

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review**

**DATE:**

November 30, 2010

**SUBJECT:**

MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program

**SUMMARY:**

The FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2010, includes \$300,000 for the Design Assistance for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities. The Design Assistance Program allows MAG member agencies to apply for funding for the design portion of a bicycle or pedestrian project. Six applications from Apache Junction, El Mirage, Glendale, Litchfield Park, Mesa and Phoenix, were received on September 23, 2010. On October 19, 2010, the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee reviewed the applications and unanimously recommended the following projects for approval: El Mirage: Rancho El Mirage Multi-use Path (\$100,000); Mesa: Porter Park Pathway (\$125,000); and Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Path at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (\$75,000). All projects could not be funded because the amount of requests exceeded the amount available.

On October 28, 2010, the Transportation Review Committee unanimously recommended the following projects for approval: El Mirage: Rancho El Mirage Multi-use Path (\$100,000); Mesa: Porter Park Pathway (\$125,000); and Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Path at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (\$75,000).

On November 10, 2010, the Management Committee unanimously recommended the following projects for approval: El Mirage: Rancho El Mirage Multi-use Path (\$100,000); Mesa: Porter Park Pathway (\$125,000); and Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Path at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (\$75,000).

**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:**

Approval of the El Mirage: Rancho El Mirage Multi-use Path (\$100,000); Mesa: Porter Park Pathway (\$125,000); and Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Path at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (\$75,000) through the MAG Design Assistance for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Program.

## **PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

On November 10, 2010, the Management Committee unanimously recommended the following projects for approval: El Mirage: Rancho El Mirage Multi-use Path (\$100,000); Mesa: Porter Park Pathway (\$125,000); and Phoenix: Grand Canal Multi-use Path at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (\$75,000).

### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Carl Swenson, Peoria, Chair	Bill Hernandez, Guadalupe
Charlie Meyer, Tempe, Vice Chair	Sonny Culbreth for Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
# George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Christopher Brady, Mesa
Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley
Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye	Ed Zuercher for David Cavazos, Phoenix
* Gary Neiss, Carefree	John Kross, Queen Creek
* Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Patrice Kraus for Rich Dlugas, Chandler	David Richert, Scottsdale
Pat Dennis for Rick Flaaen, El Mirage	Michael Celaya for Mark Coronado, Surprise
* Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	* Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Rick Davis, Fountain Hills	Gary Edwards, Wickenburg
Rick Buss, Gila Bend	* Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
* David White, Gila River Indian Community	Rob Samour for John Halikowski, ADOT
Collin DeWitt, Gilbert	* David Smith, Maricopa Co.
Brent Stoddard for Ed Beasley, Glendale	David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA
Mark Gaillard for John Fischbach, Goodyear	

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

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### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Peoria: David Moody	Maricopa County: Clem Ligocki for John Hauskins
ADOT: Steve Hull for Floyd Roehrich	Mesa: Scott Butler
Avondale: Shirley Gunther for David Fitzhugh	Paradise Valley: Bill Mead
Buckeye: Scott Lowe	Phoenix: Rick Naimark
Chandler: RJ Zeder for Patrice Kraus	Queen Creek: Tom Condit
El Mirage: Lance Calvert	RPTA: Bryan Jungwirth
Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel	Scottsdale: Dave Meinhart
* Gila Bend: Eric Fitzer	Surprise: Bob Beckley
* Gila River: Doug Torres	Tempe: Jyme Sue McLaren for Chris Salomone
Gilbert: Tami Ryall	Valley Metro Rail: John Farry
Glendale: Cathy Colbath for Terry Johnson	* Wickenburg: Rick Austin
Goodyear: Cato Esquivel	Youngtown: Grant Anderson for Lloyce Robinson
* Guadalupe: Gino Turrubiarres	
Litchfield Park: Paul Ward for Woody Scoutten	

### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

Street Committee: Dan Cook, City of Chandler	* Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee: Peggy Rubach, RPTA
* ITS Committee: Nicolaas Swart, Maricopa County	* Transportation Safety Committee: Julian Dresang, City of Tempe

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# Attended by Audioconference

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**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Brandon Forrey, Peoria, Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
Reed Kempton, Scottsdale, Vice-Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
Michael Sanders, ADOT  
\* Tiffany Halperin, ASLA, Arizona Chapter  
# Margaret Boone-Pixley, Avondale  
\* Robert Wisener, Buckeye  
\* D.J. Stapley, Carefree  
# Bob Beane, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists  
Ann Marie Riley for Jason Crampton, Chandler  
Doug 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  
Katherine Coles, Phoenix  
Lisa Padilla, Queen Creek  
Peggy Rubach, RPTA  
Hobart Wingard, Surprise  
Eric Iwersen, Tempe

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