

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, October 15, 2002 - 1:30 p.m.  
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Cholla Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Patrick McDermott, Chandler, Chair	Brian Fellows, Mesa
Anna Roedler, Avondale	Tim Bolton, Peoria
*Bill Lazenby, Coalition of Az. Bicyclists	Briiana Leon, Phoenix
Tami Ryall, Gilbert	Randi Alcott, RPTA
Debbie Burdette, Glendale	Aaron Iverson, Scottsdale
*Janeen Holloman, Goodyear	Tucker Smith, Surprise
Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park	*Elizabeth Thomas, Tempe
Reed Kempton, Maricopa County	

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Normand, Chandler	Jeff Sargent, City of Peoria
Steve Hancock, Glendale	Arlene Ross
Maureen DeCindis, MAG	Ward Parker
Steve Tate, MAG	

1. Call to Order

Chairman Pat McDermott called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. Approval of the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 Meeting Minutes of the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Debbie Burdette moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Regional Bicycle Task Force from June 18, 2002. Tim Bolton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

No one in the audience wished to address the committee.

4. Staff Report

Maureen DeCindis reported on several items:

- The 25 members of Regional Transportation Policy Committee met for the first time on Saturday September 21, 2002 in a retreat in Carefree with cities, business leaders, state legislators, freight and transit representatives to work on the new Transportation Plan. The Plan will serve as the transportation blueprint for the region for the next 20-40 years and is expected to be a critical component in helping voters decide to support the extension of the half-cent sales tax. The Plan must meet federal air quality requirements and all proposed projects must be measured against performance goals such as safety and mobility. Maureen DeCindis distributed a list of the scheduled TPC meeting dates.
- There is a safety program entitled “The Eagle Eye Neighborhood Park Watch Program” from the Illinois Association of Park Districts. If any committee members are interested in considering this program for their city, they should contact Ted Flickinger, Executive Director at 217-523-4554.
- Maureen DeCindis reported on the upcoming Active Living by Design award grants of up to \$200,000 for five years to 25 qualifying community-oriented partnerships to develop and implement strategies to increase routine physical activity. Members were asked if they might be interested in participating. The following expressed interest: Tami Ryall of Gilbert, Mike Normand of Chandler, Brian Fellows of Mesa, Anna Roedler of Avondale, Jeff Sargent, Peoria and Steve Hancock of Glendale are interested.

Last week, the statewide Enhancement Funds committee met in Lake Havasu. The following MAG member agencies were awarded funds:

<b>ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS - 2002</b>	<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>ROUND</b>
<b>CAMELBACK CORE PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT</b> – Enhance 2 intersections at 20 <sup>th</sup> Street and 24 <sup>th</sup> Street to promote bike and pedestrian use. Includes enlarged pedestrian/bike refuge areas and ramps to the crosswalks, shade structures, way-finding markers at intersections, new “pedestrian countdown” traffic signals.	\$392,491	Phoenix	10
<b>CANAL CROSSING PROJECT</b> – Install 4 AASHTO approved bridges along the Consolidated (Heritage Trail) and Eastern (Santan Vista Trail) Canals. Will improve connectivity to neighborhoods and safety.	\$180,000	Gilbert	10

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<b>GUADALUPE ROAD (I-10 TO TEMPE LIMITS)</b> – Construct concrete curb and gutter with bike lanes (both sides) and sidewalk (north side) and trail (south side) of Guadalupe Rd. Completes Sun Circle Trail link from Highline Canal to I-10 bridge crossing. Also includes landscaping and irrigation.	\$471,500	Guadalupe	10
<b>GLENDALE’S BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN REST AREA</b> – Rest area for bicyclists & pedestrians at 43 <sup>rd</sup> and Peoria Avenues. Includes decorative walkways and seating areas, shade, landscaping, drinking fountains, water feature. Near multi-use paths and underpass.	\$336,826	Glendale	10
<b>BICYCLE LANES ON SR 87 (ARIZONA AVE.) SOUTH OF OCOTILLO RD. TO HUNT HWY.</b> – Extend bike lanes. Bike lanes exist already to Ocotillo Rd. Existing roadway is in milled condition, creating a rough surface for cyclists. Connects to origins and destinations, and to paths on Consolidated Canal.	\$440,803	ADOT/ Chandler	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,821,620		

Steve Tate presented ideas for a workshop tentatively scheduled for Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 4:30pm for MAG members. The workshop would present step-by-step process for getting a project through the ADOT approval process. He asked the committee members for ideas on what specific problems need to be addressed. Examples of issues would be: What is required for an environmental study? What conditions trigger this study? How long does it take? What are the elements in a procurement process? When should the process be started?

Jeff Sargent suggested that the workshop address the forms needed and what time lines should be used. Randi Alcott asked what projects should be included. Steve Tate responded that transit and rail projects would not be included.

Debbie Burdette commented that ADOT wouldn’t look at projects unless the funding is expiring very soon. Steve Tate responded that many MAG jurisdictions are coming in at the last minute with their projects.

Tami Ryall reported that ADOT is no longer conducting concurrent reviews and asked if MAG staff would to pull a group together to work through ADOT process.

## 5. Member Agency Report

Tim Bolton reported that Peoria has started the process for site planning for Agua Fria Park.

Mike Cartsonis noted that Litchfield Park has convinced a developer to create a link from the commercial shopping center to the greenway leading up to it. The layout for shopping centers is usually oriented for arterial road access only.

Steve Hancock, reported that the City of Glendale has about \$22M dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Debbie Burdette said good-bye to the committee. Steve Hancock will officially represent Glendale. She will be missed.

Randi Alcott announced Valley Bike Week will be one week before or one week after Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003. All cities were invited to sit on the Valley Bicycle Week Planning Committee.

Brian Fellows reported on the Mesa First Annual Canal Festival that attracted 1500 people over the weekend. The festival was held at Hohokam Stadium and along the 2 mile path through the center of Mesa. People riding the path took advantage of the three wheel bicycle rental that was discounted by 50% for this occasion.

## 6. Update of the Activities of the Transportation Review Committee

Reed Kempton announced that the TRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 29, 2002.

## 7. Regional Bikeways Map

Maureen DeCindis reported that the MAG Regional Bikeways Map is being updated in order to include all recently developed bicycle facilities. Committee members were asked to review the first draft of the map and give MAG staff their comments.

Reed suggested that MAG send out the shape file/pdf to all cities to study the accuracy of the updates.

## 8. Maricopa County Regional Trail Plan Presentation

The Maricopa County Regional Trail System Plan: Phase One was approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 4, 2002. Reed Kempton provided an overview of the plan and discussed the process for completing Phases Two and Three.

The vision of the Maricopa County Regional Trail System Plan is to connect the majestic open spaces of the Maricopa County Region Parks with a nonmotorized trail system. The goals are

connect the County Park System, link recreational corridors around the Valley, and help preserve open space in the community. The project will capitalize on existing right-of-ways such as canals, parks, utility corridors and flood control projects. This is a very long term plan for the next 75-100 years.

Maricopa County will be hiring two trail planners who will complete the plan and a trail manager that will set up non-profit organization to raise funds and create partnerships.

The Project team was formed with staff from Maricopa County departments of Transportation, Parks, Recreation, Planning and Development and Flood Control District.

A trail is defined as a marked or established path for horses, bikes, wheelchairs, walking, rollerblades and for our great grandchildren.

After the presentation, Tami Ryall asked if the county expects people to travel from park to park. Reed responded that it will be designed with trailheads and parking facilities. People may go from park to park or may choose shorter segments.

Tami Ryall asked if this plan was done all in-house and complimented the County on the plan.

Reed Kemptom pointed out the last three policies on Goal One:

- The trail should, wherever feasible, include grade-separated intersections at major road crossings and at other physical barriers along the corridor.
- All Maricopa county departments will incorporate the regional trail in the planning and design phases of any project adjacent to or crossing a regional trail corridor.
- Wherever feasible, Maricopa county departments will construct trail crossing at points of contact on existing, programmed and planned County public infrastructure to set anchor points for future trail alignments.

Mike Cartsonis asked if the County would have to get state legislation passed to get developers to help pay some of the costs. Reed Kempton responded that the County has the legal right to require this, if it is part of the County general plan. The County currently receives impact fees for the trail system from every house Dell Web builds in Anthem.

Aaron Iverson remarked that the County plan reminds him of the Arizona Trail development. The Arizona Trail runs from northern to southern Arizona. He suggested that the County might want to link with Arizona Trail. There is a non-profit group organizing the Arizona Trail, the County may want to work with them.

## 9. “America Moves” Conference

Brian Fellows presented an update on the planning for the conference scheduled for April 3-4, 2003. This conference will be a symposium on forging bicycling, walking and physical activity partnerships.

The conference tracks cover health, pedestrian, schools, seniors, land use, bicycles. On Thursday, there will be reception held in the museum. Cost for the conference will be about \$125 which includes general sessions featuring the US Surgeon General, Mark Fenton, Martin Collis from Canada, and Dan Burden.

#### 10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Bicycle Task Force will be **December 17, 2002** in the Cholla Room unless notified. There may be a joint meeting with the Pedestrian Working Group to discuss getting bicycle and pedestrian projects in the Regional Transportation Plan.