

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

Friday, August 27, 1999
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Michael Branham, Surprise, Chair	Steve Hancock, Mesa
*Bruce Meyers, Arizona Department of Administration	*Tracy Stevens, Peoria
Marc Beyer for Michael Eagan, American Society of Landscape Architects	Lorry Kuiper, Phoenix Planning Department
*Mickey Ohland, Chandler	*Mark Melnychenko, Phoenix Transit
*Tami Ryall, Gilbert	Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA
Richard Janke, Glendale	Jorie Bresnahan, Scottsdale
*Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County	Eric Iwersen, Tempe

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Coffman, The Planning Center	Bruce Landis, Sprinkle Consulting
Dawn M. Coomer, MAG	

1. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Steve Hancock called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of the July 20, 1999 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group

Eric Iwersen moved to approve the minutes from the July 20, 1999 meeting. Maureen Mageau-DeCindis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

No audience members wished to address the Working Group.

4. MAG Staff Report

Dawn Coomer provided an update of current transportation planning activities, including the schedule for the Regional Off-Street System Plan, deadline for submitting projects for federal funding,

transportation public involvement, West Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor, and Round VII enhancement funds projects.

5. Update on Transportation Review Committee Activities

Steve Hancock provided an update of the last TRC meeting. He noted that ADOT wanted MAG to fund freeway median barriers along the freeway system, and that federally funded projects needed to be submitted by September 24, 1999.

6. Update of Pedestrian Conference

Maureen Mageau-DeCindis explained planning activities for the annual Pedestrian Conference. The topic will be “urban trails for transportation.” She distributed a memo and asked for comment on suggested speakers and format by September 7, 1999. The format will likely be two days, with the first day being “nuts and bolts” and the second day set aside for a workshop. She mentioned that a follow-up workshop may be scheduled for six months after the two-day conference.

7. MAG Regional Pedestrian Plan 2000

Jim Coffman and Bruce Landis presented some information on the Pedestrian Plan 2000. A draft table of contents was distributed, and Bruce provided a presentation on information covered so far in the update process. He reviewed the maps with the composite trip activity levels with the addition of income for current (1995) trips as requested by the Working Group at their last meeting. He distributed some results of the regional roadside conditions, and reviewed the tables of the unadjusted lateral separation by pedestrian area type and the alternative buffer width tables. He added that Jim would be creating some more information to include in the final plan on how to implement the suggestions in the alternative buffer width table through the use of landscaping and pedestrian amenities.

The Pedestrian Working Group suggested that the final plan include a composite map of activity levels by jurisdiction. They also suggested that instructions on how to use the unadjusted lateral separation tables and the alternative buffer width tables be better explained, perhaps with the use of a case study, be included in the final plan. Bruce agreed that this information would be helpful.

8. Next Meeting Date

The Pedestrian Working Group decided to meet on Monday, September 27th at 10:30 a.m. Setting the date of the October meeting was deferred.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.