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MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 2, 2013
4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:39 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Richard Hall
Jeff Stevenson
Melanie Street

Members absent:

Dave Blanchard
Jodi Norris
Katie Sheridan

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner
Matt Kessler, Community Development Intern
Andrew Stocker, Community Development Intern

Public present:

Chris Gunn
Mark Haughwout

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Jeff Stevenson introduced himself as the newest member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee. He said he was interested in working to make bike lanes continuous,

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and to add urban trails where they are needed. He wrote a book on bicycle touring several years ago, and is a bike commuter.

2. Public Comment

Mark Haughwout reported that most FUSD buses do not have mud flaps that are at the correct length. As a result they can propel rocks that could be a hazard to bicyclists. He said there is already a requirement in Arizona Revised Statutes for mud flaps of a certain length, but he thought it would be beneficial if the Committee took this up as an issue and approached the school district.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Hall made, and Ms. Street seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bike to Work Week

Mr. Ince briefly described the events for Bike to Work Week, and invited the Committee to participate. He also highlighted two events, the bike rodeo and the ice cream social, that could use volunteers.

The Committee asked about the Savvy Cyclist class at Flagstaff Medical Center.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bikeways inventory and plan

Andrew Stocker provided an update on the bikeways inventory. He described two general categories of information that is being collected. The first is longer segments of roadways that are missing bike lanes. This information will be accompanied by a plan that described how they might be completed. The second category of information is short missing segments and other noncompliant sections.

The Committee discussed how bike lanes might be included through the section of Columbus Avenue between Humphreys and San Francisco.

The Commission asked about a future process to prioritize missing segments.

2. Bicycle and pedestrian crash data

Matthew Kessler presented expanded information on bicycle and pedestrian crash data. The Committee had a number of comments and suggestions:

- A trend line for all crashes should be included, to show how trends for bike and pedestrian crashes compare to the trend for all crashes.
- There should be a table that compares pedestrian and bicycle fatalities to all fatalities, because bike and pedestrian fatalities, and in particular pedestrian fatalities, represent a disproportionate share of all fatalities.
- The number of all crashes where alcohol was an influence should be included.
- There is an anomaly in how pedestrian crashes were coded as to violations prior to 2009.
- Various intersection categories would be clearer if they were combined.
- A more thorough analysis of high crash intersections and street segments would be useful.
- It would be helpful to include national data on the influence of alcohol, as a comparison to our local data.
- Cross tabulate age and helmet use, to examine information regarding helmet use among children.

The Committee discussed how this information would be shared and made available, and suggested a mechanism to regularly report out on the Committee's activities to the Transportation Commission and the City Council.

3. Bicycle parking inventory

This item was not discussed.

4. FUTS project status

This item was not discussed.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports.

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2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.