



*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 March 26, 2025** via Microsoft Teams.

### **Draft Meeting Minutes**

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

Voice roll call was taken, with 10 members of the committee in attendance (quorum met, please see the list at the end of this document). Ingmar Riedel-Kruse (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION: A motion to approve the January 2025 minutes was made by Krista, seconded by Daphne, and passed by voice vote, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 members abstaining.**

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

Matthew Taylor, new member representing Town of Marana introduces himself.

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

Gyndon Bolasky, Pima Co Sheriff Dept, sitting in for Lt Crowson: February 2 bicycle-vehicle collisions, neither with life-threatening injuries. One cyclist crash coming down from Mt Lemmon on Catalina Hwy. Five bikes stolen.

Tony Archibald of TPD Traffic Division, replacing Lt. Frisch: so far in 2025: 16 fatal vehicle accidents, with 0 cyclist fatalities. Motor vehicle accidents down by 9, compared to 2024.

Nicole notes that the city has updated its crash data-base through Feb 2025.

#### **4. Review draft of Annual report**

Discussion of TPCBAC need for more members, city is doing outreach, Lydia will send out list of vacancies.

**MOTION: A motion to approve the Annual Report was made by Randy, seconded by Daphne, and passed by voice vote, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 members abstaining.**

#### **5. Review draft letter to UofA for deterring bike theft.**

Committee suggestions included gathering data & asking UofA to provide data; mentioning student who

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came to TPCBAC meeting; making specific suggestions for deterring bicycle theft; starting interactive Google doc that committee can use to edit letters.

## **6. Alternative routes to Sabino Canyon / Tanque Verde Intersection**

Daphne Hope describes dangers at the Sabino Canyon & Tanque Verde intersections due to increased traffic volume, aggressive behavior, and larger vehicles. Proposes that committee ask Pima Co to priority updating safety there. Options include: 1) improve the intersection, and 2) seek alternative routes, e.g., overpass. Noted: private property ownership issues, money for improvement exists if related to flood control, improvement can only occur on the north bank due to Tucson Country Club Estate property, expanding loop benefits safety & tourism.

Ingmar suggests Daphne write a draft letter to county for committee to review.

Nicole shares link to map that shows her research on bicycle-involved crashes that occurred on Tanque Verde Rd from 2018 to present:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?hl=en&mid=1wWprTuMk8EumAuDqU1mehmWPmDI0OQk&ll=32.25263912136303%2C-110.83690803509285&z=14>

## **7. Loop extension project**

Covered in #6 discussion above.

## **8. Aviation bikeway rehabilitation report update.**

Daphne asks committee which of the improvements/changes suggested in the GABA 2018 Aviation Bikeway Rehabilitation report have been made.

Lydia: the Wooden Bridge has been repaired/reconstructed, but none of the intersections mentioned in report were improved. Possible funding via Complete Streets is available, Lydia suggests writing a letter or going to Complete Streets Coordinating Council meeting to suggest that intersections be redesigned/improved for safety.

Also noted: 1) safer roadways/intersections would benefit access to 100-Acre Woods Bike Park adjacent to Aviation Parkway. Unhoused encampments and significant financial losses have project stymied. Lydia will reach out to Parks & Rec for update on plan. 2) Plans to connect 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge with Aviation Bikeway & addition of shared-use lane are paused due to uncertainty about federal funding.

## **9. Tucson Velodrome update**

Lance Jones gives brief presentation on the progress of the Tucson Velodrome Project. Discusses vision for this facility in Tucson. It is a “public-profit” collaboration, located on Pima Co Fairgrounds. Programs geared toward community will include youth cycling teams, school participation, certification programs, and team-building. A “soft opening” is expected in Sept of 2025. [Tucsonvelodrome.com](http://Tucsonvelodrome.com).

## **10. Update on Dodge Bridge**

Mike Hendrix reports that contractor has begun removing Dodge Street surface in preparation for repaving. Project goes from Kleindale Ave, north to near the Jewish Community Center. Leading up to and crossing the Dodge Bridge there will be two 10ft lanes for motor vehicles and a 2ft buffer between

the roadway and the bike lanes on either side. The bike lanes will be 5ft wide leading up to the bridge and will narrow to 4ft on the bridge and painted green. Raised road crossings will be on either side of bridge.

Questions/comments discussed: whether or not there should be left-hand turn markings for cyclists, signs stating “bikes can take up full lane”, or placing physical barriers/poles between roadway & bike lanes. Some members expressed opinion that barriers may inhibit more “confident/experienced” cyclists, and that roadway markings and signage should target people of varying skill levels. Additionally, due to the Loop extension at Prince & Dodge, overall congestion will likely reduce.

## **12. Update on construction south-side Olive Road underpass at Univ of Arizona**

Anona Miller reports that construction has begun to improve rideability & to clarify mixed-use lanes. They will match the design to the north side of underpass with asphalt bike lanes in the middle and paver brick walkways on either side for pedestrians.

## **13. Update on holding in-person TPCBAC meeting**

Differing opinions expressed: 1) in-person may not be successful if showing up for online meetings has not been. 2) offering hybrid in-person meetings with option of tuning in on-line, 3) hybrid model may feel exclusive to those online. 3) wait until we have filled empty positions before deciding.

Ingmar suggests a social bike ride gathering for committee members before it gets too hot.

## **14. Potential effects of new federal administrations on TPCBAC/biking**

Daphne had shared that the “NSC Road to Zero” is temporarily unavailable with the note: “We regret to inform you that as of Jan 30, 2025, the Road to Zero Coalition has received a Stop Work Order from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. We are seeking clarification from NHTSA on the nature of the order, but for now the Coalition’s work has been put on hold indefinitely.” This and potentially similar developments are likely related to changes in funding priorities and perspectives on transportation of the new federal administration.

Mike Hendrix reports that Pima Co is examining all of their grants, but no info yet.

Lydia reports that most projects are local- or state-funded. And larger projects are on-hold right now. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge funded by RAISE is a federal grant; it has not been taken back but is on-hold.

Joey reports that any project that includes DEI, social justice, or “green” projects, i.e., planting trees are under extreme scrutiny:

- <https://www.npr.org/2025/03/21/g-s1-55090/trump-dei-trees-removal-climate-change>.
- <https://usa.streetsblog.org/2025/03/12/breaking-u-s-dot-orders-review-of-all-grants-related-to-green-infrastructure-bikes/>.

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

- **GABA (Daphne):** April 6 Bike Swap at Armory Park
- **Loop Subcommittee (Randy):** Committee has 3 priorities at present: **a)** Improving way-finding on the Loop, **b)** 360 degree reporting/interaction using QR codes (to find location, report problems, ask a question, etc.) **c)** Defining “Micro-mobility” which would include multiple e-use,

i.e., electric bikes, scooters, wheel chairs, with likely 20 m.p.h limits.

- **CSCC** - None
- **Plan Tucson** - None

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

- **City of Tucson (Lydia): a)** Two Loop closures: Canada del Oro Underpass closed March 31-April 6, Rillito Bridge April 7-April 13. **b)** Pima Association of Government (PAG) opening volunteer sign-up for bike/ped head counts. [Bike Count Sign Up \[maps.pagregion.com\]](https://maps.pagregion.com). **c)** April 6<sup>th</sup> is Cyclomania.
- **Pima Country (Mike Hendrix): a)** Valencia Road project is moving forward.  
**b)** Community outreach effort coming soon for *Our Safe Streets For All* grant, which includes City of Tucson & other partners.
- **Marana Update** – None
- **PAG** (see above)

## 17. Goal Setting/Next Meeting

**Krista:** Need Google Doc link for Draft Letter to UofA and UofA bike theft data from Anona.

**Lydia:** Will get update from Parks & Rec about 100-Acre Woods Bike Park for next month or following.

**Daphne:** Update on

**Ingmar:** Short month, reminder to send agenda items soon.

## 18. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the March 2025 TPCBAC meeting at 8:35pm.

**Note: Next TPCBAC meeting scheduled for April 16, 2024**

### Member Attendance:

Denise Aquino, Ward 1 (absent)  
Courtnee DeBoer, Pima County (absent)  
John Edgett, Ward 2  
Randy Ford, Pima County  
Daphne Hope, Pima County  
Joey Iuliano, Ward 4  
David Linn, Pima County  
Kevin Lu, Mayor's Office (absent)  
Anona Miller, University of Arizona  
Eric Post, Pima County (absent)  
Krista Post, Oro Valley  
Ingmar Riedel-Kruse, Pima County  
Nicole Sanderson, Pima County  
Robert Smith, Sahuarita (absent)  
Matthew Taylor, Marana  
Paul Tilley, Ward 3 (absent)  
James Wood, Ward 5 (absent)

### Also in Attendance:

Lydia Barker-Winkworth, City of Tucson  
Gyndon Bolasky Pima Co Sheriff  
Mike Hendrix, PCDOT  
Jonathan Crowe PCDOT (absent)  
Hannah Oden, PAG (absent)

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