



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 5, 2012
4:30 pm

City Hall, Staff Conference Room
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Katie Sheridan
Kent Sherman

Members absent:

Dave Blanchard
Melanie Street

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

Public present:

Chris Gunn
Wes Neal
Joe Shannon
Ed White

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

Mr. White asked about where the bike lane on Beaver Street disappears, at Elm or Fine. He also said that the path along Highway 180 should be signed and striped where it crosses streets.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Minutes from the regular meeting of February 2, 2012 were not available, but will be provided for review and approval at the meeting of May 3, 2012.

II. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. ADOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Mr. Ince provided some background on the process, and in particular Working Paper No. 2. He indicated that the first phase of the public process was coming up, and the BAC would have an opportunity to formally comment on the plan.

The Committee discussed the bicycle shoulder on Route 66, ADOT's policy not to sign or mark formal bike lanes unless the local agency agrees to maintain the bike lanes, and legal distinctions between a designated bike lane and a striped shoulder.

The Committee also mentioned rumble strips along the shoulder, and how the location and design can affect cyclists. The case of Highway 179 in Sedona was brought up.

Mr. Ince said that the next phases of the planning process will include identification and prioritization of projects.

The Committee suggested inviting Michael Sanders, ADOT's bicycle and pedestrian coordinator, to the BAC meeting in May or June. This would provide the BAC an opportunity to hear about the plan firsthand, and to provide comments directly to ADOT.

2. Bicycle Parking Inventory

Mr. Ince provided a status report on the project to inventory bicycle parking in Flagstaff. He reported the inventory was nearing completion, and provided representative photos of existing bicycle parking around town. The photos illustrate both good and bad examples of bicycle parking.

The Committee weighed a 50-50 program, where the City and the property owner share equally in the cost of the racks, with a program that is funded entirely by the City with no private participation. While there would be some benefit to sharing costs, there is a concern that property owners may not be motivated to participate if there is a cost to the program.

The Committee suggested reaching out to bicyclists in the community, both to identify existing bicycle parking that was missed in the inventory, and to identify locations where bicycle parking is most needed.

For the program to be successful, it will be important to select good locations in conjunction with the property owner, and to install bike racks correctly.

A suggestion was made to have businesses sponsor bike racks, in exchange for their logo die-cut into the rack.

The BAC thought it would be a good idea to develop a distinctive sign to mark the location of bike racks, including wayfinding signing for difficult locations.

3. Three-Foot Passing Law Sign

The Committee reviewed a power point presentation regarding a proposed ADOT study of the City's 3-foot passing law sign.

There was some discussion about where bicycles would position themselves in a bike lane, versus when there is no bike lane, and what it might mean for passing vehicles maintaining a minimum of 3 feet. The idea of buffered bike lanes was brought up.

The Committee suggested changing the arrow between the car and the bicyclists from two-way to one-way, pointing towards the bicyclist, to avoid the interpretation that a bicyclist is obligated to stay 3 feet away from vehicles. The Committee also thought that adding a drivers head would provide information on the direction of travel.

4. FUTS Master Plan

Mr. Ince provided a template for a trail description that would be in the plan. He said that additional information would be brought to the Committee at a future meeting.

5. Bicycle Education Program

Mr. Ince had no additional information on this item, and suggested deferring discussion to a future meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Information on a number of bicycle-related projects was provided in the BAC's packet. There was no further discussion regarding the Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.