

Meeting Minutes

City Council Connectivity Subcommittee Meeting

October 7, 2025 | 4:04 p.m.
City Hall 5th Floor Large Conference Room
175 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Attendance

Councilmember Jennifer Hawkins
Councilmember Angel Encinas
Councilmember OD Harris (Chair)

Staff Attendance

Donna Reno
Ezekiel Hamilton
Jason Crampton
Ryan Peters
Tadd Willie
Marge Zylla
Alexis Apodaca

Discussion

1. Connectivity Subcommittee – eBikes

RYAN PETERS, Deputy City Manager, introduced the item and presented information on eBikes.

TADD WILLE, Assistant City Manager, introduced the staff and provided background information about the legal framework and clarifications regarding eBikes.

Council member Encinas at 1604 – starting as a chair for Harris.

Staff liaison Peters – agenda covering ebikes. Introduce Tadd Willie

Tadd Willie – Ezekiel Hamilton, Jason Crampton, Donna Reno

Tadd Willie – discussed the actions and future options

Jason Crampton – Class one two and three, three different classes, slow class two : 20 mph and a throttle, and class three: fastest 28 mph. if any bike doesn't meet qualifications, doesn't meet ebike standards. Want to highlight the ownership. Canal paths and that is federal property owned by SRP.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS asked for an explanation regarding the City of Chandler map

JASON CRAMPTON, Transportation Planning Manager, explained the map describes land owned by the City of Chandler. However, on the map there are some paths owned by City of Chandler, but they're in other agency properties. It is not all city land, some of the properties are federal property managed by SRP. The city has an agreement with SRP which allows the city to maintain the path.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS asked to define shared use paths and where these can be used:

MR. CRAMPTON answered some of the paths are off road, canals, or through a park. Typically, between eight to ten feet wide and are not on the sidewalk. There are plans in the Transportation Master Plan to add and share the paths adjacent to roadways in the future like Ocotillo Road. Plans to add shared paths like ocotillo.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS asked if the city currently has signage for the federal regulation of eBikes and what does the signage currently dictate?

DONNA RENO, Police Commander answered there is signage and it states no motorized vehicles are allowed on the canal.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS asked if the signage highlights the difference between eBikes or just motorized vehicles?

Mrs. Reno answered the signage just states motorized vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if Police are allowed to trespass on public property and is the city allowed to legally trespass anyone from public owned property.

Mrs. Reno elaborated yes, however; it does become challenging due to the trespass being on public owned property.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if there are constitutional challenges on trespassing from public property and who is paying the expense.

Mrs. Reno answered the Police Department tries to balance the spirit of the law, speak to the individual and educate the individual on the law. Only will take action after police personnel have spoken to individual instead of automatically issuing trespassing the individual.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS asked if there is a specific age group of those who are being trespassed.

Mrs. Reno stated it isn't just kids violating the rule, it is individuals of all ages and explained the difference between ebikes and motorcycles. Mrs. Reno stated what the Police Department has done on their end to educate the public about ebikes and tried to be proactive regarding the issue.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS asked if the department has noticed a decrease.

Mrs. Reno stated it doesn't seem to impact the traffic, what impacts on the traffic is the weather. As the weather cools down, the traffic will increase. It is also waves that go with school. Increase during school breaks or when school is not in session.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS asked why are ebikes specifically prohibited from being used on federally shared paths.

Mr. Crampton stated it is due to the Bureau of Reclamation and their definition of motorized vehicles. There are different districts managed by different areas. In this case, that change has not been made. There are discussions between SPR and the Bureau of Reclamation regarding changing that in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if a cost analysis has been completed regarding how much building a new path would cost. If the city is stating an individual cannot do something on the sidewalk, the city must provide a new path or get on the road. He would like to know how much it would cost the city.

Mr. Crampton stated no cost analysis has been completed to revamp the infrastructure or potential costs for the city. Pertaining to class 3 which would allow the ebike to go to 28 mph, class one and two would be allowed in bike lanes.

Mrs. Reno added that regarding the speed of bicycles, no matter what class they fall under, they still fall under bike laws. The speed difference would not apply since they fall under bike laws and not motorized vehicles. Mrs. Reno further added that being on the bike lane wouldn't fall under a traffic violation due the bike not being classified as a motorized vehicle.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS asked how the committee recommended ebikes just for sidewalks and have there been any accidents or ticket violations.

Mr. Crampton answered some of the complaints that have been received are people going too fast on the sidewalks. There has also been a review of other cities and what is out there. One common theme is a Class 3 bikes typically not allowed on sidewalks. Mr. Crampton stated the recommendation would help to standardize the entire regulations across the east valley in case a resident were to travel from Chandler to Gilbert for example. It would allow for more consistency.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS asked Mrs. Reno how the Police Department would handle giving individuals a violation or an educational warning, and if it would be based on speed.

Mrs. Reno answered that it would be difficult to determine which class it is. A Class3 could be going at the speed of 15 miles per hour and using photo radar would not help this situation. The Police Department are

to use reasonable suspicion, determine if there is a violation, and then exercise due diligence before a violation is issued. Enforcement side would be difficult between the different classes. Mrs. Reno reiterated the importance of balancing safety for those utilizing the equipment . While there have been incidents, there has not been a massive increase.

Mr. Wille stated while it would be difficult to enforce, it would still be another tool that would help.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked how law enforcement would deal with not allowing the public on the sidewalk. He also requested the committee provide more supportive data and would like to know the cost from a law enforcement perspective.

Mrs. Reno: While Mrs. Reno could not provide the cost, she stated law enforcement would treat the ordinance once created the same as other ordinances. It would be another tool for law enforcement and educate the public on the rules and regulation of eBikes.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS asked if parents receive an age advisory or if there are any age limitations to prevent those underage from purchasing Class 3 eBikes.

Mrs. Reno stated there is no age limitation on purchasing eBikes. Every store is different in the way they may sell it, however; there is no requirement.

Mr. Crampton stated some cities do require documentation about which kind of bike they are selling. Local bike shops comply well with the regulations.

Mr. Wille asked what the committees thoughts are on helmets under the age of 18.

Mr. Crampton stated that while there isn't a requirement for anyone under 18 to wear a helmet on electric scooters, it can be recommended.

Mrs. Reno stated that it would be in line with the requirements for off terrain.

Mr. Willie asked the committee what kind of data the subcommittee would need to see.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked to review and evaluate what residents have sent in, how many calls have come in? Would like to know the standard of what creates the information. How much has been reported to Chandler Unified School District.

Mrs. Reno asked for clarification on the request of data on calls for service regarding helmet issues or eBike complaints.

Mr. Wille stated there will be more research needed to discuss what data is available. Would like to know what other jurisdictions are doing in regard to helmets.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS stated some of the data can be shared between other cities to help compare what other cities are currently doing relative to eBikes.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS asked if the city has updated any of the signage on clarification for ebikes and if there has been any communication with SRP to update the signs.

Mr. Crampton stated SRP is considering it and City of Chandler has been in talks to add more signs. Having signage would be great to educate the public on what is and what isn't allowed.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked what the cost estimate would be for all of what is being recommended. He reiterated the importance of having a study reviewed on how ebikes will work to figure out how much it will cost the city.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS asked if there have been discussions with other cities regarding the impact once the new regulations being implemented and the timeline while the city experiences this new learning curve.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS discussed the idea of a pilot program and asked what the responsibility of SRP regarding signage is.

Mr. Wille stated part of the data collection would be asking if other jurisdictions have noticed an increase if the data is available.

Mr. Crampton answered there have been conversations with their counterparts in other cities. While there is no law enforcement data, there is still an issue with eBikes.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS requested for an updated campaign to educate and bring more awareness. Pondered the idea of gathering some data from law enforcement on calls for service.

Mrs. Reno: asked what kind of data law enforcement would need to provide and the timeframe of the data collection.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS stated he would like to review the last three years of calls for service involving bike or ebikes.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked for the data collection to include capturing geographical information, contacting Chandler Unified School District's security team as well. It would help capture data from the schools as well to find out what time of day the issues are occurring.

Mrs. Reno notified the subcommittee Chandler has contracts with Mesa, Kyrene, and Chandler Schools. She asked if part of the data collection would involve private and charter schools.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS stated he would like to have private, public, and charter schools included to provide a diverse collection of data.

Mr. Wille stated there is a need for more data specifically on sidewalks, helmet data, what other jurisdictions are doing, updating the marketing campaign, and signage on the canals. He also requested exploring opportunities to educate residents on ebikes.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS asked if there was an easier way to get in contact with Home Owner Associations (HOA) and discuss some of their frustrations regarding ebikes.

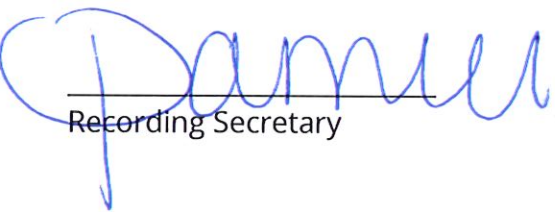
Public Comments

DWAYNE LIDMAN expressed concern regarding collisions and possibly fatalities. Expressed the importance of improving public safety and trying to eliminate collisions and inevitable accidents and deaths.

BROOK BEALL Expressed his frustration with ebikes on sidewalks. Believes signage should be updated to reflect no bicycles or motorized vehicles on the sidewalks. Would prefer law enforcement be more involved and visibly present at the locations where the incidents are occurring.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.


Recording Secretary