

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

May 21, 1998
MAG Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT

*Mike Branham, City of Surprise, Chair	Steve Hancock, City of Mesa
*Jeff Sargent, ASLA	*Larry Fudrich, City of Peoria
*Mark Mansfield, ADOT	Jolene Ostler, City of Phoenix Mark Melnychenko,
*John Corbett for Kayelen Bishop, Capitol Mall	City of Phoenix Transit
Micky Ohland, Chandler	Maureen Mageau Decindis, RPTA
*Maria Cavidad, Town of Gilbert	Eric Iwersen, City of Tempe
Dick Janke, City of Glendale	*Michelle Korf, City of Scottsdale
Janice Miller, Maricopa County	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

1. Call to Order

Steve Hancock, acting Chairman, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the November 20, 1997 Meeting Minutes

Eric Iwersen motioned and Maureen Mageau Decindis seconded approval of the November 20, 1997 meeting minutes. The minutes of the November 20, 1997 meeting were approved.

3. Update on MAG Design Assistance Program

Mark Melnychenko provided an update on the Phoenix 24th Street and Camelback Road project. He informed the Working Group that Phoenix Transit help up its work in the core to coordinate with the Camelback Design Assistance Project. The City is now working with the consultant to determine how to link the Core to proposed transit facilities on Central Avenue, and how to link a pedestrian network with transit nodes throughout the core. The Transit report will be completed in July. Two options for the Camelback Core are being considered; a specific spine and horizontal pedestrian links. A Stakeholder meeting is planned for late June.

Eric Iwersen provided an update on the Tempe Mid-block Crossing Design Assistance Project. He informed the Working Group that the first stakeholder meeting was held in March and the team would be looking at proposed alternatives in the next week. He anticipates the project will be completed in July. In response to a question from Steve Hancock regarding the availability of funds for construction, Eric Iwersen responded that there may be some from the bicycle and transit planning funds.

Dick Janke provided an update on the Skunk Creek/Bell Road pedestrian link. He stated that the project was on track, and the consultant was working with the FCD to determine a low flow crossing.

The Working Group discussed the opportunity for other design assistance projects. Eric Iwersen informed the Working Group about a video on bicycle facilities completed by the City of Tempe. Steve Hancock motioned and Maureen Mageau Decindis seconded that a future Design Assistance project should include a video on bicycle and pedestrian design. The Working Group felt that a video could make residents more aware of the options, provide concrete examples of design alternatives, and could also help with the Trip Reduction Program.

5. Update on Working Group Representation at the Transportation Review Committee and Appointment of A Representative to the Transportation Review Committee.

Steve Hancock informed the Working Group that he had been appointed by the Chairman to attend TRC meetings.

6. Review of Request for Consultant Services for the MAG Pedestrian Plan

The Working Group reviewed the Request for Proposals and agreed that it should be issued. Steve Hancock suggested addition “gather and analyze statistical information, data, and mapping services” to item #3 and adding social services agencies to the list in item 5c.. Dick Janke asked when the RFP will be issued. Maureen Mageau Decindis suggested using data from Suzanne O’Neill and include information about meeting the needs of the under-served and special needs populations. The Working Group agreed that nine months was sufficient to complete the plan.

7. Walking into the 21st Century Pedestrian Conference

Eric Iwersen updated the Working Group on the Walking into the 21st Century Conference. He announced that the conference would take place on October 1 and 2, 1998 at 48th Street and Elliot Road Quality Inn. The focus of the conference will be integrating typical suburban intersections with neighborhoods to make village centers. The Working Group discussed ways of integrating the community into the conference. The Working Group asked about AICP and CEP credits. Staff informed the Working Group that the Conference will be posted on the MAG website.

8. Clean Air Campaign “Feet First” Awards

Staff announced that one application for the Clean Air Campaign “Feet First” Awards had been submitted.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.