



*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 on Wednesday, May 15 2024 via Microsoft Teams.

## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Roll Call, Call to Order, and Approval of April Minutes.**

Voice roll call was taken, with 11 members of the committee in attendance (quorum met, please see the list at the end of this document). Joseph Mais (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the April 2024 minutes was made by Joseph Mais, seconded by Daphne Hope, and passed by voice vote, 10 yes, 0 no, 1 member not present at the April meeting abstaining.

### **2. Call to the Public.**

Guest Jeanne McDonald shared her concerns about the bicycle shoulder and crossing at Dodge Boulevard. She observed that the green painted shoulders are worn and misshapen. She recommended painting repair and new signage making clear that bicycles can share the roadway. Others also shared their experiences with the Dodge crossing.

### **3. Updates from Law Enforcement.**

Lieutenant Tiffany Hogate from the Pima County Sheriff's Department provided an update to the committee, sharing the report of a clipping of a bicycle by a car at Campbell and Sunrise.

Ben Elias, on behalf of the City of Tucson, shared news of a bicyclist fatality on April 29th on Ft. Lowell at the Treat HAWK crossing. The report indicated that the HAWK signal was not initiated. This marks the 40th death of a bicyclist by a car driver in 2024 within the City.

#### **4. Oro Valley Update.**

Krista Post shared that Oro Valley has created a multi-use path at Naranja Park following some tragic deaths in the area.

Ben Elias shared that it has been difficult to coordinate getting Oro Valley staff to the BAC meeting because there are town meeting that conflict with our meeting time. He will continue to reach out to coordinate a time when someone from Oro Valley transportation department can come provide us an update. Randy Ford shared similar difficulties in his efforts to have someone join us.

#### **5. Bridge Crossing on Dodge.**

The committee discussed Daphne Hope's draft of a letter expressing concerns related to bicycle safety at the Dodge Boulevard bridge over the Rillito. There were a number of comments from committee edits, changes, and additions to the letter. Because there were a number of suggestions for the letter, the committee agreed to do another round of drafting to incorporate those changes, and to postpone approval and finalization of the letter to the June meeting.

Mike Hendrix offered to have some of his County staff look into potential changes that can be made for the crossing and to report those suggestions back to the committee.

#### **6. Loop Subcommittee.**

Randy Ford shared ongoing communications with the County regarding their interest in a coordinated effort to address issues on the Loop. He added that the County's Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR) Department is interested in creating a Loop Subcommittee and having a BAC liaison appointed to that subcommittee.

Daphne Hope suggested that it would be a good idea to share the great deal of work the committee has done in the past on the Loop, and the resistance expressed by NRPR, at the time, to those suggestions to provide current staff (and Randy) with some of that history.

The committee then moved to name Randy Ford as the BAC liaison to the developing Loop Subcommittee at NRPR.

**MOTION: A motion to name Randy Ford as BAC Liaison to the County's Loop Subcommittee was made by Joseph Mais, seconded by Daphne Hope, and passed by voice vote, 12 yes, 0 no.**

#### **7. Officer Elections.**

The committee approved the following BAC officers for the next calendar year:

**MOTION: A motion to approve Ingmar Riedel-Kruse as Chair was made by Joseph Mais, seconded by Randy Ford, and approved by voice vote, 12 yes, 0 no.**

**MOTION: A motion to approve Daphne Hope as Vice-Chair was made by Joseph Mais, seconded by Ingmar Riedel-Kruse, and approved by voice vote, 12 yes, 0 no.**

**MOTION: A motion to approve Krista Post as Secretary was made by Joseph Mais, Seconded by Bob Smith, and approved by voice vote, 12 yes, 0 no.**

**MOTION: A motion to approve Joseph Mais as Parliamentarian was made by Daphne Hope, seconded by Bob Smith, and approved by voice vote, 12 yes, 0 no.**

#### **8. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Related Entities.**

- **GABA,**

Daphne Hope updated the committee in the Mt. Lemmon Hill Climb, and on the first Ride of Silence after a 2-year hiatus. Tom Clark has become the new director of advocacy for GABA.

- **CSCC/Plan Tucson,**

James Wood hopes to give an update next meeting on Complete Streets.

#### **#. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Staff.**

- **City of Tucson,**

Ben Elias shared some new projects happening in downtown and South Tucson, expect public outreach soon.

Safety project in June for Congress and Grande; looking at less dangerous alternatives.

- **Pima County,**

Mike Hendrix shared an update on the Valencia project and the Southwest area mobility study.

Pavement preservation is in front of the Board of Supervisors.

- **Marana,**

David Andrews updated the committee that a much-awaited extension of the Loop in Marana has finally been approved, the contract has been awarded, and the connection is expected sometime in the late fall.

- **PAG,**

Hannah Oden shared that PAG is working in updating the regional map. The annual bike and pedestrian count is coming at the end of this month.

Also, public outreach for the regional transportation plan is coming soon.

**NOTICE: ERIC Post informed the committee of the potential for a prospective conflict of interest. Eric is representing a client who was injured by a tree root split on the roadway. One of the defendants in the action will be the City of Tucson. Should any item come in front of the committee related to this issue, Eric will need to abstain from committee decision making related to the item.**

**10. Adjournment.**

The Chair adjourned the May 15, 2024 TPCBAC meeting at 7:29 pm.

**Attendance:**

John Edgett, Ward 2 (absent)  
Paul Tilley, Ward 3 (absent)  
Joey Iuliano, Ward 4  
James Wood, Ward 5  
Kelly Melsted-Berger, Ward 6 (absent)  
Courtnee DeBoer, Pima County (absent)  
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 (absent)  
Bob Smith, Sahuarita  
David Andrews, Marana  
Krista Post, Oro Valley

**Audience:**

Jeanne McDonald  
Jonathan Crowe

Benjamin Elias, COT/TDOT  
Mike Hendrix, PCDOT  
Hannah Oden, PAG  
Sgt. David Fritsch, TPD (absent)  
Lt. Tiffany Hogate, Sheriff's Dept.