

Mayor's Ad Hoc BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE ACTION MINUTES

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

**Thursday, May 19, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

**Public Works Conference Room
433 North Virginia Street
Prescott, Arizona 86301
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ACTION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE held on THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016, in the PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM, located at 433 N. VIRGINIA STREET, Prescott, Arizona.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Fanelli
Gerald Stricklin
Councilwoman Orr
Sandra Smith

ABSENT

Suzanne Morse
Sandra Stutey
Les Stukenberg

- A. Call to Order – Bill Fanelli, Chairman
Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- B. Approval of minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting
Gerald Stricklin made a MOTION to approve the April 14, 2016 meeting minutes; Sandra Smith 2nd. Vote 4-0; Passed.
- C. Safe Routes to School
Paul Katan, along with Jim Knaup and George Sheats, provided a history of the Safe Routes to School program.
- Federally funded and administered by ADOT, for infrastructure (environment) and non-infrastructure (education, enforcement) purposes.
 - Paul worked for PAT (2007-2011) coordinating this program. Started with non-infrastructure events – walking and bicycle safety education, bicycle rodeos, walk to school day events.
 - Applied for infrastructure funds on behalf of the City of Prescott. Conducted school site surveys to see where improvements were needed. Projects identified impacted schools and surrounding community – included connectivity improvements to sidewalks and crossings. There were 2 application cycles for infrastructure grants totaling about \$1.1 million. This included a charter school, Washington, Miller Valley, Lincoln and Taylor Hicks Elementary Schools, and Prescott Mile High Middle School.
 - The money awarded in 2008-2009, including a small match for review fees from the City, is still available for these projects. Since 3 schools have closed the money has been rolled into the remaining schools– Mile High, Mountain Oaks, Lincoln and Taylor Hicks. ADOT has

design consultants selected, with design taking about a year. The scope will include a sidewalk up Coronado Avenue, and a retaining wall. Construction is scheduled for FY18.

- Safe Routes to Schools funds cannot be used for other schools.
- Basis School crosswalks and sidewalks were discussed. Students are using trails in Prescott Lakes for connectivity, but there isn't a provision to cross Willow Lake Road. The City's Transportation Division is looking at the intersection of Willow Lake Road and Prescott Lakes Parkway for future signalization when warranted, and improvements would include pedestrian improvements. Additionally, monies may be available to fill gaps in sidewalks, improve ADA accessibility, etc. This would allow spot improvements at the roundabout at Willow Lake Road and SR89 to add missing ramps and landings. Basis will be implementing school zone changes (15 mph signs roll-out system) this summer.
- A comprehensive study is needed on all routes to school and priority set based on need. There is local expertise and community partners - Paul Katan, George Sheats, Jim Knaup and County personnel may provide assistance with site assessment, identifying problem areas, and bringing information to the committee.
- Schools should include ERAU, Prescott College, and Yavapai College as it relates to the trails and use of the greenways, and sidewalk audible alarms, etc.
- In some communities, the Red Light camera fines and school zone violation fines are being used to fund safe routes to school program.
- A recommendation was made to designate a few members of the committee to focus on schools and work with resources in the community. Councilwoman Orr and Bill Fanelli volunteered for the subcommittee, and Paul Katan offered his services to help design a program to leverage existing resources, and look for additional funding sources for this purpose. Since several members were absent today, there may be others who wish to participate in this subcommittee.

D. The League of American Bicyclists Application for "Bike Friendly" Status

- 370 communities have received the "Bike Friendly" designation, with levels from Diamond to Bronze.
- Categories considered for this designation are Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation.
- Cottonwood and Sedona have received designation.
- There is no cost to apply, but City staff time will be required.
- Most communities do not receive designation on their first attempt.
- If an application is submitted and denied, a list of improvements to be made would probably be provided. Need to be aware of the cost for any such improvements.
- Upcoming deadlines to apply are August, 2016, and February, 2017.

- Need to determine if Council approval is required to apply. Ian Mattingly will request guidance on how to proceed from Henry Hash.
- Once designated as “Bike Friendly”, grants may be easier to obtain, plus it may have a positive effect on tourism.

E. Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity

- Spoke and hubs – Les created a map, starting from the square with spokes (major arterials) to the trailheads
- Need to look at ways to improve each of these “spokes”, i.e., signage; ways to pull in the Circle Trail, and greenways.
- Ian suggested that we need to match the connectivity map to current project lists to take advantage of opportunities while projects are under design.
- At the recent budget meeting, \$3.8 million in open space was set aside for trails and connectivity.

F. Grants

- A few committee members are needed for a subcommittee. PAT has a lot of experience writing bicycle/pedestrian grants, and is willing to assist as partners. PUSD may be able to assist as well.

G. Registration and Licensing of Bicycles/Riders

With several members absent, this item was continued to the next meeting.

H. Prohibiting bicycles on certain sidewalks; banning skateboards in bicycle lanes

- City Code bans bicycles on sidewalks.
- “No Bicycles” signage only exists on Whiskey Row.
- Some bicyclists are using sidewalks because they feel it is not safe to ride on the road.
- There was discussion about whether bicycles should be allowed on certain sidewalks. Staff did not support this idea. It was noted that if allowed, bicycles and pedestrians would need to be separated on a shared use pathway of 10-12 feet wide.

I. Bicycle Rental Stations

- CYMPO was contacted by a vendor for bicycle rental stations. If CYMPO brings the vendor in for a presentation, committee members could attend.

J. Next Meetings

June 16, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

July 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

K. Adjournment

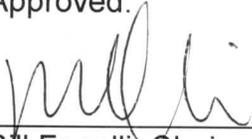
There being no further business to be discussed, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bill Fanelli', written in black ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Bill Fanelli, Chairman