

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE Joint meeting



Thursday, January 14, 2021 | 5:00 pm

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Brandon Cruickshank, chair
Matt McGrath
Jodi Norris
Zach Schwartz

Members absent:

Jack Welch

Two vacancies

Bicycle Advisory Committee

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:

Jeff Bauman, transportation section manager
Jeremy DeGeyter, capital improvements
Bryce Doty, real estate manager
Breanna Fimbres, MetroPlan
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner
Jim McCarthy, Council liaison
Stephanie Sarty, traffic engineer

Public present:

Fred B
Lauren Chavez-Pardini

Chris Eaves
Walter Halabarda
Whitney Holeva-Ecklund
Joe Koenig
Julie Leid

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Mr. Haughwout requested that consideration of an Idaho stop law be included as a future agenda item.

Ms. Hueftle asked about the status and enforcement of City Code requirements for front and rear lights. She said that the pavement turns to gravel just before the start of a sharp curve on the Hospital Rim Trail, and that the Fort Valley Trail could use reflective striping. She asked about terms and appointments for committee members.

Mr. McCarthy said he has been appointed as Council liaison to the Transportation Commission and would be attending meetings in the future. He is also on the MetroPlan board.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan

Ms. Hollander reported that Mountain Line has received a for grant for \$5.5 million for pedestrian and bicycle projects.

Mr. Ince said that a presentation was made to Council to introduce the ATMP. Mr. Goulden reported that the Council was very enthusiastic about the plan.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Fourth-Cedar-Lockett Roundabout

Mr. DeGeyter provided information about the proposed roundabout project, including grant funding through the HSIP program. Mr. Bauman outlined objectives and benefits for roundabouts, and described how they are used by pedestrians and bicyclists. They showed a variety of concepts that were considered as alternatives, including two options that seem to work best. One of the alternatives is a large single roundabout, while the other is a double roundabout. He asked the committee for their thoughts.

- Ms. Austin asked about the necessity of the right turn slip lane.
- Ms. Austin asked if pedestrian signals are being considered. She is concerned that there will not be gaps in traffic for pedestrians, particularly at school dismissal time. The schools may need to use additional crossing guards.
- Ms. Hollander asked if any consideration was given to separated or protected bike lanes. There was a short conversation about some of the design components.
- Mr. Goulden asked if additional right-of-way were necessary.
- Ms. Hueftle asked about the differences between the single and double lane roundabout versions. There are few double roundabout designs in existence, so there is not much information.
- Chair Cruickshank asked if the increased yielding required for the double version decreases vehicle speeds.
- Mr. Haughwout said that as a bicyclist he does not like the double version, as it is much more complicated to ride through. He is concerned about back-ups during busy times. He referenced crashes at the roundabouts in Tusayan and Cameron due to vehicles entering at high speeds.
- Fred B said he is a resident to the northeast of the site, and that he has driven through the intersection many times. He is concerned that the double version is much too complicated. He suggested conducting a pedestrian count, and said crossing lights may be needed when school is in session. Kids aren't always paying attention.
- Mr. McGrath said he lived in Colorado when several roundabouts were installed. Navigating them is a problem at first but most people learn how to use them. It seemed to be more of an issue for visitors. He said the double version looks difficult for bikes.
- Ms. Norris said she is concerned about the double version for bikes, and that it may be a problem for crossing when the schools let out. She asked if the plans would accommodate bus stops and how snow would be cleared to keep it off sidewalks.

- Ms. Hollander expressed a concern that the level of service measure in the scoring criteria is just for vehicles. She asked the team to consider other ways to accommodate multimodalism, and other ways to measure accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit.
- Mr. Haughwout asked if the roundabout will make it harder for residents of the house at the southeast corner to get out of their driveway.
- Ms. Chavez-Pardini said change management will be important to give people fair warning when it is built.
- Mr. McCarthy said that simple designs are usually the best, and that the double version looks complicated.
- Chair Cruickshank said the committees' general preference seems to be for the single over the double.

2. PAC and BAC meeting dates for 2021

Annual meeting schedules for both committees were provided in the packet.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm