



Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Tucson Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee (TPCBAC)** and to the general public, that the TPCBAC held the following meeting, which was open to the public:

The TPCBAC, conducted a public meeting **January 18, 2023**. A recording of the meeting may be accessed here: TBD.

Approved Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call, Call to Order, and Approval of December Minutes.

Voice roll call was taken, with 14 members of the committee in attendance. Joseph Mais (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

MOTION: A motion to approve the December 14, 2022 minutes was made by Joseph Mais, seconded by Doug Horn, and passed by voice vote, 12 yes, 0 no; one member was not present at prior meeting and one member is a new member.

2. Call to the Public.

None

3. Updates from Law Enforcement

Sergeant Williams provided an update. One fatality in December: a bicycle at fault exiting a private drive hitting vehicle. There was one pedestrian incident YTD 2023, while we ended the 2022 calendar year at 54 fatalities (48 pedestrian and 6 bicyclists). Note: of the six bicyclists, three were at fault.

The department is currently focusing on school zones, down by Tucson High, and Speedway in particular.

Question regarding press releases: details tend to provide details on the pedestrian or bicyclist versus the driver. Sergeant Williams did state he can be sure to share that type of information.

4. Tucson Norte-Sur

Ian Sansom provided a presentation on the Tucson Norte-Sur project (a three-year project). This project and outreach are in preparation for a land use plan for a proposed

14.5 mile transit corridor from the Tucson Airport to the Tucson Transit Center (near the Tucson Mall). The team is splitting this up into four sub areas for outreach purposes (North, Central, City of S Tucson, South). The city is also pursuing additional grant money specifically for transit. There is already a lot of demand for these routes based upon bus transit data. Ian noted that more than half of all the jobs in metro Tucson are in this corridor (majority of which in downtown, but also seeing job growth in Tucson airport area).

Focus is on eTOD (Equitable Transit-Oriented Development) and to incentivize affordable housing along this corridor and invest in historically under invested neighborhoods, adding amenities & public gathering spaces

This project has a three-year timeline, and we are in the second year of the FTA grant. Last year the focus was community engagement & market studies. This year is focused upon policy & program recommendations. Final year is implementation & build out (ultimately taking 5 to 10 year timeline).

- Q&A (Jonathan Crowe) regarding more specifics about the projects. Have an RFP out right now (closes tomorrow) on how we will be grouping recommendations from Phase I. There are topic areas that are an umbrella with specific goals and action items under each one going into Phase II.
- Q&A (David Andrews) raised a question about bike-ability and walkability in getting to nodes, is there an opportunity to create it on the route itself. Where the corridor can be used by bicyclists or pedestrians. Ideally, we would have a complete street along the entire corridor, but that is yet to be designed.
- Q&A (Kevin Greene) noted the public outreach strategies, thank you. Question regarding the average attendance at the outreach sessions? Ian shared that they do keep sign in sheets at events and open houses (3 at each round) had average 50 people in attendance. The community dialogues were by invitation, and some were well attended (~30), so overall pretty good attendance. Pop ups were created to help fill the gap.

5. 5th & 6th Street Road Diet Potential Cancellation

The Director's Office will have to speak to this topic who is not in attendance. However, it was noted that the Director's Office is addressing at the next CSCC council meeting next week, and we could get a status via our liaison.

Note: the city posted the traffic analysis report on their website.

Mike Hendrix did point out a few elements that are missing on the report considering where we are as a region and safety of community members.

- 1) Performance Measures: how judge a decision either way. It does *not* include any measure related to collision reduction or even the level of service for people that are crossing the road. It does have a performance measure for people driving, a notable disparity.
- 2) There is also the number of people who are turning (driving). There is an assumption that on the side streets that there will be 50 drivers turning, despite the data indicating that most daily is 26 vehicles. The conclusion may be inappropriate based upon that assumption.
- 3) The city did speed counts on four locations along the roadway, the 85th percentile speed range was 34 to 42 MPH in segments of 5th & 6th. Meaning a substantial amount of people driving over the speed limit posing a key safety concern. There is no discussion about how that speed can be reduced in the report.

Sophia Gonzalez raised a question about the metrics used to come to the city's conclusion. We have already sent a letter to the Director, is there anything more we can do to update the metrics used to determine the quality of traffic flow?

Ingmar Riedel-Kruse raised a question about consideration of bike lanes; if we increase bike lanes would that reduce demand on the streets? Also, was the University of Arizona reached and do they have an opinion?

In conclusion, we would like to invite the appropriate personnel to present at an upcoming committee meeting. It was suggested we could provide a list of topics in advance so they can prepare a response. Mike Hendrix and Sophia Gonzalez volunteered to consolidate the points made in this meeting today and to provide to Ben Elias.

6. Protected Bike Lanes Litigation

Eric Post expressed a concern about litigation and material used regarding bike lanes and he is worried about long term implications to protected bike lanes. Eric is not in attendance so we will postpone to a future meeting.

7. BAC Website Improvements

Ingmar Riedel-Kruse made a few suggestions to the group:

- 1) How to improve our website to make contact with the committee easier.
- 2) Link to anything else bike related in Tucson? For example, GABA or other organizations.
- 3) How to report concerns to the city, a link to a reportable tool.
- 4) Link to join an upcoming meeting

Ben Elias will support however he can while noting we are a regional committee, and there is both a city and a county website (the BAC being one of many committees

organized this way). Jonathan Crowe and Ben Elias are both listed on the county website and the city website lists names but not contact info (run by the clerk's office).

Joseph Mais suggested a link on the clerk's page to working landing page (city sponsored) with our latest updates, especially an immediate update to the date and times and that the meetings are virtual.

MOTION: A motion was made by Courtnee DeBoer to request the Clerk's office to add a link to the website below on the TPCBAC official website. Ingmar seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote 12 yes, 0 no (2 members had to leave the meeting before this vote was made).

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/bicycle/civic-engagement#bac>

MOTION: A motion was made by Ingmar Riedel-Kruse to add email contacts to the city website for primary contacts of the TPCBAC (Ingmar Riedel-Kruse, Ben Elias, and Jonathan Crowe). Joseph Mais seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote 12 yes, 0 no.

8. Group Ride / First Hybrid Meeting for 2023

David Andrews suggested we pick a consistent date / time / cadence so it's easy for all to know when and where. David Andrews offered to draft routes, etc. It was clarified that no business would be discussed outside of the committee meetings. David will send the details to Ben to distribute to the group.

9. Committee Members Getting to Know Each Other

10. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Related Entities:

- GABA: Daphne Hope. Daphne had to leave early tonight, so no updates at this time.
- CSCC: Sophia Gonzalez.
 - Slow Streets Project is on pause at the moment
 - Street safety improvement plan; would be a good idea to invite the project coordinator to present. Right now prioritizing projects and funding. Sophia will share recommendations for each project at upcoming meetings.
- UofA: Javier Montenegro
 - Reopened on the north side under Speedway
 - Working on striping on the path (path is open but not a connecting stripe)

- Contacted by the City of Tucson to distribute 3rd Street signs on UofA campus, waiting on additional approvals

11. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Staff

- **City of Tucson**, Ben Elias shared the following updates:
 - No updates at this time that weren't covered earlier in the agenda
 - Expect additional outreach in the spring with ongoing projects
 - Ben shared with the committee the great improvements by Pima County for protected bike lanes (N Meredith Blvd just north of Ina Road)
- **Pima County**, Jonathan Crowe shared the following updates:
 - Additional details about the protected bike lanes
 - Finished Kolb Road Project
 - SW area transportation study in the county, combined land use and transportation study focused Mission Road west all the way to Ajo Highway (traffic is getting bad, and increasing along Valencia Road), potential to widen the last mile and a half to six lanes. Additional outreach is planned in the next coming months.
- **Oro Valley**, none present
- **Marana**, Brian Varney, nothing to update at this time
- **PAG**, David Mitchell, nothing to update at this time

12. Adjournment.

The Chair adjourned the January 2023 TPCBAC meeting at 8:06 pm.

Attendance:

Imelda Cortez, Mayor
 Sophia Gonzalez, Ward 1
 Paul Tilley, Ward 3 (absent)
 Joey Iuliano, Ward 4
 Mike Hendrix, Ward 6
 Courtnee DeBoer, Pima County
 Kevin Greene, Pima County
 Daphne Hope, Pima County
 Doug Horn, Pima County
 Joseph Mais, Pima County
 Howard Maubach, Pima County (absent)
 Eric Post, Pima County (absent)
 Ingmar Riedel-Kruse, Pima County
 Randy Ford, Pima County
 Bob Smith, Sahuarita

Audience:

Dora Maldonado
 Elaine Mariolle
 Ian Sansom
 Logan Havens

David Andrews, Marana
Javier Montenegro, University of Arizona

Benjamin Elias, City of Tucson
Jonathan Crowe, Pima County DOT
Brian Varney, Marana
David Mitchell, PAG
Sgt. Brandon Williams, TPD