

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, February 6, 2020 | 4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Members absent:

Estella Hollander

The following City and agency staff was present:

Bizzy Collins, Mountain Line
Sara Dechter, comprehensive planning manager
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner
Carlton Johnson, associate planner
Jacob Wang, Montoya Fellow

Public present:

None

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Mitchell recapped the presentation made in January to City staff regarding the modular railing system that creates protected bike lanes. He reported that snow removal was discussed, as well as potential problems with cinder accumulation.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Mitchell made, and Ms. Austin seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 5, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Goulden made, and Mr. Mitchell seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 6, 2020. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan/FUTS master plan

This item was not discussed.

2. Bicycle parking revisions to Zoning Code

Mr. Ince reported that three revisions had been made to the draft amendment, based on discussion at the last BAC meeting:

- Parking requirements will be calculated based on bedrooms, not vehicle parking requirements.
- The exception for having a garage has been removed.
- The overall increase in required bike parking, from 5 to 10 percent of required vehicular parking, has been removed from this draft but will be taken up later as a new amendment.

The Committee asked about incentives for providing enhanced parking. Mr. Ince said they are not included, but could be reviewed as part of a later amendment.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mountain Line bus rapid transit plan

Ms. Collins described the concept and principles of bus rapid transit (BRT), including a variety of tools to support BRT. She showed a map of the proposed route between Woodlands Village and Flagstaff Medical Center.

She indicated that one of the goals of the project is to make bus travel more competitive with car travel. The process is currently reviewing alternatives for

alignments and configurations. Ms. Collins outlined the review criteria, which is divided into five topics. She showed potential cross sections for various segments of the alignment.

Ms. Collins reported that she has been making presentations to a number of boards and commissions. She described the relationship between this study and the Milton corridor master plan process.

Federal funding for the project provides an opportunity to include pedestrian and bicycle projects that are in proximity to the BRT route and stations.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Committee had a number of comments and questions:

- There was a question about how pedestrians access center-running stations. Ms. Collins said that the stations were designed in conjunction with pedestrian crossings.
- The Committee wondered who makes the final determination about the preferred alternative. Ms. Collins said that the stakeholders will decide.
- There was a question about how off-board fare collection works, and if it can be used system-wide. Ms. Collins reported that Mountain Line is reviewing their options.
- There was a brief discussion about bus-bike only lanes. The Committee has questions about the interactions between buses and bikes, and the experience of other communities. The Committee discussed enforcement, as well as the impact of right-turning vehicles. There is a concern that the arrangement will not appeal to the 60 percent of "interested but concerned" cyclists. We should not be planning for the 7 percent of advanced cyclists, but for a broader audience.
- The Committee asked about the potential mid-block crossing at Chambers.
- The Committee discussed the most comfortable option for bicyclists, but there was no clear preference between the center-running and side-running arrangements.

2. Southside Community Plan

Mr. Johnson presented a draft of the Southside Community Plan. He explained how a specific plan fits into the pyramid of planning documents, and described the process for developing the plan. He outlined a series of recommendations in the draft plan related to bicycle infrastructure.

The Committee offered several comments:

- There was a discussion about how cyclists travel through the neighborhood.
- The Committee asked about the nature of the concerns regarding the trail extension along the Rio.
- There were questions about implementation and funding.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Ms. Hueflte said that a customer had been given a ticket for using a headlight attached to their helmet rather than their bicycle, even though the City recently adopted revisions to City Code that allow it. She asked if the new laws have gone into effect. Officer Blair said he would look into it.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm