

PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE & TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee

**Monday, October 12, 2020
9:30 a.m.**

Public Works

**433 North Virginia Street
Prescott, Arizona 86301
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Minutes of the Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee held **Monday, October 12, 2020.**

Call to Order – Bill Fanelli, Chairman

Bill Fanelli called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A. Roll Call

MEMBERS	
Bill Fanelli, Chairman - Present	Vacant
David Fero - Present	Michelle Schaefer - Present
Jerry Kaufman - Present	Sandy Stutey - Present
Jim Knaup - Present	Mayor Pro Tem Orr – Excused Councilman Sischka – Present

B. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2020 Meeting

DAVID FERRO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 MEETING; JIM KNAUP 2ND MOTION, PASSED [6-0]

C. Bike Rack Update

Ian Mattingly reviewed the previous PBTAC Approved Bike Rack Locations list and map. Highlighted locations have already been installed. Ian asked the group to discuss priority locations noted on the map to guide where the next 10 bike racks will be placed.

As a group, the following locations were identified; the Social Security office, post office, lower level Library parking lot, locations 2A, 2B, 2D, 2F, 2E, 3E and 3F.

Jim Knaup reminded the group that alternative bike parking locations are also marked on the map; alternatives include guardrails, fences and sign posts.

Sandy Stutey asked if signage can be installed at the alternate locations stating OK to lock bike here.

Ian remarked he would rather install proper bike racks in these locations. Once the ten racks we have in stock are installed, we will place an additional order for more racks.

D. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Discussion

Bill Fanelli asked the group if they thought the bike/ped master plan should be updated by a working group or a subcommittee.

Councilman Sischka asked how we can make downtown more friendly with adequate parking, mentioning parklets and proper traffic flow on both streets and highways in the area.

David Fero would like to see the trails into the downtown area improved for better connectivity.

Jim Knaup mentioned that having and updating the bike/ped plan is a requirement to maintain the City's bicycle friendly status. Ian stated that the bicycle friendly status expires at the end of this year and will have to be applied for again.

Sandra Stutey stated the City Master Plan has 10 strategy goals for transit which are more detailed than the transit information contained in the bike/ped plan.

Bill Fanelli stated an updated bike/ped plan should be a mix of goals and include a wish list of things to be done.

The consensus of the group was that an updated plan with a focus on the downtown area should be explored.

Staff will bring information to the next meeting on setting up a working group or subcommittee to work on a proposal for updating the bike/ped plan.

E. Upcoming Major Pedestrian Related Projects

Ian indicated that improvements to pedestrian access at the Prescott Lakes Parkway and Willow Lake Road intersection will be included in the Miscellaneous Concrete Improvement Project which will go out to bid soon. This project will include a new north/south crosswalk at the intersection. Willow Lake Road shouldering from 89 roundabout to Prescott Lakes Parkway is about 40% complete but is now paused until work by Arizona Public Service (APS) is complete.

F. Monthly Review of Bike and Pedestrian Collisions

No collisions occurred that meet the committees criteria for review.

G. Safety Concerns from Members

Ian gave an update on concerns from the September meeting;

- The pedestrian heads at four points have been re-aimed for visibility by drivers turning right.

- City crews will coordinate with APS to change out the street light luminaries at the four points intersection near the hospital to new brighter LED dimmable lights. This is done to increase lighting in the intersection for pedestrian safety.

Bill Fanelli asked if bike lanes are still being considered on Sheldon and Gurley as you enter the City.

Ian stated that East Gurley has enough width to allow for stripping changes to include bike lanes, but Sheldon does not.

Craig Dotseth remarked that stripping changes can be completed during a larger project but currently the City does not have projects planned for that area.

David Fero remarked that riding a bike from the VA on SR89 to Yavapai College on Sheldon is difficult as you have to ride on the sidewalk.

Ian stated that a future improvement project to modify the sidewalk into a multi-use path, would improve access and bike connectivity.

H. Current Road Project Updates

Ian stated the striping enhancements will be completed the week of October 12th on Phippen Trail and Larry Caldwell. The enhancements will include bike lanes, center turn lanes, crosswalks and pavement markings. The work will allow the slip ramp northbound on SR89 at Phippen to be opened to traffic.

Willow Creek/Deep Well curve realignment is underway.

Traffic crews have installed light poles in Whiskey Row Alley. Street light luminaries are on the west side poles only and are shielded for dark sky consideration.

Resurfacing and re-striping has been completed on Thumb Butte and West Gurley.


I. Next Meeting


Truck Route Code Revision
Information on working group/subcommittee on bike/ped plan

J. Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Carey Oberheim, Business Manager


Bill Fanelli, Chairman

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