

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, September 3, 2020 | 4:30 pm

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 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:

Stacy Fobar, deputy city clerk
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner

Public present:

Bryan Burton
Frank Higgins
Julie Leid
Kevin Parkes

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Fobar reviewed procedures for a virtual meeting.

Mr. Mitchell said the Fourth Street bridge project is going well, but the route for pedestrians and bicyclists is not signed or clear. He has heard the same concern from other people.

Ms. Hueftle reported that the City has declared a climate emergency, and wondered what it meant for the City and the committee. She wondered if it was appropriate for the committee to make a statement.

Ms. Hollander reported that Mountain Line has submitted a grant for walking and biking facilities that provide a connection to transit.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Parkes introduced himself and other members of the Transportation Commission.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Mitchell made, and Ms. Austin seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 4, 2020. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan/FUTS master plan

Mr. Ince presented information on a draft bikeways plan, including information on intersection and crossing facilities. The committee discussed the information:

- Two-stage left turns and bike boxes work well for bicyclists.
- Drivers don't always know how to use pedestrian hybrid beacons.
- Push buttons that are accessible to bicyclists are handy because a cyclist does not have to dismount.
- There was a discussion about how bike signals function.
- There was a question about how the naming and numbering system works.
- The committee thought the plan would be transformational for the community if it can be achieved.
- The plan should identify all of bikeway projects, even if there is not money identified for implementation of all of it.
- Protected intersections will be a great benefit.
- There was a questions about flexibility in the transportation tax, and if money could be diverted from ped and bike to other projects.

- The committee asked about the relationship of this plan to the Flagstaff Trails Initiative strategy. It is important to allow people to ride to access trails.
- It needs to be made clear that the completion of the bikeways network is crucial to meeting climate goals.
- There is a concern that on separated bikeways that are adjacent to sidewalks, pedestrians may not stay on the walk side. This would discourage bicycle use. Separated bike lanes may not be a good solution in urban contexts or where there are a lot of pedestrians. A clear distinction is needed between the pedestrian side and the bicycle side.
- FUTS trails are not ideal bikeway facilities for a number of reasons, including trail grades that are sometimes steeper than the adjacent roadway, safety and comfort concerns with riding against traffic, destinations on the far side of the street that are difficult to access, and the potential for conflicts with pedestrians.
- Selection of appropriate facilities can be done on a case-by-case basis, the right facility depends on conditions.

The committee discussed the public engagement strategy, and asked if would be possible to use Zoom instead of Teams. Zoom seems to be more widely used. There was a question about how the public will be notified.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was a question about the status and schedule for bikeshare.

The committee asked if the results of the survey for the Milton corridor master plan have been made available to the public.

The committee asked if the City attorney has responded to previous questions about changes to City Code regarding a headlight and a taillight.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm