

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, October 1, 2020 | 4:30 pm

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Kim Austin
Daniel Crim
Jeff Goulden
Estella Hollander
Susan Hueftle, vice-chair
Matthew Mitchell

Members absent:

Mark Haughwout, chair

The following City and agency staff were present:

Ramon Alatorre, climate and energy coordinator
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner
Adam Shimoni, vice-mayor

Public present:

Dan Powell

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Mitchell asked if it would be possible to include crosswalk markings and warning signs along the Country Club FUTS crossing at the Oregon's driveway.

Ms. Hueftle asked if the Committee would prefer to have their videos on for the meeting. There was general consensus to keep them on.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Powell asked about the status of the bike racks on Aspen at the Century Link parking lot.

Vice Mayor Shimoni introduced himself, and said he was interested in moving forward on the concept of protected bike lanes.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 3, 2020 meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan/FUTS master plan

Mr. Ince presented a first draft of the bikeways plan. The Committee offered several comments:

- Design options for driveway crossings are needed.
- We should showcase a few new facilities, including the protected bike lanes on the Fourth Street bridge.
- There is value to including recreational bike routes in the plan.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. City of Flagstaff climate emergency declaration

Mr. Alatorre provided information on the City's declaration of a climate emergency. He described the series of events leading up to the declaration, both at a global and local level, which was adopted by resolution by the Council in June.

He said the declaration includes a new goal for the City to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030, and that staff was working to revise the climate plan to meet the new goal. He showed a chart of emissions by sector, and described seven bundles of actions to achieve carbon neutrality. In the transportation sector, the preliminary goal is to reduce VMT by 50 percent. He described community engagement efforts, including a public survey.

The Committee had a number of questions and comments:

- The transportation tax does not cover all of the needed pedestrian and bicycle improvements over the next 20 years. Will other sources of funding become available as a result of the declaration?
- How optimistic are we that the goal can be achieved?
- How do we make sure we are not overbuilding roads and encouraging driving, for example the Lone Tree overpass?
- Have we compared our transportation goals to other communities, including those in European countries?
- We need to focus on bicycle infrastructure, including separated and protected facilities.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Mr. Ince reported that Gotcha bikeshare was pulling out of negotiations to operate in Flagstaff. Staff would like to better understand financial models for sustainable bikeshare programs. The Committee asked if a representative from Sustainability would be willing to present to the Committee.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm