



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 2, 2010  
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 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Jan Blackman, Vice Chair  
Dave Blanchard  
Richard Hall  
Kevin Parkes

#### Members absent:

Ken Lane, Chair  
Jodi Norris

One vacancy

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multi-Modal Planner  
David Needham, Police Department

Public present:

Justin Pryzby

## **I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **1. Announcements**

Mr. Parkes announced that a new multi-use trail is set to open between Tusayan and Grand Canyon Village. The trail was paid for through donations.

Mr. Hall reported that a storm sewer grate had come loose on Milton near Forest Meadows.

**2. Public Comment**

Mr. Pryzby voiced a concern about education for law enforcement personnel regarding bicycle laws. He reported that he has received several citations in the last few months, including a violation of 28-815(a) when he was taking the lane on a narrow section of street. In one instance he was hit by a car and cited. He also said that he has been successful in getting the citations dismissed. He asked if this issue could be a future agenda item at the BAC and Transportation Commission.

**3. Approval Of Minutes**

Mr. Blanchard made, and Ms. Blackman seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 5, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Review of FUTS Trail Priority Evaluation Report for 2011**

Mr. Ince made a presentation on the process of updating priorities of FUTS trails, and showed a map that indicated priority trails to be built in the next 5 years. The Committee discussed the rankings and trails plan. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Blanchard made, and Mr. Parkes seconded, a motion to accept the FUTS Priority Evaluation Report for 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Pine Knoll FUTS Trail – Safe Routes to School Grant Application**

Mr. Ince provided background information on a proposed project to build a FUTS trail and add bike lanes to the section of Pine Knoll Drive between San Francisco and Lone Tree, and explained that the City was seeking an ADOT Safe Routes to School grant for about \$400,000 to fund the project. Ms. Blackman made, and Mr. Blanchard seconded, a motion to support the City's Safe Routes to School grant application for the Pine Knoll FUTS Trail. The motion was approved unanimously.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. FUTS Project Status Report**

Mr. Ince provided copies of the latest FUTS project status report.

**2. City Code Revisions Regarding Bicycles**

Mr. Ince reported that a question has been raised in conjunction with City Code revisions regarding existing laws for electric and motorized bicycles on FUTS trails and in bike lanes. He further reported that Arizona Revised Statutes include a provision for electric and motorized bicycles, but that the definitions and regulations are unclear. Scottsdale and Tucson-Pima County have both adopted local

ordinances that prohibit electric and motorized bicycles from shared-use paths and allow them on streets and in bike lanes. The Committee discussed the issue and concluded:

- The top speed of electric and motorized bikes may be too fast for FUTS trails
- While electric bikes are generally very quiet, gas-powered motorized bikes can be somewhat loud
- It would be preferable to proceed with the proposed City Code revisions as they are written, and take up electric and motorized bicycles as a separate issue
- Electric and motorized bikes are probably okay on the street and in bike lanes, but not appropriate on FUTS trails.

### **3. FUTS Planning Discussion**

Mr. Ince explained that staff was planning this spring to draft design guidelines and standards for FUTS trails, and that the BAC and the Pedestrian Advisory Committee would help review and hold public discussions. The BAC had a short discussion and offered several ideas regarding public participation and input:

- It is sometimes difficult to get the public motivated to attend public houses.
- A survey might be good way to reach more people, although there would not be the same "captive audience" as was available during Bike to Work Week.
- Social media outlets could be used to advertise a survey or other forms of public participation, including the FUTS and FBO Facebook pages, and the "Notify Me" email lists from City's website.
- Officer Needham offered use of FBO's website for publicity.
- Combining an open house with an event for the Flagstaff Loop Trail might be a way to gain a larger audience.

Mr. Ince indicated that a draft survey would be brought back to the next BAC meeting.

## **IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **1. Reports**

Mr. Ince provided updates on the 3-foot passing law signs and the sidewalk project at Sitgreaves.

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### **2. Concluding Announcements**

Possible agenda items for the next meeting include FUTS planning and a public survey, enforcement of traffic laws for bicyclists, and City Code revisions.

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.