



APPROVED AS AMENDED

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**ONE CIVIC CENTER
AGAVE CONFERENCE ROOM
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 8:31 a.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Subcommittee members as noted below.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Donald Anderson, Chair – Transportation Commission
Maryann McAllen, Commissioner – Parks and Recreation Commission
Kent Lall, Commissioner – Transportation Commission
William Levie, Subcommittee Member

ABSENT: Kyle Davis, Subcommittee Member

STAFF: Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner
Kyle Lofgren, Staff Coordinator
Mark Melnychenko, Transportation & Streets Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sonnie Kirtley, Coalition of Greater Scottsdale, stated that over the past couple of years, the Coalition has received a number of public comments regarding preserving and protecting Scottsdale's equestrian trails, particularly in rural areas. Issues of concern include sign removal, installation of barbed wire and new home construction elements that include concrete installation over trail areas. She requested that the Subcommittee assist with code enforcement and public education. Chair Anderson thanked Ms. Kirtley for her comments and noted that the Subcommittee, in conjunction with the Transportation Commission, does have an active education program for paths and trails.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Anderson called for modifications and approval of the minutes.

COMMISSIONER MCALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2023 MEETING AS PRESENTED. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 4-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER MCALLEN, COMMISSIONER LALL AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES APPLICATION UPDATE

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Manager, provided a brief update on Scottsdale's history of participation with the Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) program, which recognizes municipalities that actively support cycling and encourage residents to use bicycles for transportation and recreation.

Cities are evaluated on the program five, "E's," which include:

- Engineering
- Education
- Encouragement/events
- Equity
- Evaluation and planning

The League of American Bicyclists (LAB) provides awards in the following categories: Gold, Silver, Bronze and honorable mentions. Status is designated every four years. Scottsdale was awarded Silver level in 2005 and was the first community without a university or college to reach this level. Scottsdale achieved Silver again in 2007. Scottsdale reached Gold level in 2011, 2015 and 2019.

An update on the City's progress was provided:

- 2022 Transportation Action Plan Bikeway Element
 - Goal B-06 Achieve a Platinum-level Bicycle Friendly Community certification from LAB
 - Policy B-02, B-03, B-04, B-06, B-07
 - Performance Measure B-04, B-05, B-06, B-08
- June 2022:
 - Webinars from the League of American Bicyclists on the new questions

- Teams meeting with colleagues from the Platinum level communities of Boulder and Fort Collins, Colorado to gain important knowledge on their programs
- Fall 2022 the new application was released, with new questions and sections
 - Strong focus on Equity
- Transportation Commission update on March 16, 2023
- Paths & Trails Subcommittee on April 4, 2023
- Paths & Trails Subcommittee on June 6, 2023
- Staff have been drafting the application and asking for feedback
 - Paths & Trails Subcommittee
 - Traffic Engineering, Police, Fire, Planning, Preserve
 - Other stakeholders
 - Tempe Bicycle Action Group
 - Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists
- Online public questionnaire July – August 2023

An update of the specific application areas was provided:

Engineering

- Summary of questions
 - Policies and design standards for the built environment
- Strengths
 - Complete Streets Policy
 - Design Standards and Policies Manual
 - Mileage of existing and planned bikeway network
 - Bike racks
 - Maintenance: Paving, striping, sweeping, surface repairs

In response to a question from Subcommittee Member Levie, Ms. Conklu confirmed that the City's Transportation Action Plan includes the goal of achieving Platinum level. The City continually assesses opportunities towards this goal.

In response to a question from Chair Anderson, Ms. Conklu stated that five communities have achieved Platinum status: Portland, Oregon; UC Davis, Boulder, Fort Collins and Madison, Wisconsin.

Education

- Summary of questions
 - Youth bike education, adult education, motorist education, bike safety resources, inclusive education
- Strengths
 - Youth education at schools – SRTS program includes classroom education and bike skills course; resources available now
 - Adult education opportunities – good models from Mesa and Valley Metro
 - Resources: Maps, webpage, safety handouts from Valley Metro (Bicycle Commuting 101 pocket guides – bilingual)

Commissioner McAllen referenced all the new events occurring at the Civic Center and through Parks and Recreation and suggested the possibility of an information table to assist in education and outreach. Subcommittee Member Levie suggested that the City trail maps show locations of bike parking racks.

Encouragement

- Summary of questions
 - Policies, programs, groups that promote bicycling, social or recreational cycling clubs & groups, route maps & apps, bike events, youth cycling programs, access to equipment & repair services
- Strengths
 - Maricopa County Travel Reduction Program
 - Guaranteed Ride Home Program
 - Groups that promote bicycling; Experience Scottsdale, Chamber of Commerce, Cycling clubs & groups
 - Events – Cycle the Arts, Bike to Work Day, Ride to Read

Chair Anderson asked for detail on the Guaranteed Ride Program. Ms. Conklu stated that the program is operated through Valley Metro as part of the Travel Reduction Program. For those who participate van pools and have an emergency requiring immediate transportation, the program covers these trips via Ride Shares or taxis. A similar program is available for those who regularly bus to work.

Evaluation and planning

- Summary of questions
 - City staffing, committees, League Cycling Instructors (LCI), professional memberships, bicycle conferences, public engagement, master plan, funding, implementation, performance measures, ridership/ counts, safety data
- Strengths
 - Number of city staff working on bicycling
 - Transportation Action Plan/ implementation
 - Budget: Funding
 - Safe Streets for All funded Street Safety Plan
 - Blue Zones Assessment and Project
 - 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Collision Report
 - Path counters & other ridership data

Equity and Accessibility (new section)

- Summary of questions
 - There are questions related to improving equity & accessibility in all the E sections as well as this new dedicated section.
 - Equity & accessibility staffing, committees, partnerships
- Strengths
 - City staff: Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Citizen Service, Risk Management
 - Human Relations Commission
 - Demographics in planning and prioritization
 - New 77th Street Multiuse Path Project
 - Equity related action plans: Sustainability Plan, ADA Transition Plan, Blue Zones, Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities Gold Certification

Final Overview

- Summary of questions
 - Top three reasons Scottsdale has made bicycling a priority?
 - Most positive outcome of Scottsdale's support for bicycling?
 - How does the local government promote the benefits of bicycling?

- Scottsdale's greatest achievements in the last 12 months to become more bicycle-friendly?
- What could be done differently to make bicycling safer, more enjoyable and/ or more convenient?
 - Greatest challenges or barriers the community faces in taking these actions?
- Bicycle-related improvements planned in the next 12 months?

Commissioner McAllen commented that the Police Department is bringing on three park rangers, who will serve as bicycle police in the parks.

Supplemental Materials

- Up to 10 attachments
 - Photo slideshow of facilities and events
 - Path counts data and bicyclist boardings on buses
 - Map of CIP Projects
 - Map of existing and planned active transportation network
 - Results of online public questionnaire
- Up to 5 weblinks/ URLs that were not already included with a specific question
 - Transportation Action Plan
 - Old Town Bicycle Master Plan
 - 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Collision Report

In response to a question from Chair Anderson, Mark Melnychenko, Transportation & Streets Director, stated that the bicycle and pedestrian accident reports are generated every two years.

Next steps include:

- Staff will continue revising the application based on feedback
- Scottsdale's next Bicycle Friendly Community Application will be due by August 30, 2023
- Preparation will include input from the public, Paths and Trails Subcommittee, and Transportation Commission
- Awards will be announced in December 2023
- Starting in 2024, there will be one application deadline per year instead of two, at the end of June

CHAIR ANDERSON MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE SUBMITTAL PROCESS. COMMISSIONER MCALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 4-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER MCALLEN, COMMISSIONER LALL AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. CIP UPDATE

Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager, stated that CIP projects have a monetary value of at least \$50,000 and have a life of five years or more. CIPs result in the creation of a capital asset or the revitalization of an existing capital asset.

A list of current Transportation CIP Projects was reviewed:

- 17 locally funded projects
 - Miscellaneous projects from various needs and resident requests
- 22 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) projects
 - Regional Connections
 - Roadway Widening Project
- 6 Federal projects
 - Thomas Road
 - 68th Street
 - Chaparral Underpass
 - Goldwater Underpass
 - 77th Emergency Connection
 - CAP Multiuse Path
 - PM-10 Dirt Road Paving
- Average \$32 million in improvements per year
- Per the Complete Streets Policy, all roadway projects include bike and pedestrian improvements

A review of the CIP timeline was provided.

New projects for Fiscal Year 23/24 were reviewed:

- Alma School Road: Jomax Road to Quail Track Drive
- Doubletree Ranch Road Bridge Repair
- Indian Bend Wash Path Renovation: Phase II
- 68th Street Sidewalk: Arizona Canal to Camelback Road
- Pima Road: Chaparral Road to Thomas Road (ALCP)
- Pima Jomax to Dynamite (ALCP)
- Pima Road: Las Piedras to Stagecoach Pass (ALCP)

Ongoing considerations include inflation impacts on cost of materials and equipment, labor shortages, supply chain constraints and recession risks.

Chair Anderson commented that the 0.1 percent sale tax is coming up for renewal. Mr. Domme clarified that this 2019 tax expires in 2029. Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner, added that Prop 400 funding expires in 2025. The legislature has reconvened and are currently considering Prop 400E, which would extend funding, if approved.

4. OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAM STATUS

An update on various projects and program status was provided:

- Project completions and improvements
 - 68th Street Complete Street: 60 percent complete
 - 124th and Shea Underpass: 40 percent complete
 - New RRFB at Miller and Earl
- Repaving/restriping fall schedule
 - Shea to Via Linda, Frank Lloyd Wright to Canal: Public outreach on installing bike lanes on Sahuaro
 - Improved or new bike lanes

- 100th Street from Paradise lane to Bell Road
 - Cave Creek Road: Lone Mountain Pkwy to Old Mine Road
 - 108th Street: Via Linda to Cactus Road
 - Sweetwater: 100th Street to Frank Lloyd Wright
 - Turquoise Avenue: 100th Street to Mountain View Road
 - Eagle Ridge Drive: City Boundary and Palisades Boulevard
 - Scottsdale Road: Frank Lloyd Wright intersection to north of Loop 101
- ADA Transition Plan
- Design of intersection improvements in Area 2
 - Marshall Way at Fashion Square Intersection
 - High volume pedestrian intersection
 - Improve with bump-out and ADA ramps
 - Crosswalks

In response to a question from Chair Anderson, Mr. Domme stated that an average cost for ADA ramp installation is from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

- Trail Maintenance Program Update: Pilot Program
- 19 residential locations identified for Pilot Program
 - Residents will receive letter, map and survey
 - Residents will be given approximately a month to address issue
 - Process feedback from survey
 - Onsite visits if requested by property owners
 - Educate residents on City Ordinance 47-47 ROW Maintenance
 - Initiate Pilot Program Fall 2023 (delayed due to excessive heat)

Commissioner McAllen stressed the importance of informing residents of trail maintenance responsibilities at the time of building permit application. Mr. Davies added that the City needs to also do a better job with internal communication in this regard.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following topics were identified for future agenda items:

- ALCP update
- Central Arizona Project Canal Trail overview
- Paths and trails gap analysis

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Subcommittee Member Levie and seconded by Commissioner McAllen, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

AYES: Chair Anderson, Commissioner McAllen, Subcommittee Member Levie, Commissioner Lall

NAYS: None

SUBMITTED BY:

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