

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, February 4, 2021 | 4:30 pm

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 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:

Jeff Bauman, transportation section manager
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner
Jim McCarthy, Council liaison

Public present:

Joe Petrucci

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Austin reported that Flagstaff Biking Organization will be conducting a virtual bike-to-work week this year. Events may be scheduled throughout May. A safety/road rules class will be included. Bicyclists will be encouraged to log their rides. She said she will report back to the committee when the schedule is set.

Mr. Bauman said that the planned roundabout at Fourth-Cedar-Lockett was presented to the Transportation Commission. The comments were very similar to the PAC and BAC's from the January joint meeting. The item will be presented to Council on February 16.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Petrucci said he tuned in to watch but has no comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January joint meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan

Mr. Ince provided an outline of the capital planning process, including the methodology for identifying and prioritizing pedestrian and bicycle projects. The Committee reviewed proposed First Priority projects, and had several questions and comments:

- When adjoining sidewalks are below current standards, will they be built to match existing or the standard? Sidewalks will be built to current standards.
- There would be a benefit to widening the trail on the Country Club bridge, although it is not absolutely necessary. There is a problem in the winter, as the current trail is too narrow to clear snow.
- There are no pedestrian or bicycle facilities along Country Club Drive south of FAC.
- Have priorities been established across categories? No, prioritization is within each category.
- Can projects in different categories be grouped together when they are related or proximate to each other, so they can be completed at the same time? Yes.
- The Committee asked for a link to the City's capital plan.

Mr. Ince presented information on the 5307-5339 grant for pedestrian and bicycle projects and highlighted a number of potential projects.

- The Committee asked if additional bikeways could be funded with the grant, so as not to create an overall imbalance between pedestrian and bicycle projects.

Mr. Ince provided information on the bikeways master plan:

- When will projects be constructed? Priority bikeway projects have not yet been programmed in the five-year capital plan. Timing and programming will depend on cost and available funding.
- There was a question about the timing of street improvements along Route 66, and whether it would include sidewalks and bikeways. Sidewalks and bikeways will be included, however a complete street project is not funded in the 20-year timeframe. Some spot improvements may be done however.
- The City's website includes helpful information on the progress of projects, however it needs to be updated. This information would be very useful for future projects.
- It is difficult to get a wide-angle view of planning for bikeways and individual projects.
- There was a discussion about the process and schedule for adoption.
- There was a question about whether the match for the 5307-5339 grant will emphasize sidewalks at the expense of bikeways and bicycle facilities.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Appointments: two reappointments to BAC were made at the February Transportation Commission.

City code revisions for bicycle parking: no new information.

Milton and US180 corridor master plans: the corridor plans will not recommend widening the roadway to include additional travel lanes. Instead the plan will focus on spot improvements. There were comments and questions about the process moving forward.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm