



## Announcing an internship opportunity with the City of Flagstaff Sustainability Section

The City of Flagstaff Sustainability Section is seeking a part-time **Transportation and Climate Intern** for the Summer 2022.

Primarily, the intern supports the Sustainability Section team in its work to decarbonize the transportation system, in support of the City's carbon neutrality by 2030 goals and the Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan. This work will include conducting independent research into industry best practices and peer city programs, summarizing information and presenting it to staff.

Research topics may include but will not be limited to bike share systems and other micro-mobility options, transportation demand management (TDM), and pedestrian, bicycle and transit supportive programming.

The purpose of this internship is to provide an opportunity for a motivated student to gain experience working in a professional sustainability office on climate mitigation, transportation, and land use initiatives. The Sustainability Section will support the student in building relevant, climate-related skillsets, independently managing projects, and developing community contacts. This internship is an unpaid internship, completed for academic credit through Northern Arizona University or Coconino Community College.

Please note, this internship will be conducted in a hybrid format, with the potential for both in-person and virtual meetings between the intern and City staff. Remote options may be available.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Research the state of the bike / micromobility share industry, contact potential companies, develop a comparative analysis of micromobility share options, and recommend a path forward.
- Research bike and pedestrian engagement opportunities, programs to increase biking and walking, and potential bike ambassador programs.
- Communicate with key City staff to gain an understanding of climate and transportation issues, TDM, zoning codes, and current transportation-related practices.
- Research street / transportation engineering standards in peer communities and make recommendations for street standard redesign.
- Work independently to conduct research on specific transportation and land use best practices.
- Draw connections between climate-transportation best practices in other cities and Flagstaff policies, such as the CAAP, zoning codes, and the regional plan, among others.

- Identify areas of research which connect with goals and strategies in the CAAP.
- Assist with transportation and land use conversations with volunteers and community members.
- Additional duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

**This internship involves mostly independent work, with weekly meetings with the internship supervisor. Accordingly, the intern must be a self-starter, able to successfully work independently on projects.** Intern must possess experience with research and project management. The intern should have either background in transportation and/or climate studies, or the ability to quickly familiarize themselves with these fields. The intern must possess good written and oral communication skills. An ideal candidate will be a motivated individual interested in advancing public policy and community planning with regards to climate action and transportation.

**Requirements:**

The internship is 15 to 20 hours per week and will start as soon as possible or the beginning of June through mid-August. Internship timing is flexible.

**How to Apply:**

Please submit a resume and cover letter through [NAU's Handshake site](#). For students from CCC and other universities, please email a resume and cover letter to [jniemann@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:jniemann@flagstaffaz.gov). The application deadline is 11:59pm on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please contact Jenny Niemann if you have any questions at [JNiemann@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:JNiemann@flagstaffaz.gov).