

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, November 16, 1999  
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Ocotillo Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Patrick McDermott, Chandler, Chairman	Steve Hancock, Mesa
*Mark Mansfield, ADOT	Chris Jacques, Peoria
*Tami Ryall, Gilbert	Kristina Fields for John Siefert, Phoenix
Susan Bookspan, Glendale	Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear	Amy MacAulay, Scottsdale
Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park	*Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Reed Kempton, Maricopa County	

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Normand, Chandler	Richard Metz, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists
Blue Crowley, Citizen	Dawn Coomer, MAG

1. Call to Order

Chairman Pat McDermott called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

3. Call to the Audience

Blue Crowley addressed the Task Force, noting a correction in the meeting minutes of October 19, 1999. He noted that tunnels already exist at SR 51 and the Arizona Canal, and that more tunnels like this were needed in other places in the metropolitan area.

2. Approval of the October 19, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Steve Hancock moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 19, 1999. Susan Bookspan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Staff Report

Dawn Coomer addressed the Task Force to remind them that the TRC would be meeting to discuss final recommendations for CMAQ projects. Staff would be recommending that \$10 million be provided for bicycle projects and \$3 million for pedestrian projects. Paul Ward addressed the committee to note that

additional funding from the federal government might be available, but that this funding would likely go towards paving dirt roads and purchasing street sweepers due to the PM-10 issue. Amy MacAulay asked if paving dirt shoulders could be used for particulate control. The committee discussed this, and both Pat McDermott and Paul noted that paving shoulders would not likely be a measure, unless the nearby road was also dirt. Amy noted that paved shoulders are needed on roads which are on the Maricopa County and MAG bicycle plans. Reed Kempton added that paving of shoulders needs to be done in a “bicycle friendly” manner. Paul said that the County submitted three road segments for paving.

Paul also noted that the design of the city of Phoenix bridge at I-17 and Maryland would be done early, taking advantage of the existing advance acceleration of design funds already in the TIP for FY 2000. Since the HOV lanes are being done along I-17 now, it makes sense to advance the design of this project. The committee agreed.

#### 5. Member Agency Report

Susan Bookspan said that Glendale’s bike club will have traveled over 30,000 miles by the end of the year. In addition, Glendale provided education programs on traffic safety at 37 schools with workbooks provided to each school. Susan said that the workbooks were available for other member agencies use.

Reed Kempton noted that he would be taking over the pedestrian, bicycle and transit planning activities for MCDOT with the departure of Aaron Iverson. Amy MacAulay noted that the bridge at the Crosscut Canal and Osborn had been approved by the City Council last evening, and that many council members voiced support for maintaining bicycle connectivity throughout Scottsdale.

Pat McDermott asked about the city of Peoria policy of not placing bike lanes on arterial streets. He asked if the Task Force could provide any sort of supportive role in resolving the issue. Richard Metz noted that the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists met with Peoria to discuss the issue, and that the discussion was good. Richard said that Peoria places bike lanes on collectors to match the policies of surrounding jurisdictions. He added that the need to access destinations, which are usually on arterials, may require the addition of additional facilities. He suggested that Peoria have a citizen bicycle advisory committee to determine what their citizens want out of a bicycle system.

Pat added that these policies are important to have in place when developing new areas. Chris Jacques noted that Peoria is doing a comprehensive update of their General Plan, and that bikes will be included in the update. Pat noted that the Task Force can provide assistance in educating and elevating this issue, if appropriate. Reed added that he could make a presentation to Peoria on the County’s policies on bicycle facilities, which are on arterials. Also, he noted that providing bike lanes on arterials is vital in this area of the County since curvilinear street patterns are limiting options for connecting bicycle lanes and travel patterns. Mike Cartsonis added that connections between neighborhoods and cities is very important when developing new areas, including links across freeways, which are usually huge barriers to bicyclists.

#### 6. Stakeholders for the Regional Off-Street System Plan

Dawn Coomer addressed the Task Force, explaining that this list had already been seen. A kick-off meeting for the ROSS plan is targeted for mid-January, and all stakeholders will be invited to attend. Pat McDermott suggested that revisions or updates to the list be provided to Dawn over the next couple of weeks.

#### 7. Bicycle Work Program

The 1999 Update of the Regional Bicycle Plan identified several planning tasks to address as a part of an ongoing regional bicycle planning process. These tasks include: (1) review of local ordinances, (2) development of regional design guidelines and (3) development of a regional off-street/multi-use path plan. These items could be included as planning activities in the FY 2001 Work Program. The Task Force was asked to provide guidance to MAG staff in priority setting and future committee direction. Members agreed that the ROSS plan needs to remain the highest priority, along with the bike map update forward to TRC for CMAQ funding. Steve Hancock noted that a model ordinance for shower facilities and parking would be helpful, and Pat McDermott noted that this information might be available from national advocacy organizations. Amy MacAulay added that Tempe and Scottsdale have bicycle parking ordinances. Maureen Mageau-DeCindis asked what had happened to prior work done in this area, and Dawn responded that everything given to her was in files. Maureen asked to look at the information accumulated thus far, and thought that minimal effort would be needed to update the material. The committee agreed to explore education at a later date, since this area requires extensive resources. Amy suggested that education may be better handled in other forums.

#### 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Bicycle Task Force will be a kick-off meeting for the Regional Off-Street System Plan in mid-January. Several meetings in the early part of the year will be held jointly with the Pedestrian Working Group to allow oversight of the Regional Off-Street System Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.