

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 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	Farhad Tavassoli, Goodyear
*Bruce Meyers, ADOA Gen. Services	*Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
Michael Sanders, ADOT	Peggy Rubach, Maricopa County
*Brian Fellows, ADOT	Jim Hash, Mesa
*Michael Eagan, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Brandon Forrey, Peoria
Margaret Boone-Pixley, Avondale	^Katherine Coles, Phoenix
*Michael Normand, Chandler	Briiana Leon, Phoenix
*Rich Rumer Coalition for Arizona Bicyclists	Mike Roche, Queen Creek
Mark Smith, El Mirage	Suzanne Day, RPTA
*Allan Grover, Glendale	Reed Kempton, Scottsdale
	Tanya Chavez for Eric Iwersen, Tempe
	Lance Ferrell, Surprise

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Craig, Carefree	Justin Lindley, ASU
Lynn Timmons, Phoenix	Megan Solly, ASU
Brittany Shulman, ASU	John Irvin, ASU
Paul Ward, Olsson Assoc.	Sean Doehe, ASU
Daniel Banto, ASU	Jon Valentine, ASU
Jose Qunitana, ASU	Nate Butt, ASU

1. Call to Order

Suzanne Day called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the March 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Briiana Leon moved to approve and Jim Hash seconded the move to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group for March 18, 2008.

Margaret Boone-Pixley noted a clarification on page three for Avondale. This phase is 1,500 linear feet long and other phases for this project will be developed in the future. Katherine Coles noted that the “w” is missing from the spelling of the Willow Neighborhood.

Mark Smith not 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.

Students of ASU Transportation/Urban Planning class attended the meeting.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis reported that MAG Close-Out program started on March 3, 2008 and ends on April 18, 2008. The deferral notification must be transmitted by a member of the MAG Transportation Review Committee, the Intergovernmental Affairs Group or the Management Committee. The amount of funds available are approximately \$130 million and this includes carry forward from FFY 2007. However, there is an unobligated balance of \$39 million. All forms are available on the MAG website. The primary criteria for projects submitted for Close-Out funding is that they must be able to utilize funds by the end of the federal fiscal year. The projects submitted must be sufficiently developed for ADOT Local Governments staff to recommend that projects are ready to be authorized by the Federal authorities.

Briaana Leon noted that the ACDC bicycle facility underpass at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue is now open to the public.

Brandon Forrey reported that there were double the number of participants at 100 people on their Pioneer Days Family Bike Ride April 5<sup>th</sup> event.

Peggy Rubach reported that the proposal for the Safe Routes to School presentation was accepted by the Association for Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals for the Pro-Walk Pro-Bike Conference in September in Seattle. Tami Ryall asked MAG staff to email the request to all members to provide information for the slide show. She also reported that the two transportation enhancements projects will receive their TIP identification numbers at the end of April.

Michael Sanders reported that 30 participants attended the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) sponsored workshop entitled Designing Streets for Bicyclists.

Reed Kempton encouraged the members to ride on Bike to Work Day and to the Scottsdale Cycle the Arts on Sunday, April 20, 2008. Reed Kempton was promoted to Principal Transportation Planner at the City of Scottsdale.

5. Recommendation for Regional Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group Representative to the Transportation Enhancement Funds Working Group

Approximately \$12 million in federal enhancement funds are available each year on a statewide basis for the provision of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, pedestrian/bicycle education, landscaping, historic preservation, and archaeological planning. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) manages transportation enhancements in Arizona. MAG works with ADOT to rank applications and incorporate public input into the process.

MAG established the Transportation Enhancement Working Group in 1993 to review and rank Transportation Enhancement applications from the MAG Region. Representatives on the Transportation Enhancement Funds Working Group are from the MAG Management Committee, Street Committee (formerly the TIP Committee), Regional Bicycle Task Force, the Pedestrian Working Group and others who represent historical preservation, archaeological, pedestrian, and riparian interests.

Reed Kempton served on the committee when he worked at the County. When this fund initially started some of the projects were not the best. The process is necessary to determine quality projects. Reed Kempton noted that he would like to serve on the Enhancement Funds Working Group again.

Tami Ryall noted that in the past this committee has helped improve applications from member agencies. This is the first time that the committees have been asked to recommend two representatives.

Peggy Rubach said that the city of Phoenix has been chair of the Committee for the past few years.

Brianna Leon asked if the City of Phoenix could be appointed because they will no longer be the chair.

Brandon Forrey made a motion to recommend three names to the Chair of the MAG Regional Council to be considered to the Transportation Enhancement Working Group

- Brianna Leon, Bicycle Representative
- Reed Kempton, Pedestrian Representative
- Peggy Rubach, Pedestrian Representative

Lance Ferrel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Draft Final Regional Bikeways Map

Member agencies reviewed the Regional Bikeways Map. Peggy Rubach made a special mention to honor all the work that Bonnie Finegan, Gordon Tyus and Peter Burnett contributed to make the map.

Peggy Rubach moved to approve and Farhad Tavassoli seconded the motion to approve the MAG Bikeway map. The motion passed unanimously.

At the next meeting talk, the committee will discuss the on-line map with Google, Inc.

7. MAG Bikeway Masterplan

In 2007, the MAG Bikeway Masterplan was completed. The committee was asked to develop an action plan that can be implemented by member cities.

Tami Ryall noted that it is important to start implementing the recommendations of the MAG Bikeway Masterplan. The committee chose to review the short term goals as outlined on page 109:

Short Term:

1. Provide user friendly maps: The committee just approved the 2008 Regional Bikeway map update and will proceed to work with Google, Inc.
2. Encourage bicycle riding by providing end of trip facilities: The committee agreed that this was an on-going strategy.
3. Outline specific steps, timelines etc. for project selection to encourage large scale and spot improvement projects. The committee will address the criteria for project selection in July or August 2008.

Peggy Rubach said that the County is going through a change in the County Comprehensive Plan and as cities update their plans, the bicycle component should be integrated into the general plan. It would be important to track what each city is doing, which ones have “complete streets” language and which cities have bicycle facility language in their general plans.

Reed Kempton suggested developing a checklist. Tami Ryall asked all members to review the list and be prepared to discuss what issues are most important to their city at this meeting.

8. Recommendation for Regional Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group Representative to the Transportation Review Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Regional Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group were asked to recommend a member from the Regional Bicycle Task Force and a member from the Pedestrian Working Group as ex-officio members on the MAG Transportation Review Committee.

Tami Ryall explained that the representatives would raise issues and advocate for the bicycle and pedestrian issues. Jim Hash volunteered to represent the MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force and Brandon Forrey agreed to represent the Pedestrian Working Group. Peggy Rubach said that the representatives should speak up for elder mobility issues.

Peggy Rubach made the recommendation that Jim Hash represent the MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force and Brandon Forrey represent the Pedestrian Working Group at the Transportation Review Committee. Lance Ferrel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

9. Bike Education

Suzanne Day reported that she has conducted an extensive research on the best practices for the materials for the Bike Rodeo. Tami Ryall noted that for the past few years the program was a “train the trainer” that included “brain kits”. Valley Metro received feedback that bike rodeo kits would be very helpful.

Margaret Boone-Pixley asked if there will be a competition for the materials. Tami Ryall responded that usually all requests are granted. Suzanne Day said that the training of “How To Do a Bike Rodeo” will be in the fall of 2008.

Suzanne Day explained that there are some bike rodeo kits commercially available. Dan Burden does have a kit available. Peggy Ruback suggested that Suzanne Day follow the federal procurement guidelines.

Tami Ryall suggested ordering more helmets and other small safety equipment. A small subcommittee could help choose the items. Briaana Leon, Peggy Rubach, Brandon Forrey and Tami Ryall volunteered to assist Suzanne Day.

9. Next Meetings

All meetings will be on Tuesday in the Cholla Room at 1:30 p.m., except for the December meeting that begins at noon.

- June 17, 2008
- July 15, 2008
- August 19, 2008
- September 16, 2008
- October 21, 2008
- November 18, 2008
- December 16, 2008 NOON