DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 4, 2016 | 4:30 pm

Flagstaff City Hall, Council Chambers
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Steven Richard, chair
Dave Blanchard
Richard Hall
Jodi Norris
Jack Welch

Members absent:

Jeff Stevenson

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff was present:

Blake Berner, Montoya intern
Andrew Hoffman, Police Department
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner
Maggie Twomey, volunteer coordinator

Public present:

Mark Haughwout
Matt Mitchell
Margaret Penado
Melanie Street
Denise Wynne

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Ms. Norris commented that "Bike Lane Closed Ahead" signs are often placed in the bike lane and are large enough to block the bike lane. As a result the bike lane is in effect closed at that point and the closure distance is much longer than it needs to be.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Mitchell said that the old double yellow lane markings at the east end of Soliere (west of Country Club) are visible through the chip seal. As a result, cars that follow the old lane lines are pushed into the bike lane on the north side of the street. He also reported that a longitudinal crack has opened up in the bike lane between the through lane and the right turn lane on north-bound Milton Road south of Butler Avenue.

Mr. Haughwout asked about the use of skip striping where bike lanes approach intersections. He said there was a discussion in the paper about the correct way for vehicles to make right turns across the skip striping and the bike lane. Mr. Ince responded that MUTCD guidance allows skip striping as an option where there is a high volume of right-turning vehicles.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Blanchard made, and Mr. Welch seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 7, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince presented the results of a preliminary analysis on missing bike lanes. By way of introduction, he provided information previously discussed by the BAC on factors to consider for whether bike lanes are needed, categorization of missing bike lanes, an initial methodology for prioritization, and considerations for options to add bike lanes to existing streets where missing.

He presented some preliminary, but more detail information for 40 missing bike lane projects that scored highest in the initial prioritization process. The Committee offered a variety of comments about the projects:

- If street parking could be moved into parking structures, it may allow street parking to be repurposed as bike lanes and sidewalks. This is particularly true downtown and southside.
- Advisory bike lanes can be considered where the street is too narrow for standards bike lanes. They may be more comfortable for cyclists than shared lane markings.
- There may be additional places where green bike lanes could be used.
- Rumble strip placement on rural roads can hinder use of the shoulder by bikes.
- On southbound Milton at Route 66, vehicles often move into the right turn lane at the last minute. This could create problems if a bike lane were placed between the right turn lane and the through lane.
- The tunnel at Highway 89 is often icy in the winter.
- Lynch may be a good alternate/back route for Highway 89 through the mall area.
- Linda Vista is a very comfortable route for cyclists, but it is difficult to get to from Kaspar.
- Tunnels under Route 66 and the BNSF tracks along the Rio would be very convenient. The Route 66 trail should be tied into the tunnels.

2. BAC appointments

Newly-appointed member of the BAC were introduced, including Mses. Penado and Street and Messrs. Haughwout and Mitchell. The new members will be seated beginning with the September BAC meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports

2. Concluding Announcements

There were no Concluding Announcements

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm