



# 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Citizens' Corridor Planning Task Force



Thursday, June 12, 2025, 5:45 p.m.

Donna Liggins Recreation Center

2160 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Tucson, AZ 85705

## LEGAL ACTION REPORT

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair Karl Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.  
The quorum was established through roll call.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Caroline Bartelme	Mindy Gutzmer
Dave Boston	Maxine Dunkelman
Ruben Robles	
Melissa (Mimi) Noshay-Petro	
Kathleen (Susan) O'Brien	
Nancy Reid	
Kate Saunders	
Karl Peterson	
A.M. Rivers	
Marci Caballero-Reynolds	

### 2. Approval of April 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Karl Peterson asked the members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Citizens' Corridor Planning Task Force (1ACCPTF) if they had an opportunity to review the minutes from the previous meeting on April 17, 2025. All 1ACCPTF members reviewed the minutes, and a motion to accept was made by Melissa (Mimi) Noshay-Petro and Kathleen (Susan) O'Brien, seconded. All approved.

### 3. Call to the Audience

No comments were received during the Call to the Audience.

### 4. Election for Chairman and Co-Chair

In the previous meeting, it was moved to elect Co-Chair Karl Peterson as the new Chairman, but Karl was not present at that meeting. As he was present at the June 12

meeting, the HDR Communications Lead, Kristi Ross, asked the group if they wanted to elect a new Chair. The group asked Karl if he would be interested, and Karl accepted. Melissa (Mimi) Noshay-Petro made a motion to make Karl Peterson the new Chair of the 1ACCPTF, and Ruben Robles seconded. The group voted unanimously to elect Karl Peterson as the Chair.

## **5. Intersection Configurations and Operational Models**

Kittelson & Associates Principal Engineer, Felipe Ladron de Guevara, presented the Intersection Configurations and Operational Models. He spoke about the 2045 Traffic Modeling Process with the objective to accommodate 2045 traffic demand by improving signal operations instead of widening the roadway.

Felipe also brought the two new projects on the project that they know about currently, the Walmart expansion at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Wetmore Road and the Salad and Go at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Limberlost road and how these will figure into the 2045 Traffic Volume Update.

Felipe presented preliminary treatments for the corridor that include signal timing at all intersections, dual left turn lanes at Wetmore Road, and right turn lanes at multiple locations. These treatments are a feasible strategy to reduce physical impacts and accommodate the 2045 traffic demand.

Felipe then presented how these treatments would work on two intersections along the project, River Road at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Wetmore Road at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

## **6. Preferred Alternative: Prince Road to Roger Road**

HDR Project Manager, Brent Kirkman again referred to the goal of the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Project to *minimize the impacts of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue improvements on adjacent residents and businesses*.

Brent then presented the Prince Road to Roger Road, the most constrained segment on the corridor, the most residential segment of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and two alternatives have been developed that are up for consideration in this segment.

The revised narrow cross-section alternatives were presented to the group; one of the alternatives is the 11-foot center turn lane with median islands, which would provide more access in the segment, and the other is a 4-foot narrow landscape buffer median, which provides less access to the segment.

Brent then went through the wider sections along the corridor and added that the team is seeking recommendations from the task force on how to use additional space along the corridor.

City of Tucson DTM Administrator Patrick Hartley then asked the members if they were ready to decide on one of the two options tonight. Caroline Bartelme said that she feels the wider turn lane with the smaller median islands is the option they should move forward with. Caroline made a motion that they accept this option. There was discussion on this motion. After the discussion, Karl Peterson seconded Caroline's motion, and 10

members moved to approve the motion with one member, Kate Saunders, abstaining from the vote. The motion was approved.

**7. Roadway Alignment Workshop**

HDR Project Manager Brent Kirkman and City of Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) Administrator Patrick Hartley spoke briefly to the task force members and invited them to move over to the large roll plots of the project with the latest recommendations and asked the task force members to please utilize the pens and sticky notes to add their comments, questions, etc. to the roll plots.

**8. Future Agenda Items**

HDR Communications Lead, Kristi Ross, announced that the field trip on the project will be postponed until the Fall when it is cooler. Kristi also announced that the July CTF meeting and possibly the August CTF meeting will be cancelled so that the project team has time to work on the project and then come back with updated materials for the task force to review.

**9. Adjournment**

Karl moved to adjourn the meeting; Ruben Robles seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.