



PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE & TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee

**Monday, December 14, 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 meeting held **Monday, December 14, 2020**, via Zoom.

Call to Order – Bill Fanelli, Chairman

Bill Fanelli called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

A. Roll Call

MEMBERS	
Bill Fanelli, Chairman - Present	Kent Hart - Present
David Fero - Present	Michelle Schaefer - Present
<i>Vacant</i>	Sandy Stutey, Vice Chair - Present
Jim Knaup - Present	Councilman Sischka - Present

B. Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2020 Meeting

SANDY STUTEY RAISED HER HAND TO MOVE TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2020; DAVID FERO RAISED HIS HAND TO SECOND THE MOTION; PASSED [6-0]

C. Master Plan Working Group Scope Discussion

Jim Knaup shared his thoughts that the Bike/Ped Plan Update scope should focus on downtown, and some key state highways and general transportation issues that revolve around getting from one side of town to the other. He mentioned that anytime there is an event downtown as well as any changes to the pedestrian flow will impact transportation issues.

Michelle Schaefer added that she has been reading the City's previous Bike/Ped Plans from 2009, 2014, and 2015 to familiarize her with what was included. Based on what she has read she is thinking the Committee should work on reviewing, updating and expanding the 2015 plan.

Mr. Knaup asked Ian Mattingly if there was a conclusion to the Southside Transportation/Connector Study from early 2000's. Mr. Mattingly responded that the

study looked at alternative routes around the downtown area rather than through it. Mr. Mattingly will distribute that study to members as it did have minor improvement recommendations for smaller collectors like Mt. Vernon and Carleton as alternates to traveling through the downtown area.

Sandy Stutey stated she spoke to Michael Lamar and Councilman Goode regarding the possibility of commissioning a Transportation Master Plan. If a Transportation Master Plan does happen, how would this planning process fit into it and, is a public transit system being considered as a strategy? Mr. Mattingly replied that there has been discussion regarding a major transportation study of the downtown. This conversation has not died away but will need to be considered by Council and may be a discussion point when Parklets are reviewed in spring 2021. At this point staff has not been directed to take on any type of study. If directed to begin a study, transit would be considered.

Mr. Knaup asked if members have any opinion of limiting or broadening the scope of this new Bike/Ped plan. Bill Fanelli recommended defining the limits of the downtown with a goal to determine how bikes and peds can better navigate within the downtown area.

Ms. Schaefer stated she has a map of bike and trail facilities that can be modified to define the area.

Councilman Sischka remarked that when the scope is too broad, it is difficult to complete and agrees that using a map with a defined boundary area is a good idea. He also asked, what outreach does the City do to inform bicyclists of closures and routes to avoid downtown when events are happening? Mr. Mattingly replied that we advertise our traffic control plans for events and a bicycle would be considered a vehicle so no additional outreach is done directly to the bike groups.

Mr. Mattingly recommended that the scope of the Bike/Ped Plan be a subset of the City Masterplan and address bike routes, bike parking and accommodations. Planning and Zoning dictates onsite parking facility requirements so we would need to ask them to include bike facilities. Mr. Knaup stated from his recollection, planning code requires as many bike parking spaces as handicapped spaces.

Kent Hart asked for information purposes, how many organized bike groups are in the area? Mr. Fanelli answered that we have two major groups, Bike Prescott for road biking and Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance (PMBA) for mountain biking.

Ms. Stutey remarked that Chapter 7 of the General Plan includes multimodal and public transit, ways to create pedestrian links to each. She suggested that Mr. Knaup and Ms. Schaefer review and include transit as a piece of the network of transportation resources there. Mr. Knaup remarked, that in the last general plan, the transportation section had in depth and stronger wording, things like complete streets and connectivity, we should review it to stay in concert with that as we add anything new. Ms. Schaefer remarked that we should look at Safe Routes to School as well.

Ms. Schaefer asked if the city has a traffic master plan. Mr. Mattingly answered that we do not have an overall traffic master plan. We have traditionally worked off of small area plans and Traffic Impact Analysis's for subdivisions or master plans.

Carey Oberheim read a chat comment from David Fero, he views transit as very helpful in reduction of traffic and suggests that transit should be part of the scope.

Councilman Sischka remarked that CYMPO received \$3 million to look into a public transportation plan. From what he has seen, it is less like a bus route system plan and more like a ride share transportation plan. Not sure where that fits into all of this as it is not a traditional transportation system like busses. Mr. Mattingly remarked the CYMPO Transit Plan proposal is for a hybrid system with a fixed route, main line bus system as well as a ride share component. Ms. Stutey confirmed that the Transit Implementation Plan is now looking like more of a demonstration project with the CARES money. Initial use would be in Prescott Valley with micro transit which is more like a ride share system in zones while still providing some fixed route. The goal over the 4-year period is to build ridership and create demand for a more traditional fixed route system. The plan is now in the hands of Prescott Valley Town Council for acceptance of the CARES money for this use.

D. Upcoming Major Pedestrian Related Projects

Mr. Mattingly gave a status update on several projects:

- Willow Lake Rd from Prescott Lakes Pkwy to SR89 roundabout – crews are back to work on the 8' shoulder and should complete this week
- Willow Lake Rd and Prescott Lakes Pkwy intersection – the Misc. Concrete Project will be presented to Council for contract award on January 12, 2021 and includes adding a signalized cross walk ramps and sidewalk on the northside of the roadway.
- Bike racks have been installed at the Public Works office, additional racks will be installing in the downtown area as well
- Willow Creek Rd and the modified curve are open with temporary 4-way stop signs at two intersection locations until the signals are operational
- In-street ped crossing signs will be installed this month to the mid-block crosswalks on Cortez and Montezuma
- An additional subdivision is being planned near the northeast corner of SR89 and Deep Well roundabout, staff will bring plans to a future meeting for discussion as the project plans are submitted

E. Monthly Review of Bike and Pedestrian Collisions

Mr. Mattingly stated one collision, involving a pedestrian fatality near YRMC, occurred but the report is not available as fatalities take longer to investigate and complete. The Courier did report that the collision occurred after dark on Willow Creek Rd. Officer Johnson added that the pedestrian was crossing Willow Creek Rd outside of the crosswalk, from the Circle K on the west side of Willow Creek Rd to the area near the ambulance bay entrance of YRMC, and was struck in the northbound curbside lane.

David Fero asked if additional lighting would help in this situation. Mr. Mattingly remarked that a street light is located at the entrance of YRMC and staff will consider updating/upgrading the light for brightness. Additional considerations are being discussed such as adding railings with no-ped crossing signage in the area to help encourage use of the crosswalk. Once the full report is complete, staff will review.

F. Safety Concerns from Members

Mr. Mattingly reported that bollards have been re-installed at Montezuma and Willis, this was brought to our attention by Ms. Schaefer prior to this meeting.

Kent Hart asked how truck drivers are informed of City Code changes to the truck routes. Ian stated that code changes are adopted in public Council meetings and it is the responsibility of drivers to know the rules of the roadway.

Mr. Hart questioned the use of motorized bicycles on the path that exits the VA crossing SR89. Mr. Mattingly stated this is a multi-use trail that allows for certain motorized bicycles. Office Johnson added that motorized bikes are permitted up to 25 MPH with a size limit on the motor.

Mr. Hart asked if staff is aware of a collision on SR89 and the Willow Lake roundabout and if the design of the roundabout is flawed. Mr. Mattingly stated that this roundabout is a retro fit of a previous signalized intersection and recommended that this item be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Councilmember Cathey Rusing, as a member of the public, recommended several changes to the intersection of Montezuma and Sheldon at the entrance of the new Hilton. Specifically asking for directional signing when continuing west on Sheldon into the Hilton as well as a dedicated left turn arrow when traveling northbound on Montezuma. Mr. Mattingly stated that directional signage is scheduled to be installed today now that we have word of the official opening date for the hotel. Once the hotel is open, traffic movements will be monitored and once warrants are met, a dedicated left turn arrow may be considered.

G. Current Road Project Updates

Mr. Mattingly reviewed projects pertaining to traffic/bike/ped that are in progress.

- Corsair Extension – the roundabout at Wilkinson is nearing completion
- 3-foot bike passing rule - signage has been ordered and received, will begin placing signs at the City entrances
- Parking Garage – additional directional signage is being installed as well as a mast arm over Granite St. near the entrance of the garage that will have illuminated signage for visibility
- Hilton – small striping changes are being suggested in their parking lot for better movement exiting their lot

H. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held January 11, 2021. The members decided to start future meetings at 9:00 a.m. Suggested agenda topics include Master Plan Working Group Update and Willow Lake Rd. at SR89 Roundabout.

I. Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Bill Fanelli, Chairman

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