

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, October 3, 2019 | 4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Mark Haughwout, chair
Kim Austin
Daniel Crim
Jeff Goulden
Estella Hollander
Susan Hueftle
Matthew Mitchell

Members absent:

None

The following City and agency staff was present:

Jason Blair, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Goulden announced the birth of his grandson.

Ms. Austin reported that 1200 kids walked to school in Flagstaff on International Walk to School Day. She also asked about the construction at Route 66 and Woodlands Village Boulevard.

Mr. Mitchell asked about the new construction along Butler Avenue east of Little America, and wondered if any changes were planned for the road.

Mr. Ince announced that FHWA is conducting a pedestrian design workshop in Flagstaff. He said he would forward information about the workshop to the Committee.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hueftle made, and Mr. Goulden seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 5, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan/FUTS master plan

Mr. Ince presented future plans for sidewalks, bike lanes, FUTS trails, street crossings, and separated crossings, along with timing within the next five years, in the second five years, and in the last 10 years of the transportation tax.

The Committee reviewed a series of maps and offered a number of comments:

- The segment of missing sidewalk along Ft Valley Rd south of Sechrist School would likely be built in conjunction with development of the County land.
- The Committee asked if BUILD grants could be used as a funding source. Mr. Ince said it was a good potential source. However the grant awards are fairly large, so the right project would have to be identified, and the grant is fairly competitive.
- There was discussion about bike lanes on Lone Tree Rd, specifically the section south of Pine Knoll Dr.
- Adding bike lanes to Woodlands Village Boulevard would be an expensive project, and falls beyond the 20-year timeframe of the tax. The Committee wondered if there are any good alternatives. The street is becoming a busy artery. The Committee said it considers Woodlands Village to be an important segment in the bicycle network.
- The crossing at University Heights Drive North seems fairly straightforward; is there a way that it can be moved up in timing?
- A question was raised about the separated crossing of the BNSF tracks near Arrowhead and whether it could be moved further west to correspond to

where people are crossing. Mr. Ince said the location further east takes advantage of grades.

- The Committee asked if the plans would include more than just bike lanes and address protected bike lanes and cycletracks.
- There was a question about the safety benefits of green bike lanes. In addition to improving safety, green bike lanes help send a message to the community that bicycling is a priority.
- The Committee said it will be important to find other sources of funding, since sales tax revenues will be limited.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Gotcha bikeshare

Mr. Ince said that Gotcha has been selected to provide bikeshare services in Flagstaff, and that more information would be available at a future Committee meeting.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

City Code: there was a question about the possibility of adding “enhanced penalties for vulnerable users” in the City Code. Officer Blair said that traffic incidents involving a bicyclist could be considered an aggravating factor that moves penalties into a higher category. He indicated that he would check with the City attorney’s office.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm