

# DRAFT MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE Joint meeting



Thursday, January 14, 2021 | 5:00 pm

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Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

#### Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Brandon Cruickshank, chair  
Matt McGrath  
Jodi Norris  
Zach Schwartz

#### Members absent:

Jack Welch

Two vacancies

#### Bicycle Advisory Committee

Mark Haughwout, chair  
Kim Austin  
Daniel Crim  
Jeff Goulden  
Estella Hollander  
Susan Hueftle  
Matthew Mitchell

#### Members absent:

None

#### The following City and agency staff were present:

Jeff Bauman, transportation section manager  
Jeremy DeGeyter, capital improvements  
Bryce Doty, real estate manager  
Breanna Fimbres, MetroPlan  
Martin Ince, multimodal transportation planner  
Jim McCarthy, Council liaison  
Stephanie Sarty, traffic engineer

#### Public present:

Fred B  
Lauren Chavez-Pardini

Chris Eaves  
Walter Halabarda  
Whitney Holeva-Ecklund  
Joe Koenig  
Julie Leid

**I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Announcements**

Mr. Haughwout requested that consideration of an Idaho stop law be included as a future agenda item.

Ms. Hueftle asked about the status and enforcement of City Code requirements for front and rear lights. She said that the pavement turns to gravel just before the start of a sharp curve on the Hospital Rim Trail, and that the Fort Valley Trail could use reflective striping. She asked about terms and appointments for committee members.

Mr. McCarthy said he has been appointed as Council liaison to the Transportation Commission and would be attending meetings in the future. He is also on the MetroPlan board.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the February meeting were not available.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Active transportation master plan**

Ms. Hollander reported that Mountain Line has received a for grant for \$5.5 million for pedestrian and bicycle projects.

Mr. Ince said that a presentation was made to Council to introduce the ATMP. Mr. Goulden reported that the Council was very enthusiastic about the plan.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Fourth-Cedar-Lockett Roundabout

Mr. DeGeyter provided information about the proposed roundabout project, including grant funding through the HSIP program. Mr. Bauman outlined objectives and benefits for roundabouts, and described how they are used by pedestrians and bicyclists. They showed a variety of concepts that were considered as alternatives, including two options that seem to work best. One of the alternatives is a large single roundabout, while the other is a double roundabout. He asked the committee for their thoughts.

- Ms. Austin asked about the necessity of the right turn slip lane.
- Ms. Austin asked if pedestrian signals are being considered. She is concerned that there will not be gaps in traffic for pedestrians, particularly at school dismissal time. The schools may need to use additional crossing guards.
- Ms. Hollander asked if any consideration was given to separated or protected bike lanes. There was a short conversation about some of the design components.
- Mr. Goulden asked if additional right-of-way were necessary.
- Ms. Hueftle asked about the differences between the single and double lane roundabout versions. There are few double roundabout designs in existence, so there is not much information.
- Chair Cruickshank asked if the increased yielding required for the double version decreases vehicle speeds.
- Mr. Haughwout said that as a bicyclist he does not like the double version, as it is much more complicated to ride through. He is concerned about back-ups during busy times. He referenced crashes at the roundabouts in Tusayan and Cameron due to vehicles entering at high speeds.
- Fred B said he is a resident to the northeast of the site, and that he has driven through the intersection many times. He is concerned that the double version is much too complicated. He suggested conducting a pedestrian count, and said crossing lights may be needed when school is in session. Kids aren't always paying attention.
- Mr. McGrath said he lived in Colorado when several roundabouts were installed. Navigating them is a problem at first but most people learn how to use them. It seemed to be more of an issue for visitors. He said the double version looks difficult for bikes.
- Ms. Norris said she is concerned about the double version for bikes, and that it may be a problem for crossing when the schools let out. She asked if the plans would accommodate bus stops and how snow would be cleared to keep it off sidewalks.

- Ms. Hollander expressed a concern that the level of service measure in the scoring criteria is just for vehicles. She asked the team to consider other ways to accommodate multimodalism, and other ways to measure accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit.
- Mr. Haughwout asked if the roundabout will make it harder for residents of the house at the southeast corner to get out of their driveway.
- Ms. Chavez-Pardini said change management will be important to give people fair warning when it is built.
- Mr. McCarthy said that simple designs are usually the best, and that the double version looks complicated.
- Chair Cruickshank said the committees' general preference seems to be for the single over the double.

**2. PAC and BAC meeting dates for 2021**

Annual meeting schedules for both committees were provided in the packet.

**IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Reports**

There was no discussion on the Reports.

**2. Concluding Announcements**

There were no Concluding Announcements.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm