



Complete Streets Coordinating Council (CSCC)

October 26, 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 by Miranda at 5:35pm

Members Present:

Selina Barajas
Rhonda Bodfield
Jill Brammer
Sophia Gonzalez
Riley Merline
Katharine Mitchell
Ruth Reiman
Miranda Schubert
Paki Rico
Tarik Williams
Jonathan Crowe
Craig McCaskill
Grecia Ramirez
Catlow Shipek
Liz Soltero

Staff:

Patrick Harley
Jenn Toothaker
Davita Mueller
Monica Landgrave

Observers:

Ben Buehler-Garcia
Evren Sonmez (LSA)
Scott Robidoux (TAA)
Tres English

Facilitation:

Tahnee Robertson
Colleen Whitaker

Members Absent:

Rossio Araujo
Jennifer Flores

2. Housekeeping

- **Approval of past meeting minutes**
 - Paki's correction on CSCC September minutes - not all jurisdictions were present, but most were present (Colleen will make correction)
 - Subcommittee minutes - no corrections
 - **Motion to approve both (with correction on Sep CSCC): Rhonda; Miranda - second**

3. SSIP subcommittee update

Miranda, Rhonda

- The subcommittee met once since last CSCC meeting. Nothing to present for approval just now.
- The group reviewed the project list; safety ratings were added to the list per the subcommittee request. Patrick also added a map.
- Their primary focus was bikeway projects, as this part of the list was less fleshed out. There is a \$4 million capacity for bikeway projects right now. All the unfunded Move Tucson projects could be considered, but the total of these is \$40 million. The group discussed the best strategic approach for

the money.

- The group likes targeted and impactful programs that provide a lot of connectivity.
- Actions - the group is preparing to make a recommendation in the November CSCC meeting. So far they have agreed to add bikeway projects at Elvira and Bantam/Nebraska to the list. They want time to review year 1 projects, but don't want to push the timeline out too far. They are getting close to being clear on what to prioritize moving forward. Just want to spend a bit more time.
- Struggling with the scope of the need. \$4 million sounds like a lot, but it goes quickly. Do want to focus on areas that enhance connectivity and linkages.

Patrick shared the [interactive map tool](#) that has been created to support subcommittee work:

- Almost all projects either touch, or are fully within, equity zones.
- Can also see how they projects overlay with ward boundaries.
- Bantam/Nebraska bridge - after initial discussion with the subcommittee, it looks like the cost of this could be raised considerably to about \$5-6 million due to working in the Union Pacific ROW. Can discuss further at next subcommittee meeting.

Questions/discussion

- Ruth - are collector projects HURF funds coming directly to the City, and not PAG? → Yes, the City gets this funding. It's relatively flexible funding.

4. Bilby Road project discussion and decision

- Patrick reviewed this project that the City is looking to advance. There is a lot of community interest and political support, but staff want to make sure the CSCC is good with advancing this to planning and design.
- *Overview:* Bilby Road between 12th Ave. and Country Club. Currently there is poor pavement condition, and it is under-landscaped. East of Nogales it drops down to two lanes with no street lighting. East of Park it is two lanes with no curbs, no sidewalks, no bus stations, no shelters.
- *Project proposal:* The project includes paving, sidewalks, lighting and other safety enhancements. Fill sidewalks west of Nogales and add continuous street lighting and enhance crossings. Includes bikeways. Further to the east - narrow the travel lanes to expand bikeways and identify bikeways for continuous pedestrian facilities from Park and Sunnyside High School. Will work with Sunnyside on options there.
- There will be different scales of investment. Ideally it would be great to curb this full extent, but that could skyrocket the project cost. Will look at alternative design options.
- Total \$4.8 million in pavement improvements. Will piggyback on this with other investments to make more complete corridor.
- There have been two fatalities here between 2016 and 2020.

Questions/discussion

- Riley - can we look at alternatives to traditional concrete sidewalks, which are very expensive. Seattle, as an example, has implemented asphalt sidewalks.
 - The current cost estimate is based on curb ramps and driveways (\$12/sq ft for concrete). In design, if an alternative asphalt treatments looks better, we can consider this. Would like to approve the plan at this point, and have the CSCC be the overall review on the design. But to do this we need to authorize funding to advance the project.
- Tres (observer) - what is the evidence that the people want to walk on this section of Bilby?
 - It has been observed. Have seen students walking here. Have received complaints about water being a barrier. And regardless of this, City standard is to provide a complete streets approach with this. When there are not people walking, it could be that the infrastructure isn't there to support this. The amount of time it takes to walk out of your way makes it extremely discouraging.
- Liz – I do work off of Bilby and have family living here. Do see people here every day walking. Wish we

could bike in this area, but it can be dangerous. Appreciate the time and consideration on this.

- Grecia - Thanks for sharing your observations Patrick and Liz. I also work in the Bilby area. Bilby has two schools that serve a large volume of students and families (Sunnyside right on the street and Sierra north of it). This is a major residential area with definitive need for road improvement / complete streets.
- Ruth - I think of quality over quantity. So for Bilby we should look to do the project in a way that satisfies the needs rather than skimping here so you can do something elsewhere. Spend what you need to make it functional and effective.
- Tarik – definitely support the idea of making all modes possible in different areas. Where I teach students, in areas where there are no sidewalks, we do notice issues. Also agree with Ruth that we want to ensure that projects are high quality.

Consensus action for city to move forward on Bilby Rd:

- Test for consensus. Would anybody not be not in favor? (No committee members indicated they were not in favor)
- Thumbs up/down/side: All members indicated thumbs up (full agreement). There is consensus agreement to move forward.
- **Motion to approve that the City move forward with Bilby Rd - Miranda, Second - Rhonda.**

5. RTA update

Miranda opened discussion on this topic:

- There was recent discussion at the Mayor and Council study session about RTA. Lately this has been about projects and funding gap of \$150 million, and discussing 5 specific projects for delay.
- 1st Ave: Not clear where this is going. It is not one of the 5 projects being recommended for delay. There was also a response from the Technical Management Committee (TMC) to the [Op Ed piece](#) submitted by this body in August.
 - Paki - RTA board will meet next week. Can share the meeting link.

Patrick overview:

- October 18th M&C meeting: there were a couple of options discussed for completing RTA 1:
 - 1) delaying projects beyond sunset of RTA in 2026
 - 2) downscale projects (City has proposed this for 1st Ave.)
 - 3) defer into RTA Next
- Oct 18 Mayor & Council Study Session [notes](#)
- City identified 5 projects for delay: 22nd West, Houghton North, Harrison Bridge, 22nd Street East, and Valencia Rd
- Council decided to move Harrison, 22nd East and Valencia forward (with the current timeline under RTA 1), and delay 22nd West, Houghton North and Tanque Verde north
- Identified \$133 million in corridor projects that could be delayed, but not necessarily to RTA Next.

Questions/discussion

- Riley - when would the RTA vote be?
 - Paki – the election date has not yet been set.
- Ruth - when do we find out about 1st Avenue?
 - All other projects on the list should go forward as soon as agreements go forward with RTA. 1st Avenue is a bit different. There is mostly agreement to go down to 4 lanes, but this still requires formal sign off from the RTA board. That has still not been agenzied.

RTA update - Paki

- There is a CAC meeting on Nov 7th and RTA Board on Nov 3rd.
- The CAC met twice in October - provided recommendations from last month's workshop. They are reviewing and refining the list.

- The Transit Subcommittee meeting is Nov 2nd.
- Paki will share meeting links with Patrick for distribution
- Patrick – is there any info on the status of City of Tucson's projects in RTA next? The City is intentionally not putting all of these into the safety plan, because RTA Next is funding of first option (it can deliver a more holistic corridor project).
 - Paki – The City did provide priority projects. Nothing has been removed. All the projects are still in the portal, and CAC is still reviewing all 108 originally submitted. Board has recommended that CAC send them a draft by the end of the year. Sill looking at July 1 for thje final draft plan.
- Rhonda - if some of the projects get moved out of RTA Next would they get moved back to SSIP?
 - Patrick - Yes. This is a benefit to 5-year SSIP plan that is updated annually. These can be put back on the table.

6. Move Tucson Map Overview/Training

Patrick guided the group through an overview of the [Map Tucson Tool](#). Members followed along on their own browsers. This is a way to explore situations on the ground without being able to go out and visit every single site.

Questions/discussion

- Rhonda - can we get Move Tucson equity zones included here? (Patrick action)
- Selina – a lot also depends how 'equity' is defined
- Miranda - Good point, it reminds me of the [Neighborhood Vulnerability Index Map](#). Not exactly equity, but I think it gets at what we're interested in seeing.
- Sophia - have seen "slow streets" mapped on google in other cities. Can we do that? (Patrick will look into this).
- Riley - roads are evaluated here, but not bike lanes. For example, west St Mary's Rd is OCI 40, but having ridden it by bike many times, the bike lanes are in poor condition. I think this is an issue. Should be considered as we move forward evaluating these projects.
- Miranda - I agree, Riley-- I used to bike on St Mary's all the time, it's so harsh
 - This is a function of how the data is inspected – it is an automated van with visual inspection. Agree the bikeway data here isn't very strong.
- Grecia – Bilby pedestrian crossing in front of Sunnyside High School: Staff is very limited, after/before school there is so much congestion. Is there an opportunity to implement a traffic signal here?
 - We will look to engage with Sunnyside as we get into corridor design to explore solutions here.

7. CSCC Hub

- Park Tucson - *Jill Brammer*
 - Last meeting was short. Reviewed financials and found out that M&C is separating fee increases. So parking increases won't happen until March/April next year or later. Still having hiring issues.
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) - *Tarik Williams*
 - Still nothing; no quorum.
- Transit Task Force (TTF) - *Riley Merline*
 - Haven't met since last CSCC meeting. Next meeting is Nov 7th Let's think about connectivity with transit systems as we review these projects.
- Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) - *Sophia Gonzalez*
 - Have not met. Looking to fill about 6 openings. This is an exciting time, because there is opportunity to get involved in setting new direction (will share info with Patrick)
- Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) - *TBA*

8. Wrap up and future agenda items

- Streeteries happy hour / field trip is Nov 10. Meet at Ronstadt at 5:30pm. We will visit a few streeteries, followed by happy hour at the Owl Club. A few staff members will tour the group around a few locations.
- Holiday meeting schedule: No November meeting – Propose Dec 7 as only December meeting.
 - No members expressed a problem with this date.
- Future agenda items
 - Prop 411 - how are they evaluating this or when will they announce the order or sequence?
 - Will be dependent on when they get the advisory committee set up. This hasn't happened yet, so no update on timing.
- Note that tomorrow is Broadway ribbon cutting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm by co-chairs