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SUMMARIZED MINUTES

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

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SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 8:35 a.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Subcommittee members as noted below.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kent Lall, Chair – Transportation Commission
Susan McGarry, Commissioner – Parks and Recreation Commission
Kyle Davis, Subcommittee Member
Bradley Adame, Subcommittee Member

ABSENT: Lee Kaufheil, Vice Chair – Transportation Commission

STAFF: Kyle Lofgren, Staff Coordinator
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner
Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager
Cristina Lenko, Public Information Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Lall called for modifications and approval of the minutes.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2023 MEETING AS PRESENTED. CHAIR LALL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 4-0 WITH CHAIR LALL, COMMISSIONER MCGARRY AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS DAVIS AND ADAME VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Lall welcomed new members Commissioner Susan McGarry and Subcommittee Member Bradley Adame. The new members present introduced themselves and provided brief background overviews. Current Subcommittee members and staff introduced themselves.

3. PATHS AND TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING TIME

There was discussion regarding a modification of meeting time to better accommodate the schedules of members and staff.

COMMISSIONER MCGARRY MOVED TO HAVE FUTURE PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS START IN THE EVENING AT 5:15 P.M. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 4-0 WITH CHAIR LALL, COMMISSIONER MCGARRY AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS DAVIS AND ADAME VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. LEAGUE CYCLING INSTRUCTOR

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief background on the League of American Bicyclists and its main purposes, which are to assist with advocacy, resources, and education. The Smart Cycling Program originated in the 1970s and has expanded to include multiple components. Resources are provided to assist League Cycling Instructors (LCIs), including the Quick Guide for Smart Cycling and video resources. Certification for LCIs begins with taking the Smart Cycling two to three-day course followed by a three-day seminar. Once a candidate receives his or her license, they are provided with resources necessary to promote the classes, including an online networking group. Classes include a bicycle-friendly driver curriculum. Other classes include youth instruction, skills courses, bike rodeo and one-on-one class. Ms. Conklu provided an overview of her experiences attending the three-day training course in October.

A sample of the educational opportunities include:

- Youth: Safe Routes to School program, Bike Rodeos, Helmet Your Head, and bicycle maintenance
- Bicycle Friendly Driver curriculum
- Public education campaigns that promote the Share the Road message, to make motorists and cyclists aware of their rights and responsibilities on the road
- Options for adults: online tips, brown bag lunch presentations and in-depth on-bike training opportunities

Next steps include:

- Evaluate education opportunities for Scottsdale youth and adults
- Promote the classes
 - Online
 - Social Media
 - Scottsdale Leisure Education catalog
- LCI Continuing Education – 12 hours per year

In response to a question from Chair Lall, Ms. Conklu stated that a bike rodeo is an event that features various training stations for kids and adults. This includes steering skills, navigating obstacles, stopping and starting, and interacting with other cyclists.

In response to a question from Commissioner McGarry, Ms. Conklu confirmed that there are training modules that address riding in the dark and in inclement weather. Commissioner McGarry suggested that training in this area should begin with children, particularly considering that it is becoming dark outside much earlier than during summer.

Chair Lall inquired about the level of education being offered in City schools. Ms. Conklu stated that little education is offered directly in schools. Much was planned prior to the pandemic and has stalled since that time. Staff have assisted with a couple of bike to school events. She noted the importance of early bike skills training. Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager, added that there are challenges with attracting residents to a driver-specific course on bicycle safety.

5. TRAIL MAINTENANCE PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE

Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a history and overview of the trail maintenance program:

- Initiated in December 2020
- Three additional presentations to Paths & Trails Subcommittee for feedback
 - April 2021 meeting
 - June 2022 meeting
 - February 2023 meeting
- Reached out to other City commissions
- System consists of 160 miles of existing trails
- Trails located in ROW and easements
- Maintenance is key to keep system intact

- Maintenance driven by Municipal Code and adopted policies

The communication plan for the Trail Maintenance Program consists of the following:

- City website
 - Transportation & Streets landing web page
 - Paths & Trails web page
 - Trail etiquette
 - Trail maintenance responsibilities
 - Link to trail maintenance web page
- Social media/other outlets
 - Messaging campaign apps/news resources
 - Facebook, Twitter, YouTube posts
 - Water bill Insert
 - Scottsdale Update Newsletter
 - Next Door (Neighborhood App)
- Trail maintenance pilot program
 - Launched October 2023
 - Identified 19 residential locations
 - Residents received letter, map and questionnaire
 - Received 7 return to sender
 - Remaining 10 with 7 in compliance (70 percent)

Next steps include:

- Continue effort maintaining City-owned trails
- Utilize City trail contractor to maintain hot spots
- Continue Trail Maintenance Pilot Program – HOAs/commercial – Winter 2024
- Send issues to Code Enforcement as needed
- Explore creation of information video
- Explore neighborhood cleanup opportunities

Commissioner McGarry referred to the trail maintenance HOA pilot program and asked whether HOAs will be advised about potential maintenance costs, as budgets are usually drafted in early winter. Mr. Davies acknowledged that this is a great point and that staff does have the ability to provide estimated maintenance costs.

Subcommittee Member Davis inquired about next steps after the pilot program. Mr. Davies stated that subsequent to the pilot program, there will be a focus to keep the program and its requirements forefront on the minds of residents via a variety of outreach methods.

In response to a question from Subcommittee member Davis, Mr. Davies stated that trails are typically not converted to multiuse paths. The Transportation Action Plan (TAP) contains a comprehensive planned system. There have been occasions where paths have been removed from the system.

6. **PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS UPDATE**

Mr. Domme and Mr. Davies provided an update on various projects and program status:

- The TAP is building on to over 20 years of transportation planning and engineering in the City of Scottsdale
 - Prioritize people, safety and livability over motor vehicles and travel speed
 - Improve accessibility for all types of transportation and transportation users
 - Promote active and healthy living
- The TAP includes the following policies:
 - Complete Streets Policy: Provide sufficient right-of-way and design, operate, and maintain Scottsdale's streets to promote safe and convenient access and travel for users of all types: pedestrians; mobility assisted; bicyclists; transit vehicles and riders; equestrians; cars; and trucks.
 - Enhanced Pedestrian Crossings: Develop and use the guidelines to identify pedestrian crossing treatments to support grade separations, pedestrian signals and other crossing enhancements.
 - Construction priority: Completion and renovation of the three primary shared use paths (Arizona Canal/Crosscut Canal, Central Arizona Project Canal and Indian Bend Wash), followed by other paths that improve regional connectivity, will be prioritized for use of capital improvement funds and grant requests. Side paths next to streets should be incorporated into improvement plans for collector and arterial streets.

Future projects include:

- Complete Streets
 - ALCP Projects
 - Scottsdale Rd: Jomax to Dixileta – moving to construction
 - Pima Rd: McKellips to Via Linda – moving to construction
 - Pima Pinnacle Peak Road to Happy Valley Road – in construction
 - CIP Projects
 - 68th St: Thomas Rd to Indian Bend – completed
 - 68th St: Arizona Canal to Camelback Road –in design
- Future enhanced crossing projects
 - Chaparral Underpass along Indian Bend Wash
 - Underpass at Goldwater Blvd and Scottsdale Road
- Future multiuse projects
 - Indian Bend Wash Path renovation – Phase 1: Remove one mile of 40-year-old concrete path and replace with current standards (10 to 12 feet).
 - Camelback to Glenrosa – Construction completed September 2022
 - Earll Drive to Osborn Road bridge – construction in summer
 - South of Via de Ventura (approximately 850 feet) – design is complete
 - Via de Ventura to Hayden Road – design is complete
 - Indian Bend Wash Path renovation – Phase 2: Remove one mile of 40-year-old concrete path and replace with current standards (10 to 12 feet).
 - Osborn Park to north of 3rd Street
 - Via Linda to Pima Path Junction
 - Hayden Road to Via Linda

- Central Arizona Project Canal Path: Design and construct a 1.7-mile long, 10-foot-wide concrete path on the south side of the Central Arizona Project Canal and north side of Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard from Scottsdale Road to Northsight Boulevard

Commissioner McGarry noted that Parks is working on an Indian Bend Master Plan that will address better park development. She inquired as to coordination of upgrades with the paths before confirmation of the locations of future developments. Ms. Conklu stated that for the section between Thomas Road to McKellips, concepts were previously done via the park study. Staff was aware that the path would likely move to a different location and would likely require widening, so they stayed involved during that study and the current study. Main goals are to locate the path away from lower-lying areas and ensuring that it serves the park system well.

Subcommittee Member Davis asked about the interval for updating the TAP. Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager stated that updates generally commence at approximately year seven or eight, with an overall goal that the plan has a lifespan of ten years.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A tentative list of future agenda items was reviewed. The following additional topics were identified:

- Bicycle Friendly Community designation update
- Update to electric bike ordinance

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

AYES: Chair Lall, Commissioner McGarry, Subcommittee Members Davis and Adame

NAYS: None

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