



**APPROVED
SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021

Meeting Held Electronically

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 8:32 a.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Subcommittee members as noted below.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Donald Anderson, Chair – Transportation Commission
Kyle Davis, Subcommittee Member
Kent Lall, Commissioner – Transportation Commission
William Levie, Subcommittee Member

ABSENT: Teresa Kim Hayes-Quale, Commissioner – Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF: Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager
Elaine Mercado, Project Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Anderson called for modifications and approval of the minutes. Grammatical corrections were made.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2021 MEETING AS AMENDED. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 3-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS DAVIS, LALL AND LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. BICYCLE AND RELATED DEVICES

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Manager, provided a brief background of the devices, device companies, operation history, regulations and data report. City Council has provided input and direction on revisions to the regulations and staff are in this process. The current ordinance allows staff to make changes to the restricted areas and parking requirements. City staff continues to meet and coordinate with device companies. On January 19, 2021, staff recommended that City Council adopt new Ordinance Number 4486. Some changes merely changed wording and definitions to be consistent with state law. Other proposed changes included:

- Prohibiting riding scooters, bicycles or similar devices on sidewalks within the City's Transportation Safety Zone between 11:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Devices to be parked in bicycle racks or designated only.
- Require parental or guardian permission for those under age 16 to ride electric scooters.
- Allow for relocation fees of \$25 and impoundment fees of \$50.

Although staff prepared a draft shared mobility provider licensing ordinance, presented to City Council in January, if directed, staff would further develop the ordinance, conduct public outreach and return to City Council in the future for adoption. Following adoption, a license application would be developed. Proposed fees and licensing requirements were reviewed. Staff is currently working on a sign package for path wayfinding.

Comments received from the Mayor and City Council on January 19th included concerns regarding the proposed restrictions to sidewalk riding within the Transportation Safety Zone. There were also concerns about what the parking restrictions would involve, hours of operation and minimum age restrictions. City Council directed staff to revise the proposed regulations and return at some time in the future. At the September 16th, 2021 Transportation Commission meeting, this update was given and there was some discussion about violations enforcement and the number of companies currently operating in the City. Key data was reviewed.

Next steps include:

- Prepare written memo to update Mayor and City Council
- Current ordinance allows changes to restricted areas for riding, parking and staging - may include sidewalks on streets with 25 mile per hour speed limits in Old Town
- Continue to monitor and evaluate program
- Regularly meet and correspond with companies and other City staff
- Take additional action or make additional recommendations to City Council as needed

Subcommittee Member Davis asked for clarification as to which devices the sidewalk riding restrictions apply. Ms. Conklu said the original proposal was for regular bicycles, electric bicycles, gas and e-scooters.

In response to a question from Subcommittee Member Davis regarding anticipated volumes in the future, Ms. Conklu stated that they have been consulting with other cities, who have all seen scaled back activity. Companies seem to be intending to start with smaller numbers and monitor volume based on conditions and interest.

In response to a question from Subcommittee Member Davis, Ms. Conklu stated that there is currently no prohibition against devices being parked in bike racks. This will continue to be assessed over time.

In response to a question from Subcommittee Member Levie, Ms. Conklu stated that City staff looked at the licensing fees charged by other cities in terms establishing rates in Scottsdale, however she clarified that fees in the City have not yet been instituted. It is anticipated that fees collected in the future may help to fund a code enforcement position.

Commissioner Lall inquired about speed limits downtown. Ms. Conklu noted that there are portions of Indian School, Scottsdale Road, Drinkwater and Goldwater Boulevard, where it is 30 miles per hour.

Chair Anderson asked about operating times. Ms. Conklu said the proposal is to prohibit riding from 11:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. This was in response to increased incidents occurring downtown in the early morning hours.

Ms. Conklu stated that she would report back regarding potential enforcement methods for minor users of the devices. One of the comments received by City Council was that this was an unnecessary change.

Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager, clarified that the funding levels are not sufficient to build everything that is currently planned for bicycle and related improvements. Funding is sufficient to make demonstration improvements in locations that the City has ownership of.

3. CIVIC CENTER RENOVATION

Ms. Conklu provided a brief history and project Master Plan background.

Ms. Conklu reviewed Civic Center renovation goals:

- Improve event readiness
- Provide permanent stage and smaller performance spaces
- Update restrooms
- Improve accessibility and ADA
- Create park-like areas and programmatic spaces
- Showcase public art
- Add shade, seating, children's garden and sustainable landscaping
- Provide structural, Wi-Fi, lighting, electrical improvements

The design concept and public outreach timeline were reviewed.

Next steps include:

- Finalization of design
- Preconstruction work and relocation of public art
- Phase 1 construction beginning October 2021
- Project completion January 2023

Mr. Meinhart reviewed the routes. There will be a need for an update to the ordinance that provides guidance for activity in the Civic Center, including the current prohibition against riding a bicycle in the Civic Center.

Subcommittee Member Davis asked about specific lanes or painted path designs. Mr. Meinhart stated that the most likely approach will be through signage.

Subcommittee Member Davis referred to the municipal site plan map for 2nd Street and asked about the potential of bringing the route around the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts and back down to 2nd Street. Ms. Conklu stated that this option was part of the development of the blue line, however they would like to ensure that the green line will also be a designated route so that when there are events in the area, an open route will still be available. Mr. Meinhart added that the consulting team is currently looking at the potential of adding a crosswalk on the north leg of the 2nd Street and Drinkwater intersection.

Subcommittee Member Davis asked about bike parking in the mall. Ms. Conklu stated that she is not certain at this time, but can report back when design is final. Mr. Meinhart added that there will be an additional ramp entrance into the Civic Center coming from the lower level of the Drinkwater Boulevard parking garage.

Chair Anderson asked whether current funding is for design only. Ms. Conklu confirmed that current funding is not sufficient to design and build the project. In response to a question regarding project funding, Mr. Meinhart stated that the intent is to leverage private investment along corridors. If necessary, there may be future capital project proposals.

Ms. Conklu introduced Elaine Mercado, Project Manager for the Civic Center renovation for capital projects management. Ms. Mercado stated that concepts for Main Street streetscape have been developed; this is available for review on the website. This section goes from Scottsdale Road to 69th Street and the design concept is available for comparison purposes.

4. OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAM STATUS

Ms. Conklu and Mr. Davies provided a brief updates of the following projects:

- Old Town Scottsdale Bicycle Master Plan
- Mountain View Road improvements
- Thomas Road/82nd Street sidewalks
- Concrete repairs
- Second review of the Transportation Action Plan with Transportation Commission

5. SUBCOMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were identified:

- Vision Zero presentation

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Subcommittee Member Davis and seconded by Subcommittee Member Levie, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

AYES: Chair Anderson, Subcommittee Members Davis, Lall and Levie.

NAYS: None

SUBMITTED BY:

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