



PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE & TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee

**Monday, August 26, 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 **Monday, August 26, 2019**, in the **Public Works Conference Room**, located at **433 North Virginia Street**. Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431.02.

- A. Call to Order – George Sheats, Vice-Chairman

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

- B. Roll Call

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

- C. Approval of Minutes from August 12, 2019 Meeting

JIM KNAUP MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 12, 2019 MEETING; SANDRA SMITH 2nd MOTION, - PASSED 5-0

- D. Bradshaw Drive Pedestrian and Traffic Safety

Citizen, Gary Palmer presented his discovery of problems with sight line visibility at the proposed location for a new road into a private development off of Bradshaw Drive. Gary stated that the roadway is narrow, has a curve and a hill making it dangerous for pedestrians, alternative mobility and vehicles. Gary asks that the City complete a traffic study of Bradshaw Drive and include improvements in future capital project planning.

Sandy Stutey asked if the developer has any responsibility to make improvements to the entire length of roadway leading to the proposed development. Ian responded that the development is for a small number of homes and the additional impact was small compared to the existing residential in the area. The City did request the development provide a Traffic Impact Analysis to look at several issues, including sight visibility and auxiliary turn lanes. This would not typically be required for a project of this size, but given the special conditions PW determined it to be needed.

Jim Knaup wondered what the size of the roadway easement is and if there is room to create a path on the uphill side of the street to allow for pedestrians travel. Ian stated that would be something that would be reviewed at the City level if a capital improvement project moves forward.

Sandy Stutey asked if Ian is confident that the TIA covers all of the concerns and solutions that the developer should be responsible for. Ian replied that he will review the TIA for completeness and to be sure the City agrees with the findings.

E. Discussion of Traffic Policy Changes

Ian Mattingly presented the final version of the changes to the Traffic Calming Policy. Ian summarized the main changes, which included removing all reference to the Transportation Coordination Committee (TCC) and adding PBTAC, adding verbiage that allows for City staff to implement traffic calming solutions in residential areas that do not specifically meet the policy warrants, and other minor changes to fix some inconsistencies in the exiting criteria.

SANDRA SMITH MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND MOVING THE TRAFFIC POLICY CHANGES TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL; SANDY STUTEY 2ND MOTION, - PASSED 5-0

F. CYMPO – Regional Transportation Plan 2045 Update

Ian Mattingly discussed the process for the CYMPO – RTP that is updated every 5 years with the current plan year, 2045 at the 2nd draft stage. The plan updates the model and reviews known projects that will be in place in the coming years. The draft includes safety, modernization and expansion project recommendations. One project not in the 2045 Plan is the widening of SR 89 through the Dells and Ian will make sure it gets onto the list. George Sheats asked when the Dells widening will happen, Craig Dotseth stated it has to be done within 10 years.

Ian stated the Prescott downtown area is flagged in the RTP in safety and corridor reliability with a suggestion of a traffic study for the area. Sandy Stutey asked who is responsible for funding the suggested study. Both Ian and Mayor Pro Tem Orr stated that the money would be local funds. The general consensus was that having the downtown study project left in the 2045 plan can help with identifying it as a regional project if grant funding or CYMPO funds come available in the future.

G. Pedestrian Scramble Update

Ian Mattingly announced the scramble test period will start on September 10th and last for one to two weeks. Signage will be in place to direct pedestrians to cross all directions and there will be other signing to indicate no right on red (if needed) and that a traffic control test is being conducted. Staff will be compiling traffic data in the weeks before the test to be used to compare to the data collected during the test period. Ian reiterated that the problem identified is moving traffic through the intersection, not pedestrian movements.

Officer Johnson asked what is the criteria for success, how will you know that it works? Ian stated that the success will be determined if less back-ups occur on

northbound Montezuma by eliminating the right turn obstruction that pedestrians create when they cross with the traffic movement.

David Fero asked if a police officer will be on site during the test. Ian stated that coordination will happen to have an officer on site for a couple of hours. David recommended that Citizens on Patrol be contacted to assist with educating the pedestrians about the new walk movements.

H. Traffic Signal Optimization Update

Ian Mattingly updated on the signal optimization on Willow Creek Road. Staff will develop a scope of work for an on-call firm to develop a traffic signal timing plan for signal coordination on Willow Creek Road. In addition to the timing plan, staff is looking into the hardware and equipment needed to move this project forward. Funds have been budgeted in FY20 and the hope is to implement in spring 2020.

I. Traffic Issues Spreadsheet Update

1. Crosswalk on Smoketree Lane at Sarafina

A request from a citizen asked for a crosswalk on Smoketree at Sarafina. Ian Mattingly reviewed the request and proposed two possible configurations for crosswalks. Ian also mentioned that the area showed low use of the crossing in that area and would not likely meet pedestrian crossing volumes for adding the crosswalk (15-20 pedestrians per hour).

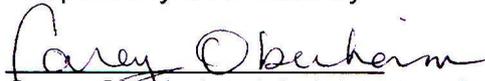
Mayor Pro Tem Orr stated that the speed limit on Smoketree goes from 25 MPH to 35 MPH and it seems to be too fast for the road. Ian replied that he had a previous request from the area to raise the limit from 30 – 35 and the center median, sidewalks and visibility all support the raised speed.

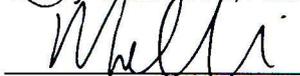
David Fero remarked that he used the area frequently in the past and did not notice a volume of pedestrians that would indicate a need for crosswalks. David stated that the cost of the changes does not seem justified. Other members expressed agreement that a crosswalk in this location was not warranted at this time.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Carey Oberheim, Administrative Assistant


Bill Fanelli, Chairman

Date: 9-9-19