



# PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE & TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, November 19, 2018**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Public Works Conference Room**  
**433 North Virginia Street**  
**Prescott, Arizona 86301**  
**(928) 777-1130**

**Minutes of the Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee, held on October 8, 2018 in the Public Works Conference Room, located at 433 N. Virginia Street, Prescott, Arizona.**

**A. Call to Order – Bill Fanelli, Chairman**

Meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	
Bill Fanelli, Chairman	George Sheats, Vice-Chairman
David Fero	Sandra Smith
Paul Katan	Sandy Stutey (arrived 9:35)
Jim Knaup	Mayor Pro-Tem Orr
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	
None	

**C. Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2018 Meeting**

**SANDY SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 8, 2018 MEETING; GEORGE SHEATS 2ND MOTION, - PASSED 7-0.**

**D. Thumb Butte Road Improvements Update**

Brent and Phelicia Hatch were in attendance to discuss concerns they have about Thumb Butte Road, and to present a petition for a 3-way stop at Sherwood Drive. They also mentioned that children cross Thumb Butte Road to board the school bus. Ian provided background on the request and went over the warrants for a multi-way stop and why that location does not meet them. Sight visibility is adequate, and there are sufficient traffic gaps on Thumb Butte to allow turning traffic from Sherwood to pull out.

There was additional discussion of other measures to slow speeds in the area, and speed humps were mentioned. Staff explained that speed humps are not allowed by

the Traffic Calming Policy, as Thumb Butte Road is a collector street. Mr. Hatch indicated he had since moved from the location and he was following up with the request as a courtesy to the other residents who signed the petition. Other options were discussed, including striping Thumb Butte with edge lines, adding a 5' wide uphill bike lane, and downhill sharrow markings. A radar feedback sign may also be considered for the downhill direction. Other items that were discussed included:

- 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds were 31 miles per hour.
- There was one crash reported.
- Stop signs should not be used to reduce speeds – need to look at other appropriate methods.
- The proposed restriping would create a visual narrowing.
- Due to the volume of bicycles and pedestrians on the road, a multi-use trail or sidewalks will be discussed in the upcoming budget cycle. Jim Knaup suggested that the City “reclaim” right-of-way, since residents are landscaping right up to the edge of the road. This could improve safety.

Staff will continue to develop the striping/signing plan and bring it back to a future PBTAC meeting.

**GEORGE SHEATS MADE A MOTION TO REVIEW A FULL PLAN SET AT THE NEXT MEETING. SANDY SMITH 2<sup>ND</sup>. PASSES 7-0.**

#### E. Safety Concerns from Committee Members

- Jim Knaup stated that bike lanes are too narrow on Gail Gardner Way. Also, trees placed at the edge of the mall property are creating sight distance issues. Ian stated that he met with the property manager and requested that the trees be removed and efforts are underway to have the some trees removed and others trimmed back.
- George Sheats mentioned that residents of Legacy Apartments on Prescott Lakes Parkway are parking across the street in the Circle Trail right-of-way, blocking access for pedestrians/bicycles to get through. Ian will forward a request to the Police Department to see if the cars are blocking the roadway. If the cars are parking overnight, signs could be posted with hours where parking is not allowed.
- Bill Fanelli reported that during discussions on bicycle safety with the City Manager, it was agreed that the City would purchase bicycle safety lights, to be distributed at an upcoming event – possibly the Ride of Silence in May.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Orr stated that she received a letter about safety concerns about Lee Boulevard at SR69. Ian will forward these concerns to ADOT.
- Resident Joseph Drew was in attendance to discuss his overall concerns about bicycle safety. Joseph rides on the sidewalk due to narrow streets and lack of bicycle lanes, but riding on sidewalks is against City Code. Research needs to be done for possible modification of City Code to allow bicycles on sidewalks outside the downtown area. The ordinance restricting skateboarding on sidewalks is limited to the downtown area. Joseph also

asked about widening the bike lane on Iron Springs Road toward Wildwood Estates. This is a County Roadway and concerns should be addressed to Yavapai County Public Works.

#### F. Monthly Review of Bike and Pedestrian Collisions

Ian reviewed monthly collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists in the past month. Paul Katan has been working with Ian to create spreadsheets for each collision that would provide the committee with necessary information for analysis. These will be provided each month in advance of future meetings.

#### G. Current Road Project Updates

- Cell phone ban signs will mirror the County's format, and will be placed at entry points around the City. The ordinance goes into effect on November 22, 2018.
- Willow Creek Road paving is completed. Bike symbols will be added soon. School legions will be added near the approaches to Willow Creek Charter School.
- Williamson Valley Road approaching Iron Springs Road has been restriped to eliminate the right turn trap lane. This also provided the proper placement of the bike lane at the intersection.

#### H. Alternative Mobility Definitions/Education

Sandy Smith found in her research that larger cities limit speeds for alternative mobility vehicles to 6 mph on sidewalks. These vehicles are legal on sidewalks, but not in bike lanes. There are mobility scooters that can travel between 15-18 mph, but it is not clear if these scooters should travel in traffic lanes. Dave and Sandy volunteered to do future research in a work group on this issue.

#### I. Walk/Bike to School Day

Jim Knaup reported that enthusiasm was high with increased participation for the Walk/Bike to School Days. Jim said that he appreciated the Police Department's support of the event. The event was funded by the Skull Valley Loop Challenge.

#### J. FY18 Committee Work Plan – Review committee goals and projects for upcoming fiscal year

Jim Knaup provided a handout concerning the need for bike racks, their design, and placement. Jim recommended a focus on the entertainment district. Ian suggested that the City offer a discount rate to businesses wanting a bicycle rack. The southwest corner of Montezuma at Goodwin Street is a preferred spot.

K. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 10, 2018.

L. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Teresa Ogle  
Teresa Ogle, Administrative Assistant

Bill Fanelli  
Bill Fanelli, Chairman

Date: 12-10-18