



*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 **September 20, 2023**. A recording of the meeting may be accessed here: TBD.

Draft Meeting Minutes

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

Voice roll call was taken, with 12 members of the committee in attendance. Joseph Mais (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

MOTION: A motion to approve the August 16, 2023 minutes was made by Joseph Mais, seconded by Sophia Gonzalez, and passed by voice vote, 10 yes, 0 no; two members were not present at prior meeting (or weren't members at the time), thus abstaining.

2. Call to the Public.

Garrett Weaver attended and attended last week bringing up concerns on bicycle safety and access, and the area by the airport, which was suggested and is an agenda item tonight.

Kelly attended the meeting tonight and is eager to help bicycle access and safety. In particular, Kelly brought up a bicycle boulevard near Columbus and Timrod intersection and crossing and has requested more signage to help with speeding in the area.

Benjamin Elias provided a summary of a recent public meeting regarding the 22nd bridge project. Several constituents attended, many of which were from nearby neighboring areas. Bike and pedestrian access and safety was the primary concern and placement of bike HAWKS. The city manager has 30 days to provide an update and address concerns. This was mentioned as a potential agenda item in the future. It was noted that the TPCBAC letter was referenced in the public meeting.

3. Updates from Law Enforcement

TPD was not able to attend.

4. RTA Next

Amanda Bruno attended to present a RTA Next status titled, "The People's Plan". This included an overview of the RTA. Nine various organizations participate and a member from each organization is a

member of the RTA board. This is intended to represent an entire region. As a reference, over 950 projects have been completed since the 2006 plan was approved.

A new 20-year plan is up for consideration, for the continuation of the half cent sales tax and RTA in general. A video was presented to illustrate funding mechanisms and how they are used. It is estimated that the new RTA 20-year investment would be \$2.34 billion. December 6th is the deadline for a final draft.

All RTA meetings are public meetings, and those meetings are announced, and more information is available on the website:

[Home - RTA Next](#)

[RTA - Regional Transportation Authority \(rtamobility.com\)](http://rtamobility.com)

Question was raised regarding the definition of “modernize”. This often means adding bicycle and pedestrian lanes to roads that don’t have them and improvements to safety signals. This may also include adding landscapes and bike lanes to bring them up to accommodate our current transportation situation.

Question was raised regarding when full public engagement will be initiated: that will happen once the final draft is completed.

5. Communicating and Reporting on Victim Report Language

John Edgett shared a presentation of data results in a prior meeting, to bring forward the idea that TPD presents information, however, there is also other departments such as the Sheriff department, that we can use data from to shape the conversations around safety and infrastructure. Do we want more information than we are getting now and if we did, what would we do with it?

Two main objectives:

- 1) The way we are getting information and whether it is valuable in current form, or could be more useful in a different form
 - a. Patterns and styles of roadways and potential design improvements
 - b. Trends over time and themes to think about and address
- 2) How language is used
 - a. TPD reports vs medical examiner report
 - b. Perhaps we can help provide more guidance as to the information we are seeking from TPD and ask for the same from the Sherriff’s office. James proposed we provide a form or template. There is raw data and interpretive data.

[Tucson Police Data & Analysis \(tucsonaz.gov\)](http://tucsonaz.gov)

Jonathan Crowe shared that Pima County is hiring a consultant to analyze all the crash data available from the entire region and ultimately a set of recommended mitigation measures. The county intends to do a deep dive of crash data with the goal of limiting severe injuries and deaths. That information will start to come up after beginning of 2024. Eventually, there will be good data that can be summarized and presented to the committee along with the solutions being considered and developed to address.

Nicole Sanderson, John Edgett and Marcos Esparza volunteered to form a subcommittee, John Edgett will be the chair. The first meeting will be Wednesday October 4th at 6pm. Agenda items will be:

- 1) Streamlining information sharing to make time more valuable (a format that works for us all)
- 2) Informing data collection with a recommendation letter to amend existing crash reports (work with medical examiner)

6. Biking Access to South Side and Airport

Palo Verde overpass was mentioned as a specific area of concern. Access to Aviation is also very difficult. A map was viewed by the committee real time and it is a very difficult region of the city for bicyclists. The committee thought perhaps worth bringing attention to the area and with specific examples. Joseph volunteered to initiate a draft letter to share at the next meeting addressing accessibility issue.

7. Mark Evans Redux and Communications Plan

Randy Ford addressed the committee and would like to open the opportunity for other organizations to connect on common topics and initiatives. We addressed briefly and will add to a future committee meeting due to lack of time tonight.

8. Items for Next Meeting's Agenda.

Overpass on 22nd

Report out from the new subcommittee

Draft letter for south side and airport accessibility

Visitor from El Tour de Tucson to come and speak

Any update from the team working Downtown Links (pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure)

Outreach Cards subcommittee

MOTION: Joseph Mais make a motion to approve the minutes from the outreach subcommittee meeting minutes, seconded by Sophia Gonz

MOTION: A motion was made to adopt then changes discussed and to consider a mock up at a future meeting by Sophia Gonzalez, seconded by Joseph Mais, and it was approved by a voice vote 12 yes, 0 no.

9. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Related Entities

- GABA: Daphne Hope, not in attendance
- CSCC: Sophia Gonzalez shared updates about neighborhood projects, there is now funding for those initiatives
- Plan Tucson: James Wood: no updates at this time, there is a working group before our next committee meeting and will provide an update at that time
- UofA: Javier Montenegro: no updates at this time

10. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Staff

- **City of Tucson**, Ben Elias
 - None at this time, in interest of time will share more next time.
- **Pima County**, Jonathan Crowe:
 - None at this time, in interest of time will share more next time.
- **Oro Valley**, none present
- **Marana**, none present
- **PAG**, David Mitchell:
 - Annual bike count is underway next month, the registration site is up and running

11. Adjournment.

The Chair adjourned the September 20, 2023 TPCBAC meeting at 7:57 pm.

Attendance:

Imelda Cortez, Mayor
 Sophia Gonzalez, Ward 1
 John Edgett, Ward 2
 Paul Tilley, Ward 3
 Joey Iuliano, Ward 4 (absent)
 James Wood, Ward 5
 Marcos Esparza, Ward 6
 Courtnee DeBoer, Pima County
 Randy Ford, Pima County
 Daphne Hope, Pima County (absent)
 Doug Horn, Pima County (absent)
 David Linn, Pima County (absent)
 Joseph Mais, Pima County
 Howard Maubach, Pima County (absent)
 Eric Post, Pima County (absent)
 Ingmar Riedel-Kruse, Pima County
 Nicole Sanderson, Pima County
 Bob Smith, Sahuarita
 David Andrews, Marana (absent)
 Kim Smith, Pima County (absent)
 Javier Montenegro, University of Arizona

Audience:

Amanda Bruno
 David Mitchell
 Garrett Weaver
 Kelly
 Maddie McNeill

Benjamin Elias, COT/TDOT
 Jonathan Crowe, PCDOT
 Krista Post, Oro Valley
 TBD, Marana (absent)
 David Mitchell, PAG
 Sgt Williams, TPD (absent)