

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

August 30, 2011

SUBJECT:

MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program

SUMMARY:

The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, includes \$300,000 for the Design Assistance for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities. There was also \$164,999 carry over from the previous year. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for preliminary design assistance of a bicycle or pedestrian project. funding. Eight applications requesting \$655,280 in funding were originally submitted for consideration. Two jurisdictions subsequently withdrew their applications.

On August 16, 2011, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed the applications and unanimously recommended the following projects for approval: Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Pathway at 23rd Avenue for \$80,000; Gilbert: Multi-use Pathway Development for \$66,549; Glendale: New River Path Connection for \$77,200; Mesa: Gateway Shared Use Path for \$120,000; Cave Creek: Bicycle Lanes Project for \$41,250; and the Phoenix: Bridge - Children's Museum to Arizona Science Center for \$80,000 through the MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program.

On August 25, 2012, the Transportation Review Committee concurred with the recommendation of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: This program assists MAG member agencies by offering professional design assistance to develop bicycle and pedestrian facilities that help reduce congestion and improve air quality.

CONS: According to federal law, any project which is not constructed after being designed with federal transportation funds could be required to return the funds used for design to the Federal Highway Administration.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The Design Assistance Program encourages implementation of the adopted MAG Pedestrian Policies and Design Guidelines and nationally accepted bicycle facilities design practices.

POLICY: These programs encourage the development of facilities to encourage walking and bicycling.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval of the following projects through the MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program: Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Pathway at 23rd Avenue for \$80,000; Gilbert: Multi-use Pathway Development for \$66,549; Glendale: New River Path Connection for \$77,200; Mesa: Gateway Shared Use Path for \$120,000; Cave Creek: Bicycle Lanes Project for \$41,250; and the Phoenix: Bridge - Children's Museum to Arizona Science Center for \$80,000.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

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MEMBERS ATTENDING

Peoria: David Moody
ADOT: Tim Wolfe for Floyd Roehrich
* Avondale: David Fitzhugh
Buckeye: Scott Lowe
Chandler: Dan Cook for Patrice Kraus
El Mirage: Lance Calvert
* Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel
Gila Bend: Eric Fitzer
* Gila River: Doug Torres
Gilbert: Ken Maruyama for Tami Ryall
Glendale: Bob Darr for Terry Johnson
Goodyear: Cato Esquivel
Guadalupe: Gino Turrubiarres
Litchfield Park: Paul Ward for Woody Scoutten

Maricopa County: Clem Ligocki for John Hauskins
Mesa: Mike James for Scott Butler
Paradise Valley: Bill Mead
Phoenix: Rick Naimark
Queen Creek: Kevin Johnson for Tom Condit
RPTA: Bryan Jungwirth
Scottsdale: Dave Meinhart
Surprise: Bob Beckley
* Tempe: Chad Heinrich
Valley Metro Rail: John Farry
Wickenburg: Rick Austin
Youngtown: Grant Anderson for Lloyce Robinson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

Street Committee:
* ITS Committee: Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County

Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee: Katherine Coles, City of Phoenix
* Transportation Safety Committee: Julian Dresang, City of Tempe

* Members neither present nor represented by proxy. + Attended by Videoconference
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MEMBERS ATTENDING

Reed Kempton, Scottsdale, Chair
Margaret Boone-Pixley, Avondale, Vice-Chair
Michael Sanders, ADOT
Tiffany Halperin, ASLA, Arizona Chapter
* Robert Wisener, Buckeye
* D.J. Stapley, Carefree
Bob Beane, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists
Jason Crampton, Chandler
Douglas Strong, El Mirage
Ken Maruyama for Tami Ryall, Gilbert
Steve Hancock, Glendale

Joe Schmitz, Goodyear
Paul Ward for Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
* Denise Lacey, Maricopa County
Jim Hash, Mesa
Brandon Forrey, Peoria,
Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Dawn Coomer, RPTA
Karen Savage, Surprise
* Eric Iwersen, Tempe

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