

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2005 - 1:30 p.m.
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tami Ryall, Gilbert, Chair, Regional Bicycle Task Force and Acting Chair of the Pedestrian Working Group	Mitch Foy, Mesa
Bruce Meyers, ADOA Gen. Services	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

Maureen DeCindis, MAG	JimCoffman, Coffman Studio
Leslie Dornfeld, HDR	Mike Washowiak, Kimley Horn
Mike Sanders, ADOT	Angela Dye, A Dye Design
Laura Paty, HDR	Peter Axelson, Beneficial Designs
Amy MacAulay, citizen	

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tami Ryall called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the January 18, 2005 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force.

Bill Lazenby moved to approve and Bruce Meyers seconded the move to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group for January 18, 2005. 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. Presentation by HDR Engineering on the draft final MAG Pedestrian Design Guidelines

HDR Engineering presented the draft final MAG Pedestrian Design Guidelines. Leslie Dornfeld initiated the presentation with an overview the final Guidelines. Leslie Dornfeld introduced three of the authors of the publication Laura Paty, Landscape Architect, Jim Coffman, Coffman Studio who wrote the elder pedestrian review and authored the intuitive approach and Peter Axelson, the ADA consultant with Beneficial Designs who addressed the ADA and universal design applications in the guidelines.

Tami Ryall asked the committee if they would like to appoint a subcommittee to review and address comments.

Michael Cartsonis said that he will be out of town but will submit written comments.

Bruce Meyers suggested that photos be identified.

Dawn Coomer, Michael Normand, Maureen DeCindis and Tami Ryall volunteered to form a subcommittee to review the final document.

Peter Axelson, engineer and product designer discussed the elements of universal design. He noted that he was one of the authors of the FHWA publication *Designing Sidewalks and Trails for Access*. Universal design presents access solutions to many people with as different abilities and potentially conflicting needs. Each element of the design has to have features that make them usable for all users.

Two designs, curb extensions and raised crosswalks, have been recommended that help with crossing distance and allows pedestrians to see vehicles easier. Safety is synonymous with the universal design approach. It is very important to keep pedestrians out of the traffic areas.

Curb ramps at every intersection need to be designed so that each curb ramp is in the direction of travel. And the crossings slope of driveways should not interfere with pedestrian routes of travel. This is particularly difficult and causes instability for wheelchair users.

Tactile warnings are needed for curb ramps like clay or tiles or truncated domes. Bruce Meyers asked if rough cut granite pavers would suffice. Peter Axelson responded that contrast in color and texture are the main elements.

Reed Kempton asked which is the better solution for crossings major arterials, using a median refuge or allowing more signal time. Peter Axelson suggested that extra time would be more effective.

Peter Axelson pointed out that crossing times need to be realistic and that there may be situations that someone who doesn't have the ability to cross in time by walking may need an assistive device for functional mobility.

Michael Cartsonis asked about pedestrian safety at traffic circles. Peter Axelson responded that roundabouts present great problems for people with visual impairments. In Europe, the sidewalks are set back about 50 meters (2-4 cars length) from the roundabout and a pedestrian signal is installed for the pedestrian at the separate pedestrian crossing. Bruce Meyers reported that in England, there are no cross walks at the curb and physical barriers are installed that direct the pedestrian to cross at specified areas and channelize pedestrian traffic.

Angela Dye asked if cross ramps need to be directional rather than perpendicular to the curb. Peter Axelson responded that it was more desirable to create curb ramps in the direction of the crossing.

Leslie Dornfeld highlighted the sections of the guidelines that committee members should review carefully. Michael Normand noted that the web sites and literature review were very helpful. Karen Flores suggested enhancing the education component to extend to motorists as well as pedestrians.

5. Member Agency Reports

Committee members were invited to provide an update of pedestrian and bicycle-related activity in their agencies.

Mitch Foy announced that the bike lanes are completed on Power Rd from Adobe to McKellips which helps the city of Mesa reach their goal for bike lines on all arterials.

Tami Ryall reported that the Town of Gilbert final bike plan is almost finished. She was a guest on Bike Talk Radio on ESPN recently and suggested that if any committee member had an event or activity they would like some media exposure for that she would be happy to notify ESPN.

Mike Normand reported that Chandler just received the Bronze Level Bike Friendly Community award from the League of American Bicyclists.

Bill Lazenby announced that the Coalition is planning on organizing an east valley bike ride through Mesa, Gilbert and Chandler during Valley Bike Week next year.

Maureen DeCindis announced for the city of Tempe the groundbreaking ceremony for the rail bridge is scheduled for Tuesday February 15th at 5:30pm. All committee members were invited.

6. Review the MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance Schedule

MAG staff reviewed the MAG Pedestrian Design Assistance program schedule and the memo announcing the availability of the FY2005 Design Assistance program. Maureen DeCindis explained that the application, guidebook and past project descriptions were available on the MAG website. In an effort to update the information on the program, the MAG Pedestrian Design Projects Update Form was distributed to those cities who previously received design grants. In an effort to track progress and funding, committee members were asked to fill out the report and return it to MAG staff.

7. Subcommittee Panel Review of Consultants for the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan

Maureen DeCindis distributed the RFP Schedule for MAG Regional Bikeway Master plan and asked for committee members that would be willing to volunteer for a subcommittee panel to review the consultant applications and interview prospective consultants. The final recommendation will be brought before the committee for approval. The applications are due to MAG on March 7, 2005. The subcommittee would meet on Thursday March 24, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Interviews would be conducted the following week.

The following committee members volunteered Briiana Leon, Eric Iwersen, Tami Ryall, Reed Kempton, and Michael Cartsonis.

8. MAG Regional Bikeways Map

MAG staff reported that the Wide World of Maps was hired to print the Regional Bikeways Map. There will be 100,000 copies printed. The maps will come in boxes of 200. Distribution is as follows based on population:

<u>City</u>	<u>Number of Boxes</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Number of Boxes</u>
Avondale	6	Peoria	12
Chandler	20	Phoenix	20
Coalition	10	Queen Creek	2
Gilbert	14	Scottsdale	30
Glendale	28	Surprise	4
Goodyear	6	Tempe	30
Litchfield	6	Valley Metro	80
Maric. County	16	Youngtown	2
Mesa	40		

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be March 15, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in the Cholla Room.

