

# PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE & TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee**

**Monday, March 9, 2020  
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 meeting held on **Monday, March 9, 2020**, 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 9:31 a.m.

- B. Roll Call

MEMBERS	
Bill Fanelli, Chairman - Present	George Sheats, Vice-Chairman - Present
David Fero - Present	Sandy Stutey – Arrived at 9:35 a.m.
Jim Knaup - Present	Jakob Funkenstein – Excused Absence
Bobette Sanchez - Present	Mayor Pro Tem Orr - Present

- C. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2020 Meeting

**GEORGE SHEATS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 9, 2019 MEETING; BOBETTE SANCHEZ 2<sup>ND</sup> MOTION, PASSED [5-0].**

- D. Highland Avenue Traffic Study Results

Craig Dotseth reviewed the results, the 85th percentile speeds were 31 MPH southbound and 28 MPH northbound. A review of collision records indicated there had been zero collisions in the area over the past 5 years. Speed limit postings are provided at both ends of the roadway, which has no curb and gutter or sidewalk. The roadway does not meet any of the speeding or cut through thresholds within the Traffic Calming policy.

Three citizens from this neighborhood were in attendance. Suggestions from the citizens included installing stop signs at Middlebrook and Evergreen, clearing brush and vegetation from the side of the road, rumble strips and additional signage.

Jim Knaup added that it may be helpful to narrow the travel lanes with painted edge lines.

Mr. Dotseth stated that the suggestions will be researched and information will be available at the next monthly meeting.

E. County Bicycle Policy – Joe Huot

Mr. Huot of Yavapai County discussed the 2013 amended County road ordinance that identified areas and routes for signing “Share the Road”. Mr. Huot stated that the County has a list of Board approved area routes. The County does not have a policy in place for bike lanes or bike paths. Currently the County looks at new road projects to see if the project allows for widening of shoulders.

Sandra Stutey asked if the City has access to the list of Board approved routes. Mr. Huot with Mr. Dotseth's agreement will make sure that the level of communication between County and City Public Works Departments continues to be open and fluid.

Mr. Dotseth asked Mr. Huot if he could check on the Thumb Butte Designation to see if share the road signs would be possible above the City marked bike lanes.

F. Discuss Traffic Calming on East End of Rosser

Through discussions with Mr. Roselle and observations of the locations of the driveway staff has not identified any easy mitigation for his issues. Rosser is a Major Collector with traffic volumes between 3,000 -4,000 vehicles per day, and previous projects have added striping narrowing's using bike lanes, and radar signs to help control vehicles and promote slower speeds. More aggressive traffic calming had been proposed during the reconstruction but Council did not support median islands or choker. Speed humps and other vertical measures are not supported on Rosser because of its classification and primary emergency response route designation.

The committee discussed a couple of possibilities for improvement that included trimming the bushes on the north side of Rosser as well as painting the speed limit on the pavement to remind drivers of the speed limit.

Mr. Dotseth said he would work with staff for speed markings on the pavement.

G. Upcoming Events

a. Earth Day

Will be held on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at S. Cortez and Goodwin. The City has a booth and it would be great if Committee members volunteer for a block of time.

b. Bike Month Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Orr will be presenting the proclamation at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting

c. Ride to Work with the Mayor

This event will be held on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>

H. Pedestrian Connectivity from Willow Lake Road Roundabout to Prescott Lakes Parkway Signal

Mr. Dotseth updated on the Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFB). They are installed at the roundabout, however final setup and wiring still need to be completed this week. This work has been delayed due to traffic signal staffing shortages.

The design for adding a trail area behind the north curb at the new signal at Willow Lake Road at Prescott Lakes Parkway, and new signalized pedestrian crossings will be completed through a project being managed by the Public Works Construction Services Division. The work will be completed in spring.

Bill Fanelli asked if bike lanes can be considered on Willow Lake Road. Mr. Dotseth stated that a complete reconstruction would be needed.

I. Upcoming Major Pedestrian Related Projects

Scramble crosswalk at Montezuma and Gurley continues to be improved. The push buttons and truncated dome pavers will be installed this spring. Striping material is still being tested to replace the stripes that have been removed by the snow plows.

J. Monthly Review of Bike and Pedestrian Collisions

1. 4-Points pedestrian crash - the vehicle was turning from EB Iron Springs Road to SB Miller Valley Road, stopped at the signal and checked to make sure it was clear. When the driver proceeded they struck a pedestrian, who was uninjured. No citation was issued.

This location is experiencing increased pedestrian use now that YRMC has moved employee parking to the Miller Valley School site. Various improvements including restriping will occur at the intersection following a meeting last week with hospital staff in an attempt to increase safety and pedestrian crossing awareness.

Sandy Stutey asked if the US Vets on Whipple St. can be added to the outreach efforts to educate of the changes being made. Mr. Dotseth will ask staff to reach out.

George Sheats recommended that the sidewalk on the former Miller Valley School side be straightened out for a more direct route to the corner.

2. Ruth at Whipple crash - the vehicle was SB on Ruth turning WB onto Whipple at the right turn stop controlled slip lane. The driver indicated that he stopped fully and checked for pedestrians and bikes and saw none. When he pulled out he struck a pedestrian from the right knocking her to the ground. The pedestrian was elderly and the fall from the low speed strike

resulted in injury requiring hospitalization. No citation was issued, although the vehicle had to be at fault since the crash occurred at a stop sign with a crosswalk.

Suggestions made by the committee include better lighting on the south side of the intersection, moving the utility boxes that create site limitations, asking the YMCA to trim the vegetation on the west side of the intersection and move the stop bar and crosswalk. Mr. Dotseth stated that this location will be reviewed.

#### K. Safety Concerns from Members

##### **Old safety concern updates**

###### a. Park Avenue and Sierra Prieta Sight Visibility Findings

Mr. Dotseth stated that site visibility was reviewed and while the intersection does provide enough sight visibility for vehicles on Park Avenue to stop (Safe Stopping Distance) if a vehicle from Sierra Prieta/Bertrand pulls out it does not have the recommended sight visibility when making a left turn. In order to aid in this movement staff is recommending the installation of a mirror placed on the west side south of the Sierra Prieta intersection. The sight visibility was shown on an aerial map.

Bobette Sanchez agreed that a mirror could help with the left turn movement.

Mr. Dotseth said City staff will initiate the mirror installation.

###### b. Update on Request for 4-way Stop at Goodwin and Virginia

Now that construction is complete staff has monitored the intersection to determine if vehicles are using Virginia Street as a cut through to avoid the 4-way stop and signal on Mt. Vernon. Observation during numerous study periods indicate that a very low percentage of traffic travelling on Virginia Street use it as a through route. Additionally the total traffic using the roadway is very low making the installation of a 4-way stop to discourage this type of movement unnecessary. Since the 4-way stop will not meet any type of warrant in the MUTCD, staff is recommending that the 4-way not be installed.

The committee members agreed with the staff recommendation.

###### c. Update on Smoke Tree Crosswalks

Prescott Lakes HOA is working with their signing contractor to install the pedestrian warning signs and custom posts at the three new crosswalk locations. The schedule for this work has not yet been provided by the HOA. The crosswalk at the Smoke Tree Roundabout at Solstice will have its crosswalks installed once the signing is complete. The two other crosswalks at Sarafina and at the Clubhouse will be installed during a

future pavement project when the ADA curb ramp work and paving is completed.

**New safety concerns from members**

Sandy Stutey asked if progress was being made for site lines at Granite and Goodwin. Mr. Dotseth stated that it will be addressed in the future with a utility improvement project and that Ian is working on a short term adjustment to the crosswalk and stop signs that may increase the site lines.

Mayor Pro Tem Orr had a citizen ask if the safety can be improved at the mid-block cross walk on Miller Valley at Brannen.

Sandy Stutey was asked by a citizen if the duration of the crosswalk time can be increased at the intersection of Gurley and Cortez. Mr. Dotseth stated that staff will review the timing.

Jim Knaup made the suggestion that the signage on the mid-block crossings in the downtown area be 2 sided for visibility from both directions. He thinks this will help in awareness since there can be many distractions in this area.

L. Current Road Project Updates

No updates for this meeting.

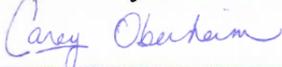
M. Next Meeting

Additional research items for Highland Ave

N. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Carey Oberheim, Business Manager

  
Bill Fanelli, Chairman

Date: 8-12-2020