

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, May 6, 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:

Mark Haughwout, chair
Kim Austin
Jeff Goulden
Estella Hollander
Susan Hueftle
Matthew Mitchell

Members absent:

Daniel Crim

The following City and agency staff were present:

Jeff Bauman, traffic engineering manager
Charles Hernandez, Flagstaff Police Department
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner
Adam Williams, Police Department liaison

Public present:

Kevin Parkes, Transportation Commission member

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan

The Committee continued its review and discussion of individual segments of the bikeways plan:

Downtown

- Is a pedestrian/bicycle tunnel still planned under Route 66? Yes, it will be partially built as part of ADOT's project to reconstruct the Rio bridge, however it will not be finished until the Rio flood control project is built.
- What is the timing for construction of the Downtown Connection Center.

Beulah

- Consider aligning a FUTS behind the hotel and restaurants to McConnell, although there are grade challenges.
- There are potential conflicts with the long right turn lane into the restaurants and at McConnell.
- Consider moving the bikeway to the north side of Lake Mary Rd.
- Could be considered a high priority, especially if FMC moves.

Butler

- Discussion about locating a FUTS or cycletrack along the south side of Butler in the vicinity of the interchange, although there is concern about the number of driveways to cross.
- There is value to constructing a protected intersection at Butler and Ponderosa, even as a demonstration or proof-of-concept.

Country Club

- There was a discussion about using the drainage tunnels to the west along Soliere as ped-bike tunnels. There are questions about how a FUTS or bikeway would continue and connect to the north.

- It is awkward to transition from the FUTS to the southbound bike lanes on Country Club, which requires crossing four lanes of traffic.
- This project is considered a medium priority.

Dupont

- The FUTS/cycletrack connection is waiting on the NAU project to extend Riordan Ranch Rd to the planned fourth leg of the Route 66/Milton intersection. In the meantime, Knoles could be considered as an alternate or interim route.

McConnell

- In general steep hills should be avoided, like the one along the Southwest Crossing FUTS just north of I-40.
- Although a lot of students use this route, it could be considered a low priority until other pieces are in place. Woodlands Village Blvd might be considered a higher priority.

Mikes Pike

- Represents a piece in a larger puzzle. There is some question about how to get across or through the Downtown Connection Center site.

Milton/Malpais

- Is there an option to go around the hotel on the west side of Milton.

Riordan Ranch

- Any facility that provides an alternative to Milton should be prioritized.

Route 66

- There was a discussion about the benefit or necessity to realigning the FUTS west of Arrowhead. The consensus is that the realignment is a low priority, and funding would be better spent elsewhere.

University

- A cycletrack on the north side, east of Milton, would work best with the underpass. However, this seems like more of an NAU project.
- Connecting to the main spine through campus would be ideal, although the main spine is too busy to serve a commuting function during class time.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Flagstaff Bike Month

Ms. Austin reviewed planned events from Flagstaff Biking Organization for bike month, which will last through all of May:

- Although there is no commute challenge, bicyclists have an opportunity to log all of their rides for commuting or recreation
- Take out Tuesdays at local restaurants
- Helmets sales for kids, to be conducted like previous years
- Savvy Cyclist class will be conducted virtually on two dates
- Silent auction fundraiser
- Brick award at Heritage Square, date not yet set

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

The Committee reviewed the City's Phase 3 and 4 protocols for COVID. Conducting in-person meetings will return under Phase 4, although there is no tentative time frame. When in-person meetings do resume, the Committee will meet in the Council conference room instead of the Chambers, and there will be an option to participate in the meetings remotely.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm