



PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE & TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee

**Monday, July 8, 2019
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 **Monday, July 8, 2019**, in the **Public Works Conference Room**, located at **433 North Virginia Street**.

A. Call to Order – Bill Fanelli, Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Members	
Bill Fanelli, Chairman - present	George Sheats, Vice-Chairman - present
David Fero - present	Sandra Smith - absent
Jim Knaup - present	Sandy Stutey - present
Dennis Stringer - present	Mayor Pro Tem Orr - present

C. Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2019 Meeting

DENNIS STRINGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 10, 2019 MEETING; GEORGE SHEATS 2ND MOTION, - PASSED 7-0

D. Vision Zero Presentation – Jim Knaup

Jim presented an overview of Vision Zero, a movement that began in Europe which holds that no loss of life or serious injury is acceptable in traffic collisions. A YouTube video was played featuring the Vision Zero concept at work in the Netherlands.

Dennis Stringer commented that the density of bike and pedestrian traffic in Europe is greater than what we have in Prescott.

David Fero stated that public transit is more readily available in Europe to assist with this concept.

Mayor Pro Tem Orr noticed less vehicle traffic and more bike traffic when she visited Amsterdam.

Bill Fanelli suggested that members review the City of Tempe Vision Zero Plan and make suggestions at a future meeting.

George Sheats stated that some new developments have design elements similar to those used in the video when the proposal first comes to Planning and Zoning Committee as a master plan. They tend to lose sight of them as the individual subdivisions are built, however.

Jim pointed out that one main feature of Vision Zero is 20 MPH speed limit goal in residential areas. The State of Arizona mandates 25 MPH in residential zones and this would have to change to allow for reducing the speed limit. Studies have shown that a pedestrian hit by a vehicle traveling at 20 MPH or less have a 90% chance of only incurring a minor injury.

E. Discussion of Traffic Calming Policy Changes

Ian Mattingly reviewed the additional changes made to the Policy based on edits provided by members since the last PBTAC meeting. The final edit will be completed and a clean version will be sent to members prior to the August 12, 2019 meeting for consideration to recommend moving the Policy to Council for approval.

F. Upcoming Major Pedestrian Related Projects

George Sheats attended the June Ecosystem Connectivity Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) meeting and relayed to the members that ADOT's SR69 widening project does not include any updates or upgrades to the existing culvert near Lowes that serves as a connection point for the Circle Trail. He would like the group to encourage the City to support the upgrades necessary and allocate funds to the project.

Dennis Stringer asked if CYMPO has looked into a State grant from the safety fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Orr suggested setting up a meeting to discuss the grant possibilities and the importance of the culvert and trail with Chris Bridges at CYMPO.

G. Safety Concerns for Members

George Sheats commented that the new curbing for the Willow Lake Road and Prescott Lakes Parkway intersection signal has reduced access and safety to the Circle Trail on the north side of Prescott Lake Parkway as well as neighborhood foot traffic to Willow and Watson Lakes.

Ian Mattingly discussed that the Circle Trail is something that is being looked at by the City Recreation Services Department and a future trail re-alignment may be a solution for the Circle Trail. The pedestrian accessibility will need to be added to our tracking sheet to look into solutions.

Mayor Pro Tem Orr has concern with the site line at Trail Walk and Solstice. Can a 4 way stop be added at that location? Ian shared a Traffic Concern spreadsheet that indicated that Trail Walk and Solstice is on his list and it will be looked at for a possible change to the intersection.

H. Monthly Review of Bike and Pedestrian Collisions

Collision at Gurley and Granite. A car driving west on Gurley Street and turning right (north) on Granite Street struck a child that was riding a bicycle through the crosswalk against traffic. The driver was cited for failure to yield.

Education was discussed as a possible action to help prevent this type of accident.

David Fero asked if an article in the Daily Courier on the subject of bike awareness and rules might help in the education effort.

Jim Knaup stated that PAT used to receive pamphlets from ADOT to circulate, but those are no longer available.

Mayor Pro Tem Orr likes the Courier article idea and suggested that we also look into an article in the Prescott Living Magazine.

Sandra Stutey has a meeting with the PUSD Superintendent and will ask for ways to work with the school to get the word out on bicycle safety.

I. Current Road Project Updates

Ian let the group know that Arizona Eco Development's Development Agreement is in the preliminary phase of review. Once plans are submitted he advised PBTAC to review the plans and discuss potential traffic, bike, and pedestrian needs.

Ian has received a suggestion from a citizen on Mt. Vernon that a 4-way stop should be considered at Goodwin and Virginia in conjunction with the current S. Washington Project to alleviate future cut through traffic. Dennis asked if we have traffic counts for that area. Ian stated they would be done prior to the item coming back to PBTAC for a review and recommendation.

J. Bike Rack Installation Location Discussion

Jim Knaup supplied a list and map of bike rack locations that would be useful in the downtown area. The map shows areas of need as well as areas that have a suitable alternative bike parking options; i.e. fencing or rails to lock to.

George asked if there is funding available to do a number of these installations.

Ian stated that the Traffic Division should be able to purchase and install all of the locations that are on Jim's list in FY20.

GEORGE SHEATS MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE CITY TRAFFIC DIVISION PURCHASE AND INSTALL BIKE RACKS IN THE AREAS ON JIM KNAUPS LIST; BILL FANELLI 2ND MOTION, - PASSED 7-0

K. Transit Infrastructure Discussion

Sandra Stutey would like to add code language that will allow for transit stops in new developments. This will make bus/ transit routing more feasible in the future allowing for safe pull outs to pick up riders.

George Sheats suggested that a statement be added to plans that transit stops will be considered and space set aside as development allows.

Bill Fanelli suggested that a subcommittee focusing on research of transit options be considered at a future meeting.

Sandra also reminded members that CYMPO has 2 surveys on their website collecting public input, and encouraged everyone to participate. One survey is specific to their transit plan.

L. Traffic Study Scope Discussion

George Sheats provided a handout of a traffic study scope example with traffic volume maps of Prescott and the surrounding areas provided by CYMPO. Ian asked what the purpose of a study like this is.

Dennis Stringer stated a consultant could pull together all the data available for a smaller cost than a comprehensive traffic study.

Ian feels that pulling together the data into a summary is not going to provide Council what they have been asking for. A study which only summarizes data would not consider each intersection and what improvements are needed to create an efficient transportation network, nor provide a plan for when and where improvements are needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Orr reminded the group that City Manager Lamar has looked into an RFP and price at the request of Councilman Goode and the price was \$250,000 or more.

Bill remarked that an additional meeting of the PBTAC group is necessary to put the traffic issues in the forefront of Committee discussions as we have such a broad range of topics.

A second meeting for July will be held on Monday, July 29, 2019 to discuss the current data that is available and suggestions on how the group can use the data to make traffic recommendations.

M. Electric Scooter Rental Company Concerns

Due to time constraints this item was tabled until the August 12, 2019 meeting.

N. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 29, 2019.

O. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Bill Fanelli
Bill Fanelli, Chairman

Date: 7-29-2019