



Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee Annual Report for 2021

Name: Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee

Year of Report: 2021

Current Chair: Joseph Mais, joseph.mais@gmail.com

Membership:

The bylaws of the TPCBAC state: The committee shall consist of no fewer than 17 voting members, 7 of which shall represent the City of Tucson and 10 shall represent Pima County.

In addition, other municipalities and governmental entities such as those mentioned in Article 2 C (3) may each appoint 1 voting member.

- Mayor and Council, 1 each for a total of 7
- City of Tucson Department of Transportation, non-voting Ex-officio, 1
- Pima County Board of Supervisors, 10
- Pima County Department of Transportation, non-voting Ex-officio, 1
- Oro Valley, 1
- Marana, 1
- Sahuarita, 1
- South Tucson, 1
- University of Arizona, 1
- Pima Community College, 1
- Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, 1

Current number of members: 24

Current Vacancies (as of January 12, 2022): 7

- 1 appointment, Ward 6 (appointee resigned 1/12/22 to accept role in City Clerk's office)
- 1 appointment, Pima County (appointee resigned 1/12/22 due to scheduling conflicts)
- 1 appointment, Oro Valley (vacancy after expiration of term of prior member Dec. 2021)
- 1 appointment, South Tucson (appointment request 8/1/19; no response to date)
- 1 appointment, Davis Monthan Air Force Base (appointment request pending)
- 1 appointment, University of Arizona
- 1 appointment, Pima Community College (appointee resigned Dec. 2021; moving out of state)

Designated number of meetings per year: 10

Number of meetings held in 2021: 9

Meetings held in the months of: January, February, April, May, June, August, September, November, December (No scheduled meeting in July)

Number of meetings canceled for lack of quorum: 1

Meeting canceled: March

Number of meetings canceled for other reasons: 1 Canceled due to failure to notice meeting agenda in advance of meeting.

Meeting canceled: October

Subcommittees: Facilities, Urban Core

Number of Subcommittee meetings held: 0 (subcommittee meetings have been placed on a “need to meet only” schedule while the committee is in remote meeting as a result of the pandemic)

Mission and Purpose of the TPCBAC: The Bicycle Advisory Committee meets and confers with representatives from local transportation departments, providing opinions and advice on community concerns relating to bicycling. Additionally, it provides a conduit for citizens to voice their concerns and express their needs to local government. It acts as the official advisory agency to the city and county governing bodies for technical questions and concerns related to bicycling and reviews and makes recommendations regarding any proposed local, state, and federal legislation related to bicycling.

Major Accomplishments in 2021: The committee continues to be a voice for the region promoting best practices in bicycle safety and bicycle awareness. The committee continues to provide input to the City’s Move Tucson program. It contributed to the City’s Complete Streets Coordinating Council and participated in several activities related to that project.

The advisory committee regularly gives feedback to the County on Loop safety and needed improvements to the Loop. In addition, the committee provided feedback to Pima County Flood Control/Parks and Rec. in response to a request regarding e-bicycles on the Loop.

The bicycle advisory committee continues to contribute to City and County efforts toward providing citizens with equitable access regardless of their mode of transportation.

The committee provided a recommendation to the City of Tucson, Pima County, and the other municipalities represented on the committee regarding the encouraged use of protected bicycle intersections whenever feasible when road construction occurs at major intersections.

The committee regularly provides input on road construction projects in order to facilitate bicycle safety in those areas and to recommend best practices. We have brought bicycling concerns to the attention of the Arizona Department of Transportation when they come up, and recently regarding the I-10 expansion. Meeting opportunities continue to be limited and challenging due to the continuing pandemic and the requirement to meet remotely. Interaction with the public and our local partners from the cycling community were also limited due to Covid restrictions on their operations and activities, and the move to virtual meetings as well.

Work plan for the coming year:

- The committee will continue working to identify and address issues that restrict or limit access to cycling or that affect safety outcomes in Pima County.
- It will continue to contribute to the City of Tucson's Complete Streets Project.
- The committee will seek opportunities for providing its transportation partners with input that contributes to improved conditions for all road users.
- The committee has begun a process to renew and strengthen relationships with city, county, and municipal entities to ensure effective communication between those entities and the committee, consistent with its mission to recommend to those entities ways to ensure those decisions that affect bicyclists are brought to their attention.