

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

Tuesday, May 17, 2005 - 1:30 p.m.  
MAG Office Building, 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
Peggy Rubach, Maricopa County	*Randy Overmeyer for Lee Lambert, Surprise
	Mark Smith, El Mirage

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lynn Timmons, Phoenix	Bill Hyatt, citizen
Mike Washkowiak, Kimley-Horn & Assoc.	Chris Turner-Noteware, Inca Engineers
Blue Crowley, citizen	
Amy MacAulay, citizen	

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the April 19, 2005 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Katherine Coles moved to approve and Bruce Meyers seconded the move to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group for April 19, 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.

Blue Crowley addressed the committee requesting acknowledgment of his efforts and other citizens who have consistently supported bicycle issues such as bike on bus. Bicycle projects and multi-modal projects should be incorporated into street projects from the beginning of the project. All the bus stops should be up to grade and include bike racks. Blue Crowley asked the committee to be more pro-active and encouraged them to get the public to be more involved. Bicycle and pedestrian projects need to be as important as street and freeway projects.

Tami Ryall verbally acknowledged that Blue Crowley has consistently been an advocate for bicycling and pedestrian issues.

#### 4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis distributed copies of the *MAG Pedestrian Design Guidelines* in a CD format to each of the members.

Reed Kempton distributed new Scottsdale bike maps. Scottsdale had 25 people who rode in the 5 mile Bike To Work event and that included the city manager and two city councilmembers. Scottsdale had a 1960's theme with tie dyed t-shirts.

Tami Ryall explained the Enhancement Committee program. There is a need for a representative from the MAG Regional Bicycle Task. The committee will forward two names to the MAG Regional Council. The members meet twice a year to read, comment and rank proposals. Reed Kempton reported that there is quite a bit of reading and work. Tami Ryall nominated Bill Lazenby. Peggy Rubach seconded the nomination. Mitch Foy suggested Peggy Rubach. Randi Alcott seconded the motion.

Randi Alcott reported that there were two new cities involved in Bike Week including Peoria and Scottsdale. Bicycling Magazine picked Phoenix to highlight their Bike To Work event. The magazine provided 50 free bikes and will track how bicycling has affected each of the winner's lives. There were approximately 1400 riders in the Bike To Bob event. Bill Lazenby reported that this is National Bike Week this week.

Peggy Rubach reported that Maricopa County downtown will be much more involved in the Bike To Work event in the future.

#### 5. Review the Transportation Improvement Project (T.I.P) forms.

Committee members were asked to review the changes discussed at the March meeting to the Transportation Improvement Project (T.I.P) forms: Attachment 1—Bicycle Project Application and Attachment 2—Pedestrian Project Application.

Tami Ryall chose to discuss the Pedestrian Application first. On question 8, Reed Kempton asked why a city is asked to choose only one funding source?

Part A. Question 1. Tami Ryall suggested that there should be a page limit to 5 pages. Question 2. Should the amount of words be increased to 500 words? The committee decided to limit Part A to 10 pages single sided and eliminate the word requirement.

Dawn Coomer asked what the definition of a “major” activity center? Peggy Rubach suggested that malls, hospitals, and all downtown Phoenix. Tami Ryall noted that the committee has always erred on the side of the smaller destinations to encourage more bicycling and walking. Karen Flores suggested that this committee quantify the word “major”. MAG staff will inquire what the word “major” indicates.

The Bicycle Application incorporated the same changes. Appendix A would be put on the website.

6. Review the Transportation Improvement Project (T.I.P) Process.

Committee members were asked to review the document distributed by MAG staff that outlines various processes for reviewing and ranking the TIP applications. Committee members will be asked to discuss and agree upon a Transportation Improvement Project (T.I.P) Process and schedule at the next meeting.

7. MAG Regional Bicycle Master Plan Consultant

Committee members were asked to approve the consultant recommendation of the MAG Bicycle Task Force subcommittee for the MAG Regional Bicycle Master Plan Consultant. The recommendation will be forwarded to MAG Management Committee and the MAG Regional Council. Peggy Rubach made a motion to approve the consultant. Mitch Foy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reed Kempton, Peggy Rubach, Bill Lazeney, Reed Kempton, Michael Cartsonis and Mitch Foy and agreed to review the scope of work before contract negotiations. Members asked that the scope be sent out in an electronic format.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 21, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in the Cholla Room.