



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 5, 2015 | 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 4:42 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair  
Dave Blanchard  
Richard Hall  
Jodi Norris  
Paul Owen  
Jeff Stevenson  
Jack Welch

Members absent:

None

The following City and County staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multimodal Transportation Planner

Public present:

Adam Langford  
Denise Wynne

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

#### **1. Announcements**

Mr. Hall said he is trying to get used to the yellow left turn caution arrows at Beulah and McConnell and other locations. He said that an article in the paper informing residents of the change would have been useful.

#### **2. Public Comment**

Ms. Wynne said she recently moved from Sedona to Flagstaff and that she is trying to get to know the community.

Mr. Langford introduced himself as a transit planner for NAIPTA, as well as a member of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

**3. Approval Of Minutes**

Ms. Norris made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2015. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Bicycle master plan**

Mr. Ince reported they are working on a public participation plan, which would be provided to the Committee for the next meeting.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Bicycle friendly community feedback from the League of American Bicyclists**

Mr. Ince gave the Committee two documents from the League of American Bicyclists regarding the City's renewal as a Bicycle Friendly Community. The first was a brief report card; and the second a more in-depth write-up of feedback on the application. The Committee reviewed the documents and had a number of comments:

- There was a question about who comprised the review committee for LAB, because a few of the issues raised are very specific and not generally issues with the larger bicycling community in Flagstaff. Mr. Ince reported that LAB uses their local contacts as much as possible, including LCI individuals in the area. As part of the application process, we also provided names for potential local reviewers.
- The feedback in general is very detailed and specific to Flagstaff.
- The Committee is interested in getting the link to the NACTO bike design guide.
- There was a question about when the east segment of Route 66 (from the Mall to I-40) would be repaved.
- The Committee discussed the idea of buffered and protected bike lanes, and wondered where they might be used. There was a question about the process to identify and initiate projects, and how projects get in line for funding.
- Bonito Street is a major north-south bicycle route that could be enhanced with signing and other improvements.

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- The feedback refers to the repaving of Snowbowl Road, but no one on the Committee was familiar with this project. It may have meant Fort Valley Road.
- There was a discussion about bike boulevards and where they might be located. Bike boulevards work best when they are continuous over longer distances.
- There may be an opportunity, and there would be great benefit, to extend the bikeway along Riordan Road north through the parking lots on the west side of the NAU campus.
- Major events should be timed to take advantage of bus routes, to help reduce the number of vehicles driving to and parking at the events.
- The Committee asked for further information about wayfinding sign systems for bicyclists. A question was raised about whether wayfinding signing was more appropriate for larger cities, or if the concept works well in communities the size of Flagstaff.
- The Committee discussed chip sealing and the impact on cycling. The Committee agreed that the larger-aggregate chip-sealing made a much rougher, slower surface for cyclists, but were unsure as to how much of an issue it is. Mr. Ince said that a number of streets will be chip-sealed as part of the new road repair bond project. The Committee asked if there is a trade-off between chip sealing and extending the life of the street, and if there are alternatives to chip-sealing.
- Education is a persistent issue. There may be opportunities during Bike to Work Week.
- A cyclovia would be ideal during one of the First Friday art walks. Mr. Ince reported that a number of other groups are interested in pursuing the idea.
- There was a discussion of future potential downtown parking garages, and how it may free up space currently used for on-street parking.
- The League's Bicycle Friendly Business program might be appropriate for Gore, USGS, and some other large employers who already have a fair number of cyclists. Mr. Ince said that there is only one BFB in Flagstaff – Absolute Bikes. Chair Lane provided information on the application process and what it entailed. It would help if the Committee were available to provide technical support to BFB applicants. The Committee asked for a copy of the BFB application.
- There was a discussion about lingering issues regarding group rides and vehicle conflicts on Lake Mary Road.
- The Committee asked if it were possible to find out what the County was planning in the way of projects and increased maintenance and how it might affect cyclists.

- There was discussion about the current transportation tax, when it expired, and possibilities for future tax funding. The Committee said that citizens need to know how funding from the current transportation tax is being spent, and what they are getting for the money.

**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.