

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, October 7, 2021 | 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, acting chair

Members absent:

Matthew Mitchell

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner
Adam Williams, Flagstaff Police Department

Public present:

Julie Leid

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Austin reported that Wednesday was International Walk to School Day. More than 400 kids participated. She also said that the traffic calming measures along University in Boulder Pointe are not working. The bike lanes have been removed, but the lane lines are still visible. Vehicles now move into the bike lane to avoid traffic cones. Most bicyclists will not take the lane. Mr. Ince responded that similar comments were made at the Transportation

Commission. Officer Williams said that traffic calming measures have not slowed vehicles and agreed with the comments made about bikes.

Ms. Hueftle said that the public rollout for the draft Active Transportation Master Plan has begun, and that a public open house is scheduled following this meeting. She encouraged the committee to take the survey and participate in the meetings.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from the July 1, 2021 and September 2, 2021 regular meetings was held over to the next meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of officers

Mr. Goulden moved, and Ms. Austin seconded, to elect Ms. Hueftle as chair and Ms. Hollander as vice-chair of the committee. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

2. Active Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ince described the current process and status for the ATMP. He described the capital planning process, and asked the committee about trade-offs between a few large projects to build bikeways and numerous smaller bicycle accommodation projects. There was agreement that projects should be distributed geographically. There is also a desire to prioritize locations that are most in need of improvements; some streets need more than a stripe.

The committee discussed a balance of improvements along corridors. On Butler for example, the entire corridor may never be ideal, but how can it be made satisfactory. If excellent facilities are provided for one segment, does it mean that projects on other segments are precluded due to insufficient resources. Are there GIS exercises that show which neighborhoods are most poorly served, and where the most benefit can be achieved.

Ms. Hollander mentioned that Mountain Line had previously conducted a “never rider” survey to find out what keeps people from riding the bus. She wondered if something similar has ever been done for bicycling.

The committee reviewed several planned primary and secondary bikeway corridors, and offered the following comments:

- Fort Valley. Along Fort Valley Road it will be important to address crossings at side streets and driveways.
- Milton. FMC's relocation to south of town may necessitate an increased priority for this corridor.
- Butler. The separated pilot project will greatly improve conditions through the southside. Cross-traffic is worst through Southside, but not as bad to the east. Turning vehicles are an issue, but access management would help. Narrowing lanes would help slow traffic.

Descriptions of existing and planned facilities by bikeway would be useful. Google streetview images would also help.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business

IV. **CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. **Reports**

Butler/Beaver separated bike lane pilot project. Mr. Ince provided an update on the project and described plans for snow operations. The committee discussed options for level of service for snow removal, and specifically how soon after or during a snow event the lane will be cleared. How well-used the lane becomes should be considered. Snow that is packed down is harder to remove, although without vehicles it will not be as packed. The committee also expressed a concern about where trash cans will be placed.

BAC vacancies and reappointments. The committee discussed ways to encourage diversity on the BAC. Three current members will term out in July of 2022. There are nine existing applications on file. It would be good to have members from different neighborhoods. The committee asked about opportunities for vetting applications. The committee wondered if it would be possible to request additional information on race, ethnicity, and disability status on a voluntary basis. It would also be useful to ask whether the applicant is a novice or advanced cyclist, and if they bicycle for commuting or recreation. Ms. Leid said that as a member of the Transportation Commission she reads the applications very carefully, including when current members are up for reappointment.

Urban Trails and Bikeways Map reprint. Mr. Ince said the new maps are now available.

Roadway projects update. No new information on current roadway projects.

City Hall reopening. Ms. Leid said that commission meetings were likely to be virtual through the end of the year, then the City will reassess.

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm