



Complete Streets Coordinating Council (CSCC)

December 1, 2021 (5:45pm – 7:45pm)

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)



Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Colby at 5:49pm

Members Present:

Selina Barajas
Mia Hansen
Jennifer Flores
Colby Henley
Grecia Ramirez
Ruth Reiman
Catlow Shippek
Tarik Williams
Liz Soltero
Jonathan Crowe
Craig McCaskill

Members Absent:

Jill Brammer
Katharine Len Yee Mitchell
Stacy Rodenberg
Rod Lane
Lily Gabriel
Paki Rico

Staff:

Patrick Harley
Monica Landrage-serrano
Scott Robidoux
Jenn Toothaker
Robin Raine
Davita Mueller
Collin Chesston
Felipe Ladron de Guevara (Kittelston)

Observers:

Paul Castertano
Shannon Jenkins
Ben Buehler-Garcia
Evren Sonmez

Facilitation:

Tahnee Robertson
Colleen Whitaker

2. Housekeeping

- Approval of past meeting minutes.
 - No corrections. **Motion to approve October minutes - Colby; Second - Ruth**
- City of Tucson DTM updates - *Robin Raine*
 - Diana Alarcon will be leaving at the end of December. She is moving to Nashville; closer to her family. She is disappointed to leave all the great stuff going on here.

- Both Deputy Directors, and a full staff, are still in place and will ensure everything continues as planned.

3. Educational Topic: Toucans and Bike HAWKs - Felipe Ladrón, Kittelson

Felipe provided an overview presentation: *Intersection Alternative Evaluation (9th St. and Euclid)*. Main points are summarized here:

- 9th/8th St Bike Boulevard; RTA approved funding to complete
- Near to both UA and Tucson High School
- City did an assessment of crossing treatments to implement at 9th/Euclid
- Alternatives: Bike HAWK, Toucan
 - Bike HAWK - signal detection buttons are in easy reach of bicyclists
 - TOUCAN - less common here; cyclists use two-way track/raised center median and peds use center refuge island where they push button. Does not allow through and left-turn vehicle traffic on the minor street.
- They set up a camera to collect vehicle, pedestrian and bike activity at the intersection in AM and PM - quite a lot vehicle and pedestrian traffic; little bicycle movement
 - Lots of AM vehicle traffic is due to student drop off at Tucson High
 - Heavy right turn volume conflicts with pedestrian and bike crossing at HAWK
- The data was input into a traffic simulation software. Results:
 - TOUCAN is expected to improve operations for the eastbound approach of the intersection
 - TOUCAN - impact on circulation: school drop off continues the same; residents heading north will have to select alternative routes
- Safety assessment at 9th/Euclid showed 65 people involved in 18 vehicular crashes and 1 ped crash
- Maintaining access to Ace Hardware is an important goal of project
- Cost estimates:
 - Bike HAWK - \$45k
 - TOUCAN - \$179k
- Community engagement through multiple events showed 90% in favor of the TOUCAN
- Compared both alternatives on: safety, operations, circulation, cost and community input. The TOUCAN came out on top.
- Recommendation - TOUCAN. Will be included in a 30% design for the whole bike boulevard

Questions/comments

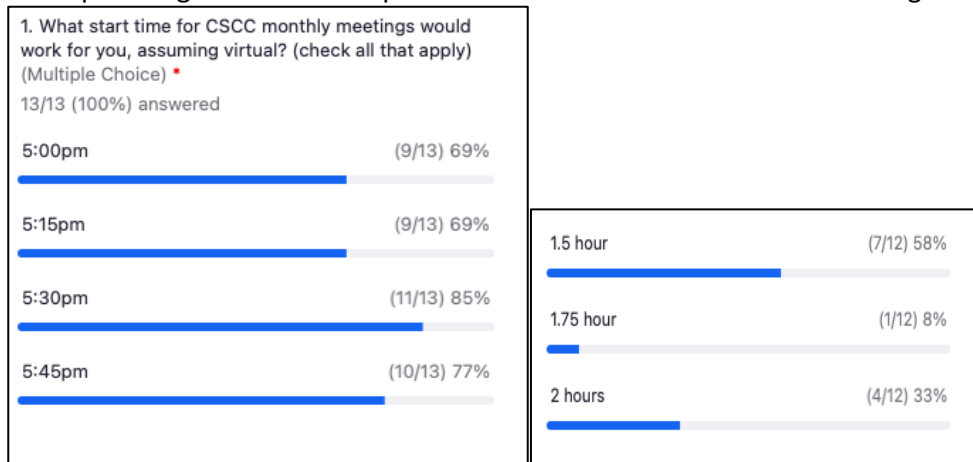
- Colby – I use this bike HAWK a lot, and agree with the assessment of Tucson High traffic. Very excited to see this moving forward. Good to see the video data.
- Ruth - I use the TOUCAN at Country Club/3rd and see peds don't use median to reach the button. Will this be different?
 - Felipe - yes, this is different; it will be similar to Stone/University.
- Liz - is this what we see on Euclid and 5th?
 - Collin - yes, but a slightly different configuration
- Jonathan – I use University/Stone every day on bike. There are times when cars will shoot across or make a left turn, maybe as much as 10% of time; something to think about here. I have colleague that crosses at 3rd/Alvernon who was almost hit on a bike in the same situation Also, did you consider moving the crossing to north side of intersection?
 - Felipe - re: cars violating rules - we're looking at what we can do to minimize this; re: moving the crossing - good point, but this would impact Ace Hardware.
 - Collin – there is also an existing utility pole on NW side of intersection which would be in conflict, and would be a similar cost to TOUCAN.
- Felipe - this is first time the City has looked at this type of comparative evaluation based on data and performance assessment. Hope it can be used in other locations.

Additional educational topics members would like to see on future meeting agendas:

- Traffic circles
- Opinions on different types of bike facilities.
- Michigan lefts – there has been a big mixed reaction from people. Would love to know more about how they integrate into Move Tucson.
- Exploring connection gaps to the Loop (and/or as a site visit topic)

4. CSCC Meeting Time

Zoom polls to get more info on preferred start time and duration of meetings



Discussion

- Grecia - have we thought about shortening meetings?
- Mia - in favor of earlier and shorter; recognize there is a lot of material in the meetings, and do love the educational items.
- Tarik - less concerned with time and more concerned with getting things we need done (meetings could be different durations)
- Mixed feedback on offering presentations pre-recorded for members to watch on their own time – some like this, others feel they wouldn't do it. *Would people want to pre-watch presentations?*

5. Members get to know each other

Members were each asked to respond to five questions:

- (1) In what part of Tucson do you live and how long have you lived here?
- (2) When you're not in CSCC meetings, how do you spend your time?
- (3) Why were you interested in serving on the CSCC?
- (4) What is your favorite street (or public space) in Tucson and why?
- (5) What would you like to ask your fellow members (relevant to the CSCC)?

Selina

- 1 - Barrio Sana Rita; since July 2020
- 2 – Have two daughters; owner of Tucson's only mobile boutique; like to re-activate parking lots with local businesses; outreach projects
- 3 - Important to know what is going on. Wanted to bring my educational background in urban planning into these topics.
- 4 - South 4th Ave. Recently helped start a nonprofit on the south side called Avenidas Link.
- 5 – What is your favorite coffee shop?

Mia

- 1 - Broadmoor; 40 years

- 2 – Executive Director of Southern Arizona Adaptive Sports; started 5 years ago to support people with disabilities to be active
- 3 - Representing CODI commission
- 4 - Love the Loop - well maintained. Interesting that The Loop is a favorite with so many of us... if only the Aviation bike path and David Bell Multi use path had the level of surfacing that the Loop had!
- 5 - How do you interact and engage with people living with disabilities in our community?

Jennifer

- 1 - 20 years near Tucson Blvd / Glenn
- 2 - Librarian at Los Amigos K-6 in Sunnyside
- 3 - Interested in improving mobility equity citywide
- 4 - Any street I can safely ride my bike on

Colby

- 1 - South of UA; 12 years
- 2 - Neighborhood association, gardening, biking, 5 grandkids
- 3 – Member of the Transit Task Force; climate change issue is important and want to support a paradigm shift
- 4 - El Paso and Southwestern Greenway

Craig

- 1 - Rita Ranch; 17 years
- 2 - Middle school math teacher; coach kids mountain bike team; community gardening
- 3 - Involvement in cycling with kids. The southeast side has few options to ride bike into town (Loop great). Want to help expand mobility to different modes of transport
- 4 - Ribbon of greenspace through my neighborhood

Grecia

- 1 - Brew up on south and west side; now in Palo Verde
- 2 - New parent
- 3 - Passionate about public health; started cycling in college - want a city where more multi-modal is promoted; passionate about climate change and importance of complete streets; want to continue learning about Complete Streets; passionate about running; interested in enhancing connections to Loop; involved in FUGA
- 4 - Love the Loop
- 5 - How can I get more people in my community to ride bikes?

Ruth

- 1 - Palo Verde neighborhood since 2007
- 2 – Pottery; lots of volunteer work; enjoy being retired and having fun
- 3 - Worked in TDM for 20 years; think I have some experience to offer to committee
- 4 - Himmel Park
- 5 - What is everyone's impression of new construction downtown?

Catlow

- 1 - 15 years in Cabrini, recently moved to Rillito Bend 5 years ago.
- 2 - Living car free for last 5 years; running, hiking, working for Watershed Management Group
- 3 – Very related to my work; cars are top driver of air and water pollution; reducing number of vehicles would open opportunities for green infrastructure, etc. Want to ensure urban ecology is included in discussions.
- 4 - Any street where cars aren't allowed.

- 5 - Where is your favorite shade tree along a street?
 - Treat has some great shade trees!

Liz

- 1 - West side and south side, whole life
- 2 - Work for UA College of Veterinary Medicine; passionate about libraries and parks (on board for Pima County Public Libraries)
- 3 - Worked briefly with Lane Santa Cruz and learned more about mobility and justice issues; help to coordinate rides with FUGA.; interested to help ensure funds are used equitably
- 4 - El Paso Greenway; Loop
- 5 - Where is your favorite place to learn how to work on your bike?
 - Southern Arizona Adaptive Sports teaches hand cycle maintenance
 - BICAS
 - El Grupo used to have bike maintenance classes

Tarik

- 1 - 5th/Dodge; moved here four years ago from Louisiana;
- 2 - Work at SAAVI and teach classes on orientation and mobility (became blind at age 17); involved in National Federation of the Blind; created my own YouTube channel to spread positivity
- 3 – Want to encourage more areas to be friendly for walking; enjoying being on the committee
- 4 - The Loop (people I work with discuss need for better sidewalks)
- 5 - How do people deal with the summer?

Jonathan

- 1 - Dunbar Spring; 25 years
- 2 - Work for Pima County Transportation Department; have a 3 year old; like to bike on the Loop; enjoy parks (Catalina and Himmel, and the small park behind UA Architecture Building)
- 4 - Convent between 18th and 19th (very narrow and lots of speed humps; designed for all modes at low speeds; any street that is recently paved as a bike rider)
- 5 - How do people feel about higher speed roadways and bike facilities?

Patrick

- 1 - Samos Neighborhood, since 2014; moved from downtown. Have been in Tucson since 2008; before this living in China
- 2 - Working; biking
- 4 - Mountain Ave and anywhere with continuous sidewalks; Mercado as a destination space; Barrio Viejo parklets; 6th just north of downtown (good street trees)

6. CSCC Hub

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) - *Shannon Jenkins (Stacy absent)*

- Recently wrote draft letter re: eBikes being allowed on Loop

Transit Task Force (TTF) - *Colby*

- Issues under discussion - Budget and more sustained funding source. Transit services impacted by lack of drivers
- Related to Complete Streets - looking at mobility hub at project level (i.e. Broadway rapid transit)

Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) - *Mia*

- Each month a different City liaison joins to give a report from their department. November was transportation. Talk a lot to SunTran, Sun Shuttle, Dial a Ride, etc. Want on time figures to be higher
- Working to get important info available to public for review and comment

- Upcoming issue with parking related to most recent Zoo redesign – the plan would remove parking in front of the swimming pool and move accessible entrance to the wrong side of building

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) - *Tarik*

- No report at this time; will have info next time.
- Patrick - Krista Hansen (staff lead) is no longer with City; Ian Sampson will be new staff lead

Park Tucson - *Patrick (Jill absent)*

- Have been discussing parking regulations on un-curbed local streets. Current policy says you can park in easement as long as 4' of clear distance is maintained. Looking at prohibiting parking in easement in areas with higher ped traffic. Overlap with considerations of CSCC. Would like to get a presentation on this.

7. Field Trip Planning - *Patrick Hartley*

- Proposal - excursion to include 2 locations:
 - 1st Ave - walk corridor and diagnose together the challenges; see Bike HAWK
 - Stone/University - walk, see TOUCAN; see two different bike treatments; end at 6th Ave
- City can't provide transportation
- Propose a Saturday in January.
- This would not be an official meeting of the CSCC

Discussion/feedback

- Ruth - willing to do Saturday; would prefer each location on a different day (could bike to one and not the other)
- Mia - Sunday better; or weekday lunch or early morning (when more traffic)
- Colby - good locations
- Liz - can we add 12th Ave to the list of field trips for future? (several agree)
- Patrick - this could be an ongoing thing every couple of months if desired
- Mia - lets pick places that really need improvements
- Jennifer – consider looking at Drexel
- Selina - when we're out can we talk to residents and/or business owners to get more engagement and input?

Next steps:

- *Follow up with survey to members to get more info on preferences*
- Current proposal - Jan: 6th Ave. Feb: University, 12th after that.
- Volunteers to help organize: Selina (Kathrine volunteered at last meeting)

8. Mayor and Council Update *Patrick Hartley*

- Design Guide was approved at last meeting. Fully in action and available online. Next steps - look at conflicting guidance and policies and make everything consistent
- Move Tucson - not yet approved; postponed. Study session last week - heard no significant changes. Will bring back for final approval on 12/7. Expect approval.
- Drexel Road Bridge grant was not approved - will continue to pursue all other funding avenues.
- Have been directed by M&C to develop a funding package to replace/extend Prop 101. Considering transportation-focused sales tax. Will bring more info in Jan to CSCC.

9. Wrap up

Optional Holiday happy hour - Thursday Dec 16 at Mercado Annex - Westbound, 5pm

Meeting adjourned by Tahnee at 7:42pm