

APPROVED AT THE 6-4-26 PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING



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SUMMARIZED MINUTES

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

**ONE CIVIC CENTER
AGAVE CONFERENCE ROOM
7447 E. INDIAN SCHOOL RD., SUITE 205
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 5:16 p.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Subcommittee members as noted below.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Amy Arnold, Commissioner – Parks and Recreation Commission
Sarah Hecht, Subcommittee Member
Bradley Adame, Subcommittee Member

ABSENT: Lee Kauftheil, Chair – Transportation Commission
Robert Marmon, Vice-Chair – Transportation Commission

STAFF: Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to speak during public comment, and there were no written comments.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 5, 2026, PATHS AND TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ADAME SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER ARNOLD AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ADAME AND HECHT VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Bicycle Detection and Counts at Traffic Signals

Senior Transportation Planner Greg Davies conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles or descriptions: photo; What is Bicycle Signal Detection?; Program Overview; Detection Technologies; Existing Detection Technologies; Scottsdale's Prominent Technology; Scottsdale Signal Network Breakdown (2 slides); Bicycle Signal Detection Initial Deployment; Intersection Detection Applications; Pavement Marking Applications; Video Camera Detection Technology; Miovision Detection Zones; Miovision Detection Data; Gridsmart Detection Zones; Gridsmart Detection Data; LiDAR Detection; and Next Steps.

Mr. Davies indicated that a magnetometer was used on Pima Road but was found not to work well. Driverless vehicles, he continued, use light detection and ranging (LiDAR) technology, which is very accurate. Responding to Commission member questions, he provided a brief overview of the data obtained from the Gridsmart cameras. He hoped to test LiDAR detection units at two intersections. He acknowledged the significant cost associated with bicycle detection. He said 15 of the 34 intersections with some detection already in place will be revisited with the latest technology.

Mr. Davies said staff chose marking tape over thermoplastics due to the cost. Both are already used around the city, and he explained how the tape is applied. He was unsure of the lifecycle of cameras, though he guessed they should last 15 to 20 years. Transportation Planning Manager Nathan Domme added that cameras will likely need to be replaced with newer technology before they were to stop working. The Iteris cameras currently in use will be phased out, he noted. A brief discussion ensued about some of the options for allowing bicycles to safely cross at the intersection of Osborn Road and 64th Street.

In response to additional queries, Mr. Davies did not know why only the intersection of Sweetwater Avenue and Scottsdale Road had a push-button device, nor whether the City of Mesa had a similar type of intersection. He said the videos from traffic cameras have been used as evidence in accidents. Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu added that cameras are not always aimed at the right place to capture accidents, and there are limits to how much footage the cameras can retain.

Committee Member Adame suggested that it be clearly communicated that cameras are active so people are more patient in intersections. Discussion ensued regarding signal systems in other cities. Member Adame thought companies who gave bike tours might be able to provide educational materials, to which Mr. Davies said he could prepare flyers for the bike shops the City partners with. The Commission talked briefly about several intersections within Scottsdale, with Ms. Conklu noting that the intersection at Pima Road and Jomax Road will get a traffic signal when the road improvements are completed, though it may not have bicycle detection.

3. Bike Month Update

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Overview; Cycle the Arts History; Bike to Work Day History; April 2026 Bike Month; Cycle the Arts; Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day; and Next Steps.

Ms. Conklu noted that Maricopa County would not provide free t-shirts and stickers this year, but bandanas. Responding to Commission Member questions, she indicated that Bike Week events are promoted on Facebook and Instagram. During the Cycle the Arts event, some volunteers stay at the back of the group to make sure no one is left behind. She remarked that some businesses offer discounts during the Bike to Work Day event.

Ms. Conklu said the Arizona Active Transportation Summit, which only costs \$30 or \$40 to attend, provides a great opportunity for advocates, planners, engineers, and vendors. Food is included, and nonprofit organizations can participate for free. She mentioned that online registration is required for Cycle the Arts, and some of the artists whose work will be on display plan to attend the event. She listed some of the City partners that will be highlighted as part of the event. She anticipated that the debrief meeting would likely take place before the end of the month. She promoted a program educating kids about riding and talked about the possibility of holding more more training events in the future, including for adults.

In response to additional queries, she stated the route for the self-guided tour is kept on the website for only one year, though it would be simple to include several years' routes. This year's route should be published by the end of April, though there could be delays while they try to resolve issues with the links to artists' webpages. She will also make a few paper maps available. She spoke about the challenges in scheduling this event each year without conflicting with other events.

4. Projects and Programs Update

Transportation Planning Manager Nathan Domme and Senior Transportation Planners Greg Davies and Susan Conklu provided updates on the following projects and programs:

- 2nd Street Road Improvements: Staff is considering buffered bike lanes between Scottsdale Road and Drinkwater Boulevard. A third design will be

created by the consultants soon, and the project should be 30 percent designed by May.

- Three other bond projects, including Main Street and 5th Avenue: The scopes for these projects largely include wider sidewalks, new landscaping, pedestrian lighting, and possible bike lanes, all while not losing any parking.
- Cactus Trail improvements: Staff is contemplating new attractive steel fencing where there is no vegetative buffer, as well as some levelling. Construction is expected to begin in May.
- 68th Street sidewalk: Six-foot sidewalks will be installed with some landscaping elements, something requested by many neighbors. All mailboxes will remain where they currently are.
- Indian Wash path renovations: Construction to widen them from 8 feet to either 10 or 12 feet will begin in the summer.
- Three miles of unpaved roads were paved with asphalt, and that project is complete.
- Pima Road widening: The project should be completed by the fall, and it will include drainage improvements and should alleviate traffic. Discussion ensued regarding why the path did not go all the way to McKellips Road.
- The Discover Scottsdale urban oasis map: New maps that include the Preserve as well as McDowell Mountain should be able to be requested from the website soon. The map is a PDF which should be georeferenced.

5. Upcoming Project Public Meetings

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu noted that this item will appear on each Commission meeting's agenda, though she did not believe there were any upcoming meetings.

6. Subcommittee Identification of Future Agenda Items

Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu indicated that this item will also be included on all agendas, and among other things she thought it could be used for items for the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC). She planned to make a presentation at the PRC's April meeting on e-bikes. She anticipated that the following items would be included on the Subcommittee's June 14 agenda: an update on the Hidden Hills public easement, a bike counter update, and a request for bike lanes on Stagecoach Pass and Ranch Gate Road.

Subcommittee Member Sarah Hecht spoke about the lack of bike lanes on Stagecoach Pass and Ranch Gate Road and the danger that presented. The lack of bike lanes, she opined, could result in accidents.

Ms. Conklu mentioned that an update on the Bicycle Friendly Community application will be given to the Subcommittee at its August meeting. She reviewed the dates for the remaining meetings this year. She expected that the results of a speed study in two

locations may be agendized as its own standalone item, but it will likely be included as a project update. An item on electric bicycles should also come before the Subcommittee by year's end.

7. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Subcommittee Member Hecht and seconded by Subcommittee Member Adame, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

NO VOTE TAKEN

SUBMITTED BY:
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