



APPROVED

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 8:30 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
Maryann McAllen, Commissioner – Parks and Recreation Commission
Kent Lall, Commissioner – Transportation Commission
William Levie, Subcommittee Member

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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

COMMISSIONER LALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2023 MEETING AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER MCALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 5-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER MCALLEN, COMMISSIONER LALL AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS DAVIS AND LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. PROPOSED UPDATES TO BICYCLES AND RELATED DEVICES ORDINANCE

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a brief history of the device operation history in the City since fall of 2017. City Council adopted the current regulations on November 13th, 2018. City Council requested that staff provide a data report in the future, to consist of company and ridership statistics. Staff and the public were invited to report problems via ScottsdaleEZ. On January 19, 2021, staff provided City Council with proposed changes and updates. These included preclusion of sidewalk riding in the Transportation Safety Zone; usage times; parking of devices; permission of underage users; fees; tiered licensing structure.

Mayor and City Council input included the following:

- Concerns about restrictions in the Transportation Safety Zone
- Parking restrictions
- Hours of operation for rental devices
- Minimum age restrictions
- Council directed staff to revise proposed regulations and return in future

An overview of progress since that time includes:

- 2021 Transportation Commission and Paths & Trails Subcommittee update
- Regular meetings with device sharing companies and coordinating by email
- Evaluating operations and ScottsdaleEZ requests
- Listening to public feedback
- Monthly meeting with cities in region and Arizona State University
- Three companies operate in Scottsdale, two have plans to return
- Paths & Trails Subcommittee update February 7, 2023
- Transportation Commission update February 16, 2023

Completed short-term goals include:

- Website updated to educate the public on regulations
- Monthly meetings with companies and regular email communications
- Restricted areas map revised
- Temporary restrictions during “Super Season”
- Work with Police Department, staff, and the companies

There was discussion regarding some of the challenges with enforcement of use in the restricted areas. Staff is working to monitor and ensure that use lockdowns are occurring as required. The devices often warn users to avoid or vacate certain areas, however, the devices do not actually lock down use. It was discussed that stronger controls are required. In response to a question from Chair Anderson, Ms. Conklu confirmed that information signage on restricted uses has been posted.

Mid-term steps include:

- Device dashboard for City staff
 - Show locations of rental e-bikes and scooters in real time, by company and device type: Completed
 - Devices that are out of compliance: Completed
 - Automatic notifications through ScottsdaleEZ: In progress
- Public Outreach strategies: In progress

Long term steps in progress include:

- Work with city attorneys on code updates
 - Minor language updates to match the State of Arizona
 - Sidewalk riding restrictions in Old Town
 - Requiring parking in bike racks or designated areas
 - Draft Shared Mobility Device Provider Licensing Ordinance

Chair Anderson asked which other Valley communities require licensing. Ms. Conklu stated that Tempe requires licensing. Phoenix issued a request for proposals followed by an application process. Phoenix also has a limit to the number of companies permitted to operate. Gilbert requires a permit. Based on comparison, the fees proposed by Scottsdale are likely much too high. Fees should be realistic, but effective.

Next steps:

- Continue to monitor and evaluate the program
- Regularly meet and correspond with companies and other city staff
- Take further action or make additional recommendations to the Paths & Trails Subcommittee, Transportation Commission and City Council as needed

Commissioner McAllen cited the importance of education for private users, particularly of electric bikes, in terms of permissible use locations and other restrictions. Ms. Conklu agreed that a significant focus of the education needs to address private use. Commissioner McAllen inquired about which devices are currently allowed on City paths. Ms. Conklu stated that Class 1 and 2

are allowed on sidewalks and paths. Class 1 devices travel up to 20 miles per hour and are pedal assist. Class 2 are throttle on demand devices and up to 20 miles per hour. Class 3 are pedal assist and can travel up to 28 miles an hour. Consistent with state regulations, those devices are only allowed on streets.

In response to a question from Subcommittee Member Davis, Ms. Conklu confirmed that neither public or private electric bikes or scooters are allowed on the canal paths.

Kyle Lofgren, Staff Coordinator, noted that this item is identified as information with possible action. Chair Anderson asked for specificity on the possible action. Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager, stated that the action would be approval to proceed with a new licensing ordinance to move forward with presentation to the Transportation Commission and City Council. Ms. Conklu added that the Subcommittee may choose to have staff proceed with composing the draft language and presenting it to the Subcommittee before presentation to other groups. Chair Anderson recommended proceeding in this manner.

COMMISSIONER MCALLEN MOVED TO HAVE STAFF CONTINUE TO DRAFT THE ORDINANCE UPDATE AND BRING IT BACK TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRIOR TO TAKING IT TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SOMETIME PRIOR TO 2024. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 5-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER MCALLEN, COMMISSIONER LALL AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS DAVIS AND LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. NEIGHBORHOOD BIKEWAY PRIORITIZATION

Mr. Domme stated that this item was originally presented to the Subcommittee last fall. This was followed by presentation to the Transportation Commission. The prioritization and scoring were subsequently applied to the 16 bikeways in the Transportation Action Plan (TAP). The bikeways were identified on a City map, including potential extensions.

Prioritization is based on five key goals:

- Engineering Considerations
- Safety
- Connectivity
- Equity
- Demand

A review of ranked bikeways was provided:

1. 2nd Street: Indian Bend Wash to Crosscut Canal
2. Cholla Street: 89th Street to Via Linda
3. Glenrosa Street and 5th Avenue: Indian Bend Wash to Arizona Canal
4. 84th Street: Shea Boulevard to Thunderbird Road
5. Jackrabbit Road: Scottsdale Road to 87th Trail
6. 70th Street and Marshall Way

7. Sweetwater Avenue: 84th Street to Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard
8. 90th Street: Shea Boulevard to Redfield Road
9. 104th Street: Shea Boulevard to Sweetwater Avenue
10. 110th Street: Mountain View to Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard
11. Arabian Trail: Via Linda to Mountain View Road
12. 75th Street: 2nd to Camelback Road
13. 86th Street: Camelback Road to Lincoln Drive and potential extension
14. Chaparral Road: 64th Street to Arizona Canal
15. 74th Street: McKellips Road to Thomas Road and potential extension to Drinkwater
16. 70th Street: Continental Drive to 2nd Street

As indicated by the TAP, a neighborhood bikeway is intended for use by bicyclists with a wide range of abilities. A timeline for completion of the planned bikeways and project budgets was provided.

In response to a question from Commissioner Lall, Mr. Domme stated that while not a preferred method, shared lane markings (sharrows) are used in applicable locations, according to volume and speeds. These include neighborhood streets with very low volumes and speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less. Funding mechanisms were discussed.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER LEVIE MOVED TO ACCEPT SCORING AND APPROVAL OF THE WORK PLAN GOING FORWARD. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 5-0 WITH CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER MCALLEN, COMMISSIONER LALL AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS DAVIS AND LEVIE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAM STATUS

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

- 68th Street
- 124th Street and Shea underpass
- 68th Street/Indian School and Thomas
- 64th Street Crossing Study at Thomas and Indian School
- CAP and Under Street Path Study
- 2nd Street Neighborhood Bikeway Study
- Strategic Transportation Safety Plan
- Workforce safety in right-of-way
- 78th Street and Lincoln resident request for rusted gate and bollard repairs
- Trail maintenance outreach program

5. SUBCOMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following topics were identified for future agenda items:

- Trail maintenance public outreach program
- Path and trail gap analysis
- Bike events and education for schools
- Wayfinding signage
- Update on Bicycle Friendly Community application
- Parks and recreation master plan

Chair Anderson announced that this was his last meeting. He thanked staff for their work and support. Subcommittee Member Levie added that he is also terming out and this is his last meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Commissioner McAllen and seconded by Subcommittee Member Levie, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

AYES: Chair Anderson, Commissioners Lall and McAllen, Subcommittee Members Davis and Levie

NAYS: None

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