

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, March 1, 2018 | 4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Mark Haughwout, chair
Kim Austin
Jeff Goulden
Susan Hueftle
Matthew Mitchell

Members absent:

Estella Hollander
Margaret Penado

The following City and agency staff was present:

Jason Blair, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, Multimodal Transportation Planner

Public present:

Bill Sandercock

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Goulden said he watched a presentation from the general manager at Little America Hotel, who discussed the possibility of a FUTS trail through the Little America property behind the hotel.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hueftle made, and Ms. Austin seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan

Mr. Ince presented the results of the PedBikeWays survey. He said that the comments submitted were very interesting, and in some ways the most useful part of the survey. The Committee had several comments and questions:

- Are the results of these surveys forwarded to the City Council? It would be beneficial for them to see the results.
- It would be instructive to summarize the comments from the survey.
- Most of the negative comments about PedBikeWays were submitted by respondents who neither walk nor bike regularly.

There was a discussion about how to get the word out and promote future surveys. NAPEBT may be able to help promote surveys, and posters can be placed on the inside of buses. Intercept surveys could be conducted, provided they are short and conducted at locations where bicyclists are already stopped.

The Committee asked if proceeds from the downtown parking program can be used for walking and biking improvements. For example, any new parking garages should have bike parking and bike lockers.

The Committee asked if the underpass at Milton was still required of the Milltown development.

Mr. Ince said he would provide a link to the interactive map of walking and biking facilities.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Status and enforcement of distracted driving rules

Officer Blair provided information on distracted driving laws. He said that distracted driving is a broad concept, and asked the Committee if the request could be more specific. Ms. Hueftle reported the topic was raised by several members of the public.

Officer Blair said he would collect information to report back to the Committee about the status of current state and local laws, enforcement of laws, and statistics regarding violations.

Chair Haughwout reported on the status of SB1261 at the state legislature, which is a bill that would prohibit texting while driving. He said that the bill had gone through committee, but that the governor has indicated little interest in signing the bill into law if it passes the legislature, as existing distracted driver laws could be used to cite drivers.

2. Milton/US180 Corridor Master Plans

Mr. Ince described the intent of the plans and the planning process. The Committee offered several comments:

- Does ADOT allow the use of flashing pedestrian lights for crossings on state routes? Mr. Ince said that pedestrian hybrid beacons (HAWKS) have been used in other locations.
- Any bicycle and pedestrian counts should be conducted when NAU is in session.
- The Committee discussed the likelihood of building the southerly pedestrian bridge crossing.
- Regarding the planned PedBikeWay along Beulah between Lake Mary Road and McConnell Drive, there are students who walk or bike behind the Red Lobster to get from Beulah to McConnell.
- Will the study include the narrow corner on Fort Valley Road just beyond City limits? Mr. Ince responded that it should be included.
- Several potential bypass routes are under study in a separate process involving ADOT, NAIPTA, and County Board Supervisor Babbitt.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Spin bike share

Chair Haughwout and Mr. Goulden provided a brief summary of the Spin bike share presentation to City Council.

Citizens Transportation Tax Committee

The Committee discussed the list of projects in the CTTC's draft recommendation. The Committee expressed a concern that only the short-term projects were being funded over the 20-year duration of the tax. The Committee discussed the lack of available grant funding for pedestrian and bicycle projects.

Flagstaff Trails Initiative

The Committee hoped that the plan would result in implementation of priority trail projects.

Fourth Street bridges

Total closure of Fourth Street during construction would be a concern for walking and biking. Mr. Ince provided an update on the Fourth Street FUTS project. Completing the trail all the way to Butler Avenue is important.

FUTS project status

Information about trails that will be closed for longer than a week should be included on the web page.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm