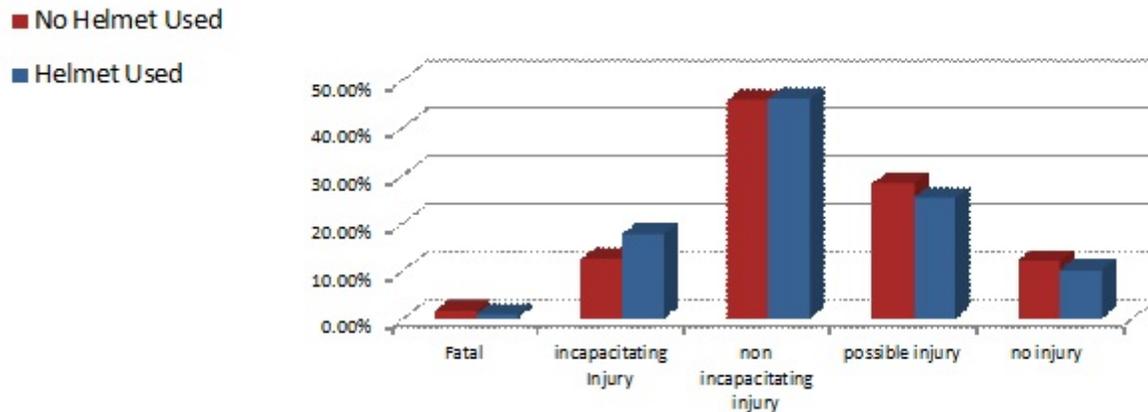
Looking at length of arterials, the density of accidents within Tempe City limits more than double the density of the next ranking city

Helmet Use

When reported, only 18% of the bicycle riders were wearing a helmet.

People wearing a helmet experienced:

- A lower rate of fatalities.
- Higher rate of incapacitating injuries.
- Lower rate of possible injury



Bob Beane noted that training will assist with increased helmet use. Valley Metro is also looking at helmet data in the metro area. Ken Steele said that these are just descriptive data but County Public Health is able to begin to look at trends. There also has been gaps in obtaining the crash data. County Public Health is also working with St. Joseph hospital data. Michael Sanders said that any jurisdiction can request data from ADOT. Margaret Boone noted that when speaking to nurses many of them note helmet use. Margaret Boone also said that trends can be determined along with a bike count to truly understand it.

Bob Beane suggested a contact in Tucson who has done extensive data crash analysis.

Department of Public Health Resources:

- Office of Epidemiology
- Office of Nutrition and Physical Activity
- Geographic Information Officer
- Collaboration with other hospitals – e-codes
- Statistical analysis
- Point you in the right direction for existing data sources

Health Impact Assessment

There is a six step process of bringing health and health disparities into policies, programs, plans and proposals.

Tentative next training: January 24, 2014 – Arizona Chapter of American Planning Association.

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Wearepublichealth.org

Arizonahealthmatters.org

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics. Katherine Coles asked for time to report on bike share at the February meeting.

10. Next meetings at 1:30 p.m.:

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