



City of Prescott

Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee

May 13, 2024 | 9:30 AM
Public Works Conference Room
433 N. Virginia Street
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Scott called the meeting to order at 9:29

2. ROLL CALL

Joe Scott, Chair
Lou Koven, Vice Chair
David Fero, Member
James Fields, Member
Kent Hart, Member
George Hotchkiss, Member
Jim Knaup, Member

3. OPEN CALL TO PUBLIC

The Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee (PBTAC) welcomes public engagement and residents may comment and address the Committee on matters NOT included on the agenda during the Open Call to the Public.

Barry Weintraub stated that his friend was killed in the crosswalk at Goodwin Street and Pleasant Street. He stated that he has written to City Council and the Mayor about the issue. He stated that he would like safety measures in place at this intersection and at other locations in the city to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety. He mentioned the city purchasing a system from Aria which is a light that goes on the rear seat post of bicycle. The system could be checked out by citizens from the library.

Ian Mattingly, Transportation Manager, stated that an item to discuss Mr. Weintraub's concerns can be placed on a future agenda.

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the April 8, 2024 Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION BY MEMBER FERO TO APPROVE THE APRIL 8, 2024 MINUTES;
SECONDED BY MEMBER KOVEN: (7 - 0)**

- B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding an Update From Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO).

CYMPO Planner Bryn Stotler provided updates and information to the committee.

- ACT-UP public engagement calendar and stakeholder subcommittee (ACAC) CYMPO is actively seeking public participation for ACT-UP.

Bryn Stotler with Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) gave an update on the project and asked people in attendance to fill out the Central Yavapai Active Community Transportation–Unified Plan (ACT-UP) survey. She stated that they are looking for gaps where they can improve. Ms. Stotler stated that they would like to create something meaningful in Dewey as they do not have a need for bicycle lanes.

Member Jim Knaup asked if the survey can be taken more than once.

Ms. Stotler answered that it can be.

- SR69 CMP public engagement and technical analysis

Ms. Stotler spoke about the SR-69 Corridor plan. She stated that CYMPO has been planning for improvements to SR-69 along a 17 mile segment to help with congestion and light timing. She stated that there is a survey that they would like everyone to fill out at cympo.org/sr69.

- RTP Kickoff

Ms. Stotler stated that the Regional Transportation Plan must be updated every 5 years. This is the General Plan for transportation for the Yavapai County region. It addresses SR-89 regional needs. She stated that they are working with Kimley-Horne for the project. She has been at the Farmers market over the last month handing out information on the project.

- Dignity Health Congressionally Directed Spending Request

Ms. Stotler stated that CYMPO sent a request to Senator Mark Kelly's office for a \$400,000 grant that will look at Dignity Health Campuses for traffic improvements.

Ms. Stotler stated that they are working on an expanded environmental process. She has been in discussions with City and Town managers. Chris Hoskin with the City of Prescott Recreation Services Department has also been involved. She stated that funding will be through the Federal Transit Administration.

Bryn stated that Senator Mark Kelley opens the opportunity every year and that they asked for \$400,000 to see how traffic is operating around the main campus as there are employees walking through the intersection daily. She stated that they will also be looking at the Prescott Valley campus and the smaller campuses as well.

Member Fields asked if the study will mostly involve the employee routes or if it will involve public access and surrounding streets.

Ms. Stotler stated that it will analyze the public roadways surrounding Dignity Health. They will also be looking at optimizing access points for emergency vehicles.

Member Lou Koven asked who would do the study.

Ms. Stotler shared that CYMPO has submitted a request for \$400K to undertake a feasibility study evaluating the various Dignity Health Hospitals and offsite medical offices within the CYMPO boundary to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety. She stated that if the request is successful then they will send out Request for Proposals (RFP) and choose from the submittals.

Mr. Mattingly stated that a consultant once hired will look at larger safety issues, however, the city has made improvements using striping and signage to make things better in the immediate term.

Gwen Rowitsch stated that CYMPO is looking regionally and the City of Prescott is only looking at options within City limits.

Member Koven asked if there have been any resolutions passed on this issue.

Mr. Mattingly indicated that the application did not require a resolution of the council as it is being done by CYMPO with Dignity Health.

Member Koven stated that there will be a big difference between the larger hospital and the other offsite locations in what they identify.

- Regional Trails Plan

Ms. Stotler shared that CYMPO and Trail Coordinator Chris Hoskin have had initial discussions about developing a Regional Trails Plan. A future meeting will be scheduled.

This item was for discussion only; no formal action was taken.

C. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Ongoing Project Updates.

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Prescott Dexter/Near North Business District Vulnerable Road Users Safety Plan Grant Update

Mr. Mattingly stated there are several grants available. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) being one of them. He stated that they will do a more focused study with consulting engineers around the Dexter neighborhood which includes Grove Street/Miller Valley/Willow Creek from Park Avenue to Gail Gardner Road. They will be looking at what facilities vulnerable users have in the area and what opportunities there are for improvement. He stated that they will need another

grant in the future to get the money to take action. The grant is currently in the agreement phase. The safety study has \$150K and there is \$100K to analyze left turn movements. The demonstration portion of the study will look into the existing left-turn phasing to see what changes can be implemented to improve safety.

Member Knaup stated that he is happy that the City is applying for SS4A grants. He asked if there is a way to facilitate coordination between the two grants with CYMPO.

Mr. Mattingly stated that they will be collaborating with CYMPO on the grants.

- ADOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TA) Highway 89/Deep Well Ranch Road Multi-Use Path Planning & Scoping Study

Mr. Mattingly spoke about the Transportation Alternative Program. The grant focuses on the construction of a multi-use path along SR89 north of the Deep Well Ranch Road roundabout by the airport. This grant will provide a 15% Design Concept Report (DCR). The DCR will allow staff to seek grant funding for the construction of the pathway.

- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) FY24 Grant Application(s) Update

Mr. Mattingly provided a summary of the two HSIP grants recently submitted by CYMPO. One focused on the purchase of programmatic Radar Speed Feedback signs for \$3.25 million and one on programmatic Intersection Safety Improvements for \$2.75 million dollars. If awarded by ADOT later in the year, both projects will be designed, and the specific improvement locations will be identified. The intersection safety enhancements will be focused on arterial roadways at intersections with other arterials or collectors. Things that may be used are signing, striping, legends, backplates, enhanced crosswalks, medians, and rumble strips, etc..

- Willow Creek Road Micro Seal Paving Project/Striping Update

Mr. Mattingly stated that the Willow Creek micro seal paving project and striping is almost done. He stated that the bike lanes are being widening within the project limits as much as possible. The bike lanes were very narrow between Black Drive and Gail Gardner Way and adding width to meet current standards is the goal.

This item was for discussion only; no formal action was taken.

D. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Hassayampa Village Lane Pedestrian Crossings and Signing.

Mr. Mattingly spoke about Hassayampa Village Lane (HVL) and how it has been an issue for a while. He stated that there was a recommendation for the speed limit to increase from 25mph to 30mph which was approved. It was taken to the board and the HOA is supportive of the increase as well as traffic calming efforts

for HVL. Mr. Mattingly pointed out that people are already driving at 30mph. Once the new speed limit is in place higher speeds will need to be controlled. City staff has reviewed signing and crosswalks along HVL. He stated that they must look at each location carefully.

Mr. Mattingly then presented a map of HVL showing current and proposed signage and stated that the road has been cleaned up by adding more signage. To the north there is a sign with weight restriction. He stated that approximately every quarter mile there are 25mph speed limit signs as well as no parking signs. There are also "Watch for Ice" signs. There are bike route signs in both directions. There is signage for hidden intersections. He stated that there are currently no wildlife signs but it would be appropriate to add them to each end of HVL. He stated that adding additional bike route signs is also recommended. There is one area where there is a gap in the speed limit signs and one could be added to provide continuity. He stated that the speed limit increase will be going to City Council in late June.

Renee Raskin, Hassayampa resident, stated that she is happy with the extra signage. She stated that they are most concerned with high speed drivers.

Bill Blake, HOA Board president, stated that they would be appreciative of the wildlife signs. He also asked about radar feedback signs .

Mr. Mattingly stated that the city has applied for a HSIP grant for radar feedback signs. He stated that they should know within the next few months about the grant. He stated that there is no funding in the budget to pay for these signs which is why they applied for the grant, which would fund 100 - 150 signs. He stated that the city would monitor speeds before and after the signs are installed.

Ms. Raskin asked how they monitor speeds.

Mr. Mattingly stated that they will do speed surveys and that they can get the information without residents knowing. After the first study, they will wait several months and then collect data again. He stated that they shouldn't see a huge jump in speed, maybe 1 to 3 mph.

Greg Raskin, Hassayampa resident, asked about having an officer out there regularly.

Mr. Mattingly stated that there are issues with staffing as there is a lot of area to cover. The highest priority for officers is arterial streets and HVL is a collector street. He stated that public works partners with Citizens on Patrol to use portable speed signs which can help discourage speeding.

Tim Johnson, Police Officer stated that the traffic safety crew is made up of four officers plus a sergeant. He stated that they are complaint driven and will go out if called. He stated that police officers priority is calls that come in. On busy call days, there may not be as much enforcement. He stated that citizens are encouraged to call the sergeant and let him know about concerns. He stated that continued officer presence is based off of the number of violations they see. He

stated that they get calls from citizens who complain about speeding in their neighborhood but sometimes the cars are not going as fast as it seems.

Mr. Blake stated they have called and expressed concerns in the past and asked how often they should call.

Mr. Johnson stated that things usually calm down after officer presence and then pick back up after a while so call as often as needed.

Mr. Mattingly presented a map of HVL showing available crosswalk locations. He stated that they looked at all areas where crosswalks may be needed with some being suitable and others not. Gentle Way has insufficient sight visibility and no trail or sidewalk on the west side. Stable Rock has good sight visibility but would need an ADA ramp and lighting. Rustic Timbers has insufficient sight visibility. Alpine Meadows has good sight visibility but would need ADA ramps and lighting. Forest Creek Ln, Woodland Pine Ln, Hassayampa Village Ln, Rustling Oaks Ln, Golf Club Ln, Alpine Trail, Carefree Way, and Los Pinos all have insufficient sight visibility. 691 HVL, at the UCYC Drive has good sight visibility but would need two ADA ramps and lighting. Mr. Mattingly stated that crosswalks should only be considered where they will be used and recommended collecting crossing data to find out where residents cross. He also questioned if pedestrians currently crossing at multiple locations would walk to specific areas where a crosswalk would be installed.

Chair Joe Scott asked what kind of study would be required.

Mr. Mattingly stated that it would be hard to get enough staff to watch the road to see where residents cross.

Member Kent Hart asked Mr. Mattingly to define lighting.

Mr. Mattingly replied that a street light would be \$5,000 each and ADA curbs are \$4,000 each.

Member Knaup asked if utilities are all underground there.

Mr. Mattingly indicated that utilities are underground and added that overhead solar street lights have been used and could be considered on HVL if power is not available.

Mr. Blake asked if they could put up flashing lights to let drivers know that there are pedestrians.

Mr. Mattingly stated that the roadway could be modified and that in street yield signs are approximately \$1,500-2,000 each.

Ms. Raskin asked what next steps would be. She also asked about traffic calming measures.

Isaac Rodriguez, Traffic Engineering Technician, stated that staff may be able to

get in touch with the HOA to get resident information to send out a survey on the crossing locations.

Mr. Mattingly asked the Committee if they would support a study. He stated that there are some he has identified and that they would get input from community members on where they cross HVL to see how they align with any proposed locations.

Chair Scott asked about signs.

Mr. Mattingly stated that signage can be handled separately. He stated that he would like to put a wildlife sign close to Thumb Butte Road and one closer to Copper Basin Road near the first animal crossing area.

Chair Scott asked if signage has to be approved by council.

Mr. Mattingly replied that it does not.

Member Hotchkiss stated that Aspen Creek is a natural crossing point for animals as they follow the water. He stated that people will cross anywhere even when there are crosswalks. He stated that he drove on HVL and had to stop twice for animals.

Member Hart asked why the City is against an unmarked car in the area.

Mr. Johnson stated that having a car parked is not very effective. It has a short term effect on traffic behavior.

MOTION BY MEMBER KNAUP TO APPROVE HASSAYAMPA VILLAGE LANE SIGN PACKAGE; SECONDED BY MEMBER KOVEN: (7 - 0).

Mr. Blake stated that there is a master association and sub associations for condo communities of which there are four or five. He stated that they would reach out to everyone in the Hassayampa community. He stated that the homes off of Gentle Way are not part of the community and that the HOA would not be able to get their information.

Member Hart stated he would like to get something on the agenda about the Senator Highway condos that are going to be built at the old drive-in. He stated that they would like to have an exit through Tenney Ranch subdivision. He mentioned that the road out of the old drive-in is not great. He also spoke about Yavapai College purchasing Friendly Pines Camp which will add more traffic to Senator Highway. He stated that the college will be allowing fifth wheel trailers to park at the camp.

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. National Bike to Work Day

Member Knaup stated that Bike to Work Day has been going on since 1956. Prescott City Council will be riding with the community. He stated that the public should let Council know safe biking is important. The ride will start at Casa Sanchez off of Gurley Street and end at City Hall. The ride will be done early before commuter traffic is on the road.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40



JOE SCOTT, Chairman

ATTEST:



SARAH HILTON, Recording Secretary