



## MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Mayor and Council Tucson Transit Advisory Committee (TTAC) and to the general public that TTAC will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public on:

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:00 PM**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> Floor Conference Room, Public Works Building**  
**201 N Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona**

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call – 3:10 PM

*Those present were:*

#### **Members**

- ✓ Riley Merline Ward 1 Chair
- ✓ Suzanne Schafer Ward 3 Vice-Chair
- ✓ Margot Garcia Ward 6
- ✓ Nicole Feldt City Manager
- ✓ Gene Caywood City Manager

*Those absent were:*

#### **Members**

- ✗ Kevin Hampton Ward 4
- ✗ Lisa Shipek Ward 2
- ✗ Mike Milczarek City Manager

#### **Others**

Allen Benz, Public	James Castaneda, City of Tucson
Trish Muir, Public	Ian Sansom, City of Tucson
Steve Spade, Sun Tran	Rhett Crowninshield, City of Tucson
Davita Mueller, Sun Tran	Isaac Marcor, City of Tucson
	Monica Landgrave-Serrano, City of Tucson

### 2. Approval of Minutes – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The approval of minutes was moved by Suzanne Schafer, duly seconded by Margot Garcia, and, hearing no objections, Chair Riley Merline approved the motion.

### 3. Call to the Audience (First)

No comments from the audience.

### 4. TTF Member Check-In with Appointees (Informational)

Nothing to report.

### 5. Complete Streets Coordinating Council (CSCC) Update

Chair Riley Merline said the Complete Streets Coordinating Council Meetings are held virtually on the 4th Wednesday of the month, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please visit the following link:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Clerks/Boards-Committees-Commissions/Boards-Commissions?board=130>

### 6. Plan Tucson Update

Vice-Chair Suzanne Schafer mentioned two community forums:

Plan Tucson Vision and Goals Community Forums 2024

- VIRTUAL
  - Wednesday, January 17, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- IN-PERSON:
  - Ward 2 Office: 7820 E Broadway Blvd., Suite 100
  - Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For more information, please visit the following link: <https://www.plantucson.tucsonaz.gov>

## 7. Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Update and TTAC Feedback

James Castaneda presented the Final Draft Recommendations for the COA by Route.

Route Number	Route Name	Routing Status	Key Notes
1	<i>Current:</i> Glenn / Swan <i>Proposed:</i> Glenn / Craycroft	Realigned	The Draft Service Plan eliminated portions of Route 1 to focus on the 1-mile grid; the community did not support this change and the Final Draft maintains service on the portions proposed for elimination.  The Craycroft corridor moves off FTN (pulled from Route 34); however, service on the Swan Road corridor will be added to the FTN as part of the revised Route 34.  Route 1 should not be changed until a Local Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Tucson Rapid Transit project is selected. Sun Tran and the City will review any changes after the LPA is decided.
2	Pueblo Gardens	Realigned	No longer goes to Laos Transit Center (LTC); transfer available at Banner UMC South to continue to LTC via realigned Route 29 - Valencia.
3	6th St / Wilmot	Realigned	The Draft Service Plan eliminated portions of Route 3 to focus on the 1-mile grid; the community did not support this change and the Final Draft maintains service on the portions proposed for elimination.  Removes deviation east of Pantano Rd, Stella Road and Camino Seco will be covered by Route 37, no service on Escalante Rd (Pantano Rd to Camino Seco).
4	Speedway	Realigned	The realignments means the one-mile between Wilmot Rd and Kolb Rd changes to 30-minutes coverage. The Wilmot segment replaces service from the Route 8 - Broadway, between Speedway Bl and Udall Transit Station.  The Kolb segment will be covered by Route 9 which will be extended to PCC East.
5	Pima / W. Speedway	No change	The Draft Service Plan eliminated portions of Route 5 to focus on the 1-mile grid; the community did not support this change and the Final Draft maintains service.
6	Euclid / N. 1st Ave	No change	-
7	22nd St	Realigned	Requires completion of 22nd St bridge project (RTA) over the UPRR. No existing stops on SR-210 Aviation Pw, no loss of coverage.
8	Broadway	Realigned	Change would coincide with the elimination of Route 108X and adding proposed On Demand Zone 3.
9	<i>Current:</i> Grant <i>Proposed:</i> Grant / Kolb	Realigned	Adds the Kolb Road segment from Route 4, and portions of Route 450 NW of PCC East. Removes Grant Rd operations from the FTN.
10	Flowing Wells	Realigned	Removes service on Main Av from Drachman St to Speedway Bl; adds service on Fort Lowell Rd from Oracle Rd to Stone Av. Coverage will still be maintained on Oracle with Route 16.  Route 10 should not be changed until a Local Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Tucson Rapid Transit project is selected. Sun Tran and the City will review any changes after the LPA is decided.
11	<i>Current:</i> Alvernon <i>Proposed:</i> Alvernon / Ajo	Realigned	Discontinues Route 50; removes access to LTC on the Ajo Wy split. Coverage on the Home Goods loop will be maintained by the Route 26.
12	10th / 12th Ave	Realigned	Causes the elimination for Route number 24, no coverage is lost from the merge. Connections can be made to Laos TC via transfer to Route 29 - Valencia.
15	Campbell	Realigned	Tucson Marketplace/UA Tech Park still accessible via Sun OD Zone 2
16	<i>Current:</i> Oracle <i>Proposed:</i> Oracle / S. 6th Ave	Realigned	Alignment north of TTC will be new Route 62.  South of TTC, Route 16 is merged with Route 18.  Route 16 should not be changed until a Local Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Tucson Rapid Transit project is selected. Sun Tran and the City will review any changes after the LPA is decided.
17	Country Club / 29th St	No change	-
18	S. 6th Ave	Discontinue	Merged with Route 16  Route 18 should not be changed until a Local Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Tucson Rapid Transit project is selected. Sun Tran and the City will review any changes after the LPA is decided.
19	Stone	Discontinue	Potential service by Route 10 south of Fort Lowell Rd and Route 34 north of Fort Lowell Rd.  Route 19 should not be changed until a Local Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Tucson Rapid Transit project is selected. Sun Tran and the City will review any changes after the LPA is decided.
21	W. Congress / Silverbell	No change	The Draft Service Plan proposed merging with Route 23 to create a north-south corridor on the west side of I-10. Two options were proposed, one on the eastern side of A mountain and one on the western side. There was a 50-50 split between the two options in the survey responses.  Additionally, the team heard from the community that they did not want to lose access to downtown, so there is no recommended alignment change for this route in the final plan.
22	El Rio / W. Speedway	Discontinue	Service on W Speedway covered by Route 5. Service along Riverview Bl and El Rio Dr available through Sun On Demand Zone 1. Service on Stone Av and a connection to Ronstadt Transit Center available via transfer to Route 16 - Oracle / S. 6th Ave.
23	Mission	No change	The Draft Service Plan proposed merging with Route 21 to create a north-south corridor on the west side of I-10. Two options were proposed, one on the eastern side of A mountain and one on the western side. There was a 50-50 split between the two options in the survey responses.  Additionally, the team heard from the community that they did not want to lose access to downtown, so there is no recommended alignment change for this route in the final plan.
24	S. 12th Ave	Discontinue	A traffic signal at the intersection of W Irvington Rd and the Laos Transit Center would be required for this route to service the transit center.
25	S. Park Ave	Realigned	Two stops along Campbell and Valencia will no longer be served.
26	Benson Highway	Realigned	Access to Laos Transit Center will be maintained by interlining with Route 27.

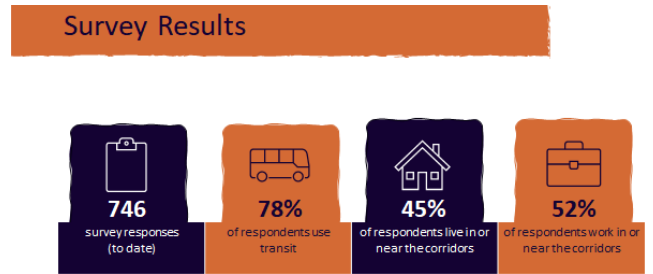
Route Number	Route Name	Routing Status	Key Notes
27	Midvale Park	Realigned	Service to PCC Desert Vista will be covered by the modified Route 29.
29	Valencia	Realigned	The coverage from the current Route 29 on Valencia Rd and S 6th Av will be covered by modified Route 27. Access to Laos Transit Center (LTC) maintained via on-street transfer on Irvington Rd at signalized pedestrian crossing. The increase in weekday frequency adds this route into the FTN.
34	Current: Craycroft / Ft. Lowell Proposed: Swan / Ft. Lowell	Realigned	Adds Swan Rd into FTN, removes Craycroft Rd from FTN. Route 34 should not be changed until a Local Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Tucson Rapid Transit project is selected. Sun Tran and the City will review any changes after the LPA is decided.
37	Pantano	Realigned	Note 10-minute decrease to weekday runtime. Deviation from Pantano Rd between Stella Rd and Irvington Rd covered by modified Route 3.
50	Ajo Way	Discontinue	Service on Ajo Wy is being covered by an extension of a Route 11 branch. Will end at Ajo Wy just west of Mission Rd (Cook St). Connection to Laos Transit Center (LTC) will be available via transfer to a realigned Route 16 - Oracle / S. 6th Ave.
61	La Cholla	Realigned	Route 61 is recommended to be operated by Sun Shuttle to better match available resources with rider demand. This would require an IGA/Memorandum of Understanding/appropriate legal document to ensure that service is not being discontinued but transferred from Sun Tran to Sun Shuttle.
62	Proposed *New*: Oracle / Ina	New route	**As it relates to the current Route 16 operations north of Tohono T'adai Transit Center Route 62 splits from Route 16 at Tohono T'adai Transit Center
101X	Golf Links - Downtown	No change	-
102X	Northwest - UA	Discontinue	Route 102X is proposed to be discontinued. Resources will be merged into more frequent service on Route 124X.
103X	Northwest - Downtown	Discontinue	Route 103X is recommended to be discontinued due to overlap with other more frequent routes (Route 4, 15, and the proposed New Route 62) and low ridership.
104X	Marana - Downtown	Discontinue	Route 104X is proposed to be discontinued. Resources will be combined into more frequent service on Route 124X.
105X	Foothills - Downtown	No change	The Draft Service Plan included the elimination of this route. To address the concerns related to the proposed elimination of Route 105X, the final recommendation is to maintain service on 105X at current service levels.
107X	Oro Valley - Downtown	Discontinue	Trips on Route 107X will be combined with Sun Shuttle Route 401. Peak service trips will be operated to RTC to support the commuting riders, and off-peak trips will end at Tohono T'adai Transit Center (TTC) where riders will have access to 15-minute service on Oracle Rd via transfers to Route 16 - Oracle / S. 6th Ave.
108X	Broadway - Downtown	Discontinue	Route 108X is recommended to be discontinued due to overlap with service on Route 8 - Broadway which is seeing an increase in frequency to every 15 minutes between Houghton Park and Ride and Downtown Ronstadt Transit Center (RTC).
109X	Catalina Hwy - Downtown	No change	Route will now travel in both directions from Downtown Tucson, implementing reverse commuting.
110X	Rita Ranch - Downtown	No change	-
124X	Proposed *New*: Northwest to Downtown	New route	This is the same number of trips that serves downtown on the 102X and 104X, service is now combined.
201X	Eastside - Aero Park	Realigned	Route 201X will be realigned to prevent out-of-direction movements for riders. Service will start at Speedway Bl / Harrison Rd, traveling south on Harrison Rd to Golf Links Rd, west to Palo Verde Rd, south to Valencia Rd, west to Nogales Hy and then south, ending at Raytheon.
203X	Oro Valley - Aero Park	Discontinue	Route 203X is proposed to be discontinued. Resources will be combined into more frequent service on Route 205X.
204X	Northwest - Aero Park	Discontinue	Route 204X is proposed to be discontinued. Resources will be combined into more frequent service on Route 205X.
205X	Proposed *New*: Northwest to Raytheon	New route	This is the same number of trips that serves Raytheon on the 203X and 204X, service is now just combined.
401	N. Oracle / Catalina	Realigned	Replaces 107X but uses Stone Av rather than Oracle Rd to connect to TTC
412	Thornydale / Orange Grove	Realigned	Route 412 is proposed to be realigned from River Rd along La Cañada Dr to Orange Grove Rd to Thornydale Rd due to low ridership along River Rd. This new alignment will provide access to new destinations, primarily the Northwest Medical Center.
413	Marana / Casas Adobes	Realigned	Remove deviation from I-10 onto Tangerine Rd.
421	Green Valley / Sahuarita	Realigned	Route 421 is proposed to be realigned away from I-19 in order to provide new service to Summit along Old Nogales Hwy. The route will now travel from Green Valley to Pima Mine Rd to Nogales Hwy to Old Nogales Hwy, stop in Summit, stop at 6th Av / Irvington Rd for transfer connections, and continue into Downtown Ronstadt Transit Center (RTC).
430	Tucson Estates / Valencia West	Realigned	While there are no proposed alignment changes in the final plan, if additional resources become available, it is recommended to add coverage to Route 430 to serve Casino Del Sol on W Valencia Rd via a westward extension from the current turnaround at Branding Iron Cl.
440	San Xavier	No change	-
450	SE Tucson / Rita Ranch	Realigned	When the Houghton Rd project is complete, the recommendation is to change alignment to serve the Broadway/Houghton Park & Ride, providing a stronger network connection for long-distance commuters.
486	Ajo	No change	-
700	Sun Link Streetcar	No change	-

## 8. Update and Discussion on Stakeholder Meetings and Transit Fares

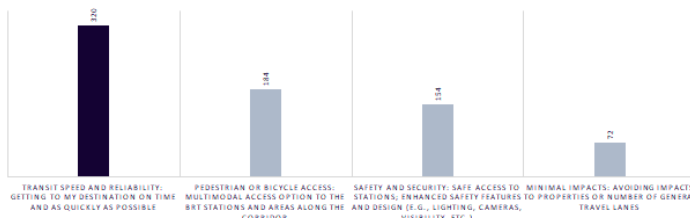
James Castaneda mentioned there have been 5 meetings to date of the Transit Stakeholder Working Group. The Stakeholder Group also crafted a recommendation to establish a Metropolitan Public Transit Authority (MPTA) service delivery model as the cornerstone for long-term financial sustainability of the transit system. The enabling legislation for the MPTA includes facets such as the ability to be created by City Ordinance, a dedicated funding source through property tax imposition, and the establishment of a voter-elected Board with full authority for policy, funding, and operational decisions for all aspects of transit. However, upon further review by the City Attorney's Office (CAO), there are additional considerations in the form of case law that heavily restrict the viability of an MPTA without substantial revisions to the underlying legislation.

## 9. Tucson Rapid Transit Update and TTAC Feedback

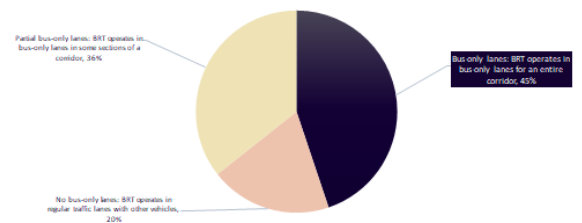
Ian Sansom presented the following information regarding the Tucson Rapid Transit:



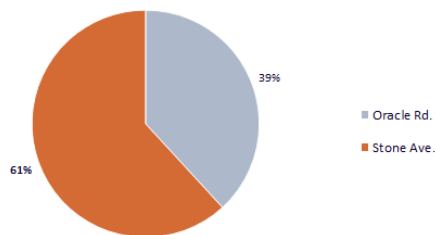
### What is most important to you as a potential BRT rider?



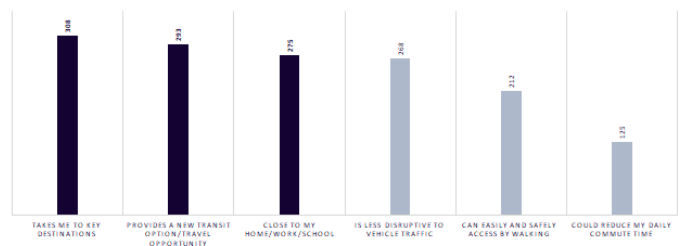
### What's Your Preferred Lane option?



### Which corridor do you prefer?



### Why did you choose that corridor?



#### Fast Facts STONE AVENUE

- Route 19 OTP: 77%
- Existing ridership: ~1,000 average weekday boardings
- 98% of corridor is in highest or second-highest category of Pedestrian High Injury Network
- ~400 affordable housing units directly adjacent to corridor
- Preliminary:
  - 11-14% more travel time savings than Oracle Rd. (pending median- or side-running).
  - BRT travel time will be faster on Stone Ave.



#### Fast Facts ORACLE ROAD

- Route 16 OTP: 67%
- Existing ridership: ~3,000 average weekday boardings
- 75% of corridor is in highest or second-highest category of Pedestrian High Injury Network
- ~700 affordable housing units directly adjacent to corridor
- Preliminary:
  - 78% of Oracle Rd has a median (for portion of alignment not shared with Stone)
  - BRT will impact current access less on this corridor

## **10. Member attendance check (Clerk's Office)**

How are my absences at my board, committee or commission meetings calculated?

Assigned support staff are responsible for taking roll and accounting for the record of attendance at each meeting. Per Tucson City Code, four (4) consecutive absences or failure to attend at least 40% of scheduled meetings in a calendar year are subject for immediate removal from most BCC's.

## **11. Call to the Audience (Second)**

- Trish Muir and Allen Benz are glad that Route 21 is being kept and support that decision.
- Allen Benz opposes the 40-minute headway on Route 37. Regarding the Tucson Rapid Transit, he also mentioned that Oracle Rd would require ADOT cooperation and approval, which could be problematic for its implementation.

## **12. Possible Future Agenda Items**

For February:

- Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Update: James Castaneda
- Transit Stakeholder Working Group and Fare Update: James Castaneda
- Tucson Rapid Transit Update: Ian Sansom
- Sun Tran Quarterly Performance Indicators: Steve Spade

## **13. Adjournment – 4:59 PM**

For further information, contact: Monica Landgrave-Serrano, (520)-780-0635, [monica.landgrave@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:monica.landgrave@tucsonaz.gov)

Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the Transit Services Division at 520 791-509. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.