

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, March 19, 2002 - 1:00 p.m.
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Patrick McDermott, Chandler, Chair
*Carol Scherbarth, ADOT
*Tami Ryall, Gilbert
Debbie Burdette, Glendale
Janeen Holloman, Goodyear
Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
Reed Kempton, Maricopa County

Brian Fellows, Mesa
*Tim Bolton, Peoria
*Kristina Fields, Phoenix
Randi Alcott, RPTA
*Gary Meyer, Scottsdale
Elizabeth Thomas, Tempe

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Maureen DeCindis, MAG
Kelly LaRosa, Peoria
Lauren Brooks, Avondale

1. Call to Order

Chairman Pat McDermott called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. Approval of the February 19, 2002 Meeting Minutes of the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Debbie Burdette moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Regional Bicycle Task Force from February 19, 2002. Elizabeth Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. City of Goodyear CMAQ 2002 Bike Path project: Litchfield Road - Indian School Road to I-10.

Chuck Hydeman had presented a request to re-program Litchfield Road Bike Path funding to another City of Goodyear CMAQ project to pave a dirt road in Rainbow Valley at the February 19, 2002 meeting. Pat McDermott reiterated the request and asked for comments from the committee members.

Janeen Holloman explained that there were two parts to the Goodyear request. The first request would allow the bicycle funding to be used for a paving project. If that was not acceptable,

Goodyear would like to use the funding for a half-mile bicycle facility on one side of Litchfield Road.

Michael Cartsonis noted that Litchfield road is a road of regional significance linking the north of the city down to Estrella mountains. There is currently a 10' concrete path along that road that was built 7 years ago.

Randi Alcott mentioned the Interim Close-out process. Projects that have been scheduled for 2003 and 2004 will have priority for being funded. Goodyear could submit this project in the new competition. Reed Kempton supported this idea and expressed that the current request is seen as trying to bypass the official process.

Elizabeth Thomas does not want requests of this type to set a precedent.

Mike Cartsonis asked it if would it be possible to do part of Litchfield road. Pat McDermott explained that Goodyear would only do one side of a road for half mile long and that the project would not be started for two more years.

Brian Fellows explained that Mesa had a similar problem with a project in which the neighbors didn't want the project after the City had received funding for it. The city of Mesa was informed that they could not transfer the funding to another project.

Randi Alcott moved that the Bike Task Force deny the request by Goodyear for both options. Reed Kempton. seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote with the exception of dissenting votes from Janeen Holloman and Mike Cartsonis. Michael Cartsonis further added that he thought Goodyear's alternative project for Litchfield was a viable project. The Bicycle Task Force will make a recommendation to the TRC to reject the City of Goodyear's request to re-program Litchfield Road Bike Path funding to another project.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Bicycle Task Force will be **April 16, 2002 in the Cholla Room.**

NOTE: On Tuesday, May 21, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. in the Cholla Room there will be a joint meeting with the Regional Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group to review Transportation Enhancement Funds applications