



*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 **April 19, 2023**. A recording of the meeting may be accessed here: TBD.

## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Roll Call, Call to Order, and Approval of March Minutes.**

Voice roll call was taken, with 16 members of the committee in attendance. Joseph Mais (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**MOTION: A motion to approve the March 15, 2023 minutes was made by Joseph Mais, seconded by Daphne Hope, and passed by voice vote, 12 yes, 0 no; 4 members were not present at prior meeting thus abstaining.**

### **2. Call to the Public.**

Dennis Brownfield: Concerns to bring to the committee on Pima County changing the name of the Loop Page on Facebook.

Jennifer Bonham: opportunity to improve the bicycle path area by 3<sup>rd</sup> street and Alvernon. Issue identified when crossing Alvernon to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street bike path (heading north on Alvernon turning west onto 3<sup>rd</sup> street). Issue with cars pulling out in front of bicycles and could be dangerous. Another issue is the car parking situation making it hard to see if clear for bicycles to turn onto 3<sup>rd</sup> street. Jennifer would like the committee to look into this area for improvement.

Online comment form landing page brought forth by Ben Elias. From David Yokum: express support for bike boulevards and dislike of bike lanes on major roads. Would like to know how can help and support the committee. Specifically commented safety issues on Broadway Boulevard and Country Club & Downtown (“Broadway widening”) while encouraging developments such as 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & University Boulevard.

### **3. Updates from Law Enforcement**

Sergeant Williams summarized incidents since last meeting: two fatalities involving bicyclists. In the first case, the incident was on Grant approaching Los Altos, and it was caused by the bicyclist.

The second incident was at Speedway & Country Club. Vehicle south bound turn onto Country Club from Speedway; allowed the bicyclists to pass and then caused a car collision in the intersection (the driver was determined to be under the influence).

8 pedestrians killed (variety of causes).

<https://policeanalysis.tucsonaz.gov>

Mike Hendrix: if the person who had made the left turn was not under the influence, would they be charged with anything other than a traffic violation? Sgt Williams: The driver would be cited for improper turn and liability would be on them for second collision but determination made ultimately by an attorney for any further charges.

#### **4. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge Project**

Ben Elias introduced Erica Frazelle and Austin Wesnitzer who presented an overview of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge Improvement Project.

A presentation was shared on the design back in 2018 and where we are at with the project today. The project started in 2009 (only rated for 30,000 pounds). The project was to address history, safety, connectivity, and segmental bridge construction. This is also a designated freight corridor. All modes of transportation were considered. This would be only the second bridge of its type in Arizona.

In 2022, began pre-construction work. The preconstruction phase was completed as of the end of March 2023. Now in midst of value engineering proposals and evaluating the project as a whole and a cost estimate was updated from 2018.

Project Website:

[22nd Street - Kino Parkway to Tucson Boulevard | Department of Transportation and Mobility Improvement Projects \(tucsonaz.gov\)](https://dtmprojects.tucsonaz.gov/pages/22nd-street-bridge)

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Q&A:

Sophia Gonzales: what is the bicycling experience going to be? At the high level how impacting bicyclists in Tucson? Answer: more gradual slope of the bridge and shade structures installed as well as safety concerns.

Ingmar Riedel-Kruse: It appears bicyclists and pedestrians must cross the street twice, increasing wait time and affecting convenience. Was this considered in the design?

Answer: original design had a dedicated standard bike and pedestrian facility on each side of the bridge, however, this cross-sectional area got too large and constraints prevented the necessary clearances (the rail yard) as well as the cost.

John Edgett: regarding the expected re-route. Do you anticipate the current aviation bikeway will also be closed during the construction project? Answer: yes, it will be closed at that area and the team is working on developing the detour plan to allow for access in and around it (as well as resurfacing on part of that pathway).

James Wood: It appears parts of aviation parkway that go under connections at 22<sup>nd</sup> street. Will that be closed? Can you share more regarding the detour? Answer: Currently, one would go under three underpasses that go underneath the ramps that connect Aviation to 22<sup>nd</sup>. During construction, the ramps will be closed and, in the future, instead of having to go underneath the ramps, a bicyclists will ride at grade from east to west. Various options were considered (tunnels, and more) and were not applied due to safety concerns. Signage will be posted to clearly designate the detours.

Jonathan Crowe: Would it be possible to add a 2.5' raised curb (jersey barrier) between the travel lane and shoulder to protect cyclists who will use this road? Answer: believe it was considered but due to safety issues it was not pursued (cars ability to pull over on side of the road and center lane limitations).

Mike Hendrix: north bound right turn, across an active pathway. Any signalization? Answer: this intersection / connection point will be closed permanently (due to safety concerns) and will be replaced with an alternate (safety) approach.

## **5. BAC Liaison to Plan Tucson**

Ben Elias extended an invite to all in the Plan Tucson effort. Plan Tucson is a way that we help to develop a 20-year plan for the City of Tucson and clearly calls out our goals and policies that will help to guide further investment, policies, land use decisions and intensive process. It is meant to be community driven and it just started at the end of 2022. It will continue into 2025 before it goes to City of Tucson voters to ratify. It is a 10-year update on our existing general plan with a 20-year outlook. Includes but not limited to: land use, housing, design, community resources, climate, water, green space, and economic vitality.

Is there anybody that would like to serve in a liaison role in these working groups? One must be a resident of the City of Tucson and the bulk of this work would take place with weekday meeting (9am to 5pm). The frequency and timing is unknown (some areas of this plan are more intensive than others).

Ben will send out more details to the committee for consideration.

Website:

[Plan Tucson](#)

[www.plantucson.org](http://www.plantucson.org)

## 6. Outreach Subcommittee Report Out

Daphne Hope summarized the subcommittee meeting.

- Important to focus on inclusion (including language, variety of tools used)
- Drafted a statement to put on the website
- Research other bicycle committees post on a website
- Ben Elias shared the communications posted thus far (when and where and agenda). Sophia Gonzales will help Ben with supplemental posts (quick, engaging content)

## 7. Pre Election Meeting

The election will happen at the next meeting in May for this committee. Updates were provided:

- Ingmar Riedel-Kruse may be interested in taking on parliamentary role
- Courtnee DeBoer is willing to be secretary again

(1) Chair. The Chair shall: assure notice of meetings be given to members of the Committee; preside at meetings of the Committee; appoint special groups, Ex-Officio members, subcommittees and the chairs thereof, as necessary to conduct the business of the Committee; cause the decisions of the Committee to be communicated and implemented; act as the official spokesperson for the Committee; and all other duties normally associated with position of Chair.

(2) Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall: in the absence of the Chair, preside at meetings of the Committee; assume the office of the Chair should a vacancy occur prior to the normal expiration date of that office; and, perform such duties as may be directed by the Chair.

(3) Secretary. The Secretary shall record and keep minutes (including attendance) of all meetings of the Committee; maintain, in cooperation with Tucson and Pima County staff members, up to date membership records, prepare ballots for election of officers; in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, preside at meetings of the Committee; and, perform such other duties as may be directed by the Chair.

(4) Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall assure adherence to an orderly meeting protocol, and in the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, preside at meetings of the Committee; and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Chair.

## 8. Future Agenda Items Discussion

Items suggested:

- 1) 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Project (Mike Hendrix to put a draft agenda item for a future meeting)
- 2) Alvernon and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- 3) Pima County, "Pima Play", discussion
- 4) RTA Next
- 5) Addressing roles and expectations (attendance) of ex-officios
- 6) Goal setting session (or a list of priorities)

- a. Agenda item for next meeting: committee meeting or a subcommittee to build a plan for the next year

## 9. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Related Entities

- GABA: Daphne Hope. Bike Swap was held April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Armory Park, the next one will be in November. A GABA member commissioned a work of art (sculpture) and it will be unveiled on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.
- CSCC: Sophia Gonzalez. Minigrant update, \$275K for \$50K to \$100K projects, and \$75K set aside for projects already identified; May is focused on community engagement.
- UofA: Javier Montenegro was not able to attend, however Ben Elias was able to share his updates.
  - Credit Union at First St & Park Ave there is demolition and construction of a new high-rise project that will affect the traveling public and will close the south bound bike lane. The barricade plan was illustrated. Timeline is expected to be through the end of July.

## 10. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Staff

- **City of Tucson**, Ben Elias shared the following updates:
  - 3 bicycle boulevards on the west side of Tucson (Melo Park, Barrio Hollywood, Silvercroft, and more)  
<https://tucsondelivers.tucsonaz.gov/pages/menlo>  
<https://tucsondelivers.tucsonaz.gov/pages/5th6th>
  - Improvements behind the curve (continuous sidewalk, lighting, landscaping, and also push-button crossings along 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Campbell to Alvernon), related to Prop 101 work
- **Pima County**, Jonathan Crowe shared the following updates:
  - Pavement preservation program continues
  - The county has initiated the southwest area mobility study and is now posted on the website and information will continue next two weeks through various public information channels  
<https://pimaswmobilitystudy.mysocialpinpoint.com/>
- **Oro Valley**, none present
- **Marana**, none present
- **PAG**, David Mitchell, none present

## 11. Adjournment.

The Chair adjourned the April 19, 2023 TPCBAC meeting at 8:03 pm.

### Attendance:

Imelda Cortez, Mayor

(absent)

### Audience:

Austin Wesnitzer

Sophia Gonzalez, Ward 1  
John Edgett, Ward 2  
Paul Tilley, Ward 3  
Joey Iuliano, Ward 4  
James Wood, Ward 5  
Mike Hendrix, Ward 6  
Courtnee DeBoer, Pima County  
Randy Ford, 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  
Ingmar Riedel-Kruse, Pima County  
Bob Smith, Sahuarita  
David Andrews, Marana  
Javier Montenegro, University of Arizona (absent)

Erica Frazelle  
Dennis Brownfield  
Jennifer Bonham  
Michael Graham  
Jeff S.  
Dora Maldonado  
Ryan Johnson

Benjamin Elias, COT/TDOT  
Jonathan Crowe, PCDOT  
David Mitchell, PAG (absent)  
Sgt. Brandon Williams, TPD