

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 August 20, 2025 via Microsoft Teams.

#### **Draft Meeting Minutes**

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

Quorum was met with 11 members present. Krista makes motion to approve April minutes, Randy seconds the motion. There were nine yays to approve, and two abstaining members who were not present at April meeting.

#### 2. Call to the Public.

Karen Keeting is present as a community member. She has also volunteered to become a Ward 2 Committee member. She lives near Udall Park and is interested in having input on the Loop extension where it meets Udall Park. She has background in project management & landscape design.

Randy Ford, suggests that Karen attend Park & Rec Loop Subcommittee meetings which have more direct impact on Loop planning.

#### 3. Updates from Law Enforcement.

Tony Archibald is present from Tucson Police Dept. Reports there have only been two bicycling-related fatalities so far in 2025, compared to six fatalities at this time last year, 2024. This amounts to a 12% decrease in bicycling-related fatalities. Tony notes that they cannot attribute decline in fatalities to anything specific.

Most recent bicyclist death occurred on June 25<sup>th</sup> in the 8700 block of East Old Vale Road. A car & bicyclist were moving westbound, with cyclist in the right lane. Without signaling, 75yo cyclist made left turn into the vehicle hitting him broadside, he died as a result of his injuries at the hospital. The vehicle has video documenting the moments leading up to the crash.

Randy Ford asks if TPD has any plan or suggestions regarding the multiple interactions that have occurred between unhoused people & cyclists. Tony offers to send resources for helping the unhoused. He also admits that due to more urgent police calls, these types of calls are not likely to be prioritized.

Eric Post reports that national data indicates an average of 2.5-2.7 officers per thousand citizens, whereas Tucson only has one officer per thousand. Tony affirms that Tucson currently only deploys 800 officers, but also approx. 200 community service officers who attend to less serious issues such as traffic violations & burglaries.

Tony reports he will be retiring. Officer Troy Lansdale is also present and will represent TPD at future meetings.

## 4. Update on from UofA bike theft statistics

Salena Torres Ashton, PhD candidate at UofA College of Information, presents data from her dissertation on bicycle thefts on campus. Sgt. Mickell (Mike) Barney, UAPD was also invited to come, but could not make it. Following info shared:

- Bike theft data is difficult to process & interpret due to language used in crime reports. She found only 2/3s of bicycle thefts were reported as "Larceny of Bicycle", 1/3 were reported as "Larceny other", "Vandalism", "Burglary", etc.
- Majority of thefts occur in the Fall (Sept-Oct) and over winter break (Dec-Jan).
- Riders do not always give accurate info about their bikes, e.g., color, value, last time seen.
- Majority of stolen bikes are not registered.
- Riders do not trust UAPD.
- Riders don't feel safe riding to & from campus through Tucson.
- Requiring riders to use locks only reduces bike theft by 1%
- Bike theft likely to increase along with street drug increases.

#### **Actionable Information/Recommendations:**

## • ADD Valet Parking/Bike Lockers/Corals in Top "Hot Spots" – 100+ bikes stolen:

a.	1101 E. Mable St.	2022-25 —165 bikes
b.	1510 E. University Blvd.	2022-25 —134 bikes
c.	822 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	2022-25 —132 bikes
d.	515 N Tyndall Ave.	2022-25 —128 bikes
e.	1400 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	2022-25 —106 bikes

#### PROVIDE Education:

- a. **Report stolen bikes**. Brings more attention to the problem, gives more info about "hot spots", possibly resulting in UA implementing deterrents in those locations. Thirty to 50% of bike thefts currently not being reported.
- b. Use Proper locking behaviors.
  - i. Use of 2+ locks (u-lock, cable) reduces theft more than specific type of locks used.
  - ii. Place locks through front & back wheels (-vs- frame only).
- c. **Frequent checking.** Higher probability of theft if bike left for 5+ hours.

#### Additional Recommendations made by Selena & Committee:

- a. Use volunteers & create unpaid student internships to help to implement valet parking, etc.
- b. Increase Valet Parking into evening hours & over breaks.
- c. Address loitering & other crime on and surrounding campus to make cycling safer & reduce potential thefts.
- d. Allow indoor bike storage over school breaks, address with Residential Life & Risk Management Depts.
- e. Installation of cameras at "hot spots", but only with live-monitoring.

#### 5. Discussion of letter to UofA for deterring bike theft.

Letter should include data & recommendations provided/discussed today (see above)

## 6. Update on widening I-10 / modification Kino / Alvernon 10

Lydia: Representatives from state transportation dept will attend Sept committee meeting. She requests scheduling them earlier on the agenda.

## 7. Review progress TPCBAC members of recording safety gaps.

Nicole Sanderson is absent.

#### 8. Filling TPCBAC vacancies / website updates / outreach

Members report difficulty finding committee membership info on website, suggests making it more accessible. Lydia reports that City Clerk's office controls website. And the Pima Co site has the membership application form. She will see if transportation site might include TPCBAC's agenda. And if Pima Co can make application more accessible.

Ingmar asks that committee members give ample notice before resigning to allow for finding new representatives.

## 9. Announcements, Updates, and Questions for Related Entities.

- GABA, Daphne Hope absent
- CSCC, James Wood
  - 1. CSCC voted to allow Tucson to pay a fee to Union Pacific Railroad to engage with them about connector paths. Three options may be presented to Union Pacific: An off-road multi-use connector trail (more expensive); On-street bike lanes; or nothing at all.
  - 2. East-side Bicycle Network from Wrightstown to 29th Street. Public input requested.

## • Park & Rec Loop Subcommittee, Randy Ford

- 1. Plans being made to create a Loop application that allows two-way communication on the Loop between users & supporting organizations (Pima Co Park & Rec, Pima Co Flood Control, Marana & Oro Valley Park&Recs) using a QR code to link to maps of the Loop, to report issues of concern, etc.
- 2. Recommending modifications to existing policies on "e-mobility devices", e.g., wheelchairs, scooters, ebikes, with the focus being on "regulating behaviors" such as speeding, not on transportation modality.
- 3. Way-finding proposal on signage & technology was made to the Loop Oversight Committee.

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

## • City of Tucson, Lydia Barker-Winkworth

Reports on two Transportation Mobility projects. They will be collecting input, and asking if BAC will be interested in commenting: 1). Mountain Avenue Bike Blvd with protected bike lanes, and 2) Alamo Wash Greenway.

#### • **Pima County**, Mike Hendrix

- 1. Valencia Road project (Camino De La Terra & Mission road). Working with contractor to improve design with buffered bike lane and an off-road multi-use path. Open to BAC input.
- 2. Sahuarita Road multi-use trail, design plan has just begun, open to presenting to BAC
- 3. Working on Transportation Master Plan and would like to present to BAC for comment.
- 4. Question about connecting Green Valley & Sahuarita with the Loop. Mike will reach out to flood control about plans to connect south of the city.
- Marana Update, David Andrews (no longer in BAC)
- **PAG**, Hannah Odin not present.

# **11. Discussion next meeting dates / Goal Setting/Next Meeting** No suggestions.

# 12. Personal introduction of new BAC members / community members $\ensuremath{\mathsf{N/A}}$

NOTE: Next TPCBAC meeting will be Wednesday September 17th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance	:

Denise Aquino, Ward 1 (absent) Courtnee DeBoer, Pima Co (absent) John Edgett, Ward 2 Randy Ford, Pima County Dora Maldonado, Ward 6 (absent) Mike Hendrix, PCDOT Daphne Hope, Pima County (absent) Joey Iuliano, Ward 4 (absent) David Linn, Pima County (absent) Kevin Lu, Mayor's Office (absent) Anona Miller, Univ of AZ Eric Post, Pima County (absent) Krista Post, Oro Valley Ingmar Riedel-Kruse, Pima Co Nicole Sanderson, Pima Co (absent) Robert Smith, Sahuarita (absent) Paul Tilley, Ward 3 Brian V ??? , Marana James Wood, Ward 5 Jane Zaviska, Ward 6 Ed.... ???

#### **Audience:**

Lydia Barker-Winkworth, City of Tucson Karen Keeting, Ward 2 Elaine Mariolle Anthony Archebald, TPD Troy Lansdale, TPD Salena Torres Ashton, UofA Student