



*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 17, 2024**. A recording of the meeting may be accessed here: TBD.

Approved Meeting Minutes

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

Voice roll call was taken, with 14 members of the committee in attendance. Joseph Mais (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

MOTION: A motion to approve the November 15, 2023 minutes was made by Joseph Mais, seconded by James Wood, and passed by voice vote, 10 yes, 0 no; four members were not present at prior meeting, thus abstaining.

2. Call to the Public.

Garrett Weaver addressed the committee and noted his appreciation for the letter drafted regarding the south side access and the attention on the agenda last meeting and tonight.

Jane Zavisca shared concerns as a parent of a student at Rincon High School. The bicycle access for nearby neighborhoods (Alvernon & Swan, and 5th and Speedway) is extremely limited. All the bicycle access roads have serious issues. Her son was recently hit by a car leaving the school. He is an experienced rider, an El Grupo rider. Jane shared that this could have been prevented with a HAWK crossing. There is no safe way to access the high school. Any attention that can be paid to this area is appreciated.

Barry Weiss shared safety concerns in the Swan and Sunrise area. The neighbors feel trapped ever since Skyline has been repaved, there is little to no shoulder and cars go particularly fast. Many in the neighborhood don't ride their bikes anymore due to safety concerns. Road improvements have increased speed, and the neighborhood is afraid to ride on Skyline.

3. Updates from Law Enforcement

Sargeant David Fritsch attended and shared that there are no fatal collisions yet this year, 2024. Ended 2023 with 7 bicycle fatalities.

Tips: Traffic Watch program. Many may ride with helmet cams and capture dangerous or illegal activity. These incidents and videos can be shared via the program, Tucson Police Traffic Watch (or if you only have a description and a license plate).

[Tucson Police Traffic Watch](#)

A full-time dedicated officer is in place to review footage, and may send a letter to drivers, and citations can be made as well.

Nicole had a follow up question on the dashboard and its operability.

Daphne asked about the Ride of Silence in May, doing some ride way safety information. Are there any safety campaigns planned between now and May that could impact bicycle safety.

4. El Tour de Tucson Presentation

Christiana Smith provided a recap of the 2023 El Tour de Tucson. There were approximately 9,000 participants. This year's event included 70 nonprofit partners (~ 30 more than year prior). A 5K run walk was added this year (~900 participants). There was representation from 50 states and 8 countries. The next event is Nov 23, 2024.

There is a tentative date for Loop to Loop, September 17th, 2024 7AM to 12 noon. One can ride as long as one would like on the loop. The event is partnered with Dragoon Brewery.

Another event planned is Tour de Zona, held in Sierra Vista on March 21st through the 24th.

Bikes for Change is another event and initiative.

5. 22nd Street Letter

Joseph Mais consolidated the comments received since our last meeting and shared the draft in the meeting.

MOTION: A motion to approve the letter was made by Daphne Hope, seconded by Joseph Mais, and passed by a unanimous voice vote, 14 yes, 0 no.

6. South Side Letter

Joseph Mais shared the new draft letter with consolidation of all the comments received. A few real time edits were made and discussed.

MOTION: A motion to approve the letter was made by Joseph Mais, seconded by Daphne Hope, and passed by a unanimous voice vote, 14 yes, 0 no.

7. Review of Important Bicycle Safety Agenda

Daphne Hope brought up the following safety issues:

- 1) Skyline and Sunrise: A fatality occurred in 2016 and since then changes to the intersection have been made. The committee is asking for any new data to confirm that it has in fact made safer for cyclists. A follow up is being requested and brought up to the committee. There are problems remaining with the intersection including increased speed by cars. Sunrise is a four-lane divided highway with a 40MPM speed limit. Skyline is one way without a shoulder with 45MPH speed limit. The county could install speed bumps or enforcement, or a shoulder dedicated for cyclists. The committee is asking for the following:
 - a. Updated statistics
 - b. Review of the current design, focusing on safety features
 - c. Review of cycle safety on Skyline itself

Jonathan Crowe, PCDOT, shared a visual of the before and after of the intersection. The county made changes to the intersection in 2021, took out the high-speed merge lane and made it a slower speed merge lane. The traffic heading south merging onto Sunrise has their own lane to merge. Cyclists heading west on Sunrise must cross the merge lane, which is still dangerous. The county could consider speed tables or a traffic light. Cars are going slower south bound on Skyline than previously, but not entirely sure if slow enough. The county can do speed analysis if we deem it helpful. Jonathan asked for specifics from the neighborhood and riders that use this what their experiences are so they can be considered and addressed.

- 2) ADOT Vulnerable Users Safety Assessment Survey results and follow up projects. We are hoping to have an ADOT representative join in the future (tentative February agenda). There will be a follow up project plan and we'd like to have someone come and share the projects with the committee.
- 3) Review of the Loop Pathway experience from a member of the Pima County Sheriff's Auxiliary Pathway patrol. The committee would like to have a representative appointed to the TPCBAC. Potential future agenda item.
- 4) Tanque Verde creek proposed future extension #4. The committee would like to have an update on this.

8. Crash-Reporting Subcommittee Update

John Edgett shared an update. The subcommittee has a draft letter including some proposals on crash reporting issues. In addition, the subcommittee is gathering specific feedback on language used in reporting and will share for the committee vote at an upcoming meeting.

9. End of Year Discussion

Joseph Mais shared a draft with the committee members of an annual report for 2023 and he is asking for feedback. We will put it up for approval at the February meeting.

We will continue to keep our meeting cadence. We will continue to meet monthly, except for July. We would continue to meet virtually via Teams with a potential for a hybrid session(s).

Overall, the subcommittee model that was launched in 2023 has been working well. There is a proposal that we can entertain more subcommittees, to provide more time and attention to topics outside of the monthly meeting.

10. Agenda for February Meeting

- Tanque Verde Creek (proposed extension #4) connection delay and status
- Any update from the team working Downtown Links (pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure), David Burbank Project Manager
- Elaine M. from ADOT will attend the February meeting to report on the vulnerability safety assessment and include a Q&A
- Bike lane consideration on Overton (CDO bike path) between La Cholla and La Canada

11. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Related Entities

- GABA: Daphne Hope, GABA has agreed to organize the Ride of Silence this year in May. Daphne will update with more details at the next meeting.
- CSCC: Sophia Gonzalez did not have an update; the last meeting was November. Sophia is asking for a transition and volunteer as the TPCBAC liaison. (One has to reside in the city of Tucson)
- Plan Tucson: James Wood: the December meeting was postponed to March. The March meeting will be focused on policy proposals.
- UofA: not able to attend

12. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Staff

- **City of Tucson**, Ben Elias
 - Several projects are waiting on initial design that will be shared at their next step at upcoming meetings
 - Aviation Bikeway: Cross town connector for cyclists is in need for resurfacing. Preliminary work is underway to determine the resurfacing needs. Pima County is assisting in the project management.
- **Pima County**, Jonathan Crowe:
 - SW Transportation study ongoing
 - Valencia Road design; evaluating design alternatives and will reach out for comments from the TPCBAC
 - Safe streets for all grant is starting this year (multi-jurisdictional grant led by Pima County but with representatives with various jurisdictions)
 - Grant applied for multi-use path South Houghton Road
- **Oro Valley**, none present
- **Marana**, none present
- **PAG**, David Mitchell: not able to attend

13. Adjournment.

The Chair adjourned the January 17, 2024 TPCBAC meeting at 7:38 pm.

Attendance:

Sophia Gonzalez, Ward 1
John Edgett, Ward 2
Paul Tilley, Ward 3 (absent)
Joey Iuliano, Ward 4
James Wood, Ward 5
Kelly Melsted-Berger, Ward 6
Courtnee DeBoer, Pima County
Randy Ford, Pima County (absent)
Daphne Hope, Pima County
David Linn, Pima County (absent)
Joseph Mais, Pima County
Eric Post, Pima County
Ingmar Riedel-Kruse, Pima County
Nicole Sanderson, Pima County
Bob Smith, Sahuarita (absent)
David Andrews, Marana
Krista Post, Oro Valley
Kim Smith, Pima County

Benjamin Elias, COT/TDOT
Mike Hendrix, PCDOT
TBD, Oro Valley
TBD, Marana (absent)
David Mitchell, PAG (absent)
Sgt David Fritsch, TPD

Audience:

David Fritsch
Jane Zavisca
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Garrett Weaver
Jonathan Crowe
Barry Weiss
Christiana Smith