



## 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 and to the general public that the Committee will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public on:

**Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 3:00 PM**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Transit Services Building**  
**149 N Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call 3:01pm

*Those present were:*

**Members**

Riley Merline Ward 1 Chair  
Lisa Shipek Ward 2  
Suzanne Schafer Ward 3 Vice-Chair  
Gene Caywood City Manager  
Angie Quiroz Ward 5  
Margot Garcia Ward 6

**Others**

Allen Benz, Public  
Shamara Smith, Sun Tran  
Davita Mueller, Sun Tran  
Eric Latto, City of Tucson  
James Castaneda, City of Tucson  
Monica Landgrave-Serrano, City of Tucson

*Those absent were:*

**Members**

Kevin Hampton Ward 4  
Nicole Feldt City Manager  
Lisa Shipek Ward 2

2. Approval of Minutes – (Vote) – 5 minutes

The approval of minutes was moved, duly seconded, and, hearing no objections, Chair Riley approved the motion.

3. Call to the Audience (First) – 5 minutes

Allen Benz had some observations, he said drivers appear to be exceeding the 25-speed limit on neighborhood areas. Also, a couple shelters that need attention is Broadway and Chantilly #12857 (purple cactus bus stop) and Church and Pennington #10859 (graffiti), and the final report of the COA is now available for Mayor and Council agenda.

4. TTAC Member Check-In with Appointees (Informational) – 5 minutes

Nothing to report.

5. Plan Tucson Update – 5 minutes

Suzanne said she will be ending her role as the Plan Tucson appointee. Margot mentioned the most recent Plan Tucson meeting took place at the Tucson Convention Center.

6. Complete Streets Coordinating Council Update – 5 minutes

Riley mentioned that Tucson went from #13 in pedestrian deaths to #3 in a year in nationwide report and would like TTAC to take action on this item. Riley also brought up how the CSCC is considering being informed about certain project elements once they have been implemented vs finding out before they are constructed based on their budget size.

7. New Chair Discussion and Vote – 10 minutes

Riley has been the Chair for a year and a half and is ready to be a member instead of the chair. Suzanne Schafer and Gene Caywood are now Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. All members voted in favor, and Riley approved the motion.

8. 22<sup>nd</sup> St Bridge Project Update – 5 minutes

Regarding the 22<sup>nd</sup> St Bridge Project, the pedestrian/bicycle lane that was on the center of the bridge has been moved to the outer sides of the bridge. Likewise, the project team is working on access to and from Aviation Parkway. Gene mentioned closing the bridge during the construction process is not ideal for the transportation network and should be avoided.

9. Motion Discussion and Vote on Sun Tran COA Recommendations – 15 minutes

Davita Mueller mentioned that Director Credio and James Castaneda will be presenting the COA Final Report tomorrow at the Mayor and Council meeting, it will be informational only. James said all documents will be uploaded to the Sun Tran website as soon as possible. Next, Davita said the 102 and 104 routes did not get negative feedback regarding the changes, but public input from riders will be requested before anything is modified. Also, the alignment change for route 4 will be revised before being introduced, as suggested by Gene Caywood. Davita mentioned her team is advocating to get a modified signal at the Laos Transit Center, but funding has not been secured. Regarding the frequency of route 37, it is not in the first phase of changes.

Gene made a motion to approve the revised proposed COA route change recommendations. Margot moved Gene's motion forward, Suzanne seconded the motion, and, hearing no objections, the motion was approved by Riley.

The motion was the following:

**COA ROUTE CHANGES MOTION**

Passed by the Tucson Transit Advisory Committee at their meeting of 6/3/2024

The TTAC wants to thank and compliment DTM and Sun Tran staff for heeding the comments of the public and TTAC members, by modifying the original COA route change recommendations. The modifications made retain existing routes that were slated for elimination, and thus preserve elements essential to many riders and the cohesiveness of the Sun Tran system.

TTAC recommends the Mayor and Council approve the revised proposed COA route change recommendations, with the following exceptions:

- Route 9 – Instead of reducing headways from 20 min. to 30 min., short turn every-other bus to provide headways thus:
  - Pima College West to Fairview and Grant – 30 min.
  - Fairview and Grant to Grant/Kolb and Tanque Verde – 15 min.
  - Grant/Kolb and Tanque Verde to Pima College East – 30 min.
- Route 37 – Do not reduce the headway from 30 min. to 40 min.
- Route 12 and 24 merger – Modify the traffic control signal in front of Laos to allow buses to make a left turn out of Laos onto WB Irvington Rd, allowing the S. 12 Ave. route (and other routes heading west) to continue serving Laos.

10. Tucson Norte-Sur Update – 15 minutes

Monica Landgrave-Serrano presented a summary on the Tucson Norte-Sur project. Angie mentioned there are trust issues regarding individuals that have lived here forever, multigenerational families, community members worried about gentrification and displacement. Margot said the public outreach process with Connectors is a very impressive effort, especially with local businesses, it is hard and expensive but worthwhile. However, Margot says churches were not contacted and they would welcome a chance to be part of the process.

11. Discussion and Vote on Invitation Letter to Mayor Romero to a future meeting– 15 minutes  
Margot said she will work on two letters for the next meeting, one for the Mayor and another for the City manager to invite them to a future meeting.

12. Call to the Audience (Second) – 5 minutes  
Allen Benz explained that the Tucson Norte-Sur project has been an important element in recent City of South Tucson politics, with candidates running for city council providing their thoughts on the process.

13. Possible Future Agenda Items – 5 minutes

Recently proposed items:

- Sun Tran Management Contract Update
- Invite Mayor Regina Romero to TTAC
- Capital Project at the Ronstadt TC
- Bus Stop Summary

Ongoing items:

- Sun Tran COA Update
- Sun Van COA Update
- Tucson Rapid Transit Update
- Tucson Norte-Sur Update
- Transit Fares Update

Past proposed items:

- Climate Action Plan in relation to transit with Manisha Bewtra
- 22nd St Bridge Project update
- Drexel Bridge Project update

14. Adjournment – 5:01 pm

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