



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff

### BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 7, 2011  
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 4:36 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair  
Jan Blackman  
Richard Hall  
Jodi Norris

#### Members absent:

Dave Blanchard  
Kevin Parkes

#### One vacancy

#### The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner  
David Needham, Police Department  
Bret Petersen, Capital Improvements

#### Public present:

Brittney Bloomberg  
Stacey Frey  
Jessica G  
Holly Kareiva  
Molly Mathis  
Rachel Oligmueller  
Nhi Pham  
Anthony Shaw  
Loni Thalheimer

**I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Announcements**

There were no Announcements.

**2. Public Comment**

Ms. Pham introduced a group of nursing students from NAU who were in attendance. She said the NAU cycling team is interested in working with the BAC to promote bike safety on campus.

**3. Approval Of Minutes**

Ms. Blackman made, and Mr. Hall seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Interstate 40 – Initial Design Concept Report**

Mr. Petersen, a senior project manager with the City's Capital Improvements Division, provided an overview of the I-40 Design Concept Report (DCR) study and an outline of the City's process for reviewing it. Mr. Petersen also showed drawings of alternative designs for the interchange at Butler Avenue.

The Committee made several comments and asked questions regarding the draft DCR:

- Roundabouts can be difficult to negotiate for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Single-lane roundabouts are much better than multi-lane roundabouts.
- How does the DCR acknowledge the potential for future trail crossings not on the current plan?
- Grade separations are not an optimal solution. A grade-separated trail would have to serve both sides of the street, and include safe, logical access points at both ends.
- There are fewer problems with the roundabout design at Woody Mountain Road, mainly because they are single-lane.
- The Committee is interested in more information regarding bicyclist and pedestrian safety and comfort at roundabouts versus traditional intersections.

- Large, multi-lane intersections, like Fourth Street and Route 66, are not comfortable for cyclists either

## **2. ADOT Bicycle Safety Action Plan**

Mr. Ince presented an overview of ADOT's Bicycle Safety Action Plan process, and provided information on state highway segments in Flagstaff that have been identified because they have high rates or numbers of bicycle crashes. The Committee discussed the information and made several comments:

- Lack of bike lanes is a problem. In urban areas, bike lanes should always be provided on state roads.
- Where shoulders are provided, signing and pavements markings should be provided as well.
- Bike lanes should be more visible.
- Bike lanes that disappear are a problem.

The Committee also discussed crashes along Milton Road:

- Pedestrian safety along Milton is also an issue.
- Milton was not designed for the current volume of traffic.
- Lack of access control is a problem.
- There are few good alternate routes that allow cyclists to avoid Milton; at the same time there are numerous destinations along Milton. As a result there are a lot of cyclists.
- The study's finding that bicycles facing traffic is a problem may be more accurately stated as a problem with bicycles riding on the sidewalk.
- A significant number of bicyclists along Milton may be "workforce" cyclists.
- There is a misconception among some cyclists that riding against traffic is safer.
- Turning vehicles, especially at signalized intersections, are a problem.
- Additional signing may be beneficial.
- Vehicles turning out onto Milton are also a problem.

Regarding bike crashes in the downtown area, the BAC offered the following comments:

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- Turning vehicles are a problem.
- The main streets through downtown (San Francisco and Beaver) are relatively high-speed, but there are no facilities for bicycles.

### 3. **Reprint of Flagstaff Urban Trails and Bikeways Map**

This item was held over to next meeting.

### 4. **Bike-to-Work Week**

This item was held over to next meeting.

## III. **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1. **FUTS Planning Discussion**

This item was held over to next meeting.

### 2. **FUTS/Bikeway Planning for Beulah Boulevard from Lake Mary Road to McConnell Boulevard**

This item was held over to next meeting.

## 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 6:07 pm.