

April 14, 2015

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, April 21, 2015 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.

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 Alex Oreschak at (602) 254-6300 or aoreschak@azmag.gov if you have any questions or need additional information.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

For the April 21, 2015 meeting, the quorum requirement is 11 committee members.

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

2. For information, discussion and action to approve the meeting minutes of the March 17, 2015 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. Off-Street Wayfinding Network

The consultant will present on the final draft of the Valley Path Brand & Wayfinding Signage Guidelines, including Valley Path brand standards, wayfinding tools, wayfinding guidelines, and an implementation approach. Please see attached material.

7. City of Tempe Project Modification

The City of Tempe is requesting to combine two project segments on the Highline Canal, east of Priest Drive/Avenida Del Yaqui south approximately 2.5 miles and from Auto Drive in the City of Tempe to Chandler City limits (TIP #'s TMP16-405 and TMP17-404). The two project segments are contiguous and by combining into one work segment, it would reduce the design and construction costs to the region and the city. The project would be modified in the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to a single listing combining federal and local funding. Please refer to the attached materials.

8. City of Scottsdale Crosscut Canal Project Scope Change and Funding Administration Modification

The City of Scottsdale was awarded \$445,407 in Transportation Alternatives and \$180,886 in competitive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds in Fiscal Year 2013 for the Crosscut Canal project. The awarded project scope included a 14-foot wide non-motorized bridge over the Crosscut Canal south of McDowell Road, a 10-foot wide concrete path on the east bank of the Crosscut Canal and a ramp connection from the canal to the alley. The scope previously connected the path through a second alley to 66th Street near Culver Street. This

6. For information and discussion.

7. For information, discussion and recommendation to combine construction work segments on the Highline Canal projects and to modify the TIP listings.

8. For information, discussion, and possible recommended approval of the project scope modification and the provision to replace FHWA funds with FTA funds.

has been changed to provide a more direct connection to the east/west bike route on Belleview. Please refer to the map for the proposed project changes. The project is currently funded in part with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FTA funds. Due to the higher administrative provisions required of FHWA funds, and that the project has been environmentally cleared through FTA, it is proposed that the TAP project funding be replaced with CMAQ-flexed transit funds. This change of funding would not increase the net federal funds awarded to the project, or the local match requirements for the project. The City of Phoenix as the Designated Recipient would administer the project funding.

9. Bicycle Counter Rental Program

MAG staff will present information about the MAG bicycle counter rental program. This program will start in June 2015 and allow MAG member agencies to borrow temporary pneumatic tube counters from MAG to gather bicycle count data for short periods of time.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics.

11. 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, May 26, 2015

-Last Tuesday of May

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 (possibly noon)

9. For information and discussion.

10. For information and discussion.

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
MAG Office Building, Chaparral Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| * Katherine Coles, Phoenix, Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee | Joe Schmitz, Goodyear |
| Jim Hash, Mesa, Vice-Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee | Julius Diogenes for David Gue, Litchfield Park |
| * Michael Sanders, ADOT | # Ryan Wozniak, Maricopa |
| * Raquel Schatz, Apache Junction | # Denise Lacey, Maricopa County |
| Christina Underhill, Avondale | # Brandon Forrey, Peoria |
| # 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 |
| Jose Macias, El Mirage | * Amanda Leuker, Valley Metro |
| # Leslie Bubke for 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

Alex Oreschak, MAG	Tiffany Halperin, Arizona Society of Landscape Architects
Eileen Yazzie, MAG	JC Porter, ASU
Margaret Boone, MAG	Jason Harrington, HPD
Kenneth Steel, Maricopa County Public Health	Doug McCants, Horrocks
Suzanne Day, Valley Metro	Radu Nan, Kittelson & Associates
Bob Beane, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists	Jeff Casklake, TBAG
	Tristan Manis

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Jim Hash called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the February 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Jason Crampton moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for February 24, 2015. Julius Diogenes 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.

Tristan Manis thanked the committee for their work on bicycle and pedestrian issues, and made three observations. Tristin stated that GRID bike share is a good idea, but that the signage for GRID indicates “follow the rules of the road” and “stay off the sidewalk.” Tristan noted that state law does not prohibit riding on the sidewalk, so maybe this should be revised; otherwise, people might mistakenly assume that is the law. GRID may also wish to post state laws on cycling on their website, as there may be liability if the laws aren’t fully explained. Tristan asked about the idea of putting street signs and names on the street crossings for the bike paths. Finally, Tristan noted that share the road signs are great and that he would like to see more of those signs, possibly on a larger scale. He saw a sign with extra verbiage and graphics, and that sign may have been overly confusing. It might be better to include a basic sign.

Acting Chair Jim Hash additionally noted that some city ordinances may state riding on the sidewalk is not allowed, but not all.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Susan Conklu informed the Committee that bike valet would be offered at Scottsdale Stadium for Spring Training on Sunday, March 22. Susan noted that there was a lot of interest for this service, particularly for weekend games in the future. Susan stated that Scottsdale might put a workshop on with the Tempe Bicycle Action Group to show other groups how to do bike valet so it can be offered in additional locations. The March 22 bike valet was sponsored by the City of Scottsdale through the Tourism Strategic Plan. Jim Hash noted that the non-profit Bike Force provides bike valet for Cyclo Mesa. Margaret Boone noted that Transportation Alternatives Safe Routes To School Non-Infrastructure applications were available for download online at srts.azmag.gov. The deadline for application submissions is May 5, 2015.

5. Valley Bike Month

Suzanne Day from Valley Metro provided an update on Valley Bike Month and Commute Solutions. Suzanne noted that April is Valley Bike Month, and that there are printed materials available detailing the many events occurring throughout April. Suzanne noted that the Maricopa County and City of Phoenix bike to work day ride would occur on April 23 instead of the originally scheduled April 22. Valley bike month T-shirts are available through Valley Metro, and that the Valley Bike Month Commuter Challenge was available for sign-up at ShareTheRide.com, with prizes for teams that take the most bike trips in April. Suzanne told the Committee that the GRID

Bike Share field trip through Commute Solutions, with 15 employer Transportation Coordinators learning about GRID.

6. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Debrief and Proposed Revised Process and Evaluation

Eileen Yazzie from MAG presented on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Debrief and Proposed Revised Process and Evaluation. Eileen noted that MAG was not requesting action on this item as originally stated in the agenda; rather, the item would only be for information and discussion, due to a need to coordinate further with the MAG Safety Committee and staff. Eileen provided background on the TAP, stating that in July 2012, the Safe Routes to School and Transportation Enhancements programs were combined under MAP-21 into one pot of Transportation Alternatives funding. The MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian, Street, Safety, and Transit Committees all agreed to program goals and objectives, and a process for the funding of Transportation Alternatives projects. The goals of the program were to improve safety, bicycle and pedestrian conditions, and biking and walking to school.

Eileen noted that the MAG Safety Committee was undertaking a Strategic Transportation Safety Plan, and that there was a desire to incorporate the outcomes of that plan into the evaluation process for Transportation Alternatives. Eileen explained that over 30 applications were received in 2012 for three years of TAP funding at \$4 million a year, including a number of applications for HAWK projects. Comments received from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Transportation Review Committee, and Management Committee indicated that the evaluation process should change from a working group of four committees into housing the program in one committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Eileen noted that the application may need to be adjusted to truly emphasize the needs and concerns related to projects. There was an overwhelming response from MAG member agencies that the weighting of different scoring criteria needed to be addressed, and that the percentage given to a presentation score should be brought down significantly, with more weight given to the quantitative and qualitative aspects of project evaluation.

Eileen informed the Committee that MAG would return in April or May to update the Committee again, as the application must be completed and ready to go by July, with a call for projects anticipated in August for TAP and CMAQ funding.

Susan Conklu asked whether the evaluation criteria might include estimated bike volume instead of counts, and how that should be interpreted. Eileen noted that this was a comment received during the debriefing, and that counts may be used to show how many people are currently using the system to justify that there is an enhancement that may be needed. Eileen noted that these are still only suggestions and should be discussed further before the application is released. MAG could provide estimates based on existing bike count data, or bike counters could potentially be deployed to project locations if enough are available. Susan replied that there are often two thoughts related to opposition of bike and pedestrian projects: if nobody is there, why should anything be built? Or if people are already using it, why should we change things? Eileen asked the committee if a request from MAG for bike counts as part of the application process would be too onerous. Susan noted there would be additional staff requirements for manual counts as opposed to bike counters. Eric Iwersen noted that this would not be an easy task to turn around quickly, and that there would

additionally need to be a uniform methodology across agencies in order to accurately assess numbers between applications.

Eileen asked the committee whether a separate application or set aside should be provided for HAWK projects, and that there is a need to look at corridor projects and point location projects, with a need to more accurately compare them. Susan asked whether the definition of a crossing in this case should only include HAWK signals, or if it should incorporate all types of crossings, such as regular traffic signals or bridges. Jason Crampton noted that a separate pool may not be needed, but that there should be a way to balance out the criteria, such as considering uses on paths leading up to the point crossing in addition to only uses around the crossing itself. Eric also noted that a set aside would not be preferred. Eileen summarized that the stronger desire from the Committee would be to get the evaluation criteria refined to better evaluate crossings. Tiffany Halperin noted that the committee has been focused primarily on connectivity over the years. There is finally a pretty active core of people, and the committee should consider how to provide more safety within active cores, and not merely trying to connect places to each other. Tiffany stated that it might make sense to prioritize getting to destinations near the end more safely, whether that be through HAWKs or bridges or other options.

7. MAG Bikeways Print Map

Alex Oreschak from MAG presented on the draft print bikeways map. Alex noted that MAG had brought two plots of the draft bikeways print map to the Committee for review, with the map of the region on one side and additional information such as rules of the road, types of bikeways, and contact information, along with a map inset of the light rail area and the GRID Bike Share stations on the other side. Alex said that at the January 24, 2015 Committee Meeting, the Committee looked at bikeways maps from other regions around the country and that MAG updated the map layout and symbolization based on feedback received at that meeting. Committee members had been asked to provide updates to the bikeways files that MAG had, and MAG was still waiting for responses from about 13 member agencies on updated bikeway files. Because of this, the map side of the bikeways map draft included old data, while the back side of the map, with the inset and additional information, was updated with new information and new layout. Committee members were given approximately 15 minutes to review the new map layouts and provide comments and additional feedback to MAG.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Acting Chair Jim Hash indicated that members of the Committee had the opportunity to request future agenda items to appear before the Committee. No requests for future agenda items were provided.

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Acting Chair Jim Hash adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.