



## Draft Minutes

### City of Flagstaff TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

4:00 PM, Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Erika Mazza, NAIPTA- Kate Morley  
Bob Mullen - Present  
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.*

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of April 3, 2019

Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, motion seconded by Commissioner Leid, all in favor, minutes approved.

## **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.

No appointments were ready to be considered.

### **B. Audible Pedestrian Signal prioritization**

Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS) have been in existence for several years. The City is drafting a policy for implementation as well as a prioritization effort.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff has prepared a brief presentation for review and discussion. No formal action requested.

Alan Sanderson presented this item to the Commission. Alan started with the history of the APS which is related to the ADA laws signed in 1990. The compliance for the ADA compliance is mostly governed by best practices and guidelines instead of an actual

standard. All new signals would need to adhere to the guidelines and would include the APS, the guidelines don't require retrofitting all existing signals. If the City feels they need to retrofit some of the older signals a priority list would be created which would probably include Downtown, NAU and Fourth street. The Transportation Program will create a list between the ADOT and City intersections that could possibly benefit from the APS system, and it's their understanding it could cost approximately fifteen thousand for each installation.

Alan presented to the Commission a video that demonstrated the APS with voice message.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **c. 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 the Sustainability Commission and the City Council. Staff has also released a public survey and compiled those results for review.

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

Martin Ince the FMPO Multi Modal Planner started the continued discussion of the proposed revisions to the Bicycle Code. Martin told the Commission that three of the City's attorneys were in attendance to address any legal questions or concerns the Commission may have. Martin updated the Commission on the activities of the Bike and Ped Advisory Committees which are still in discussion regarding the proposed revisions. Martin added that yesterday evening he also gave an update to the City Council regarding the status of the revisions. Martin continued that he has the PowerPoint presented to Council and would like for the Transportation Commission to see it and offer direction, ideas and concerns.

The Transportation Commission had a lengthy discussion on allowing motorized bikes on the sidewalks and the apparent safety issues that could arise with the pedestrians.

City Attorney Christina Parry approached the Commission to explain some of the legal laws regarding riding bicycles of all types and how they can enforce the provisions

regarding items such as supplying a correct name to a peace officer and drinking alcoholic beverages and riding a motorized or any other type of bike.

Martin and Jeff did a scoring on the different type of bikes and the locations that the Commission would approve seeing them on such as FUTS, Sidewalks and bike lanes. The tally will be compiled and reported out to the City Council. Jeff told the Commission that the PAC & EAC have also done this tally and he will consolidate all of the results and send them to the members of the Commission.

Commission's final thoughts:

1. Envision the City having proper infrastructure to offer the motorized bikes the opportunity to use the bike lanes instead of the sidewalks
2. Utmost safety for people who chose to walk

#### **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: June 5, 2019**

Tentative Agenda Items:

1. Transportation Tax Oversight Ordinance
2. Flagstaff Trip Diary Survey

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Leid made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Commissioner Morley, all in favor meeting adjourned.