



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

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

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

Voice roll call was taken, with 14 members of the committee in attendance. Joseph Mais (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

MOTION: A motion to approve the March 20, 2024 minutes was made by Joseph Mais, seconded by Daphne Hope, and passed by voice vote, 12 yes, 0 no; two members were not present at prior meeting, thus abstaining.

2. Call to the Public.

Randy Ford commented on recent developments of The Loop and suggested consideration for a future agenda item, or even a subcommittee. The Loop is managed by three Pima County entities (Pima County Flood Control, Pima County Parks & Rec, and Pima County Communications). In addition, there are four different law enforcement jurisdictions as well as four different park and rec agencies and various community organizations.

Mike Hendrix shared appreciation for the City of Tucson regarding the work done at University & Stone.

3. Updates from Law Enforcement

Sgt David Fritsch from TPD was not able to attend the meeting. No representatives from the Pima Sheriff Department or the Loop Auxiliary.

4. Downtown Links

David Burbank and Kyle DeWitte attended the committee meeting to share updates. As far as bicycle delineation, they have tried a new approach with the curb stop concrete pieces on outer edges of bike lanes mixed in with pylons. A few pylons have been hit by vehicles and these are proving not to be durable.

Regarding pedestrian and cycling corridor connections: fencing is still up near the 7th Avenue rail crossing, which will remain until the end of the project when complete the 6th Street underpass. The existing Stone

Ave pedestrian Bridge will connect as well as 5th. Union Pacific has not disclosed much information to the city and is very resistant to share or communicate.

Have any other solutions been considered such as lane narrowing? There is a general hesitation to narrow lanes given the lack of staying in the lanes as they are now. Has there been thought to the fact that drivers feel they can drive faster with wider lanes and thus could be safer to narrow? David shared that he didn't think lane width would change driver behavior. Rather, there seems to be evidence of racing or roadway tricks or texting (boulder and curb strikes).

Project implementation question: when a project is new, are there are more hits initially but then it tapers off over time? David shared that what you see initially you continue to see overtime, it does not taper off.

Question was posed as to whether Tucson does have different roadway behavior than elsewhere? Is there any data to support this? Anecdotally it was shared the same phenomenon does not exist elsewhere.

The department seems to be stumped as to why we have these issues and have been trying different devices and have struck out thus far. A question was posed to consider various studies to understand. Could we consider a camera at critical intersections to see what is happening and when? The city welcomed the suggestion and will let us know.

5. Marana Update

David Andrews was not in attendance; thus, this agenda item will be postponed to another meeting.

6. Tanque Verde Loop Extension #4 Update

Eric Shepp from the Flood Control District joined the committee meeting to share updates. There was an aggressive effort to expand the Loop from Craycroft to Tanque Verde. A voluntary program exists to enable loop expansion related to unwilling sellers. There is a potential Loop expansion from El Rio Park / Avra Valley. The flood control district helped fund part of that expansion which is breaking ground.

A discussion regarding roadway safety driving priority of projects and potential future engagements and consistent communication between the committee and the Flood Control District.

Questions were posed regarding the new signs on the Loop saying uneven shoulder and whether this was due to prior shoulder stabilization efforts due to flooding that were not suitable edge treatment for a recreational pathway rough surface. Eric agreed to investigate this but was not immediately aware. Eric Post shared an incident with an accident on the rip rap.

Discussion surrounding Valencia west of Santa Cruz River parking areas, and it was confirmed it was a private lot and therefore not much Flood Control can do.

7. Crash Reporting Letter to Law Enforcement

A letter was shared at a prior meeting and suggested edits were incorporated, which were both shared in advance and was shared live during the meeting tonight.

Overall, very positive feedback on the letter, its intent and the examples provided. Discussion was held regarding how and when to share these suggestions to the media.

Note: if you park a vehicle and ride The Loop, their interactive map below has a layer to click on “Trailheads and Access Points” and “Park and Ride Lots” to see those county-controlled spots where you won’t be at risk of being towed:

<https://pimamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=>

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

8. Plan Tucson Update

James Wood shared updates on Plan Tucson. Plan Tucson is a general plan, a roadmap for Tucson’s future, created and approved by the residents of Tucson and guides the City’s decision making. Currently the 2013 plan will be updated and voted on by residents in 2025. James shared examples from the 2013 plan to give those on the committee a better understanding of what the plan includes and how it is effective. If an initiative is documented in the plan, it can be an effective tool to prevent various parties to take action in violation of the plan.

Phase 1, Develop Goals – Completed

Phase 2 Summer ’23 to Spring ’24, Develop Policies

Phase 3 Fall ’24 to Spring ’25, Review & Refine

Phase 4 Fall ’25, Inform Voters

November 2025, Vote

Current Focus Areas:

- Community Resources
- Economic Vitality
- Land Use, Housing, Neighborhoods, Design
- Transportation, Access, Mobility*
- Water, Climate Action, Green Space

**Where James is a liaison participant*

The two goals for the Transportation, Access & Mobility focus area include 1) Develop, maintain, and adapt quality public infrastructure, facilities, and services and 2) Integrate transportation and land use decisions to support multi-modal access. James suggested more engagement from the committee once the initiative is in the review & refine stage.

Upcoming: Plan Tucson Cross Cutting Meeting

April 23rd 1 to 4pm at the Tucson Convention Center

To participate you must register

How do we get the TPCBAC engaged and involved? For example, have a representative from Plan Tucson attend a committee meeting. It was suggested this is exactly when the TPCBAC should be engaged and review the proposed goals and subgoals and perhaps a good idea for a subcommittee to review to ensure it creates sufficient broad-based policies we can use in the future.

9. Mount Lemmon Bikeway Initiative

Daphne provided an update on the initiative. This was originally started to improve roadway and reduce perceived conflict between cyclists and motorist and to emphasize the importance of this roadway to both, not just motorists. In addition, this provides a very important impact to tourism to the community.

Asked:

- 1) Repave the down hill section between milepost three and zero
- 2) Repave uphill in the same stretch
- 3) More frequent maintenance in general

We received an email response today to share they are taking our requests seriously and seeking funding to do this work. We have been successful in a small way at this point.

Independent pavement quality study and presented to the Transportation Advisory Committee and we enforced our case that the pavement surface was not as good as Pima County was suggesting, albeit they were focused on motorists. In addition, there was a meeting coordinated with Visit Tucson to emphasize this point and use certain language. In general, there is widespread support for this initiative. A gateway sign would be positive, and artwork is ready. In addition, there is already a jersey design and Facebook page, "Mount Lemmon Bikeway" where updates will be shared.

10. Nominations Subcommittee

Four names have been put forward towards the May election, effective in June.

Chair: Ingmar Riedel-Kruse

Vice Chair: Daphne Hope

Parliamentarian: Joseph Mais

Secretary: Krista Post

11. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Related Entities

- GABA: Daphne Hope, Bike Swap was a big success. May 3rd Mt Lemmon Hill Climb, supported with food and water stops along the way. www.bikegaba.org
- CSCC: James Wood is our new representative and will start soon
- Plan Tucson: James Wood shared an update earlier in the agenda
- UofA: not in attendance

12. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Staff

- **City of Tucson**, Ben Elias shared updates:

- A number of projects that are bike related that are moving through various design and outreach and construction phases
- Shared a few links to illustrate Downtown Links and its connection to bicycling. A link provided below. Under the News tab has plans and drawings that may be helpful to better understand the connections that exist. Everything that is in green is what has been reopened with a phase of the project recently completed. Ben shared live how to read the maps and what has happened thus far.
- www.downtownlinks.info
- **Pima County**, Mike Hendrix:
 - SW mobility study ongoing and will continue to share with the committee upcoming
 - Valencia complete streets project, first public meeting on May 8th. Also, it will discuss protected intersections. It extends from Mission Road to just past Camino de la Tierra.
 - Question was raised on the status of the trailhead at the top of Campbell. Mike will get back to the committee on this.
- **Oro Valley**, none present
- **Marana**, none present
- **PAG**, David Mitchell: not present

13. Adjournment.

The Chair adjourned the April 17, 2024 TPCBAC meeting at 7:58 pm.

Attendance:

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

Audience:

Anona Leigh Miller
 David Burbank
 Eric Shepp
 S Forrestel
 Kyle DeWitte
 David Burbank
 Eric Shepp
 Dora Maldonado
 Hannah Oden

Benjamin Elias, COT/TDOT	
Mike Hendrix, PCDOT	
TBD, Oro Valley	(absent)
TBD, Marana	(absent)
David Mitchell, PAG	(absent)
Sgt David Fritsch, TPD	(absent)
Pima County Sherrif's Office	(absent)