

Subject: Recommendation to Support Bicycle Recycling Initiative

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members,

We hope this message finds you well.

The Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living (CIAL) is pleased to present a recommendation for your consideration regarding the Community Assistance Teams of Flagstaff (CATs) and their efforts to recover bicycles from the City landfill.

One of CIAL's primary objectives is to enhance transportation accessibility for all members of our community. CATs on Wheels works to transform donated bicycles and parts into dependable, safe modes of transportation for marginalized individuals in need, without any form of judgment, helping expand access to employment, while promoting inclusivity within our community.

To further this mission, CATs proposes refurbishing and recycling bicycles sourced from the City landfill. This would not only reduce waste but also provide valuable resources to underserved residents. To support this process, CATs requests that bicycles brought for disposal be placed in designated areas within the landfill's metal recycling section, allowing for safe and efficient retrieval.

Attached for your review is a letter from Pam Jensen, the Executive Director of the Community Assistance Teams of Flagstaff, expressing support for this initiative.

We respectfully request the City Council's approval to amend any necessary regulations or ordinances to enable implementation of this proposal. Allowing CATs access to discarded bicycles represents a practical, low-cost opportunity to reduce waste while advancing equity and mobility within our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your support and look forward to your response.

Warm regards,
Members of the City of Flagstaff Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living

Inclusion and Equity are not programs, they are a mindset.