



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff

### BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 2, 2012  
4:30 pm

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair  
Richard Hall  
Jodi Norris  
Kent Sherman

#### Members absent:

Dave Blanchard  
Katie Sheridan  
Melanie Street

#### The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

#### Public present:

Chris Gunn  
Joe Shannon  
Doug Thomas  
Elias Toon  
Carol Zazubek

#### **I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **1. Announcements**

Mr. Hall said he was shocked to see that the State legislature was considering a change to allow bicyclists to treat stop signs like yield signs.

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Chair Lane reported on a new surface transportation bill under consideration at the national level that would cut funding for a variety of bike and pedestrian projects.

### 2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

### 3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Hall made, and Mr. Sherman seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

## III. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Bicycle Parking

Mr. Ince said that an intern was starting this week on a City-wide inventory of existing bicycle parking. The intern will also draft an outline for a 50/50 bicycle program, and prepare a budget for the program.

The Committee had a brief discussion about bike parking at public facilities, such as City Hall and parks.

### 2. City Code Revisions

Mr. Ince reported that the Police Department was working on a training bulletin that would include the recent revisions to the City Code regarding bicycles.

### 3. Bicycle Education Program

Mr. Ince described a diversionary program that the Police Department is working on with City Courts.

Mr. Toon said that NAU's Police Department is also interested in starting a diversionary program, but must wait for the City to establish its program first.

Mr. Hall said signing would be helpful to remind bicyclists that pedestrians have the right-of-way on sidewalks and FUTS trails.

**4. Florence-Walnut Underpass**

Mr. Ince provided concept plans for the underpass to the Committee. The Committee asked why the tunnel does not line up straight between the two streets. There was a general consensus that lighting and visibility will be important. The Committee thinks the underpass will be heavily used.

**5. Route 66/Sitgreaves Bypass Ramp**

Mr. Ince provided a drawing of the proposed bypass ramp next to the stairs on Sitgreaves near Route 66.

The Committee also said that the crosswalks at the corner can be tricky because vehicles speed through without slowing down. More visible or "tactile" crosswalks were mentioned as a potential solution.

The Committee asked why the existing stairs were being kept in place. Mr. Ince responded that removal of the stairs would be difficult and add significantly to the cost of the project.

The Committee indicated a preference for a wider sidewalk of 8 feet, rather than the 6 feet that is proposed.

There was a brief discussion about the status of a planned underpass to the east in downtown.

**6. ADOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update**

Mr. Ince provided a brief update on the status of ADOT's process to update the bicycle and pedestrian master plan. The Committee discussed the difficulty in changing ADOT policy regarding sidewalks and bike lanes.

The case of Highway 179 in Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek was mentioned. Highway 179 was built with designated bike lanes; however the maintenance of the bike lanes has been financed privately.

**7. FUTS Project Status Report**

The Committee discussed the status and schedule for the Arizona Trail and the Switzer Canyon Trail, and the difficulties in both cases of securing necessary easements.

**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 5:36 pm.