

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, May 19, 1998
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	Shawn Sevey for Tracy Stevens, Peoria
*Mario Mangiamele, Gilbert	*John Siefert, Phoenix
Susan Bookspan, Glendale	Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear	Amy MacAulay, Scottsdale
Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park	Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County	

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dawn Coomer, MAG
John Farry, MAG

1. Call to Order

Chairman Patrick McDermott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the April 21, 1998 and May 5, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Amy McAulay moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 21, 1998, Eric Iwersen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Dawn Coomer noted that some changes were made to the May 5, 1998 meeting minutes to correct some spelling errors. Amy moved to approve the minutes with the changes made, Eric seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

No members of the audience were present.

4. Local Technical Assistance Program

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting since Erika Martinez was not available.

5. Sub-Committee Update

Steve Hancock updated the committee on discussion at the sub-committee meeting held on May 5, 1998. The sub-committee meeting was held to discuss changes to the Congestion Management Scoring System (CMS) and the Bicycle Task Force Project Rating Criteria. Steve distributed some changes made to the CMS which were previously faxed to some committee members. He reviewed the changes, referring to the CMS document. He noted that most changes will be made to the modal factors adjustment, and added that congestion accounts for 45% of the rating. In summary, the changes to the CMS are made to reconcile the new goals and objectives to the rating system. The new system considers the importance of shorter length trips and accompanying facilities such as grade separations, multi-use paths and bike lanes.

Steve asked Dawn Coomer how these changes would be incorporated into the CMS, and she responded that she would verify this process and report back to the committee. Steve then continued to discuss changes made to the Bicycle Task Force Project Rating Criteria. He distributed a new system, and noted that it emphasized shorter trips. He suggested that committee members review the document, and that the system be adopted next month. He noted that both of these systems need to be used for the next cycle of project requests.

The committee continued by discussing the possibility of having principles incorporated into the CMS rating system. Dawn noted that it might be confusing to have principles for project selection which are not incorporated into the goals and objectives of the plan revision. She questioned whether principles are needed since goals and objectives are being revised. Mike Cartsonis emphasized the need for design standards for developing communities. Steve added that the principles would be used for the CMS rather than the revised plan. Maureen Mageau-DeCindis requested that an additional notice be faxed to committee members to remind them of the need for any final comments on the rating systems, and the approval of the new rating systems at the June meeting.

John Farry asked if an internal ranking system was needed if changes would be incorporated into the CMS. The committee discussed this, with Amy McAulay noting that a formula was helpful to remain objective. Susan Bookspan added that a formula would give cities guidance on what types of projects were needed. The committee generally agreed that an internal ranking system was needed.

6. Updated Goals and Objectives

Steve Hancock provided an update on the revisions made to the goals and objectives. He noted that they were similar to those currently adopted, except that a new emphasis on shorter length trips and accompanying facilities was now included. Maureen Mageau-DeCindis asked about funding for education. Susan Bookspan asked how new funding from ISTEA reauthorization would be used. Steve noted that including education in the CMS and Bike Task Force Rating Criteria was a need, but questioned how this could be done quantitatively. Susan added that the most important use of funds was to build facilities, and that education should be secondary. Pat McDermott asked why the Pedestrian Working Group received money for education and the bike committee did not. John Farry responded that he would look into this matter and report back to the committee. Amy MacAulay added that even

if money was provided for education, someone would still need to devote time to develop and implement programs. The committee continued to discuss this topic.

Susan asked about making environment another “E” in the bike plan goals. The committee discussed this, and agreed that an additional “E” was not necessary. Pat noted that part of objective 4 under the enforcement goal should probably be categorized as education instead. The committee discussed this, and decided that objective 4 would be revised to read “Promote the establishment of bicycle police units to perform normal patrol duties.” In addition, a new objective would be added to education: “Promote the establishment of police services specific to bicycling such as bicycle rodeos, workshops, and bicycle event support.”

John asked about committee interest in developing a model ordinance to address wearing helmets. This issue was discussed by the committee at length. Susan added that the MAG plan should have a model ordinance, and Maureen added that this had been done in the past. Dawn Coomer noted that the current scope of work for the plan update delayed development of model ordinances until plan maps were completed.

Aaron Iverson moved to adopt the goals and objectives, given the above revisions to be incorporated into the goals and objectives by Steve. Susan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Next Meeting Date and Time

Pat McDermott asked if the committee had other items to discuss, and Eric Iwersen noted that the Governor’s Bicycle Task Force and MAG Pedestrian Working Group were holding a joint conference in October. The committee gave ideas about possible meeting locations and formats.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 16, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.