



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 9, 2017 | 4:30 pm

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Denise Wynne, chair  
Brandon Cruickshank  
Zach Schwartz  
Jack Welch

Members absent:

Jodi Norris  
Amy Young

One vacancy

The following City and agency staff were present:

Martin Ince, multimodal planner  
David Wessel, FMPO manager

Public present:

Matt Mitchell

### **I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **1. Announcements**

Mr. Cruickshank asked about the status of in-street pedestrian signs. He said that standard crosswalk signs along the side of the road might be an alternative.

Ms. Wynne asked if it were possible to replace amber flashing lights at crosswalks with red lights. She said she has noticed disparities in which neighborhoods receive snow removal, and wondered how priorities are set. She also asked if crosswalk

markings could be set back further from the intersection, and what is the difference between standard crosswalk markings and continental or piano key markings.

**2. Public Comment**

Mr. Mitchell said he has an 11-year old who attends Knowles Elementary School, but will be attending in a school in Sunnyside next year. He said the scariest part of the walk is the Fourth Street bridge, and asked if temporary protective barriers could be placed between the shoulder on the west side and travel lanes. He said he has some ideas, and asked if this item could be discussed at the next meeting.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Welch made, and Mr. Cruickshank seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Active Transportation Master Plan**

Mr. Ince directed the Committee's attention to a handout that describes 12 factors for prioritizing future FUTS trails, and said there would be further discussion at the next meeting.

**2. Flagstaff Walks!**

Ms. Wynne said she would be willing to lead a walk that combines walking with laughing and other physical activity.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Election of officers**

This item was held over to the next meeting

**2. Flagstaff Regional Transportation Plan Blueprint 2040**

Mr. Wessel presented the draft Regional Transportation Plan to the Committee.

He said he is reporting out to City boards and commissions as part of the public outreach effort. The plan, which is updated every 5 years, draws its policy framework from the Regional Plan 2030.

The plan recommends widening interstates to three lanes in each direction, widening minor arterials to 4 lanes, widening some major arterials to 6 lanes, and extending J.W. Powell Boulevard and Woody Mountain Road. Neither the Highway 180 or the Highway 89 bypass is included as a recommended project.

All of the projects have been ranked. Cost estimates have also been prepared with a fairly sophisticated tool. Some projects were not recommended because of the high cost. Partnership opportunities may be possible for some projects.

Public transit may be a good solution for the future, and it may be possible to transition travel lanes to bus lanes.

Technology advancements, like self-driving cars, may or may not be part of future solutions.

The ranking process indicated that sidewalks and crossings would be about 70 percent as effective as a road project of similar cost, but this does not account for other benefits. The plan recommends about \$8.4 million in sidewalk projects, and \$12 million in crossings.

The plan also recommends \$600,000 annually in programmatic funding, which may be used to fund a variety of technology programs and other efficiencies.

Mr. Wessel listed several avenues for providing comments.

The Committee asked several questions:

- The Committee asked how the \$280 million in anticipated revenue compares to what is needed in road projects. Mr. Wessel replied that the cost of all projects is about \$1.3 billion.
- The Committee asked about the environmental impact of one bus versus 60 cars. Mr. Wessel said he did not know the answer, but he was fairly confident that one bus would have less of an impact.
- Regarding the widening of Milton, has there been consideration of implementing access control. There is consideration to closing some driveways and adding a raised median. ADOT has a study planned for the Milton Road and Highway 180 corridors.

#### **IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **1. Reports**

There were no Reports

**2. Announcements**

There were no Announcements

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm.