



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 12, 2016 | 4:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Kim Austin, chair
Brandon Cruickshank
Joyce Browning
Heather Williams
Denise Wynne

Members absent:

Cecile LeBlanc
Stephanie Stearns

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner
Kate Morley, NAIPTA

Public present:

Keith Becker

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

Discussion only; no action taken

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Williams made, and Mr. Cruickshank seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian and bicycle master plan

Mr. Ince explained that as a last step in the prioritization, all individual missing sidewalk projects were reviewed in priority score order and recommended for construction in the short (less than 5 years), medium (5 to 10 years), or long (more than 10 years) term. Projects were individually reviewed and recommended based on several factors, including urgency and immediate need, constructability, adjoining land use, and other available pedestrian facilities.

The committee reviewed the draft recommended project list and made the following comments:

- Sidewalk – Milton Rd (project 128): very important segment to complete.
- FUTS – Lone Tree S (9): there is an existing sidewalk on the other side of the street, but it is often blocked by trash /recycling cans and is in poor condition. Do we have a plan for maintenance of existing sidewalks?
- Sidewalk – Bonito 1 (84): there was a question if this sidewalk were added as part of the street projects from a few years ago.
- Sidewalk – Cherry Ave 2 (91): there was discussion about moving this project to the medium term list. Constructability could be an issue, because a number of residents along the street have landscaping and other features encroaching into the right-of-way.
- Sidewalk – Metz Walk 1 (126): the crossing at Route 66 needs to be addressed as part of this project. The committee asked if the City has a policy for when crosswalks are marked. They are beneficial because they can help make pedestrians feel as if they are accommodated.
- Sidewalk – Blackbird Roost (83): is there room along the west side of the street adjacent to the trailer park?
- Sidewalk – Turquoise Dr 1 (154): employees from the medical offices on the south side of Forest frequently park along this section of street.

- FUTS – Southwest Crossing Trail (14): this section is very important due to current and future student use.
- FUTS – Cedar Trail (2): paving this trail would encourage more cyclists, who are intimidated from using the street but can't ride on the trail because it is not paved.
- Sidewalk – Yale St (164): there are a number of encroachments, including fences, walls, and parking, that will make constructability an issue. Would be a candidate as a short term project, although there is a sidewalk on the other side of the street, and the street is not difficult to cross.
- Sidewalk – Navajo Rd (130): the planned parallel FUTS to the south will provide a good alternative to sidewalks on the street, in that children walking and biking to the schools will have better access. A lot of parents park along Navajo to let kids out. Bike lanes would also be helpful, and would provide some traffic calming. It is difficult to get the street's eastern entrance, due to traffic on Fort Valley, Columbus, and Humphreys.
- Sidewalk – Metz Walk 2 (127): this is an important link, people are walking here and it should be recommended as a short term project.
- Sidewalk – Paseo del Flag (132): consider dividing this project into components to create a minor project that will complete the sidewalk on the south side of the street.
- Roadway – Lake Mary Rd (53): a crosswalk is needed as well. Traffic is fast along this section of Lake Mary Road.

2. In street pedestrian crossing signs

The committee reviewed a map showing pedestrian crashes where the driver was cited for failure to yield. Enforcement needs to be included as well. The signs would be valuable as an educational tool, and could potentially provide a city-wide benefit. Long term maintenance of the signs is a concern. Streets in downtown and southside are recommended as likely locations.

The committee asked Mr. Ince to bring a map of downtown/southside to the next meeting as an aid in selecting potential locations.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Current FUTS project update

There was no discussion on this item

2. Flagstaff Walks!

There was no discussion on this item

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

There were no Reports

2. Announcements

There were no Announcements

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.