

December 8, 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, December 16, 2014 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. 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 December meeting, the quorum requirement is 11 committee members.

2. Approval of the November 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

2. For information, discussion and action to approve the meeting minutes of the November 18, 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting.

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. Valley Bike Month

Valley Metro will give an update on Valley Bike Month events.

5. For information and discussion.

6. Wayfinding Presentation

The Consultant will lead a discussion on the Wayfinding logo design, and sign placement guidelines.

7. Committee Vice Chair Vacancy

MAG staff will present on the process for filling the Committee Vice Chair vacancy.

8. BikeLife Cities Presentation

Russ Chandler from Catalyst Communication will present BikeLife Cities, a city-based national program intended to help cities, counties, MPO's, and other bicycle advocacy groups promote bicycling in their region – reaching out and inspiring new riders, and building more support for further investment in bicycling. Bike Life is supported nationally by People for Bikes and the League of American Bicyclists, as well as major bicycle industry manufacturers. In 2014, BikeLife successfully launched the program in three cities: Boulder, Tucson, and Kansas City, and is now in the process of expanding to as many as ten cities in 2015, including cities in the MAG region. BikeLife samples are available at <http://bikelifecities.com/the-magazine/>.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics.

10. Next Meetings

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6. For information and discussion.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion

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Tuesday, December 15, 2015 (possibly noon)

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
MAG Office Building, Ironwood Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Katherine Coles, Phoenix, Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	* Joe Schmitz, Goodyear David Gue, Litchfield Park
Tracy Stevens, Avondale, Vice-Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	* David Maestas, Maricopa Denise Lacey, Maricopa County
* Michael Sanders, ADOT	Jim Hash, Mesa
Raquel Schatz, Apache Junction	Brandon Forrey, Peoria
Robert Wisener, Buckeye	# Brett Burningham, Queen Creek
# Stacy Bridge-Denzak, Carefree	Amanda Leuker, Valley Metro
Ian Cordwell, Cave Creek	Susan Conklu, Scottsdale
Jason Crampton, Chandler	* Stephen Chang, Surprise
# Jose Macias, El Mirage	Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Kristin Myers, Gilbert	* Robert Carmona, Wickenburg
Purab Adabala, Glendale	# Grant Anderson, Youngtown

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy
#Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Kenneth Steel, Maricopa County Health	Rich Wilson, Wilson & Co.
* Kelly LaRosa, FHWA	Suzanne Day, Valley Metro
Bob Beane, Coalition of Az. Bicyclists	Joseph Perez, Phoenix
Christine Fanchi, Avondale	Ann Marie Riley, Chandler
Ashley Barinka, Mesa	Brian Fellows, AMEC
J.C. Porter, ASU	Eileen Yazzie, MAG
Harry Cooper, County Flood Control	

1. Call to Order

Chair Katherine Coles called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. Approval of the October 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Jason Crampton moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for October 21, 2014. Kristin Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

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4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis reminded the committee that the December meeting will be held at noon and will include the annual luncheon.

Jim Hash announced the grand opening of the Mesa new urban mountain bike facility near Recker Road and McDowell Road. This was funded by the 2013 Mesa bond. A resolution on the Mesa Transportation Master Plan was passed including a Complete Streets policy. The plan will be available on the Mesa website.

Joe Perez reported that the Phoenix City Council during their policy session will consider approving a 20-year Bicycle Master Plan. Though unfunded, the Bicycle Master Plan includes 380 projects for the streets transportation department. Input is still needed from police department, fire department and housing department. Phoenix just received the Bronze designation from the League of American Bicyclists. The Phoenix bike share program called GRID has its first 27 bikes in operation with 100 more bikes to come by next week. It is expected that there will be 500 bikes at 50 locations by end of December. Phoenix expects memberships to sell as the bikes come to the streets. Jim Hash asked if this was the beta test. Joe Perez said that current members can use bikes now but that this program is in beta test for now. There will be an announcement on the soft launch of the GRID program with major ribbon cutting with the first 100 bikes. Membership is \$99/year.

Katherine Coles noted that the hub locations are mainly located along the light rail route.

5. Valley Bike Month

Suzanne Day of Valley Metro gave an update on Valley Bike Month events.

Local designer Doug Penick, www.dougpenick.com, was selected to create the artwork for Valley Bike Month April 2015. Valley Metro is developing two designs and the final design will be shared at the December meeting. Valley Bike Month has 15 calendar of events so far. The call for Valley Bike Month events from member cities and other interested parties is needed by December 5, 2014. The portable bike rack program is being used now for events such as the Zombie Walk. New partners include Phoenix Spokes People who are sponsoring a bike prom Saturday night April 4, 2015. The Arizona Bike Club and Tempe Bike Action Group announced a *Luminary Ride* on Tuesday December 23, 2014 at Encanto Park at 6:00 p.m. Valley Metro is looking for a new Safe Routes to School liason.

Jim Hash announced that Mesa won the state bid for the Arizona State Criterium Championships for Cyclo Mesa.

6. Demonstration of New Features of the MAG Bikeways Online Map

This agenda item was tabled.

7. Flood Control District of Maricopa County Partner Projects

Harry Cooper, Landscape Architect and Planner in the Planning and Project Management Division, presented information on how Flood Control is providing multi-use opportunities on their projects. A map was displayed of the projects that shows some but not all of the structures and facilities that have been constructed, operated and maintained by the Flood Control District. The map, unfortunately, does not show the smaller projects that have been built, those in design/construction, or those that a partnering agency now owns and maintains.

In general, our landscape aesthetics, land restoration, and multiple use approach stems from our commitment to build flood control facilities in a manner that is “context sensitive”, i.e. projects that are:

- compatible with the environment
- acceptable to the community, and
- effective in mitigating flood hazards

However, this has not always been the case. From the District’s beginnings until 1979, much of the focus was to solve flooding issues. While that is still true today, we continue to evolve in our approach to achieving that goal. In 1979, the District adopted guidance in improving the appearance of our facilities. In 1993, the District revised policy to include the Project Aesthetic Advisory Committee and modified language about multiple use and how funding for these components can occur. In 2009, cost ceiling guidelines were developed.

Here is an excerpt from the 1993 policy where multi-use opportunities are discussed:

4.9 Multipurpose uses of flood control projects will be encouraged to the extent that other uses do not interfere with the operation of the flood control facility and do not significantly increase the maintenance requirements of the facility. Flood control fund shall not be expended for project elements or items designed to serve exclusively purposes other than flood control, however, flood control funds may be expended to modify elements required for flood control purposes if such modification will make the element more suitable for multipurpose uses, e.g. meandering maintenance access roads for hiking and bicycling trail use.

4.10 Aesthetic feature not relating directly to flood control, which are included in the design and construction of the project at a cost-share partner’s request (e.g. recreational facilities), shall be the financial responsibility of the cost share partner. The District shall not be responsible for the repair of such features in the event of damage caused by flooding, unless specifically included in the cost sharing agreement.

While the District typically does not fund project elements that are not related to flood control (i.e. seating nodes, lighting, recreational facilities), funds can be used for project elements that are required for flood control purposes, but if modified would be more suitable for multipurpose uses. Maintenance roads can be used as a multi-use bike path, also considered are gate designs and bollards and channel lining (turf, rock, mulch).

Here is a map with the County Regional Trail System is shown. The District has been a stakeholder and partner in the development of this system such as McMicken Dam. Wherever an alignment currently exists, we want to make sure to work with the County.

Prior to coming to the District, the Bethany Home Outfall Channel was constructed. This was a partnership with the District, Glendale and Phoenix producing this great linear park in flood control channel with multiple use opportunities. There are seating nodes, turf lined channel, meandering low flow, shade trees and vegetation and a multi-use pathway.

White Tanks #3 Outfall was completed in 2012 and connects the flood pool of White Tanks #3 (WT #3) with to White Tanks #4 along the Jackrabbit Trail road alignment in the West Valley. It includes a multi-use trail, gates/bollards, native vegetation, and connects to Buckeye Park and Ride lot. This project won an award of merit at the Arizona Forward Environmental Excellence awards and an honor award at the American Council of Engineering Companies Engineering Excellence awards in 2014.

The Lower El Mirage Wash Basin was a smaller project that combined flood control with passive and active recreation purposes between the District and El Mirage. It provides a regional flood hazard mitigation with multi-use opportunities. The project has natural vegetation areas and areas of turf for recreation with 20 acres in the middle of residential area and now it is a park.

More projects include:

- Sonoqui Wash in Queen Creek
- Loop 303 Drainage improvements in Goodyear
- 115th Ave/ Union Hills Drive Channel
- Powerline, Vineyard and Rittenhouse Rehab
- Watson Drain
- Van Buren Channel in Avondale

These are just a few of the projects that are being designed or are under construction. As the District continues to provide flood protection for County residents, we are getting better at providing opportunities for secondary benefits such as multi-purpose trails and wildlife habitat.

Grant Anderson asked if there were plans for the West Valley Rivers Master Plan along the Agua Fria. Harry Cooper responded that Grant Anderson should check with the District planning branch.

Kristin Myers asked if the District has a mitigation banking which is required when working of Waters of the U.S. and Army Corp of Engineers. The funds are used to enhance aquatic ecosystem of the project. Harry Cooper explained that yes they have mitigation banking. Grant Anderson asked if the sand and gravel operators give money towards this mitigation bank. Harry Cooper did not think they did.

8. Discussion of E-Bikes and Other Motorized Bicycles on Shared-use Paths

Susan Conklu lead the discussion on E-bikes and other motorized bicycles on shared use paths. This discussion will include state laws and local ordinances regarding the use of various motorized bicycles and whether regulations need to be updated. Would this open the floodgates for other motorized vehicles. Susan Conklu explained that a Scottsdale resident is requesting a change in policy so that E-bikes could ride on the off-street paths. At the moment, E-bike and scooters, even with engine off, can't be on path.

Grant Anderson asked about motorized wheelchairs. Susan Conklu explained that motorized wheelchairs are considered as a personal device and therefore they are allowed everywhere.

There is a webinar on a pilot project that would allow E-bikes on paths in Boulder, Colorado sponsored by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professional that cost \$50.

Brandon Forrey said he would have to do more research for Peoria. Eric Iwersen said that Tempe prohibits motorized vehicles on paths. There is a city code but police rarely enforces it as long as it isn't an issue. Jim Hash reported that the city of Mesa police department has a brochure that he can make available to all member agencies. Susan Conklu said that new federal level legislation on for E-bikes is expected sometime in 2015.

Katherine Coles asked members to send any local information they wish to share to be sent to Maureen DeCindis to distribute to all members.

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