



Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee Annual Report for 2023

Name: Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee

Year of Report: 2023

Current Chair: Joseph Mais, joseph.mais@gmail.com

Membership:

The bylaws of the TPCBAC state: The committee shall consist of no fewer than 17 voting members, 7 of which shall represent the City of Tucson and 10 shall represent Pima County.

In addition, other municipalities and governmental entities such as those mentioned in Article 2 C (3) may each appoint 1 voting member.

- Mayor and Council, 1 each for a total of 7
- City of Tucson Department of Transportation, non-voting Ex-officio, 1
- Pima County Board of Supervisors, 10
- Pima County Department of Transportation, non-voting Ex-officio, 1
- Oro Valley, 1
- Marana, 1
- Sahuarita, 1
- South Tucson, 1
- University of Arizona, 1
- Pima Community College, 1
- Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, 1
- Tohono O’odham Nation, 1
- Pascua Yaqui Nation, 1

Current number of members: 20

Current Members as of 01/01/24

Mayor:	Imelda Cortez	Pima Co.:	David Linn
Ward 1:	Sophia Gonzalez	Pima Co.:	Joseph Mais
Ward 2:	John Edgett	Pima Co.:	Eric Post
Ward 3:	Paul Tilley	Pima Co.:	Ingmar Riedel-Kruse
Ward 4:	Joey Iuliano	Pima Co.:	Nicole Sanderson
Ward 5:	James Wood	Pima Co.:	Kim Smith
Ward 6:	Kelly Melsted-Berger	Pima Co.:	-vacant-
Pima Co.:	Courtnee DeBoer	Sahuarita:	Bob Smith
Pima Co.:	Randy Ford	Marana:	David Andrews
Pima Co.:	Daphne Hope	Oro Valley:	Krista Post

Current Vacancies (as of January 1, 2024): 7

- 1 appointment, Pima County (appointee resigned 10/11/23)
- 1 appointment, South Tucson (appointment request 8/1/19; no response to date)
- 1 appointment, University of Arizona (appointment ended on 12/19/23; awaiting new named appointment)
- 1 appointment, Davis Monthan Air Force Base (appointment request pending)
- 1 appointment, Pima Community College (appointee resigned Dec. 2021)
- 1 appointment, Tohono O’odham Nation (no appointment to date)
- 1 appointment, Pascua Yaqui Nation (no appointment to date)

Designated number of meetings per year: 10

Number of meetings held in 2023: 9

Meetings held in the months of: January, February, March, April, May, June, August, September, November (No scheduled meeting in July)

Number of meetings canceled for lack of quorum: 2

Meeting canceled: October, December

Number of meetings canceled for other reasons: 0

Subcommittees: Outreach (empaneled from March through September), Crash-Reporting (empaneled in October—ongoing)

Number of Subcommittee meetings held: 6 (subcommittee meetings are scheduled ad-hoc)

Mission and Purpose of the TPCBAC: The Bicycle Advisory Committee meets and confers with representatives from local transportation departments, providing opinions and advice on community concerns relating to bicycling. Additionally, it provides a conduit for citizens to voice their concerns and express their needs to local government. It acts as the official advisory agency to the city and county governing bodies for technical questions and concerns related to bicycling and reviews and makes recommendations regarding any proposed local, state, and federal legislation related to bicycling.

Major Accomplishments in 2023:

Outreach:

The committee continues to be a voice for the region promoting best practices in bicycle safety and bicycle awareness.

- In 2023, the committee made efforts to improve outreach and communication to the community, driven largely by efforts of the Outreach Subcommittee to:

enhance the committee's website; improve the ability for community members to address the committee; and, to raise awareness of the BAC as an entity.

- The committee continues to provide input to the City's Move Tucson program.
- The BAC has a liaison, Sophia Gonzalez, who represents our committee on the City's Complete Streets Coordinating Council and participated in several activities related to that project.
- The BAC has a liaison, James Wood, who represents our committee on Plan Tucson.

Infrastructure:

The Bicycle Advisory Committee monitors and makes recommendations with regard to infrastructure in the region. The BAC:

- Routinely receives updates on road repairs, construction, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure;
- Regularly requests updates from public officials on projects of interest;
- Continually seeks public input from on infrastructure projects, road safety, and needs for infrastructure improvement;
- Regularly provides recommendations to Pima County, the City of Tucson, and other municipalities in Pima County on road construction projects in order to facilitate bicycle safety and to recommend best practices;
- Regularly gives feedback to the County on Loop safety and needed improvements to the Loop.

Access & Awareness:

The BAC makes efforts to raise awareness of concerns of bicycle access and safety and to recommend improvements, including:

- Advocating for bicycle access and sensible rules and regulations related to bicycling, such as permitting e-bikes on the Loop;
- Contributing to City and County efforts toward providing citizens with equitable access regardless of their mode of transportation;
- Recommending to the City of Tucson, Pima County, and the other municipalities the use of protected bicycle infrastructure whenever feasible, especially when road construction occurs;
- Continuing our 2023 efforts to periodically invite representatives from other organizations that promote bicycling, safety, and awareness to present at the BAC meetings;
- Continuing efforts to expand the network of pro-cycling entities to broaden mutual awareness and enhance the efforts to promote cycling and related activities;

- Reimagining way to receive information on bicycle related accidents that can contribute to the committee’s work—a major task of the Crash Reporting Subcommittee;
- Encouraging public participation in the deliberative efforts of the committee.

Work plan for the coming year:

- The committee will continue working to identify and address issues that restrict or limit access to cycling or that affect safety outcomes in Pima County.
- It will continue to contribute to the City of Tucson’s Complete Streets and Plan Tucson Projects.
- The committee will seek opportunities for providing its transportation partners with input that contributes to improved conditions for all road users.
- The committee will make use of the subcommittee structure, such as reviving the Loop/Facilities Subcommittee, to help broaden the capacity to take on the work that has been lost since the in-person structure was ended.
- The committee will continue its efforts to improve the language around—and method of receiving—data on bicycle and pedestrian accidents.
- The committee will continue its efforts to strengthen relationships with city, county, and municipal entities to ensure effective communication between those entities and the committee, consistent with its mission to recommend to those entities ways to ensure those decisions that affect bicyclists are brought to their attention.