



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 4, 2011
4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall
Kent Sherman
Melanie Street

Members absent:

Jodi Norris
Katie Sheridan

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner

Public present:

Ben Davidson
Walt Howard
Elson Miles

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Howard issued an "official grumble" about the quality of the chip seal on South San Francisco Street. He asked if Jack Welch and FBO were going to sponsor bicycle parking at the County Fair this year.

Mr. Davidson reported that he was new to Flagstaff. He had completed the FUTS survey, and wanted to see the result.

Mr. Miles reported that he saw no bicycle facilities on his recent trip to Colombia. He said the shared lane markings on San Francisco Street were working well, and thought other downtown streets should also include them. He also thought bike boxes would work well on San Francisco Street, and asked if they might be considered on an upcoming BAC meeting. He asked if the curb swelling on Bonito Street near the bus lane could be removed, now that Flagstaff Middle School had closed. He also said that a little extra asphalt on the hill on southbound Lone Tree Road, just before Kinsey, would create a continuous bike lane.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Norris made, and Mr. Blanchard seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of New Members

Ms. Street introduced herself as a regular cyclist who has opinions about bicycling and an interest in media and outreach.

Mr. Sherman said he is a year-round cyclist and has a passion for bicycling.

2. FUTS Trail Users Survey – Preliminary Results

Mr. Ince provided a handout that included preliminary results of the FUTS Trail Users Survey.

Mr. Miles said that trails in Amsterdam are so well used that congestion has become an issue.

There was a discussion about electric bikes on FUTS trails, with the following points made:

- Other trail users won't hear them coming unless the rider announces his/her presence

- There is a concern that the door may open for other types of electric vehicles, like electric scooters
- Speed limits for bicycles may become necessary on the trails
- Future trails may have to be wider to accommodate more and different kinds of vehicles.

The Committee also discussed painting a center stripe on trails, and other ways to keep trail users to the right.

There was a question about responses to the open-ended question about safety and security along the trails. Mr. Ince said the results have not been compiled yet, but a quick review reveals that there are concerns about some locations, in particular the Mars Hill Trail and the Route 66 Trail just east of downtown, where it is behind trees and away from the road. There is also a concern expressed about transients on some sections of trail.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bicycle Commuter Survey

Mr. Ince provided a summary of the draft summary report of the survey. It was suggested that future surveys include a question about which streets and roads bicyclists avoid.

2. ADOT Bicycle Safety Action Plan

Mr. Ince provided a summary and update of ADOT's bicycle safety action plan process.

The Committee suggested extending an invitation to speak at a future BAC meeting to John Harper, who is the head of the ADOT Flagstaff District.

The Committee expressed frustration at the number of wrong-way cyclists, and other bicyclists who do not follow the rules. This behavior gives all bicyclists a bad name. Signs to discourage wrong-way riding may not be effective.

More questions about bicycles on the driver's test may get people to be more aware of bicyclists.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.