

**TUCSON TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

Functions

The TTAC shall evaluate and monitor the City transit system’s performance, budget, existing and potential revenue sources, and ridership-building efforts; and shall support the integration of transit into the regional mobility network.

The TTAC shall forward to the Mayor and Council reports and recommendations on topics as it deems necessary and as requested by the Mayor and Council.

The Department of Transportation and Mobility will bring major projects to the TTAC for review.

Membership

The membership of the TTAC is made up of 11 voting members and 1 non-voting member, as explained below: Membership shall consist of eleven (11) voting members who shall serve without compensation and are appointed as follows:

1. The Mayor and each Council member shall appoint one member for a total of seven (7).
2. The City Manager shall appoint four (4) members seeking to provide one member representing each of the following:
 - a. Disability Community
 - b. U of A Parking and Transportation Department.
3. One (1) member shall be designated as a non-voting staff representative from
 - a. Pima Association of Governments/Regional Transportation Authority.

Current Members as of 2/29/2024

Riley Merline	Ward 1	Chair
Lisa Shipek	Ward 2	Member
Suzanne Schafer	Ward 3	Vice-Chair
Kevin Hampton	Ward 4	Member
Margot Garcia	Ward 6	Member
Gene Caywood	City Manager	Member
Nicole Feldt	City Manager	U of A Parking and Transportation Department.

Current Vacancies as of 2/29/2024

Ward 4	Member
City Manager	Member
City Manager	Disability Community
PAG/RTA	Non-Voting Staff Representative

Major Accomplishments in 2023

The primary achievement of this entity was its evolution from the Transit Task Force (TTF) into the Tucson Transit Advisory Committee (TTAC), a transition that unfolded over the course of several years. The distinction lies in the temporary nature of a task force compared to the permanence of a committee. As a committee, the TTAC is guaranteed continuity, empowering its members to better serve the community by fostering a long-term vision and focus on transit.

Furthermore, the TTAC has consistently offered feedback on the Sun Tran Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). Their suggestions and comments were integrated into the Final Draft Recommendations. Similarly, the TTAC supported Bus Rapid Transit on the Stone Avenue alignment over the Oracle Road option in the form of an endorsement letter sent to the Project Manager, as well as to Mayor and Council. Stone Avenue is now the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Additionally, the committee regularly offers feedback on various aspects of the transit system, encompassing equitable service for all riders, safety measures at transit stations, bus stop amenities, fare structures, ridership patterns, and regional connections. The TTAC is committed to ensuring the transit system is an integral part of our transportation network.