

# DRAFT MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**Wednesday, June 9, 2021 | 4:30 pm**

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:39 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 were present:

Rick Barrett, city engineer  
Jeff Bauman, traffic engineering manager  
Christine Cameron, capital project manager  
Charles Hernandez, Flagstaff Police Department  
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner  
Bret Petersen, capital improvements engineer

### Public present:

Lauren Chavez-Pardini  
Mark Daniels  
Mandia Gonzalez  
Michelle James  
Joe Koenig  
Julie Leid, Transportation Commission chair  
Valerie Piet  
Scott (last name unknown)

**I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Announcements**

Ms. Hueftle made a statement in support of the victims and witnesses of the bicycle crash at Beaver and Butler. She said time of a factor for making improvements and reiterated her concerns for refreshing pavement markings.

Mr. Crim extended his sympathy and support for the victims of the crash.

**2. Public Comment**

Ms. Leid announced that the Transportation Commission would be reporting to City Council at their meeting of June 22, 2021. She provided an outline for the presentation, and said that 45 minutes is scheduled for the update. The outline includes an opportunity for brief updates from the PAC and BAC.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Active transportation master plan**

Mr. Ince provided a brief overview and summary of the draft bikeways plan. He showed maps illustrating existing bikeways, as well as first and second priorities, and provided a statistical summary. The Committee offered a number of questions and comments:

- In response to a question, Mr. Bauman described a number of ways that traffic signal heads are made more visible in low light conditions.
- The Committee asked if there was information about which facilities make bicyclists feel most comfortable. Mr. Ince referred to survey results that were included with the last packet.
- There was a discussion about how other communities handle snow removal in protected bike lanes.
- Education will be important for any new facility type.
- Transitioning to protected bike lanes will require a paradigm shift for the community. There is a concern that perceived limitations will prevent us from making the shift.

- Maintenance has to be part of the conversation, including needed investments in resources and new equipment.
- The closure on Aspen Ave was brought up as an example. The Committee would like to see more demonstrations like that in the future.
- There was a question about bikeway signing and what it takes to implement. It is important to start soon to develop concepts for wayfinding signing.
- There was discussion about the timeframes associated with each of the priority levels. After five years, the plan should be re-evaluated.
- The bikeways network, and bicycling in general, has to be more visible. Signing will help.

Regarding the presentation to Council, the Committee offered several thoughts:

- Provide some background information about the bikeways plan, including proposed facilities, the hierarchy of classes, and priorities.
- Let the Council know how much thought and detailed consideration has gone into the plan, in many cases street-by-street or intersection-by-intersection.
- Describe the relationship to the Climate Neutrality Plan.

Logistics for the meeting and presentation were also discussed. The Committee indicated that it would like to meet again to review and discuss the presentation.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

### **IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **1. Reports**

Mr. Ince described proposed accommodation for bicyclists in the Milton Corridor Master Plan, including narrow shoulders in the short term and buffered bike lanes in the longer term. The latter would require some reconstruction of the street. Mr. Barrett indicated that some components of the plan have been formally escalated to request consideration by ADOT leadership.

#### **2. Concluding Announcements**

There were no Concluding Announcements.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm