

Minutes of the Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

January 8, 2007 at 11:00 AM

Location: City of Prescott Public Works Department Conference Room,  
433 N. Virginia

11:00 Call to order and introductions. Attendees: Karen Warrick (Co-chair), Jim Knaup (Co-chair), Catherine Moody, Rob Hehlin, Steve Becker, Spencer Lace, Marcee Keller, Andrew Reinhardt, Ian Mattingly, Dale Wachs, Michael Sanders

1. Report on current inventory of Bicycling Opportunities Map, and develop forecast for next printing: Cat reported that we currently still have 6000 of the 16000 maps printed. This should carry us through most of the summer. Planning for new map should begin in the fall with target of having the next edition ready to distribute in January 2008.

2. Report on current road construction projects – Dale Wachs  
Dale reported on a long list of projects; including these highlights: Iron Springs is under construction – projected to be completed in 400 days. Gail Gardner is basically completed. Bidding on Copper Basin Road project next week. Design concept for Park is completed (no bike lanes, but should stay signed as a bike route). Work will start on Park when first phase of Copper Basin is completed. Mt. Vernon –design is nearly completed (bike lanes to remain), Williamson Valley (Iron Springs to Pioneer Parkway) Design nearly completed. City portion will have bike lanes, county a wide shoulder. Rosser (Willow Creek to Campbell): reconstruction to include traffic calming elements which will result in narrower lanes to accommodate a sidewalk on the North side. Parking will be restricted, but no bike lanes are planned for. Thank you, Dale for the informative update!

3. Report: Ongoing bike route, pavement, striping, signage and right of way issues and progress towards remediation:  
Karen Warrick presented list of concerns raised during ride survey of PBAC map routes. Hazardous bike lanes will be re-striped on Whipple in front of hospital to allow bikes to safely cross intersection onto Iron Springs. Lane needs to be relocated away from curb to the left side of the vehicle right turn lane. This same situation will be corrected at the east entrance to Embry Riddle on Willow Creek Road. Discussed restriping on Ruth Street. Lanes are too narrow for car and bike to share. With the high school located along this stretch, this situation is hazardous and needs to be corrected. Ian Mattingly agreed to see that this situation was corrected. Project should be done this summer.

Also, Ian has asked PBAC to submit a list of recognized bike routes (streets) that need bike route, and possibly "share the road" signs. Once he receives the list, work orders will be placed and signs made. Karen will work on creating the list from the ride survey completed by PCC volunteers in August. Committee will monitor progress to see if we can help by arranging volunteers to erect the signs. Thanks Ian for your help and support.

4. Information on ADOT's Bike/Ped Education Campaign, and discussion of transportation enhancements grants other cities are using for education: Presentation by special guest Michael N. Sanders, Senior Transportation Planner, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Transportation Planning Division, Arizona Department of Transportation.

Mr. Sanders reported that the State is also concerned about education of vehicle drivers, bike riders and pedestrians. He gave PBAC members packets detailing goals, projects, and materials. He noted that ADOT has recently hired a coordinator for a statewide "Safe Routes to School." program. He also reported that associated committees are pursuing state "complete streets" legislation. Jim noted that hiring a city bicycle and pedestrian coordinator was listed as a priority in the 2003 Prescott Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and that such a staff person would be crucial for Prescott to pursue enhancements grants for education the way the City of Avondale has. Unfortunately, city budget constraints relegate this to a low priority and he asked Michael if he had any thoughts on overcoming such a hurdle. Mr. Sanders noted that some cities (like Tucson) do have bike/ped coordinators on staff, but he also offered the suggestion that Flagstaff may serve as a model, as they are involved in a MPO process similar to the Tri-Cities, and they had found federal funding to hire a "Multi Modal" planner dedicated to bike / ped issues in their regional transportation plan. He will continue to communicate with PBAC and attend meetings when possible. He left boxes of Arizona State Bikeways Maps, Street Smart booklets, and Share the Road booklets. Karen will store them. Call her for copies to distribute at events.

5. Report on first Prescott "bike summit" meeting being organized by local stakeholders – Karen Warrick reported that the first "summit" meeting was held on Dec. 6th. Representatives from Prescott College (HUB), Prescott Alternative Transportation (PAT), PBAC, Prescott Cycling Club, and citizen activists attended the meeting. The discussion centered on bike riders' safety and how to increase public awareness and respect. Several incidents and accidents in the last few months prompted the meeting. Attendees discussed each group's strengths and focus, and looked at ways to educate bike riders and

drivers in the area. They also concluded it would be important to pool resources, energies, and voices. Hub volunteered use of class room space for training. Karen Warrick contacted Carl Palatano, a certified trainer for Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists who lives in Prescott Valley. Carl will participate with the summit committee and is delighted to provide training.

6. Update from Rob Hehlin on Trails – Rob noted recent progress on the Prescott Circle Trail (44.8 mile route). The route crosses land owned by the City, Forest Service, Embry Riddle, two private parcels, and State Trust Land. The trail is about ½ complete. It will be non-motorized for bikes, hikers, and equestrians. He is currently involved in negotiations for State Trust Land easements, and will submit a proposal for a Heritage Grant in 2008 (to pay for some of the easements and rights of way) Rob's goal is to have the entire trail route adopted (approved) this year, and to have the trail 100% complete by 2010.

Rob is also working in his capacity with the Forest Service to get more local "social trails" officially recognized. Some were part of the system but dropped for some reason. He hopes to have these trails back in the system by the end of the summer. He will work with us on the next Bicycling Opportunities map to be sure that all trails shown are recognized, numbered, forest trails. He also gave an update on the closure of trail access by Camp Yavapines. He noted that the camp does not seem willing to negotiate, but that locking the Forest Service gate between the properties may force the issue. In lieu of that, the current plan is to re-route trail access through a public easement in the Kingswood subdivision.

7. Discussion: Time to start planning for Ride to Work with the Mayor and bike month activities. Marcee Keller asked everyone to begin thinking about the Ride to Work with the Mayor event. The date is set for Friday, May 18, 2007. She asked that anybody with suggestions for improving the event contact her via e-mail at [Marcee\\_Keller@yc.edu](mailto:Marcee_Keller@yc.edu) . It was suggested that we work with Lisa Barnes (PAT) to encourage participation of school age bike riders and families.

8. Old / new business: Up date on Sixth Street— Andrew Reinhardt reported that there were 14 accidents from 2002-2004; 10 accidents from 2004-2006 (after resurfacing) – Requested more specific details—collision analysis along the street—Ian Mattingly and Andrew Reinhardt agreed to coordinate efforts to gather this information. Jim reported he had discussed the 6th Street striping issue with Mayor Simmons at the December meeting. The Mayor has offered to discuss the issue again with Craig McConnell. It is hoped that when the street is

re-striped, the traffic pattern could revert to the original plan for three lanes including a center turn lane plus bike lanes, as this is an often used and important connector for bicyclists.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15

Next meeting 11:00 am February 5th, 2007