

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP AND THE
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 - 1:30 p.m.
MAG Office Building, RPTA Suite 9A
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tami Ryall, Gilbert, Chair, Regional Bicycle Task Force and Acting Chair of the Pedestrian Working Group	Peggy Rubach, Maricopa County
Bruce Meyers, ADOA Gen. Services	Mitch Foy, Mesa
Michael Sanders, ADOT	Karen Flores, Peoria
Michael Eagan, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Anna Roedler, Avondale	Briiana Leon, Phoenix
*Michael Normand, Chandler	*Randi Alcott, RPTA
*Bill Lazenby, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists	Dawn Coomer, Scottsdale
*Steve Hancock, Glendale	*Reed Kempton, Scottsdale
Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park	Eric Iwersen, Tempe
	*Randy Overmeyer for Lee Lambert, Surprise
	Mark Smith, El Mirage

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kim Furphy, El Mirage	Ron Tatasciore, e group
Jerry Horacek, El Mirage	Mike Washkowiak, Kimley-Horn & Assoc.
Joy Mee, Phoenix	Caryn Logan Heaps, A Dye Design
Leslie Dornfeld, HDR	Janeen Gaskins, City of Avondale
Jim Coffman, Coffman Studio LLC	

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tami Ryall called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. Approval of the March 15, 2005 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Eric Iwersen moved to approve and Katherine Coles seconded the move to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group for March 15, 2005 with the following changes that Katherine Coles is spelled with a K and that John Lynch was present at the March meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Bicycle Task Force and the

Pedestrian Working Group 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 Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items were given an opportunity at the time the item was heard.

4. Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis reported that projects wishing to compete in the close out process must be submitted by Friday, April 29, 2005. There is approximately \$17 million dollars available. Maureen DeCindis also distributed the Enhancements Fund schedule.

Eric Iwersen asked if other committee members would like to work together as a regional committee in negotiation with the railroads. The County, Mesa, Peoria, Gilbert, Avondale and ASLA said they would like to become involved. Peggy Rubach noted that the U.S. Conference of Mayors are interested in the responsiveness of railroads as well as the Corporation Commission.

Peggy Rubach thanked MAG staff specifically Don Worley for technical assistance.

Mike Sanders announced the success of a bike to work event with the participation of one state legislator and the ADOT director.

Mitch Foy spoke about the success of the Boeing Bike Week event for 4,000 employees.

Eric Iwersen announced that Tempe is providing five free breakfast sites for the Tempe Bike to Work event with the Mayor on Wednesday April 20, 2005.

5. Review and Rank the FY2005 MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Applications

Applicants provided a five minute presentation on each of their projects.

- City of Scottsdale - Enhancing Pedestrian Mobility in Downtown Scottsdale (\$85,000)
- City of Phoenix - Roosevelt Row Pedestrian Connection (\$80,000)
- City of El Mirage - Cactus Road Sidewalk Project (\$26,000)
- Town of Gilbert - Gilbert Industrial Campus Facility Retrofit (\$75,000)
- City of Avondale - Littleton School Sidewalk Connection (\$12,271)
- City of Mesa - Brown Road Pedestrian Crossing (\$5,000)
- City of Mesa - North/South Pedestrian Connection (\$40,000)

City of Scottsdale - Enhancing Pedestrian Mobility in Downtown Scottsdale (\$85,000)

Dawn Coomer presented the Enhancing Pedestrian Mobility in Downtown Scottsdale. She asked committee members to refer to page 2 where the map indicates that some sidewalks in downtown Scottsdale are not connected and the area does not have universal accepted design. On pages 4 & 5, the

photos illustrate narrow sidewalks with obstructions and uneven textures making it difficult for those in wheelchairs and babystrollers. This is not a design project per se but would use the Guidelines to establish a plan and help the city develop a prioritized list of projects through a pedestrian audit and recommendations. Dawn Coomer would be project manager. The City Council and business owners are wholly supportive.

Peggy Rubach asked if Scottsdale had demographics for the shoppers. Dawn Coomer replied that people work in downtown, at a local major hospital and at the court.

Mark Smith asked if the area was larger than the scope of this Design Assistance program. Dawn Coomer responded that areas to be designed would be within the 1/4 mile distance.

City of Phoenix - Roosevelt Row Pedestrian Connection (\$80,000)

Joy Mee distributed a hand out with photos that illustrated a map, link to light rail station, art galleries, studios, performance theaters and new housing in the Garfield, Roosevelt and Churchill neighborhoods. There is also the Translational Genomics Research Institute, retail, Margaret Hance Deck Park and the Burton Barr library. Currently Roosevelt row is quite bleak. Some on street parking has recently been installed. There is 80 feet of right of way that may incorporate a median. There is a connection to transit through the light rail. There were photos indicating good quality streetscape drawing that Phoenix would like to have on Roosevelt. Related planning efforts include Downtown Phoenix: A Strategic Vision and Blueprint for the Future and the Evans Churchill Area Plan. There are 10 stakeholders that have submitted letters of support. The next bond program in 2006 would fund the project.

Eric Iwersen suggested adding bike lanes to the project to allow for the bicyclists and pedicabs. Joy Mee responded that they would ask the consultant to consider bike lanes in the plan. Katherine Coles pointed out that this is the first project that would design to a light rail station. Bruce Meyers noted that there are many pedestrians during the lunch hour at the restaurants especially east of Central. Karen Flores asked if the lower income residents would be displaced. Joy Mee responded that the plan is to incorporate the residents. There is a senior elderly housing project on Third Street and Moreland.

City of El Mirage - Cactus Road Sidewalk Project (\$26,000)

Kim Furphy of El Mirage passed out a few maps to help clarify the project description. The red portion indicates the needed sidewalk and how it would link to current network. Drainage channels bisect the neighborhoods and necessitate pedestrians walking up and around in order to get to the other side. High school students, children and persons with disabilities have a difficult time crossing the dirt. Linking the sidewalks will help those in wheelchairs, walkers and strollers. El Mirage would like to put in drainage and grating to make it safe and accessible. Jerry Horacek, engineer explained that the grating and drainage would also be fixed in the street area as well. The property on the south of the subdivision was given to the city of El Mirage. The zone is residential and there is only one retail within one mile radius of this site. Tami Ryall asked how the construction would be funded. Kim Furphy responded that the city would apply for enhancements and ADOT funds. Tami Ryall added that many of the projects in this program fix mistakes of the past.

Town of Gilbert - Gilbert Industrial Campus Facility Retrofit (\$75,000)

Tami Ryall reported that the entire Gilbert Industrial park was built without one sidewalk. Any lunch hour, people are walking in the street. This project would identify a pilot project that could be retrofitted by identifying sidewalks near the parking areas so that the trees would not have to be taken out. There are no pedestrian facilities linking to transit facilities. Karen Flores asked for the speed limit. Tami Ryall responded that it is either 25 or 35 miles per hour. Peggy Rubach asked if the project would create a pedestrian trail system. Michael Sanders asked if the employers and businesses are interested in cooperating. Tami Ryall responded that the Pedestrian Design process is set up to incorporate dialogue with stakeholders to gain consensus. Bruce Meyers asked about the budget. The whole project is designed to be a demonstration project.

City of Avondale - Littleton School Sidewalk Connection (\$12,271)

Janeen Gaskins provided a color handout. This project would provide a linear sidewalk with buffering. The project is located on the south side of MC-85 and on the north side of Littleton Elementary School with residential on all four corners. There are approximately 1600 homes within quarter mile. 83% of the school students receive school assisted lunch program. This road section includes video rental, grocery store, and city hall with city court and events. A regional library is planned in the next two years. The project is in the CIP project for funding in 2006.

City of Mesa - North/South Pedestrian Connection (\$40,000)

Mitch Foy asked the member to review the map indicating the location of the new Arts Center, hotel, convention center, library, and government offices. This project would tie all the activity centers together. The first segment is being funded by enhancement funds, the second phase is in the 2008-10 TIP. This project would design for both Phase 2 and 3.

City of Mesa - Brown Road Pedestrian Crossing (\$5,000)

The Brown Road Pedestrian Crossing would construct and install the new in-pavement lighting system where the Consolidated Canal intersects major arterials. This is the first of the canal systems that Mesa is improving to create a major canal system of 18 miles. Eric Iwersen asked about companion signal systems. Eric Iwersen will do a presentation on signal systems at a future meeting.

Committee members were asked to review and rank the MAG Pedestrian Design Applications. Tami Ryall suggested that Gilbert withdraw their project to allow more funding for the other projects. Gilbert will submit it next year for consideration. Tami Ryall then suggested that if the cities agree to the following reductions in grant amounts, all the projects could be funded this year:

- Scottsdale —\$70,000
- Phoenix —\$70,000
- El Mirage —\$20,000
- Avondale— \$12, 271
- Mesa North/South Connection— \$30,000
- Mesa Brown Road —0

The sum total is \$202,271. MAG staff was directed to ask for \$2,271.00 more to fund all five projects.

All applicants agreed to this proposal. Peggy Rubach made motion to recommend the five projects for funding and Karen Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Final Approval of the MAG Pedestrian Area Design Guidelines

HDR Engineering presented the final draft of the MAG Pedestrian Area Design Guidelines for approval. Peggy Rubach suggested a few minor technical changes. HDR assured the committee that those changes will be made.

Dawn Coomer made a motion for the committee to approve the MAG Pedestrian Area Design Guidelines and the motion was seconded by Katherine Coles. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 17, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in the Cholla Room.