



Complete Streets Coordinating Council (CSCC)

February 23, 2022 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)



Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

Members Present:

Selina Barajas
Jill Brammer
Rhonda Bodfield
Jennifer Flores
Craig McCaskill
Katharine Mitchell
Grecia Ramirez
Ruth Reiman
Miranda Schubert
Catlow Shipek
Liz Soltero
Jonathan Crowe
Rod Lane
Paki Rico

Members Absent:

Tarik Williams
Rossio Araujo

Staff:

Patrick Harley
Monica Landrage-serrano
Scott Robidoux
Jenn Toothaker
Daniel Bursuck
Maria Gayosso
Ian Sansom

Observers:

Chris Desborough
Felipe Ladron de Guevara
Gabriela Barillas-Longoria
Jeff Hebb
Ben Buehler-Garcia
Evren Sonmez
Shannon Jenkins

Facilitation:

Tahnee Robertson

2. Housekeeping

- Approve past meeting minutes
 - Corrections. Grecia – item #10: remove mention of other committees involved
 - **Motion to approve January minutes with correction - Jill, Second – Ruth**
- Introduction of new member for Ward 2 – Rhonda Bodfield
- Recruitment for vacant seats: Ward 5 and City Manager are still vacant; other vacancies are currently being filled through BCCs – TTF, BAC. Mia Hansen (CODI) will be stepping down.
 - Selina has some suggestions for Ward 5
- DTM Director search update: Applications closed last week; moving forward to internal review to select 10 finalists who will go through a more thorough process. Aiming to fill position by end of March or early April.

3. Equitable Transit Oriented Development Strategic Plan *Ian Sansom*

Ian shared a presentation; main points are summarized here:

- TOD = transit oriented development. This includes a mix of commercial, residential, office and entertainment, centered around or located near a transit station. We do have examples in Tucson already.
- eTOD = equitable transit-oriented development. This incorporates affordability and accessibility into all aspects of traditional TOD model; includes a focus on density and walkability.
- This is a planning effort to connect the Tucson airport to downtown and the Tucson Mall.
- The corridors being assessed draw on over 15 years of planning efforts to identify opportunities to expand the high capacity transit in Tucson.
- Big picture goals – the city has a starting list, but want to talk to neighborhoods and see what their goals are.
- Timeline: 3 year grant; one year in now. Will begin community engagement over next several months. Public meetings have been scheduled (March 18 and 19). Outreach will continue over the next year, focusing on recommendations in the following year.
- Some of the folks in this meeting are part of the planning team
- Community engagement activities:
 - Project website – will be live in about a week
 - Online and paper surveys
 - Engagement events – public meetings, focus groups, community dialogues, pop-up events

Questions/Discussion

- Paki – can we share the presentation with others? → Ian/Patrick will share
- Rhonda – is funding already identified?
 - We are now in planning process. FTA grant for planning. Hoping this will put us in a good position to get additional grants to implement
- Catlow – regarding green spaces, are you integrating with green stormwater infrastructure fund and other opportunities to increase green infrastructure along this corridor?
 - Yes, there is coordination with the GSI team. We are definitely working to enhance these aspects.
- Scott Robidoux – Tucson Airport Authority would be interested in reviewing/commenting on this document when possible. Concern that there might be some areas that may be incompatible given the proximity of aeronautical uses.
 - Will be bringing in the TAA, who are represented on the executive steering committee. Will also do public outreach events at the airport.
- Jennifer F – will there be any coordination with Thrive in the 05 task force?
 - Yes, definitely. Will be building on what is already going on there.
- Craig – curious about why things often end up at TIA in these type of plans?
 - Ian – it is a natural connecting point, and in far south portion of metro area; also many emerging jobs around there.
 - Jenn Toothaker – there are a number of factors involved, including supporting incoming visitors, and activities with UA and TCC.

4. RTA Update - *Patrick Hartley*

- Lots has been going on as we move toward RTA Next – several discussions between City and RTA. The City was requesting greater representation for City on RTA and PAG policy boards (additional votes or voting members).
- Resolution at last meeting – City of Tucson has agreed to participate in RTA Next. The compromise is to increase City representation in CART (Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation committee), as well as the TMC (Technical Management Committee), which are one level below the policy board level. Making changes at the policy board level was a more complicated issue and may have involved

getting state authorities involved, which was not seen as ideal.

- There were also a number of vacancies on the Citizens Advisory Committee, and the City was requesting more diverse participation in this. A new group has just been seated who hopefully reflect this desire for more diversity.
- 1st Avenue continues to move forward – the Technical Management Committee working group is currently reviewing. Overall they are discussing more flexibility on how to implement remaining projects with funding gaps (e.g. North Houghton, 22nd Street).
- Paki – RTA Board approved 10 new CAC members on January 27th – worked hard to assure they were geographically diverse and had transportation focus areas. There are 3 seats still available for City of South Tucson, Tohono O’odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui for which no nominations were received. The deadline has been extended to this Friday for these three jurisdictions. CAC meetings should begin again in April.

5. Complete Streets Ordinance Review - Patrick Hartley

Quick refresher on purpose and composition of the CSCC:

- Chapter 10A Article XXIII of the City Code (available online)
- Establishment of CSCC was included as direction in the City of Tucson Complete Streets Policy
- CSCC was established in August of 2019, and just extended by M&C
- Composition – 20 members, with a mix of representation:
 - 7 – Mayor and Council
 - 5 – other BCCs
 - 4 – Transportation Director
 - 1 – City Manager
 - 3 – nonvoting
- CSCC is an independent voice that is responsible for actively overseeing and bringing accountability to implementation of the Complete Streets Policy. Ultimately the CSCC role is in advising and making recommendations on the following items:
 - *Development of Complete Streets Implementation Plan* - this has been done through Move Tucson and Design Guide so far.
 - *Prioritization of transportation improvements* – there has been much work through Move Tucson process so far. Now will focus on applying funding tool as sources become available
 - *Allocation of transportation funding for complete streets improvements* - this will be a big role moving forward
 - *Design of transportation projects* – have had some of this, but will be focusing on this more in future
 - *Distribution of biennial report*

6. Prop 411 Update - Patrick Hartley

- This is a proposed 10-year continuation of the existing ½ cent sales tax collected in the City. Will be on the ballot in May 2022.
- The current Prop 101 was divided between public safety (not transportation related) and pavement repair. In this continuation 100% would be for transportation (80% - pavement improvements; 20% - transportation safety improvements)
- Pavement improvements
 - 100% will go to neighborhood streets. Anticipate the revenue will be adequate to do some sort of improvement on every local street over the 10 year horizon.
 - The majority will be “stop gap” treatments – to address surface challenges, but short of full reconstruction. Those that have already received a stop gap treatment will get a full reconstruction.
 - Will be overseen by a public oversight committee (may be a continuation of Prop 101 oversight group – TBD)

- Improvements to Bike Boulevards will be part of this as well
- Safety improvements
 - Categories for improvement are from Move Tucson and align with the implementation plan:
 - Sidewalks and ped accessibility
 - Systemwide safety (e.g. HAWK lights, street lighting)
 - Traffic signal technology upgrades
 - Bicycle Network Enhancements
 - Anticipate about \$15million/year
 - The CSCC will provide oversight and advise on project identification/selection. This means committee will have a budget to help move Move Tucson priorities forward; exciting opportunity if it is approved.

Questions/Discussion

- Rhonda – is there a plan that shows the level of disrepair for all streets?
 - Map Tucson includes roadway condition; the Tucson Delivers Website discusses planned pavement repairs. There isn't a specific plan of prioritization for how this funding would be spent. Sequencing will be the most important aspect.
- Miranda – Is there an advocacy role for CSCC to play in this?
 - Patrick - there are not prohibitions for the CSCC to advocate. City staff cannot advocate, only educate. It is up to CSCC how/if you'd like to do this (e.g. letters to paper, outreach to networks). Could be on future meeting agenda.
 - Jenn T – anyone who chooses to speak on their own behalf should be mindful of being perceived as speaking on behalf of the full CSCC
 - Jennifer F – Cyclovia is an opportunity to advocate and talk about 411
 - *Members raise of hands for this topic to be on next agenda – most members indicated interest; discuss with co-chairs at agenda planning meeting*
- Ruth – are there funds for CSCC to print/mail/distribute any advocacy material on Prop 411?
 - Jenn – the City will develop educational material that can be distributed. We can discuss these ideas further. Will check on whether it's possible for staff to help with this if it is advocacy vs. just education.
- Rhonda – there will be a ballot pamphlet. Do we know how many pro/con arguments were submitted?
 - Patrick – don't know yet
- Catlow – what about integration with GSI Fund and other funding pots? Can we do safety improvements on collectors at the same time as pavement improvements are happening?. Want to ensure we are coordinating as much as possible. Maybe there are quicker efforts that could be incorporated during things like re-stripping?
 - Patrick – it's somewhat premature because we haven't developed the project identification process. But, a large driver of the costs in Move Tucson is pavement work, so there may be opportunities to coordinate on how to best use these funds. Great point – we should continue to discuss.

7. City of Tucson DTM Project Dashboard - Patrick Hartley

- Link: <https://dtmprojects.tucsonaz.gov/>
- This is a comprehensive list of all projects in planning/design/construction with additional info on status and updates.
- There is also a data dashboard that provides a lot of additional details and ability to search by ward, type, etc.

8. Field Trips

First field trip was held on Sunday, Feb 20th on 1st Ave.

- Ruth – it was great, learned a lot. Supportive of future field trips

- Liz – very informative and helpful. Great to meet people in person. In support of future field trips .
- Rhonda – very helpful and support more. Great to have perspective of being a pedestrian on a major corridor.
- Jennifer F – thoughtful location choice showed the disparity of sidewalk infrastructure and impact for those on mobility devices or with canes.
- Katharine – we saw all modes interacting with each other (except maybe mobility devices). Good overview.

Second field trip

- Grecia – would like to go to South 12th Ave (Group agrees to do this next)
 - Gabriella – doing art project with ward office on south 12th Ave. they will recruit 150-200 volunteers.
- Date/time – Sunday mornings generally work.
 - Zoom poll – March 13, 20, April 3 (result = 10/11 prefer April 3)
 - Tentatively hold April 3rd; Patrick will confirm
- Ruth – Scott Ave would be a good example, at some point

9. CSCC Hub

- Park Tucson – *Jill*
 - Met yesterday and focused on Park Tucson staff and budget. Budget still in deficit, but working on this.
 - Have developed videos about their agents
 - Will review curb management study at next meeting
- Transit Task Force (TTF) – *no member*
- Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) – *no member*
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) – *Tarik (absent)*
- Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) – *Shannon*
 - Did not meet quorum for last meeting

10. Wrap up

Future agenda items

- Grecia – driveway consolidation
- Catlow – signalized crosswalks and HAWKS that cross arterials – our car cultural doesn't recognize/appreciate these. How can we improve the safety of these crossings? Could be discussion item or informational session about what is working well in other communities.

Tucson is one of three communities that has been highlighted by Smart Growth America. They came to town and made a video, which Patrick shared with members via email. The group viewed the video ([link](#))

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20