

Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee
Aug 6 at 11:00 AM
City of Prescott Public Works Department Conference Room, 433
N.Virginia

Present: Jim Knaup, Karen Warrick, Spencer Lace, Catherine Moody, Derek Brownlee, Andrew Reinhardt

1. The meeting was called to order.

2. New business items was discussed first. Cat reported that PBAC has an inventory of 3000 bike maps left. We also have \$3550 in the bike map printing account. It was decided to give sponsors 100 maps each and 500 to Chamber of Commerce. We want to have all maps distributed before the new map is ready. We will look again to update and be ready to print in December/distribute in January. Routes and trails need to be updated as does sponsor information. We will use money already in budget for printing.

3. Sixth Street - Report of discussion with the Mayor. He felt the Public Works Dept. understood his intentions to re-stripe the street with bike lanes, and there seemed to be a big mis-communication. The Mayor was quit upset since as he thought it would affect his credibility. To continue to move forward on this, the issue would need to be presented to council for vote. He is hopeful that council will support re-striping, and talked in terms of something happening in the next 3 months.

4. PAT survey of Taylor Hicks School parents. Karen reported on the results of this survey which showed that parents are concerned with Rosser, Demerse, and Willow Creek. There are places with no sidewalks, too much traffic and cars drive too fast. PAT is working with Taylor Hicks School as part of their Safe Routes to Schools program, and looking for ways to resolve some of these issues so parents will feel comfortable their children can safely walk and ride bikes to school.

5. Map locations of current bike route signage. Spencer has created a plan for nventory of signs. He can map signs, record the type of sign, condition, and suitability of location, using GPS coordinates in a computer program. If anyone has information about where signs are located please send Spencer an email. Karen will also send him the list of where signs need to be placed - from PCC survey last summer. Also discussed new bike route sign Andy saw in Cave Creek. He will try to get picture. It shows car and bike sharing roadway. Arrow and 3Ft. appear between the two vehicles. These signs are also larger and more visible for routes where bikes and cars need to share lanes. Good descriptive means to educate motorists.

6. Spencer also brought in pictures of serious cracks, and or expansion joints, in a concrete section of Goodwin Street between Penn and Washington. The cracks are of sufficient width and depth to swallow bicycle tires, which results in a dangerous and unsafe situation. He narrowly escaped a crash when riding this stretch of road recently. This is a similar situation to the cracks in the concrete paving on Carlton St. between Cortez and Montezuma. It is hoped immediate action can be taken to fill these cracks to alleviate this situation, and permanent repair of these areas can be scheduled

in the near future. Spencer said he would bring the photographs to the attention of Ian Mattingly.

7. Filling the position of City Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator had been listed as a priority in the 2003 Bike/Ped Master Plan. To date, such a position has never made the budget cut. It has been suggested that one possibility may be to pursue filling this position at the MPO level the way Flagstaff has. Jim and Karen will send a letter of introduction to CYMPO director Jodi Rooney and ask to meet to discuss the possibility of a tri city bike and ped coordinator to help fill this void..

8. Discussion on doing a City Council presentation on small steps that can be taken by the city and local businesses to encourage a more bike friendly atmosphere, and increased patronage from bicyclists. This would include more friendly language on signs and increased access to bike parking. Although discussion continued on this topic with no clear resolution, points raised included the feeling there was inadequate bike parking in the downtown area, and there may be good opportunity for more secure covered parking at the Granite St. parking garage.

9. Discussion of the intersection of Rosser and Highway 89, and the prohibition of pedestrian crossing in any direction. It was signed this way by ADOT to reduce their liability, as there was not much in the way of pedestrian connectivity (other sidewalks) in the area. It was noted that while a pedestrian could conceivably be ticketed for crossing, bicyclists have full rights to the roadways, and would need to follow the rules of the road as regular traffic.

10. Next meeting - Monday Sept 10 (second Monday to avoid Labor Day)