



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 7, 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 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Richard Hall
Katie Sheridan
Melanie Street

Members absent:

Dave Blanchard
Jodi Norris

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

Public present:

Mark Haughwout
Angela Horvath, Coconino County
Christian Shope

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Street said she regularly saw children not wearing helmets while riding their bicycle, and asked if it could be possible to have information from the Police

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Department regarding enforcement of the helmet ordinance on the agenda for the next meeting.

2. Public Comment

Angela Horvath indicated that she was planning to submit comments on the NAIPTA draft five-year plan, and invited the BAC to do the same.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Hall made, and Ms. Sheridan seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 2012. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bus and bike only lanes

Mr. Ince handed out some information regarding bus and bike-only lanes. The Committee discussed the operation of bus and bike-only lanes, and the potential implementation of such lanes on Milton Avenue, and made several points:

- The width of the lane could be an issue. Given the speed and volume of traffic on Milton, it would be difficult for both bikes and buses to pull into the adjoining travel lane to pass each other.
- Side streets or parallel streets should be considered as potential alternate routes that would be more pleasant for bicyclists. These streets would also help with access to businesses along Milton.
- The number and frequency of driveways on Milton means that a lot of vehicles will be turning (right and left) across the lanes. There is a concern that vehicles crossing the lanes will make it more difficult for buses and bikes to operate.
- Extension of the FUTS system through the area, including grade-separated underpasses at Milton, would be of great benefit.
- There is a need to plan bicycle routes through the entire area, including parallel alternate routes and side street crossings.

Follow-up discussion of this item will be included on the next BAC agenda.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. FUTS master planning

Mr. Ince provided a series of recommended changes to the FUTS master plan, including recommendations for trails that should be removed from the plan, new trails that should be added to the plan, and trails that should be modified. The Committee made the following recommendations:

- Four trails can be removed from the plan, including the Lowell Mesa North Fork Trail, Thomas Trail, Lake Mary Trail, and Sheep Crossing Access.
- The plan should consider alternatives to the Lowell Mesa North Fork Trail, including a trail to take the place of the social trail that extended from the end of Kramer Street to the top of the mesa.
- There may be alternative alignments for the Arroyo Trail.
- The Paradise Trail can be reconsidered as a trail that is not necessarily developed to typical FUTS trail standards.
- Four trails – Cortland Trail, NAU Trail, Thorpe Trail, and Sinclair Wash Trail – are recommended to be added to the plan
- The extension of three trails – Winifred Lynch Trail, El Paso Trail, and Sinclair Canyon Trail – can be reconsidered as Forest Service trails rather than FUTS.
- The 8-foot sidewalks in the Woodlands Village neighborhood should no longer be considered as FUTS, because of the frequency of driveway crossings and potential conflicts.
- A potential location for an underpass under I-40 should be explored at the northeast corner of the University Heights neighborhood.
- The planned trail south of the airport should be connected to the Forest Service's planned Kelly Canyon Trails.

2. Bicycle parking inventory and program

This item was held over to the next meeting.

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IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.