



DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

4:00 PM, Wednesday April 3rd, 2019

City Hall – City Council Chambers
211 W. Aspen Avenue

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CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSION MEMBERS, voting:

Bob Kuhn, Flagstaff Unified School District
Julie Leid - Present
Nick Kraft Present
Erika Mazza, NAIPTA – Kate Morley - Present
Bob Mullen
Gary Robbins, Chair - Present
Derik Spice, Vice-Chair

COMMISSION MEMBERS, non-voting:

Lt. Frank Higgins, Flagstaff Police Department
Jeff Bauman, Traffic Engineer

CITY STAFF:

Rita Severson, Recording Secretary

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject within the Commission's jurisdiction that is not on this meeting's agenda. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not listed on the prepared agenda. Commissioners may, however, respond to

criticism made by those addressing the Commission, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.

To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

No public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 1, 2018

Regular Meeting of February 6, 2019

Commissioner Leid made the motion to approve the minutes, motion seconded by Commissioner Kraft, all in favor, minutes for August 1, 2018 and February 6, 2019 were approved as submitted.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Appointments

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees both have appointments to be made this month.

Staff Recommendation: Review Staff Report from Martin Ince and make appointments for the PAC and BAC.

There weren't any appointees to discuss or appoint at this time.

III. OLD BUSINESS

B. Bicycle Code Revisions

The City of Flagstaff has been working on a series of Bicycle Code revisions primarily focused on the wave of new e-bike and e-scooter technologies that have been introduced over the past few years. The Arizona Revised Statutes have been updated somewhat and this series of revisions helps to clarify and locally calibrate the laws pertaining to e-bikes and e-scooters.

Staff has presented these proposed code modifications to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Sustainability Commission and will share the key points of those discussions with the Commission. Staff has also released a public survey and compiled those results for review. Staff will be presenting these proposed code revisions to the City Council at a Work Session on May 30, 2019.

Staff Recommendation: Staff has prepared a modified bicycle code section for review and comment. Staff recommends reconvening the Transportation Commission in May for a final review and recommendation to City Council.

Jeff Bauman the City's Transportation Engineer presented the draft code revisions overview and timeline.

1. April 4, 2019 the Bicycle Advisory Committee will review the draft.
2. April 30, 2019 will be the first presentation to Council in a worksession.
3. May 1, 2019 the finalized draft will be presented back to the Transportation Commission with recommendations to Council for adoption.
4. June 2019 final code to Council for first read of the ordinance.

Chair Robbins inquired about the original generation of the code, if staff had written it or did they lean on other Cities that have already implemented a code. Jeff told the Commission that the City did use other resources such as the City of Scottsdale code, the Arizona Revised Statutes and other data bases that the City Attorney's office use.

Martin Ince the FMPO Multi Modal Planner presented a powerpoint with the results of a survey regarding the usage of devices and which route suited each device such as FUTS, sidewalks and bike lanes.

Martin began with the proposed language for Code 9.05 titled Bicycles.

The Commission had a lengthy discussion on the code with suggestions, clarity and changes to the definitions and code. Such as parking, pedestrian fairways, access for ADA and enforcement.

The Commission asked about what the process would be if a neighborhood requested to ban bicycles from the sidewalks within their area. Jeff Bauman state that as the Transportation Engineer, he would have the authority to approve or deny the request, but he would conduct a public meeting to get the citizens involved in the discussion which would be conducted during a Transportation Commission meeting. And of course, the decision could be appealed and taken to the City Council.

The Commission talked lengthy about the storage of the bicycles and charging docks. The Commission also talked about making certain trails acceptable for class 3 types of bikes which travel at higher speeds and have gas motors vs lower speed bikes on trails that aren't in adjacent to road roads due to emissions and noise.

The Commission wanted to follow up on the part of the Code that addresses riding a bike under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Lt. Frank Higgins responded that unfortunately a peace officer doesn't have the authority for a blood alcohol test like they do with motor vehicle operators. Lt. Higgins did add that there is other status that could be used but nothing like the DUI statue used for motor vehicles. Commissioner Kuhn would like some language in the code to encourage people not to ride bikes while intoxicated. Commissioner Kraft stated that he would be happy to have this part of the code removed because of the challenges to enforce and he doesn't think by not having it in the code it would encourage the behavior.

Jeff Bauman ended this item by compiling the comments from the Commission on parts of the Code.

9-05-001-0006 Riding on Roadways and Bicycle Lanes currently allows all types of devices in the bike lane, the Commission agreed with this current status.

9-05-001-007 Operation on Sidewalks currently prohibits electric bikes, motorized bikes electric miniature scooters or electric standup scooters on the sidewalk. Chair Robbins

state that he would like to empower staff with this part of the code since he is comfortable with allowing or prohibiting these devices. Commissioner Morley noted that without perfect infrastructure it's hard to tell people they can't be on the sidewalk and recommends that staff look for other alternatives to get more at the issue that is the concern. The Commission decided that they did want staff to re-evaluate this part of the code and bring back more information on May 1st.

9-05-001-0008 Operation on Multiuse Paths which currently excludes class 3 and motorized modes. The Commission would like to have this code broken down to represent the type of paths, paved vs dirt or gravel.

9-05-001-0010 Bicycle Helmets/Protective Equipment, Commission requested staff to review areas that have schools and observe how many under 18 of years children do use these devices to get to school and the routes they use to get to their schools.

9-05-001-XXXX Refusing to Provide Truthful Name and Date of Birth When Lawfully Detained; Penalty, The Commission asked staff to bring back some more information on this part of the code.

9-05-001-XXXX Riding, Operating or Actual Physical Control while Under the Influence; Presumptions; Admissible Evidence; Sentencing. Jeff told the Commission that this section was requested by the City Attorney's office and staff will re-evaluate this section with the City Attorney's office.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Reports

1. Report from the Bicycle Advisory Committee:
<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?nid=1822>
2. Report from the Pedestrian Advisory Committee:
<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?nid=1824>

B. Informational Items to/from Commissioners and Staff

1. Commissioner Discussion
2. Membership Vacancies and Renewals
<http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?NID=1886>

C. Next Meeting

1. **Regular Meeting: May 1 / June 5, 2019**
Tentative Agenda Items:
 1. ADOT Corridor Master Plans – Milton and US 180
 2. John Wesley Powell Study
 3. Bike Code Revisions
 4. Transportation Tax Oversight Ordinance
 5. Flagstaff Trip Diary Survey

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Leid made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Kuhn seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.