

January 11, 2016

TO: Members of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

FROM: James Hash, Mesa, Chair of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at **1:00 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.

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## TENTATIVE AGENDA

	COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED
<p>1.     <u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>Quorum is required at all times to conduct the meeting. For the January 19, 2016 meeting, the quorum requirement is 12 committee members.</p>	
<p>2.     <u>Approval of Draft December 15, 2015 Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee</u></p>	<p>2.     For information, discussion and action to approve the meeting minutes of the December 15, 2015 Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting.</p>
<p>3.     <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>3.     For information and discussion.</p>
<p>4.     <u>Staff and Member Agency Reports</u></p> <p>Staff and committee members are invited to provide an update of pedestrian and bicycle-related activity in their agencies.</p>	<p>4.     For information and discussion.</p>

5. Programming Changes to the Avondale I-10 Multi-use Path Project

The City of Avondale is requesting to split the construction of the project into two phases.

Avondale went through the projects assessment portion of the project and found the engineering estimate to be \$2.4 million. The current grant is for a total of \$1,340,856 in CMAQ funding. The City does not have the additional funding available to complete the project. It is, therefore, proposing to phase the project.

*The current project description:*

Construct an asphalt path and I-10 underpass along the Agua Fria River east bank connecting a privately developed path, which combined will connect Van Buren Street to Friendship Park at McDowell Road.

*Proposed changes:*

Phase 1 - Construct a multi-use path from the south side of I-10 to the south bank of the ADOT drainage channel ending in a trail head. The I-10 underpass will be included with this project. The City will also install a privately funded path from Van Buren to Phase 1. Upon completion, Phase I will create a key piece in the City's pathway system.

Phase 2 - Construct a pedestrian/bike bridge across the ADOT drainage channel connecting Friendship Park to the existing trial trail head that would be installed in Phase 1.

5. Recommend approval for the City of Avondale to split the construction of the Avondale I-10 multi-use path project into two phases as proposed.

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| 6. <u>Love to Ride</u><br><br>Love to Ride (lovetoride.org) specializes in using behavior change theory and technology to get more people to ride bikes. Johann Weber will talk about the approach, platform, application and Love to Ride’s aspirations for a regional bike challenge in the Valley. | 6.     For information and discussion. |
| 7. <u>RoadSys LLC</u><br><br>RoadSys LLC (RoadSysLLC.com) specializes in bicycle and pedestrian systems integration for data collection. Dennis LeBlanc and James Schmidt will present the latest technology for data collection, analysis and electronic signage.                                    | 7.     For information and discussion. |
| 8. <u>Request for Future Agenda Items</u><br><br>Members will have the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics.   | 8.     For information and discussion. |
| 9. <u>Next Meeting Date</u><br><br><b>Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 1 p.m. in the Saguaro room.</b>   | 9.     For information.                |

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.  
MAG Office Building, Ironwood Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jim Hash, Mesa, Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Mike Gillespie, Litchfield Park
Jose Macias, El Mirage, Vice-Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	# Ryan Wozniak, Maricopa
Michael Sanders, ADOT	* Denise Lacey, Maricopa County
Raquel Schatz, Apache Junction	# Brandon Forrey, Peoria
Alison Rondone, Avondale	Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Phil Reimer, Buckeye	# Sidney Urias, Queen Creek
# Stacy Bridge-Denzak, Carefree	Susan Conklu, Scottsdale
# Ian Cordwell, Cave Creek	Stephen Chang, Surprise
Jason Crampton, Chandler	# Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Kristin Myers, Gilbert	Amanda Leuker, Valley Metro
Purab Adabala, Glendale	* Robert Carmona, Wickenburg
Steve Careccia, Goodyear	# Grant Anderson, Youngtown
* Kelly LaRosa, FHWA-Arizona	Tiffany Halperin, American Society of Landscape Architects
	# Bob Beane, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Suzanne Day, Valley Metro	Radu Nan, Kittleson & Associates
Mercedes McPherson, Scottsdale	Eileen Yazzie, Phoenix
Teri Kennedy, MAG	Jason Harrington, HPD
Brian Rubin, MAG	Jeff Caslake, Tempe Bicycle Action Group
Tim Strow, MAG	Chris Milner, T.Y. Lin International
Kenneth Steel, MCDPH	Jason Stephens, MAG
Scott Logan, Phoenix	

1. Call to Order

Chair Jim Hash of Mesa called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the November 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Susan Conklu of Scottsdale stated that TIGER funds should be all capital letters and the minutes had it lowercase. She also stated that Cyle Hopper should actually be Cycle Hop and that Reinvent Phoenix

should have been capitalized, not lowercase. Michael Sanders of ADOT said that the minutes had him and Mike Gillespie of Litchfield Park confused. He said that it was he and not Mr. Gillespie that posed the questions on pages three and five of the minutes. Stephen Chang of Surprise said that the reference to the budget for HAWKs on page four in the second to last paragraph, should be in the following paragraph about the pedestrian enhancements on Greenway. Katherine Coles of Phoenix moved to approve the amended meeting minutes of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for November 17, 2015. Susan Conklu 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. 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

Tim Strow of MAG introduced Jason Stephens of MAG as the new bicycle and pedestrian planner for MAG. Teri Kennedy of MAG reminded the committee that the clock is ticking for the PIP (project implementation pool). She stated if there were any committee members that had a project in 2017 or 2018 and would like \$3,000 in ADOT review-fee assistance, the member should apply. Susan Conklu stated that Scottsdale has been working for a year and a half with its tourist advisory task force and has come up with a program to reach out to businesses that welcome bicyclists more. There is a form to fill out and she asked if any members had suggestions on how to improve the form, Ms. Conklu would welcome any input. Chair Hash added that if anyone had any additions, they should provide those by the end of the year. Suzanne Day of Valley Metro asked if this program was Valleywide or Scottsdale specific. Ms. Conklu stated that it is Scottsdale specific, but in the spirit of being bike friendly regionally, Scottsdale would like to share it. Chair Hash asked Ms. Day if she wanted to share any updates from Valley Metro. Ms. Day stated that she is finalizing the Valley Bike Month April 2016 calendar of events and that she will notify everyone when it is complete.

Phil Reimer of Buckeye stated that the city is excited about Skyline Park opening. It's an 8,000 acre park and the grand opening is January 9, 2016. Grand Anderson of Youngtown reported on the status of the Peoria Avenue bike and pedestrian walking path from 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Agua Fria Ranch. He stated that the path is under construction and is going well. He anticipates a finished product sometime in March. Chair Hash reminded the committee that Valley Metro sponsors bicycle education classes that are free to the jurisdictions. He stated that Mesa has done many of them and they are well received by the public.

5. Programming Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects for MAG Federal Funding in the DRAFT FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Kennedy stated that this item is on the agenda for action. She stated that there was \$247,650 from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) non-infrastructure, which is the Safe Routes to School eligible activities. The safety committee did not receive enough applications to program funding and voted to move it into the infrastructure side and that funding is available to put into a different programming year as needed. She continued that in the July meeting the committee went over the weighing of the criteria for CMAQ and TA, and went over putting the applications together and doing the programming all at once to simplify the application process. She stated that in the case of ties, CMAQ funding would be used first and fund whole projects, and try not to blend funding as possible. After the projects have been assigned a funding type the sponsor will chose their preference of program year, which follows rank order. She stated that at the end of the year, if there is a need to balance the program, she may change funding but that it does not happen very often. She stated that in the committee members' packet there are two sheets, one for transportation alternatives infrastructure and one for the CMAQ. Looking in the packet at TA, there is a dotted line in maroon and just a few items down is a solid blue line. She stated that the dotted line is where there were ties and after tiebreakers were completed, the solid line is the programming line. She stated that if a member's project is above the solid blue line, the project got funded. In the notes, the funding category is listed. There was partial funding remaining of \$9,965 after the proposed programming.

Ms. Kennedy stated that looking at the CMAQ project list, the dotted line shows where projects would be funded without doing the tiebreakers and the solid blue line shows where the programming would occur. She noted that the last project above the blue line is a Glendale project that has a balance of funding of \$213,437. The programming was done by total combined rank programming order and it shows on each one of the lists. She stated that federal highway does not want to fund HAWKs using CMAQ funding. That happened after the call for projects was released. She informed the committee that if they got funded on the CMAQ side for a HAWK, they got moved to TAP funding. She stated that no committee member lost anything in this case. Looking at the CMAQ funding, after breaking all the ties, the Glendale 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue project is partially funded based on their requested funding. She stated there are two questions for the committee. The first is if Glendale does not want the partial funding for 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue the committee can save it for the next programming cycle or offer it to the next project. The second is that based on the priority rank order and who's getting funded, each of the projects that are getting funded have been put into a preferred year. In 2018, there are funded projects and a summary of funding available. There was a surplus of \$1.7 million. In 2019, there is a deficit of \$2.5 million. In 2020, there is a surplus of \$760,000. Since there is an over programming in 2019, which of the 2019 projects would be willing to advance to 2018? She stated that she wanted to keep each programming year at plus or minus \$1 million without splitting projects up.

After addressing Chair Hash, Ms. Kennedy asked the City of Glendale if they wanted to accept the funding or decline it. Purab Adabala of Glendale states that Glendale cannot accept partial funding on the 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue nor the SR 101, Bethany Home to Maryland Avenue projects due to costly irrigation ditches. Ms. Coles then declined the partial funds for the Friendly House Safe Streets project in Phoenix. Mr. Adabala then stated that the Paradise Lane project fits Glendale's needs. He stated that if the committee could recommend to combine the \$9,965 funding surplus from the TAP Glendale

would accept. Ms. Kennedy said that this addition can be done. Chair Hash asked if the committee needed to take action to combine the funds.

Ms. Kennedy responded that the committee could make a recommendation. Chair Hash asks for a recommendation to move the \$9,965 from the TA to the CMAQ funding. Ms. Coles made a motion, seconded by Kristin Myers of Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Hash then asks for a motion to approve of awarding the funds to the City of Glendale for the Paradise Lane 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue sidewalk improvements. Ms. Conklu made a motion and Ms. Coles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kennedy states a need for a CMAQ project that can move from 2019 to 2018. Mr. Chang stated that the City of Surprise would like to move its Bullard Avenue project up to 2018. Chair Hash stated that Mesa could move the southeast pathway forward to 2018, but declined so that the City of Surprise can move forward. Ms. Kennedy then read the action needed for approval: *recommend approval of the priority list of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and Transportation Alternative Program funded projects to be added to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and to add the lists of FY 2018, 2019, and 2020 projects to the Draft FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as appropriate. And include the balance of the CMAQ and TA funding on Project Application GLN-19-BPB-002, Glendale: Paradise Lane, 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Improvement, and advance project application SUR-19-BPB-001, Surprise: Bullard Avenue Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project from FY2019 to FY2018 to balance the three year programming scenario.* Ms. Conklu made a motion to approve and Ms. Coles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason Crampton of Chandler asked Ms. Kennedy if the motion caused the deficit of 2019 to be over the million dollar threshold that Ms. Kennedy mentioned earlier in the meeting. Ms. Kennedy said no because she was able to take Transportation Alternatives Program Safe Routes to School funding to help balance that.

#### 6. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Hash indicated that members of the Committee had the opportunity to request future agenda items to appear before the Committee. Ms. Myers of Gilbert asked for a summary of the FAST Act (Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act) and how it will affect the region positively or negatively. Jason Stephens of MAG stated that there will be a presentation from Rails to Trails on the T-MAP program (Trail Modeling and Assessment Platform) and a presentation on the SPINE study from MAG staff at the next meeting.

#### 7. Next Meetings

All meetings will be on the third Tuesday of the month in the Ironwood Room at **1:00 p.m.**, except where otherwise noted.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 1:00 p.m.

Chair Hash adjourned the meeting.

