



2017 Public Safety Tax Oversight Commission Annual Report 2023

Name: 2017 Public Safety Tax Oversight Commission

Year of Report: 2023

Current Chairperson: Andrew Townsend

Membership:

The 2017 Public Safety Tax Oversight Commission (PSTOC) is a public committee that oversees Tucson Deliver's Safer City sales tax program. The PSTOC's role is to review public safety projects, help prioritize public safety investments, and provide public oversight over Tucson Delivers Safer City implementation. The PSTOC serves as the public oversight committee of the Proposition 101 Safer City element.

The 2017 Public Safety Tax Oversight Commission is comprised of 13 members, including four non-voting advisors, appointed to serve until all tax revenues of the 2017 charter amendment are expended, except that the City Manager may remove individual members with or without cause during the period of the Commission's existence.

Current members include:

- **Jon Aitken**, Ward 4
- **Margarita Bernal**, Ward 1
- **Derek Duffy**, non-voting advisory member, Tucson Police Officers Association President
- **Andrew Eriotes**, City Manager
- **Bob Gugino**, Ward 5
- **Harriet Harrell**, City Manager
- **Stuart Lorch**, Ward 3
- **Pilar Martinez**, City Manager
- **Paul Moore**, non-voting advisory member, Fire Chief
- **Laura Nagore**, Ward 2
- **Michael Silva**, non-voting advisory member, Chief of Police

- **Michael Wintrode**, non-voting advisory member, Tucson Fire Fighters Association President
2023 Chair: **Andrew Townsend**, Mayor

Current number of members: 9 voting members, 4 non-voting members

Current vacancies (as of February 29, 2024): 2

- **1 City Manager**
- **1 Ward 6**

Meetings:

Meets as required. No meetings were held in the 2023 calendar year. PSTOC members were kept up to date via email each quarter.

Designated number of meetings per year: 0

Number of meetings canceled for lack of quorum: 0

Mission and purpose:

The 2017 Public Safety Tax Oversight Commission:

- 1) Monitors the progress of the public safety improvement projects and expenditures funded by the 2017 charter amendment.
- 2) Ensures the purposes for which the charter amendment and related Public Safety Improvements Plan were approved are carried out and that revenues from the charter amendment are accounted for.
- 3) In any case where a change from the allocation described in the pamphlet and approved Public Safety Improvements Plan may be needed due to unforeseen circumstances or extraordinary considerations of the public interest and the matter is referred to the Committee by the Mayor and Council, to study the need for such change and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council to either approve or reject the change.
- 4) At the discretion and express direction of the Mayor and Council, to assume and undertake such other tasks or duties as would facilitate the goals and objectives of the Commission.

Body of work in 2023:

PSTOC members were kept up to date with progress via emails received in March, June, and September, in addition to the quarterly Tucson Delivers newsletters received in March, June, and October. Progress was made and tax revenue spent on various equipment was delivered to several fire and police stations around the city.

March 2023 Progress Updates:

Email sent to commission members on March 28, 2023, at 1:06pm

To the members of the **2017 Public Safety Tax Oversight Commission,**

I hope this email finds you all safe, healthy, and well. Please see message below from PSTOC Program Manager Terry Gilliland:

Dear PSTOC members,

It's been a while since our October meeting, and I wanted to provide some quick updates to the Commission:

- The City is busy designing 8 Safer City projects, with 6 of those in permitting at Planning and Development Services.
- The second round of Fire Station Renovation projects has been designed, permitted and is in the final stages of procurement action to get the contractor on board. This work is being performed at Fire Stations 5, 12, 13 and 17. This project is scheduled to begin early Summer.
- The new Fire Station 14 has been awarded for construction and ground-breaking is scheduled for mid-Summer.
- The design of the Southside Public Safety Complex is complete-- with a new Fire Station 10, a new Southside Police Substation, and community space – the project is ready for permit issuance and final negotiations with the CMAR contractor are scheduled to be completed by mid-March. Construction will break ground in early Summer.
- The new 300yd outdoor Firing Range project is currently in the procurement process to select a contractor. Work on this project is scheduled to begin early Summer.
- The new Fire Station 3 project has been fully designed and is currently in permit review. Once building permits are issued the project will go into procurement for construction services. This project is scheduled to start late Summer.
- The new TPD Eastside Annex project is still in design, but scheduled to be complete by the end of March. Pending permit issuance and contractor acquisition this project should start in the Fall of 2024.
- Watch your email in-box for the 1st Quarter Tucson Delivers e-newsletter. It should arrive by April 1st. You'll be able to see what is going on with other Tucson Delivers initiatives and commissions and tap into Prop 101 financials ending 2.28.2023.
- We will be contacting you about a summer PSTOC meeting date.

Thank you. Let's keep moving forward.

The Tucson Delivers March 2023 newsletter sent on March 30, 2023, at 9:23am detailed more about the new public art project installed at the recently renovated Fire Station 9 in Ward 6.

Local artist team Jason Butler and Robin Riley collaborated with the Fire Station 9 crew, local children, retired assistant Fire Chief Joe Gulotta, and a community panel.



In addition, after a QC inspection at Pierce Manufacturing in Wisconsin, TFD stations 4 and 10 received a new 2022 Heavy-Duty 'Straight Stick' 105-foot ladder truck late in March. These custom ladder trucks will feature attachment points for technical rescue ops, 500 hp engine, a chassis with a tandem rear axle, a touch screen Command Zone system, and maximum space for tools and equipment.



Plans Finalized for New Southside Public Safety Complex

Check out this aerial concept rendering of the City's Southside Public Safety Complex currently in the design phase. This innovative complex will include a new 183,000 square-foot Santa Cruz Police Substation and a new 18,000 square-foot Fire Station 10 plus a community meeting room and basketball court. Collocating police and fire will maximize space, efficiency, and technology in a modern facility with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver standards. Funding for the \$25.7 million complex is thanks to the Tucson Delivers/Safer City sales tax revenue approved by voters in 2017.



4 Fire Station Remodels Start this Summer

Fire Stations 5, 12, 13, and 17 will be remodeled this summer to improve health and safety of the crews and the public.

June 2023 Progress Updates:

Email sent to commission members on June 26, 2023, at 12:13pm

To the members of the **2017 Public Safety Tax Oversight Commission**,

I hope this email finds you all safe, healthy, and well. Please see message below from PSTOC Program Manager Terry Gilliland:

Dear PSTOC members,

Please watch your email for a second quarter Tucson Delivers e-newsletter in the last days of June. To ensure that you are in front of the information curve, I wanted to email you to let you know that Commission financials are evolving and will most likely be ready for an August PSTOC meeting. Here is a PSTOC project update below.

There is one current project nearing the end of construction – the Evidentiary Vehicle Storage Facility (Ward 4). This facility is being relocated from its current location at the Santa Cruz Police Substation to allow space for construction of the new Joint-Use Southside Public Safety Complex.

There are four projects across wards in permit review:

1. **Southside Public Safety Complex (Ward 5)** – Under review with the City’s Planning & Development Services Department (PDS), with permits issued by PDS within a couple of months. We will finalize negotiations with our Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contractor Core Construction so construction can begin.
2. **Package 2 Fire Station Renovations (FS 5 - Ward 3, FS 12 - Ward 6, FS 13 - Ward 4, FS 17 - Ward 4)** – PDS is expected to issue permits in approximately three months and will finalize negotiations with our CMAR contractor Lloyd Construction so construction may begin.
3. **Rebuild of Fire Station 14 (Ward 5)** – PDS is anticipated to issue permits within 60 days, in addition to an open competitive bid to solicit for construction.
4. **Upgrade to the TPD Firing Range (Ward 4)** – PDS is slated to issue permits within 60 days, along with an open competitive bid to solicit for construction.

There are two projects in the design phase:

1. **TPD Eastside Annex (Ward 4)** – This project is in the final stages of design. When design is complete, the package will be submitted to PDS for permit review and approval. The City is currently engaged with a CMAR contractor Lloyd Construction; we anticipate finalizing negotiations for construction costs prior to permit issuance.
2. **Rebuild of Fire Station 3 (Ward 6)** – The design phase of this project has been awarded to the selected design firm. Design is currently approximately 30% complete with an expectation of 100% design within five months. TFD is currently seeking a temporary location for active fire station operations during construction. Once permits are issued for this project, it will be advertised for competition for the construction work.

Thank you. Let’s keep moving forward.

The Tucson Delivers June 2023 newsletter sent on June 29, 2023, at 1:13pm detailed the same information to the public as in the email above. Check out this rendering of the Southside Safety Complex in Ward 5.



September 2023 Progress Updates:

Email sent to commission members on September 28, 2023, at 2:55pm

Dear PSTOC members,

You all have the first photos of the new Enforcer Pumper being released to the FS 15 team. Look at the proud smiles of this station crew that serves the community south of A Mountain. Watch for more coverage in social media and in the upcoming Fall Tucson Delivers e newsletter. Thank you, voters, PSTOC, and Tucson Delivers!



October 2023 Progress Updates:

The Tucson Delivers October 2023 newsletter sent on October 11, 2023, at 3:49pm detailed more about the new engine trucks distributed at several fire stations across the city.

Fire Station 10 Engine

Thanks to Prop 101 funding, Fire Station (FS) 10 received its new engine truck. To celebrate the arrival of this new engine and to honor unity and teamwork, the FS 10 crew gathered for a traditional “push-in ceremony.” This ceremony dates to the 1800’s when a steamer engine was pulled by horses, who will not walk backwards under a load.



Fire Station 4 Engine

Station 4 recently welcomed a brand new Engine 4 to the station! Their first call? To the Tucson House, the City's largest public housing site.



Two New Enforcer Pumper Released in the Last Week of September

September 25 to FS 16 serving Ward 2

September 28 to FS 15 serving Ward 1



Operational by Year End: TPD's New Evidence Vehicle Storage Facility

Tucson Police Department's new facility at 10617 S. Wilmot Rd. will allow the Evidence Section to improve service to community members, staff, and the courts. When complete this winter, the facility will feature state-of-the-art security with:

- An evidence storage lot with space for over 700 crime scene vehicles, plus land available for expansion. The current lot is designed to hold 250 vehicles – and has over 500.
- A warehouse for bicycle storage

- Two bays to process crime scene vehicles
- A secured locker area for the submission of evidence
- Remote access to a single release vehicle area

