

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Flagstaff PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Thursday, July 8, 2021 | 4:30 pm

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Brandon Cruickshank, chair
Whitney Holeva-Eklund
Matt McGrath
Zach Schwartz

Members absent:

Tahany Huerta
Jodi Norris
Ron Norton

The following City and agency staff were present:

Jeff Bauman, transportation section manager
Charles Hernandez, Police Department
Martin Ince, multimodal planner
Julie Leid, Transportation Commission chair
Jim McCarthy, City Council liaison

Public present:

Ed White

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

2. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Active transportation master plan

The Committee recapped the presentation to City Council in June. The presentation went well, and seemed to be very well-received. Councilmember McCarthy reported that Council has had some discussion about reallocating funds from the transportation sales tax.

Mr. Ince provided a brief update on the separated bike lanes pilot project. The Committee had questions about snow removal and sweeping, visibility of cyclists behind the candlesticks, potential other streets for this treatment, and what information would be collected from the pilot via studies and surveys.

There was a question about plans for crossing enhancements at Forest Ave and Fort Valley Rd. Councilmember McCarthy reported that Council gets lots of emails about that crossing. There was a discussion about crossing warrants, including counts of crossing pedestrians and pedestrian crashes in the vicinity. The Committee also discussed pedestrian behavior.

The Committee had a general discussion about transportation planning. Barriers and candlesticks along Butler are a good start, but more robust barriers should be considered where we have the opportunity. There are opportunities for better facilities whenever we build new roads, on the other hand finding space on existing streets is often difficult. It is clear from the Council's work session that any new project should provide enhanced accommodation for pedestrians and bicyclists, not treat them as an afterthought. There is an opportunity to merge the ATMP with the Carbon Neutrality Plan; there is no way to meet the City's climate goals without addressing transportation. The Committee is encouraged by Council discussion to reduce traffic lanes to create space for pedestrians.

The Committee considered how we move from the plan to implementation, and how we provide better information to the Council and public.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Urban Trails and Bikeways Map reprint

Mr. Ince reported that the map was being reprinted, and that a new digital version would be available as well. The Committee discussed the use of QR codes to provide information for specific trails.

2. Letter of support for RAISE grant

Mr. Ince provided a brief description of the grant application. The Committee expressed its support for the grant application and the study.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Reports

Buffalo Park/Nate Avery Trail accessibility grant. Mr. Ince reported that the grant application would be submitted in July, and will follow-up with a letter of support from the PAC. There was a question about signs prohibiting e-bikes on the Arizona Trail and Nate Avery Trail.

City Hall reopening/in-person meetings. Council is going back to partial in-person meetings at the end of August, following their break. Commissions and committees will not go back to in-person meetings until at least September, but there is no official schedule yet.

2. Announcements

The Committee would like to receive more information about the Lone Tree overpass on a future PAC meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.