



Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Independent Oversight and Accountability Commission** and to the general public that the **Independent Oversight and Accountability Commission** will hold the following meeting, which will be open to the public.

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MEETING NOTICE:
Independent Oversight and Accountability Commission (Prop. 411)
Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Administration Building, Mesquite Conference Room
900 S. Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716

For members of the public that wish to address the commission during **Call to the Audience**, we ask that you please email your request to Leticia Flores at info@tucsondelivers.info or call 520-885-9009. The email should include your full name, mailing address, and phone number. Also, please specify if you would like to be added to our email distribution list for future notifications and updates. **Please send your email no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023.**

MEETING MINUTES (draft)

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call** – Commission Chair Dale Calvert called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, and quorum was established, 8-2.

| Present | | | Absent |
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| Bruce Burke City Manager | Cynthia Harper-Ayala City Manager | Dale Calvert City Manager | E. Liane Hernandez City Manager |
| Elizabeth Soltero Ward 1 | Ian Johnson Ward 3 | Jesse Lugo Ward 5 | Paul Smith Ward 6 |
| Jon Aitken Ward 4 | Ned Beman Ward 2 | | |

- 2. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2023** – Commission member Ned Beman made a motion to approve the March 13, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Commission member Jon Aitken seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

*Mike Graham, with the Department of Transportation & Mobility (DTM), announced that today marked the One-year Anniversary for Sam Credio serving as the DTM Director. Everyone cheered, thanked, and congratulated Sam.

3. **Call to the Audience** – One member of the public, Stacia Reeves representing the Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association (RHNA), addressed the commission members and requested that road repairs in the RHNA area be prioritized and placed in the first round of repairs. Ms. Reeves’ concerns are the eroding potholes and the damage created by the U of A drainage and increased traffic, and stated that bicyclists, electric scooter users, and skateboarders are using the sidewalks instead of the bike lanes to commute, which is a safety concern for pedestrians. No action was taken.

4. **Prop 101 Updates** – Discussion was held. No action was taken.

a. **Financial Reports** – Program Manager Jim DeGroot provided updated quarterly financial reports for Prop 101 as well as updates on the Arterial and Local Street projects.

b. **Arterial Street Project Updates** – Mr. DeGroot shared information on the collection of revenues and expenditures for Packages 1-13 of the Arterial Street Projects. He said currently the arterials program revenue exceeds the estimated costs by about \$12.5 million with other projects still waiting to bid. Arterial Package 8 has been awarded to Southern Arizona Paving. Reconstruction will begin on Camino Seco Road with Pantano, Sabino Canyon, Bear Canyon, Broadway and 22nd Street/Melpomene to follow. All work is expected to be completed by early October. Arterial Packages 9 and 11 (preservation – fog seal – 38 locations) bids are expected next week.

c. **Local Street Project Updates** – Mr. DeGroot said the last two packages in the Local Street Projects (Package 7 and 8) were awarded to Southern Arizona Paving. Packages 7 and 8 are reconstruction projects. He shared that the local street program could possibly have an estimated \$4.2 million in surplus once the packages are complete and would be seeking guidance from the commission on how to move forward with the funds.

Commission chair Dale Calvert asked about when the 5th/6th Street project in Arterial Package 5 would begin. DTM Director Sam Credio said Tucson Water will be replacing a water line in the project area, therefore the City is working together with Tucson Water to complete the paving and the water line installation at the same time. Mr. Calvert asked if the paving design was complete. Mr. Credio said the City is working on it to reflect the “Road Diet” that was previously discussed. Mr. Calvert asked if the road design for Arterial Package 13 was complete. Mr. DeGroot said he would find out and provide the answer at the next meeting.

5. **Prop 411 Updates** – Discussion was held. No action was taken.

a. **Revenue Report** – Program Manager Jim DeGroot provided financial information for Prop 411. He said the collection of revenue started at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2023. The collection started out slowly but as of March 30, 2023, the program has collected \$52 million. \$41.6 million will go to the Roads Program and \$10.4 million will go to the Safety Program.

b. **Initial Projects** – Mr. DeGroot talked about the Safety Program and the development of the Initial Projects list. He said the Complete Streets Coordinating Council (CSCC) established a Safe Streets Neighborhood safety program. The CSCC approved a roundabout for the Campbell and 36th Street intersection and they approved design funding for a HAWK beacon at Oracle Road and Alturas. The CSCC is also discussing having a retreat at the end of the month and coordinating a joint meeting with the Independent Oversight and Accountability Commission (IAOC). Mr. DeGroot said the City is working on developing an Initial Projects List citywide in conjunction with utility companies on resurfacing and reconstruction which include Oak/Flower Neighborhood, Hermosa Hills/Halcyon Acres, Flowing Wells, Dietz, Julia Keene, 9th Street Bike Boulevard, Rodeo Addition, Barrio Viejo/Barrio Kroeger Lane, Jefferson Park, Harold Bell Wright, Tierra Del Sol, Garden District, and Blacklidge Bike Boulevard.

Commission member Cindy Ayala asked about the roundabout at the 36th Street and Campbell intersection. Mr. DeGrood said this is a CSCC project and Patrick Hartley would be able to discuss the project further.

DTM Director Sam Credio mentioned that information about the Prop 411 program would be shared on the Tucson Delivers website as it became available.

<https://tucsondelivers.tucsonaz.gov/pages/better-streets-safe-streets>

- Equity Program Presentation** – Laurice Walker, Chief Equity Officer for the City of Tucson, and Laura Sharp, Data Analytics Project Manager, provided information on the city’s Equity Program and how it works. She said the Office of Equity was established in 2020 by Mayor and Council which put forth a call to action to address equities seen around the City and how to put together a strategic roadmap. The Office of Equity is a citywide office focused on advancing social and racial equity within the City of Tucson. The role of the Office of Equity is to inform all areas and functions in implementing equity-driven city policies, procedures, practices (stated and unstated), and legislation. Ms. Walker said Equity is integral to every part of our organization. As such, the Office of Equity touches every department and our work varies according to department needs. This work primarily falls into one of four areas: **Capacity Building, Data Analytics, Departmental Programming, and Public Engagement.** **Capacity Building** – in order to achieve the large-scale culture shift that we would like to see in the City, all employees need to be educated and regularly exposed to equity work to help build their capacity to advance progress in this area. The Office of Equity will provide introductory equity training to all employees as well as an equity toolkit with training to help employees understand what it means to apply an equity approach to their work. To advance employee accountability in equity, we will work with departments to incorporate equity metrics in the performance evaluation process. Departmental Equity Coordinators will further champion the work of equity and help implement equity initiatives at the department level. **Data Analytics** – involves holding the City accountable to its equity goals in the community and organization by collecting data to track progress and guide our policies and long-range planning. To assess organizational culture around equity, the initial Equity Assessment conducted by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity will be updated as a biannual survey focusing on just the metrics deemed most insightful by the City’s Equity Steering Committee and Equity Community Advisory Board. The second type of data needed to advance our goals is demographics about both the organization and the community. For this reason, we are leading a working group on Demographic Data Collection with the goal of developing a data policy on what demographics are needed to drive decisions and a toolkit on best practices for going about this. **Departmental Programming** – the Office of Equity supports departments in designing and implementing initiatives, policies, and programs to promote fairness, justice, and equal outcomes for all residents, regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status. Some projects we currently support include the Climate Action plan known as Tucson Resilient Together, Plan Tucson, and 2100 Water. **Public Engagement** – our public engagement efforts focus on building and maintaining effective partnerships with community members, local businesses, schools, and non-profit organizations. We seek out collaborative efforts that bring together diverse perspectives to identify new solutions to ensure that the needs of these communities are represented in decision-making and service delivery. Ms. Walker mentioned there will be an Equity Update presentation at the next Mayor & Council meeting on April 18, 2023. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

Commission member Ian Johnson asked how equity can be used to help shape the criteria for prioritizing which neighborhoods are repaired first. Ms. Walker said the first step would be to look at what information/data that is already available, what these metrics mean to the commission and what is important on how to spend the funding. Another perspective is looking at what other cities have done as well. Equity is about making sure that communities that have fallen behind catch up. The Office of Equity is here to listen to the commission and here what is important to work together to develop key metrics/criteria that benefit decision-making and service delivery.

Commission member Jesse Lugo talked commented on bike boulevards and supporting bicyclists by ensuring their safety on the roadways with six foot right of ways and maintenance along the pathways.

Commission member Bruce Burke asked if the Office of Equity is working with the CSCC. Commission member Elizabeth Soltero said not yet. Commission chair Dale Calvert said the CSCC has their own set of criteria that they have utilized which will be discussed further.

- 7. Plan Implementation Priorities** – Program Manager Jim DeGroot talked about considerations for program prioritization, current pavement conditions, and the areas of higher transportation needs. He said the process for program prioritization and selection criteria that has been utilized and will continue to be utilized is the Overall Condition Index (OCI) which prioritizes the lowest OCI streets. The OCI is a compilation of the evaluations of each street in each polygon and then its average. Other considerations include Ward equality or proportionality, Equity (social), Bike Boulevards or high-volume alternative mode use corridors, and other special circumstances. 70% of the City’s neighborhood streets are in a very poor condition, with OCI’s between 20-40 and if ranking by the OCI only, a very small difference in OCI can make a big difference in priority. Mr. DeGroot shared a map that showed the areas of higher transportation needs with high equity and very high equity areas highlighted in yellow and red. These areas consist of households that rely more heavily on transit, biking, and walking for daily trips.

Commission member Jon Aitken asked what data was used to determine the highlighted areas on the map. Mr. DeGroot said the map came from the Move Tucson program. Patrick Hartley with the CSCC said the data that was used came from the 2017 American Community Survey, 5-year data source, which is the premier source of America’s changing population, housing, and workforce. Mr. Aitken commented that there is a need for transportation on the outskirts of the City.

Mr. DeGroot talked about developing the program into three implantation phases: Phase 1 – Years 2-4, Phase 2 – Years 5-7, and Phase 3 – Years 8-10, with prioritization “scoring” system assumptions. Example: \$58 million per year (\$174 million total for Phase 1) and Preventative Maintenance = 7% of funding (\$12 million total for Phase 1). Prioritization “scoring” system approaches were also considered. Approach #1 – Ward Equality, with equal amounts of investment in each Ward. Selection alternatives were based upon the Lowest OCI or the Lowest OCI + Equity Modified Score. (Sample Equity Modified Score = OCI – Equity Adjustment; High Equity (Yellow) areas = 1.0 Equity Adjustment, Very High Equity (Red) areas = 2.0 Equity Adjustment. If any portion of a polygon contains an Equity area, the entire polygon receives the Equity adjustment.) Approach #2 – recommended selection by the Lowest OCI (citywide) or Lowest OCI (citywide) + Equity. Mr. DeGroot shared financial information examples for each Ward within each approach.

Commission member Ian Johnson expressed his concern about providing equal amounts of funding for each Ward because each Ward may not have the same amount of improvements that need to be addressed. Some Wards may need more improvements than others. Commission member Jon Aitken said Wards with the lowest OCI should not be neglected. Laura Sharp with the Office of Equity said the commission needs to focus and define what they want equity to mean for them; for the Equity team it means “Equal Outcome”. One suggestion, from Ms. Sharp, would be to figure out what is an acceptable OCI level and have all the streets brought up to that OCI level. Mr. DeGroot said that is the goal, now it’s figuring out how to get all the streets to an acceptable OCI.

Commission members discussed the OCI, funding for each Ward, and maintenance after improvements are made. DTM Director Sam Credio agreed that there should be a maintenance plan in place to maintain the streets beyond the 10-year program as well as obtaining funding sources to do so. Mr. Credio thanked the commissioners for their input and asked what other information they needed in order to help develop the prioritization/selection criteria for the next meeting.

Laurice Walker with the Office of Equity thanked the commission for inviting her to join the meeting and have a conversation regarding Equity and what it is all about. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

- 8. Complete Streets Coordinating Council Update** – Patrick Hartley with the Complete Streets Coordinating Council (CSCC) provided an update on the potential collaboration with the IOAC and CSCC. Mr. Hartley mentioned the CSCC will be having a committee retreat on April 22, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. at the TEP building downtown. He said the CSCC has suggested agendaizing a standing agenda item to provide updates from both commissions, an agendaized presentation from a member from each commission, or having a joint meeting. Discussion was held. No action was taken.
- 9. Future Meeting Date and Agenda Items** – Commissioners discussed when the next meeting would be held and agreed on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Discussion of new commission officers will be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- 10. Adjournment** – Commission Chair Dale Calvert adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Due to Open Meeting Law, only those items on the agenda will be addressed at this meeting. Action may be taken on any item. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Leticia at 520-885-9009 or at Leticia@kaneenpr.com. Please allow ample time to make these arrangements.