



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 7, 2016 | 4:30 pm

Flagstaff City Hall, Council Chambers  
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Steven Richard, chair  
Richard Hall  
Jodi Norris  
Jack Welch

Members absent:

Dave Blanchard  
Joseph McGhee  
Jeff Stevenson

The following City and agency staff was present:

Andrew Hoffman, Flagstaff Police Department  
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner

Public present:

Matt Mitchell  
Denise Wynne

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

#### **1. Announcements**

Mr. Welch said that he is currently leading a series of walks that focus on the FUTS signs.

Ms. Norris reported a potentially dangerous rut across the FUTS trail near the Matt Kelly Bridge.

Mr. Richard has observed an increase in traffic now that spring is here.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment

**3. Approval Of Minutes**

Ms. Norris made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 3, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan**

Mr. Ince presented information regarding the pedestrian and bicycle master plan, including general principles for developing a comprehensive bicycle network, factors that are critical to a successful network, and considerations for selecting what type of bicycle facility is appropriate for the circumstances. He presented a list of factors to consider when determining if bike lanes are needed along a street, and the Committee reviewed a map of Flagstaff showing streets that currently do not have bike lanes but would be eligible based on the criteria. The Committee had several comments and questions:

- The Committee discussed speed limits and if they produce the intended outcome. There was a discussion about the benefits of lowering speed limits.
- After reviewing Strava heatmap data around Flagstaff, the Committee wondered how representative the data is for typical cyclists.
- There was general consensus to include the fourth leg of intersections in the criteria for bike lanes, even if the remainder of the street may not meet the criteria. Having bike lanes on the fourth leg provides space for bicyclists and makes it more comfortable for cyclists traveling through the intersection.
- The idea of handles at intersections was brought up. These allow cyclists to hold themselves up at intersections without having to unclip from their pedals.
- On certain streets bike lanes alone are not enough to make the average bicyclist feel comfortable. Additional buffering may be needed in these situations.
- The Committee discussed factors that could be considered in setting priorities for missing bike lanes.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. FUTS project status update**

Mr. Ince provided information on three FUTS projects that are currently in the planning phase: the Sheep Crossing Trail, Lone Tree Trail, and Switzer Canyon Trail.

**2. Upcoming bicycle education opportunities**

Mr. Ince reported on two upcoming bicycle education classes, Traffic Skills 101 is scheduled for April 15 and 16, and the League Cycling Instructor seminar will be May 13-14-15.

**3. Bike to Work Week Schedule for 2016**

Mr. Ince provided a schedule of events for Bike to Work Week, May 22 through 27.

**IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Reports**

The Committee asked about the status of the City's high-occupancy housing plan. There is a concern that projects like the Hub could put a strain on bicycle facilities in that neighborhood unless they are improved or expanded.

**2. Concluding Announcements**

The Committee asked if high occupancy housing could be discussed at the next meeting.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm