



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 2, 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 4:42 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Richard Hall, Acting Chair
Dave Blanchard
Jodi Norris
Melanie Street

Members absent:

Ken Lane, Chair
Katie Sheridan

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
Jerene Watson, Assistant City Manager

Public present:

Eric Nolan

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Norris reported that the Ponderosa FUTS Trail along Pulliam Drive out to the airport is badly deteriorated, and asked if there are any plans to replace it.

Ms. Street provided an article on a bike counting program that an elementary school in Colorado was using to entice students to ride to school.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Blanchard made, and Ms. Norris seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of May 3, 2012 and July 5, 2012. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. ADOT Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) grant application for pedestrian and bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince provided some background information on a grant application that has been submitted to ADOT for funding a bicycle and pedestrian master plan.

Eric Nolan said that the Transportation Action Team (TransAT) from NAU recently completed an inventory of multi-modal infrastructure on campus. He said that TransAT, which includes faculty, student, and administrative representatives, provides a link between campus administration and those who use bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and allows better input from users into the process. Other channels on campus include the Environmental Caucus, the Green Fund, and the Student Environmental Caucus.

The BAC discussed the relationship between NAU and the City in regard to planning for bicycles.

Ms. Street said that a public involvement consultant should be included in the contract, if the grant is awarded.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Regional Plan update – review of Circulation Element

Mr. Ince provided a handout and link to the draft Circulation Element of the Regional Plan. He said that some of the information in the draft needs to be updated; for example the mode share table is out of date and not accurate. He also said that the goals and policies related to bicycles were developed by the BAC in the past two years. He asked the BAC to review the draft and be prepared to discuss in more depth at the next meeting.

2. Electric and motorized bicycles in bike lanes and on FUTS

A copy of the draft ordinance was distributed to the BAC. The BAC discussed the draft ordinance and made the following comments:

- The public should have time to review and respond to the proposed ordinance
- If an ordinance is passed, communication through the Police Department will be important
- Signing will also be essential to make people aware of the regulations
- There is a question about the consistency of regulations between the City and NAU, for students who travel between campus and the rest of the city
- Enforcement strategies should provide for a grace period, during which only warnings are issued, to give people time to adjust
- Route 66 Trail seems to be a better candidate than other FUTS trails; it is a paved street, and on-street alternatives for bikes are not very good.

There was a discussion generally about electric bikes. BAC members do not see many electric bikes at present; however advances in technology could change that. One possible outcome is that bicycling will become more popular.

The BAC also briefly discussed a public process for review of the draft ordinance. The public should be made aware and have an opportunity to provide comments, before the ordinance is formally considered by the BAC, PAC, Transportation Commission, and City Council. Social media may be an effective method for informing the public.

3. Bicycle parking inventory and program

Mr. Ince provided an update on the bicycle parking inventory. NAU may have an inventory already done of bicycle parking on campus, which would help to create a more comprehensive source of information. NAU may also have unused bike racks available.

4. Bicycle education program

Mr. Ince reported that a Traffic Skills 101 class was held on July 13 and 14, 2012, and that a League Cycling Instructor seminar was scheduled in early September.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince reported on several items:

- The quarterly FUTS Project Status Report was updated for July and is available on the City's website

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- Kent Sherman's resignation creates a vacancy on the BAC. There are several applications on file
- ADOT's request for funding to study the 3-foot passing law sign was declined.

2. **Concluding Announcements**

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.