

City of Prescott
**Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory
Committee**



September 11, 2023 | 9:30 AM
Public Works Conference Room
433 N. Virginia Street
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Bill Fanelli, Chairman
Michelle Schaefer, Vice Chair
Troy Cook, Member
David Fero, Member
Kent Hart, 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.

Public comment was given regarding The Crossings residential area, by a concerned resident. The request was for traffic calming and mitigation for traffic utilizing the roadway as a cut-through route.

The comment will be relayed to City Public Works staff for review and possible submission for a future committee agenda.

4. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of August 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION BY MEMBER KNAUP TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 14, 2023
MEETING MINUTES; MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER FERRO:
PASSED (6-0)**

B. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Rosser Street Traffic Calming

Public Works Transportation Manager, Ian Mattingly, introduced the item and provided background information regarding a citizen request for traffic calming on Rosser Street, between Campbell Avenue and the Eagle Ridge Subdivision.

Mr. Mattingly introduced resident, Bill Foldesh, and explained the concern Mr. Foldesh brought forward regarding vehicles continuing to speed on the middle section of Rosser Street near Luna Court. Mr. Foldesh was invited to attend today's meeting and speak on the subject.

Mr. Foldesh shared his concern and explained that in 2003 the City notified residents of a traffic calming proposal for Rosser Street, from SR89 to Willow Creek Road (WCR). The first phase of the traffic calming proposal included a narrow section from WCR to Campbell Avenue. The second phase included the Cliff Rose area by the Adult Center. Both phases included measures related to striping and speed mitigation. He inquired if City projects that are not completed within a fiscal year are placed on the next fiscal year budget. Mr. Foldesh explained that his inquiry was related to the middle section of Rosser Street, which has not received the traffic calming and speed mitigation components of the proposed second phase. Mr. Foldesh indicated the traffic calming recommendations for that section included raised center medians, bike lanes, and turnouts through the center. He said that signage has been requested for the middle section since the area is residential and drivers should be driving closer to the posted speed. He referred to a recent experience with a contractor at his residence who voiced their concern for vehicles speeding next to their truck along the roadway.

Mr. Mattingly displayed a map of the middle section of Rosser Street for reference, and provided a history of the traffic calming on the roadway. In 2003, when the roadway was connected, the City hired a consultant to develop traffic calming for the entire length of Rosser Street. As this was a proposal, some items were implemented with various projects, and some were not.

Councilmember Cantelme inquired about items not implemented from the original proposal. Mr. Mattingly explained that some items were not implemented due to them not being accepted by the residents, HOA, and/or City Council at the time. In some cases, other improvements were made, items were deleted and/or modified. An example is the stamped concrete traffic circle installed near the Prescott Adult Center, which after installation proved to be too noisy and was paved over. On the west end, striping, a parking aisle on one side and new sidewalks were installed narrowing the roadway. There was a section past Cedarwood not originally included in the 2003 proposal, which came in 2007-2008 as a separate traffic request due to speed and crashes with collection containers. The design shifted traffic from the south side using side islands and marked bike lanes. These measures were installed in conjunction with a pavement project in the area. Per Mr. Mattingly, the entire section of Rosser, both ends and the middle section, have generated many citizen concerns through the years.

Member Kent Hart inquired about the City's Speed Study, and if Rosser Street was being included. Per Mr. Mattingly, Rosser is included in the study, and the data is being reviewed by staff currently.

Mr. Mattingly shared that the next steps would include revisiting the original 2003 traffic calming proposal, to determine what was included at the time and if the measures might still be appropriate for consideration.

Once reviewed, staff will bring the item forward on a future agenda. Mr. Foldesh would be welcome to attend as well. Per Mr. Mattingly, staff would be looking at options such as medians, push outs, and striping.

Mr. Foldesh thanked the committee and Mr. Mattingly for their time and allowing him to speak.

MOTION BY CHAIRMAN FANELLI TO DEFER TO STAFF FOR REVIEW WITH A FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION TO OCCUR IN A FUTURE MEETING; MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER KNAUP: PASSED (6-0)

C. Presentation & Update From Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO)

- ACT-Up Kickoff Meeting

Planner Bryn Stotler with Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) introduced herself, and provided an update. The ACT-UP public kickoff was slightly delayed for the consultant to finalize the initial inventory map for bicycling and pedestrian activity. The kickoff meeting is anticipated to take place in mid-October.

Expanding on bicycling and pedestrian activity, Ms. Stotler shared news that ADOT recently opened up funding for the Transportation Alternatives Program. The program provides federal funding for a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects and activities such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities; construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas; community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management; environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity; recreational trails; safe routes to school projects; and vulnerable road user safety assessments.

In the past, CYMPO has supported the Town of Chino Valley's two mile extension of the Peavine Trail as well as the Town of Prescott Valley's 26 mile loop shared use path to encompass the central portion of the town.

Chairman Fanelli commented on CYMPO's support for the City's Transportation Alternatives Grant application for a new multi-use path. The multi-use path will be located on SR89 starting at the Deep Well Ranch Roundabout and extending north through the urban cross section. This is needed to provide users with an area to ride and walk between the end of the SR89 shoulder and the roundabout to the south.. Ms. Stotler concurred, and commented that such a design would need to be at the shovel-ready point for funding from the program.

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

D. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Ongoing Project Updates

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) have been installed on Senator Highway at Haisley Road. The crosswalks were installed last week, with yield lines and advanced pavement markings for the pedestrian crossing to follow.

A new RRFB pedestrian crossing treatment was completed at Cortez Street & Union Street. This equipment is intended to provide increased pedestrian visibility to drivers and enhance yield compliance, as the intersection experiences high pedestrian traffic. The cost of the equipment was shared 50/50 between the City and Yavapai County.

Member Knaup commented that striping work began in spring, but it appears that there was a break over monsoon season, and it has not started again. Per Mr. Mattingly, there are two (2) striping periods, one in spring and one in the fall in early October. There are areas with fading striping being addressed, along with thermoplastic crosswalk and legends work. Councilmember Rusing inquired about school crosswalk striping, to which Mr. Mattingly confirmed is prioritized for striping prior to the start of each school year.

Councilmember Cantelme requested an update regarding South Pleasant Street angled parking request. Per Mr. Mattingly, a survey is being distributed to residents to confirm what the desired parking configuration for the block is, angled or parallel. The original request was from one homeowner; however the survey will ensure that the changes made will serve the needs of the entire block and not create other issues with residents.

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

E. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the General Plan Circulation Element

Mr. Mattingly referenced the document attached to the meeting agenda packet, and displayed his redline version with revisions.

Chairman Fanelli inquired about including the ACT-UP. The draft should be available by early next summer, according to Ms. Stotler. Community Development Planner Tammy DeWitt provided direction by explaining the ACT-UP could be included as a reference, as the General Plan (GP) draft will require completion before the ACT-UP is final.

Councilmember Rusing commented on sidewalks within the Circulation Element, and referenced past committee discussions regarding sidewalks on both sides of the street. Director Rowitsch explained how sidewalks are included within the General Engineering Standards (GES) rather than the GP. While important, the goal is to provide connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians and how that is implemented in City code.

Mr. Mattingly referenced the section on Public Transit and requested review by CYMPO staff. Ms. Stotler confirmed that CYMPO staff will look into it.

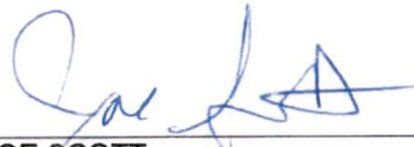
This item was for discussion only; member suggestions were noted for staff review.

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2023.

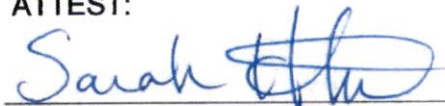
6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.



JOE SCOTT
for BILL FANELLI, Chairman

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary