



PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE & TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee

**Monday, March 8, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

**Public Works via Zoom
433 North Virginia Street
Prescott, Arizona 86301
(928)777-1130**

Minutes of the Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee held **Monday, March 8, 2021**, via Zoom.

Call to Order – Bill Fanelli, Chairman

Bill Fanelli called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

A. Roll Call

MEMBERS	
Bill Fanelli, Chair - Present	Jim Knaup - Present
David Fero - Absent	Michelle Schaefer, Vice Chair - Present
Kent Hart - Present	Joe Scott - Present
Tim Holt - Present	Councilmember Rusing - Present

During Roll call, new member Joe Scott was introduced to the group.

B. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2021 Meeting

TIM HOLT RAISED HIS HAND TO MOVE TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2021; JIM KNAUP RAISED HIS HAND TO SECOND THE MOTION; PASSED [5-0, JOE SCOTT ABSTAINED]

C. Larry Caldwell @ Wilkinson Drive Multi-Way Stop Request

Ian Mattingly presented a citizen request to add stop control at the intersection of Larry Caldwell and Wilkinson Dr. The residents to the west of Larry Caldwell feel traffic on Wilkinson creates a long delay when turning left off of Larry Caldwell. Initial review of the area found very little delay during the high traffic afternoon hours and does not meet warrants for stop control.

Michelle Schaefer asked how long of a delay would warrant adding a stop sign. Mr. Mattingly was unable to give an exact time but stated the cumulative delay would need to be in the hours. Mr. Mattingly further reviewed the data collected showing very little time delay.

Mr. Fanelli stated there is heavy truck traffic in the area, is there adequate timing for trucks to turn south onto Larry Caldwell? Mr. Mattingly replied yes.

D. Master Plan Working Group Update

Jim Knaup asked the group if a more fitting name would be appropriate now that the scope of work has been narrowed to focus on bike and pedestrian facilities in the downtown area. Staff will change the name for future agendas. Mr. Knaup continued, stating he has a draft survey for review that staff will email to the members. Feedback on the draft survey is welcome. The survey will gather public input. There was discussion of the group creating a QR code and some flyers to distribute at bike shops in the downtown area.

Ms. Schaefer added that she has some thoughts on connecting with businesses in the area to generate feedback along with the survey.

E. Discuss Applying for a CDGB Grant for Audible Push Buttons

As the asking member was not in attendance at this meeting, this item was skipped.

F. Discuss Project Detail Sheet for SR89 at Deep Well Ranch Roundabout

Mr. Fanelli summarized the transition from a rural section with a shoulder to an urban section with curb and gutter on southbound SR89 approaching Deep Well Ranch Roundabout. This transition is difficult for bicycle riders as they must shift from the shoulder into the highway traffic in order to continue south through the roundabout.

Mr. Mattingly reviewed the project detail sheet which included an estimated project cost of \$195,000 for an 8 foot minimum width concrete path continuing for approximately 1800 ft. Some sections of the path will be reduced to 6 foot wide due to obstructions.

Mr. Fanelli asked if asphalt would be a less expensive option. Craig Dotseth added that this project would need ADOT approval and the pathway materials would need to meet their specifications. SR89 in this area is ADOT right-of-way and the City would be improving with their permission.

Kent Hart stated that he came from Pennsylvania where new construction was required to have bike lanes incorporated. Why is that not the case in Arizona? Mr. Dotseth remarked that this is not something that can be answered on the City level. Mr. Mattingly added that rural highways do not have the same requirements as urban ones and ADOT considers this rural. Mr. Fanelli commented that the curb and gutter is considered rural/urban road design for ADOT.

Councilmember Rusing thanked the committee for identifying this safety issue and stated she supports this project moving forward.

BILL FANELLI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND FOR THIS PROJECT WITH ASPHALT BE ADDED INTO THE BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS. TIM HOLT 2ND THE MOTION; PASSED [6-0]

G. Pedestrian Crossing on Montezuma Between Goodwin and Carleton Discussion

Mr. Mattingly reviewed the request made at the last meeting by Mr. Hart to consider a mid-block crossing on Montezuma between Goodwin and Carleton. He stated it is

common for pedestrians to cross the street outside of the crosswalk in areas where we have angled parking and this does not violate City Code. There is a state statute regarding jay walking that covers non-direct crossing of a street.

Officer Johnson added there is a state law [28.7.3](#) requiring crossing at signalized intersections.

Mr. Knaup remarked that the streets belong to the people and more warning of high pedestrian density would help. He added that he would suggest the 25 M.P.H speed limit be reduced to 20 M.P.H. using Home Rule.

Mr. Kent sees this as more of an out of town visitor issue, not locals, as they are not familiar with our area.

Ms. Schaefer asked if additional signage can be added for vehicles entering downtown from the south.

Joe Scott asked if more reminders can be installed for pedestrians reminding them to use crosswalks.

Councilmember Rusing suggested using pole mounted pedestrian warning signs with red flashing lights. Mr. Mattingly responded that those LED embedded signs require power or solar and are costly. Councilmember Rusing continued, stating anything we can do to raise driver awareness would be helpful.

Mr. Fanelli asked that Members Knaup and Schaefer consider this issue within the Downtown Working Group.

H. Upcoming Major Pedestrian Related Projects

Mr. Mattingly remarked the Miscellaneous Concrete Project will include adding crosswalk and curb enhancements at Prescott Lakes Parkway and Willow Lake Road as well as curb ramps and crosswalk on N. Washington Street near YEI.

I. Monthly Review of Bike and Pedestrian Collisions

Mr. Mattingly reviewed one collision that occurred on Willow Creek Rd. near Whetstine. A bicycle traveling west on Whetstine failed to yield to traffic while turning south onto Willow Creek from the stop sign and was struck by a vehicle. The Bicyclist was cited for failure to control his vehicle by not yielding.

Mr. Hart commented that road bicyclists in this area are not always well educated on traffic laws.

J. Safety Concerns from Members

Mr. Mattingly presented an idea for modified striping and adding flexible bollards to the SR69/SR89 exchange to elevate driver expectation of traffic movements. The skip striping will define when it is safe and expected for traffic to change lanes to make left turns onto Robinson Dr. and access retail on the south side of SR69.

Mr. Hart mentioned vehicles are failing to stop at the 3-way stop on Mount Vernon and Carleton. Officer Johnson stated he will ask that this intersection be added to the enforcement list.

Mr. Hart also mentioned that he followed a vehicle over the weekend that drove through downtown straddling the center line on Gurley and then turned right on red at the scramble intersection.

Mr. Mattingly stated that staff has been continuing to improve safety at the 4-points intersection with upgraded lighting and will look for ways to control pedestrian crossings mid-block as new development continues in the area. Councilmember Rusing added her gratitude that staff is focusing on safety in the YRMC area.

K. Current Road Project Updates

Mr. Mattingly discussed the Willow Creek Rd. Adaptive Signal Project, whose consultant for CYMPO will be meeting next week to discuss the signal inventory for the project. Staff will ask Council at tomorrow's meeting for approval to purchase upgraded video detection equipment that will be installed on Willow Creek Rd. between Montana and the Honda dealership to the north. Mr. Fanelli added that this signalization project will maximize traffic signal timing.

Mr. Fanelli asked about a new road extension north of Pioneer Parkway. Mr. Dotseth replied that this is a developer project with long term connection to the northwest through Deep Well Ranch and Willow Creek Road. The road is planned to be a 5-lane ultimate section. Currently intersection improvements have not been decided and are a discussion point between the City, County and Developer. Mr. Fanelli asked if bike lanes will be incorporated. Mr. Mattingly stated the current standard is for the installation of a multi-use path on one side of the roadway.

L. Next Meeting

Agenda items suggested for April:

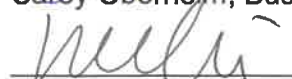
- Mr. Fanelli - discussion of the GES pertaining to multi-use paths vs. bike lanes on typical connector street sections
- Ms. Schaefer – Update on the Downtown Working Group
- Mr. Mattingly – Wineglass traffic calming

M. Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Carey Oberheim, Business Manager


Bill Fanelli, Chairman

Date: 5/3/2021