

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, May 3, 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 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Mark Haughwout, chair
Kim Austin
Jeff Goulden
Estella Hollander
Susan Hueftle
Matthew Mitchell
Margaret Penado

Members absent:

None

The following City and agency staff was present:

Martin Ince, Multimodal Transportation Planner
Julie Leid, Transportation Commission

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Hueftle noted a regular problem with vehicles parked in front of curb ramps, and wondered if they could be painted.

Mr. Mitchell gave a short summary of a meeting at the City with a vendor that provides modular barricades for protected bike lanes and other applications.

Ms. Austin reported that she attended the Arizona Bike Summit in April. She said the summit was interesting but focused on the Phoenix area. There was a discussion about distracted driving legislation, but no mention of the texting ban in Coconino County. There was also a presentation on planned ped/bike overpasses along the I-17 and I-10 corridors.

Mr. Ince noted that the ADOT public open house for the Fort Valley Road/US 180 Corridor Master Plan was scheduled for 6:00 pm that evening, so the BAC meeting would adjourn early to give members a chance to attend.

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 from the regular meetings of March 1 and April 5, 2018, and the special meeting of March 22, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince presented a draft version of an interactive FUTS planning map, which allows users to zoom in or out on a map of existing and planned FUTS trails, pan around the city, and view detailed comments for each trail. The Committee offered several suggestions:

- Can the map be made truly interactive, in that users could leave comments or voted for their favorite trail.
- It would be useful to be able to turn the aerial photograph on or off at any scale.
- Bridges, tunnels and other crossings would be useful information.
- Add shaded topography, to visual hills.
- Signing along the trails would also be helpful to see as a layer.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bike to Work Week

The Committee reviewed the schedule of events for Flagstaff's Bike to Work Week, which is planned for May 20-25, 2018.

Mr. Ince said he planned to have a table at the Bike Bazaar on Sunday, to provide information about existing and planned FUTS and bike lanes. Ms. Austin will be there to sell bike helmets, and Ms. Hollander will be there with the NAIPTA bus. Chair Haughwout, Ms. Huefite, and Mr. Mitchell indicated they could help staff the table.

For the kick-off commuter ride, it would be interesting for the Council to ride on Spin bikes.

Ms. Austin said that more than a hundred parents and kids rode in the Kidical Mass ride last year. There are games, skills competitions, ice cream, and pizza at the end of the ride. This year's events will begin at the FJA/Marshall School parking lot at Bonito and Thorpe. She is looking for volunteers to assist.

Ms. Austin and Mr. Ince will be co-teaching the Savvy Cyclist class, which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23 at the Flagstaff Police Department. Ms. Austin reported on an education program that trains and certifies drivers regarding safe and legal driving when cyclists are present.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Police Department Bicycle Safety Campaign: Mr. Ince provided information from Officer Blair regarding the start of a new bicycle safety campaign. He reported that more than 40 percent of bicycle crashes involve right-turning vehicles, and asked if there were interest in asking PD to target illegal right turns as part of the campaign. The Committee suggested the 3-foot rule as another potential emphasis, as well parking or driving in a bike lane. The Committee acknowledged that enforcement for some of these would be difficult, unless an officer happens to observe a violation. The Committee discussed opening a direct line of communication between the BAC and the PD, to work cooperatively on enforcement issues and opportunities.

Spin bikes: Committee members compared their experiences so far with Spin bikes. No significant issues have been observed, although several members had some difficulties using the app.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm