

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, June 7, 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 4:32 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:

Jason Blair, Flagstaff Police Department
Paige Hardman, Montoya Fellow intern
Martin Ince, Multimodal Transportation Planner
Julie Leid, Transportation Commission

Public present:

Emmanuel James
Mike Purcell

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Chair Haughwout gave kudos to the City for adding bike lanes to North Beaver Street. The street is much more comfortable to ride on now. He also said that the cracks in the pavement on Soliere just west of Country Club are very bad. The

proposed development seems to be inactive; are there City plans to repair the street?

Mr. Ince introduced Ms. Hardman as the new Montoya Fellow intern. Ms. Hardman said she is a planning student at NAU, and has a strong interest in multi-modal transportation.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hueftle made, and Mr. Mitchell seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 3, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince demonstrated a draft version of the online, interactive FUTS master plan. The Committee provided a number of comments and suggestions:

- Most people will be interested in when trails are planned for construction, so the priority and timeframe should be included. Mr. Ince responded that the Committee would be working on updating that information, and when available it would be included. The status of current projects should also be included.
- Map features are not always obvious or intuitive, so detailed instructions would be helpful. Is it possible to have the pop-up information appear when the cursor hovers over a feature?
- Surface material and trail width would be helpful, including singletrack trails.
- Users should have an option to toggle satellite imagery and topographic information.
- The Peaceful Valley trail should connect to the Loop Trail just south of Section 20, and there was a request to change the name to Campbell Meadows.
- A table of contents and a search function should be added.
- A routing function would be very useful, in particular if it included regular bike lanes as a layer. Mr. Ince reported that he thought this would be possible, but that would be a future version of the map.

Mr. Ince provided a brief overview of the trails that were proposed to be deleted from the master plan, and the reasons for their removal. The Committee indicated a desire to keep the Arroyo Trail, but use the plan to describe the circumstances regarding ADOT's reluctance to have a trail in the I-40 median.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. People for Bikes grant application

Ms. Austin provided information on a potential grant application to be submitted by Coconino County. She said the potential grant would be for protected bike lanes, and would be a cooperative application from the County, City, and NAIPTA. The grant will provide limited funding and would only pay for an intersection to short stretch of protected bike lanes.

She said there are no protected bike lanes in Flagstaff. The proposed barriers could also be moved to other locations to evaluate and build support for protected bike lanes. Installation of protected bike lanes would help bolster Flagstaff's Bicycle Friendly Communities application, which is due in August.

Ms. Austin described the People for Bikes grant program. A sum of \$10,000 could be obtained through the grant, and with partner contributions the total could be \$30,000 to \$40,000. A proposal or letter of interest is due by the end of July.

Several locations and configurations have been considered, including a protected intersection at Route 66 and Ponderosa, a two-way cycletrack along Riordan Ranch, a protected bike lane on Beaver Street, along Lockett east of Cedar, and at the intersection at Butler and Ponderosa. The location should not be in ADOT right-of-way. There may also be an opportunity for a contra-flow bike lane on a one-way street.

The project could be a pilot program, and could be installed in conjunction with a survey to gauge how bicyclists respond to them. Officer Blair said that before and after crash data could be collected, as well as counts of bicyclists who use the sidewalk versus a protected bike lane.

At this point NAU has not been part of the conversation, although they may have some good locations and could potentially bring funding.

The Committee asked to have the item included on the agenda for the July meeting. A letter of support from the Committee is probably not needed until the final application is due.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

- Police Department Bicycle Safety Campaign

Officer Blair provided an update on the campaign, which will run from May through July. He said the diversionary class is scheduled every other Monday evening at City Hall. He will bring statistics to the July meeting. There was a question about how the on-line registration for the diversionary class worked.

Officer Blair said that citations typically include headlight and rear reflector violations, downtown sidewalk riding, and red light/stop sign violations.

The Committee discussed training for the Police Department, and expressed an interest in viewing the police training video created by the City of Glendale.

For rear reflector citations, is there an opportunity to show evidence of having purchased a rear light to have the ticket removed.

Ms. Austin said she is conducting a bike safety class at NAU. She said there has been turnover at NAUPD, but she will find the name of the person in charge of their diversionary class.

- BAC terms and reappointments

Mr. Ince said that any Committee member whose term was expiring and wished to be reappointed needs to fill out a new application. He will provide a link to the on-line application.

- Spin Cycles

Mr. Ince provided data from May. The Committee asked about the process for someone who does not have a smartphone or credit card.

- Flagstaff Trails Initiative

The public is not yet allowed to enter their email to be notified of future meetings.

2. Concluding Announcements

Mr. Ince said that the next meeting is scheduled for July 5, which is the day after the Fourth of July holiday. A few Committee members said they would be out of town, but enough were available to make a quorum, so the meeting will go on as scheduled.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm