



Tucson Transit Advisory Committee  
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## LEGAL ACTION REPORT

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Mayor and Council Tucson Transit Advisory Committee and to the general public that the Committee will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public on:

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:00 PM**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> Floor Conference Room, Public Works Building**  
**201 N Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona**

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

*Those present were:*

#### **Members**

Riley Merline Ward 1 Chair  
Suzanne Schafer Ward 3 Vice-Chair  
Margot Garcia Ward 6  
Nicole Feldt City Manager  
Gene Caywood City Manager  
Lisa Shipek Ward 2

*Those absent were:*

#### **Members**

Kevin Hampton Ward 4

#### **Others**

Allen Benz, Public  
Mike Milczarek, Public  
Davita Mueller, Sun Tran  
Mackenzi Wintermoyer, Sun Tran  
James Castaneda, City of Tucson  
Ian Sansom, City of Tucson  
Monica Landgrave-Serrano, City of Tucson

### 2. Approval of Minutes – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The approval of minutes was moved, duly seconded, and, hearing no objections, Chair Merline approved the motion.

### 3. Call to the Audience (First)

No comments from the audience.

NO ACTION TAKEN

### 4. TTAC Member Check-In with Appointees (Informational)

There was nothing to report.

NO ACTION TAKEN

### 5. Complete Streets Coordinating Council (CSCC) Update

NO ACTION TAKEN

Chair Riley Merline said the Complete Streets Coordinating Council Meetings are held virtually on the 4th Wednesday of the month, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please visit the following link:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Clerks/Boards-Committees-Commissions/Boards-Commissions?board=130>

### 6. Plan Tucson Update

NO ACTION TAKEN

Vice-Chair Suzanne Schafer invited everyone to participate in Plan's Tucson Future Growth Scenario Mapping Activity: <https://www.plantucson.org/future-growth>.

Also, the Plan Tucson working groups will be meeting the following dates:

Water, Climate Action, Green Space

March 4th 1pm-3:30pm (El Rio Community Center 1390 W Speedway Blvd)

March 21st 1pm-3:30pm (El Rio Community Center 1390 W Speedway Blvd)

Transportation, Mobility Access

March 14 1:30-4pm (New Ward 2 Office, 7820 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 100)

Land use, Housing, Neighborhood Design

March 18 2:30-5pm (El Rio Community Center 1390 W Speedway Blvd)

Economic Vitality

March 27th 2:30pm-5pm (El Rio Community Center 1390 W Speedway Blvd)

Community Resources

March 28th 9-11:30 (El Rio Community Center 1390 W Speedway Blvd)

**7. Sun Tran Performance Indicators**

NO ACTION TAKEN

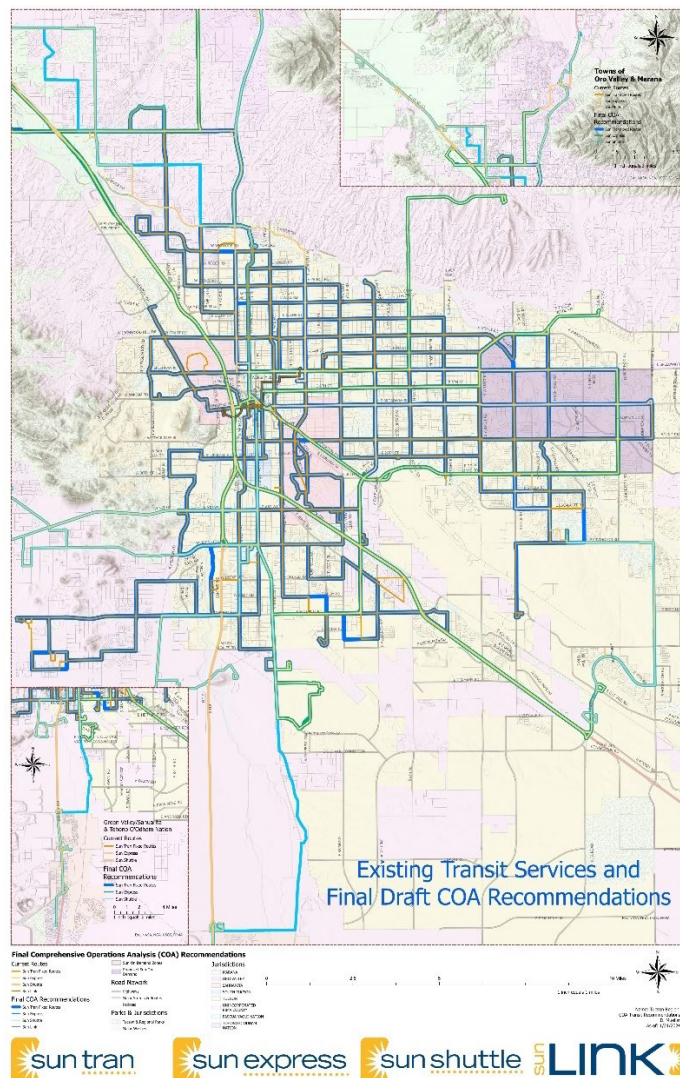
This item was not addressed due to the absence of the speaker. This item will be added to the next agenda.

**8. Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Update and TTAC Feedback**

NO ACTION TAKEN

James Castaneda presented the Express Routes in the Final Draft Recommendations for the COA.

In addition, Gene Caywood made a motion to endorse the COA Final Draft Recommendations with certain caveats that were open for discussion. The vote was postponed until the next meeting of the TTAC.



NO ACTION TAKEN

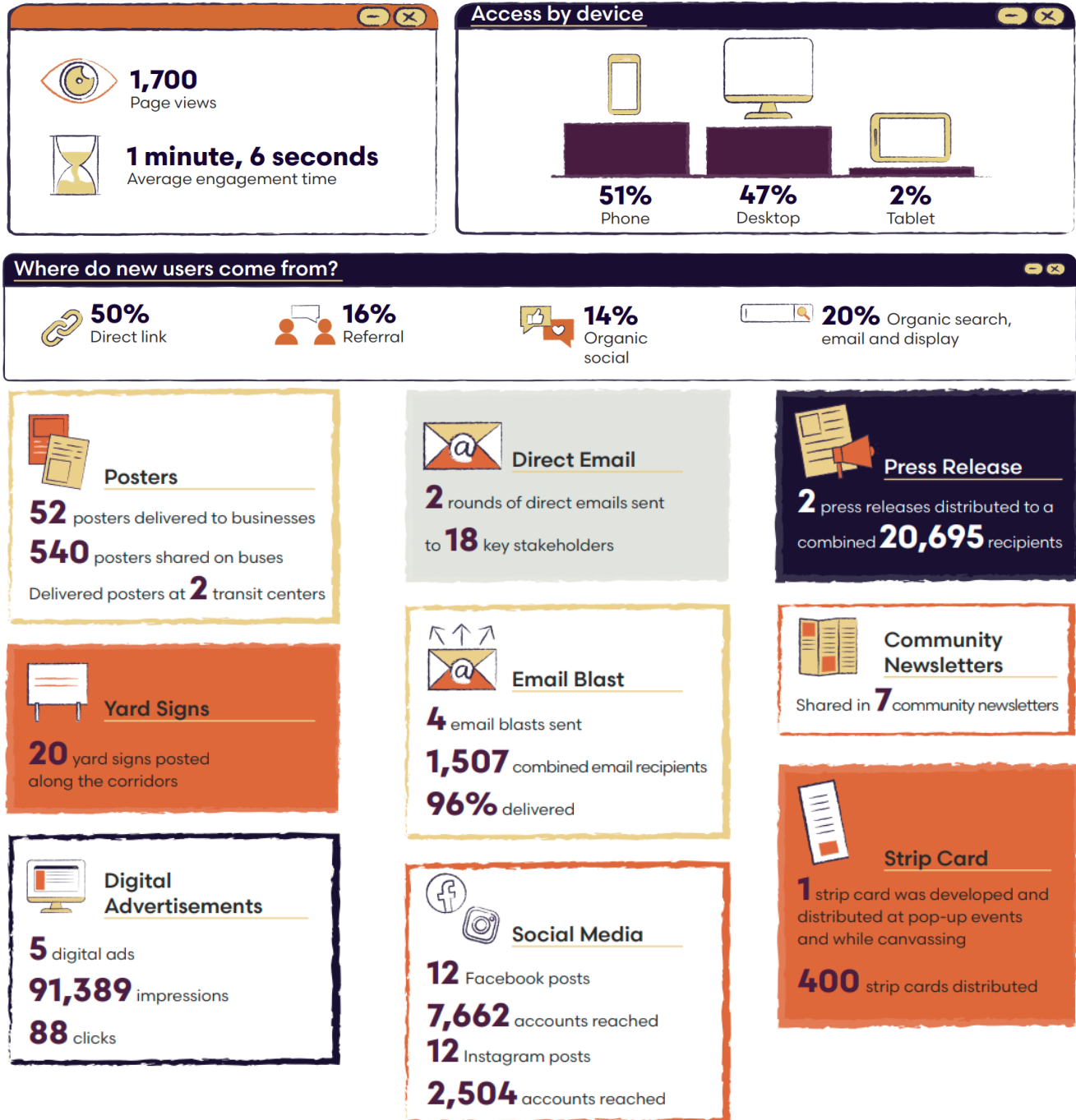
### 9. Update and Discussion on Stakeholder Meetings and Transit Fares

James Castaneda presented the TTAC with information Mayor and Council requested about this topic during the December 12, 2023, Study Session. The presentation included a brief background from the noted Study Session and data related to historical ridership values across Sun Tran/Sun Van/Sun Link, the costs for service adjustments Sun Tran performed to assist public schools, revenue projections for Sun Link/Sun Express, and an estimated cost to return to fare collections for Sun Link/Sun Express. A discussion by TTAC members ensued.

NO ACTION TAKEN

### 10. Tucson Rapid Transit Update and TTAC Feedback – 20 minutes

Ian Sansom presented the Community Outreach Phase 1 Summary, which concluded with Stone Avenue as the Locally Preferred Alternative.



### Community Meetings

**7** community neighborhood association meetings, committee meetings, and business forums were held, engaging with **140** community members in total.

### Pop-Up/Tabling Events

**7** pop-up/tabling events were held, engaging with **25-150** community members per event.

### Community Canvassing/One-on-Ones

Community Connectors held **3** one-on-one meetings and **3** canvassing events, connecting with over **100** community members.

### Public Meetings

**2** in-person public meetings and **1** virtual public meeting were held, engaging with **37** community members in total.



**746**  
survey  
responses

**78%** of respondents use transit



**52%** of respondents work in or near the corridors



**45%** of respondents live in or near the corridors



The majority of respondents were between the ages **25** and **34** and **65+**.



**59%** of respondents were white and **19%** of respondents were Hispanic or Latino.



Two online public meeting videos were posted at **[www.tucsonrapidtransit.com](http://www.tucsonrapidtransit.com)**.

English Video: **193** Total Plays  
Spanish Video: **20** total plays

**61%** of respondents chose Stone Ave. as the preferred corridor.

**Transit and Speed Reliability** was the most important to potential BRT riders.

**45%** of respondents preferred bus only lanes for the entire corridor

You chose your preferred corridor because...

- Takes me to key destinations
- ★ Provides a new transit option/travel opportunity
- 📍 Close to my home/work/school

Top Three Evaluation Criteria:

- BRT travel time/operations
- Bike and pedestrian facilities
- Ridership

96

people placed their vote for their preferred corridor

64%  
Stone Ave



36%  
Oracle Rd



### Top Three Evaluation Criteria:



Reinvestment



BRT Travel Time



Vehicle Travel Time

## Additional Comments and Questions

52

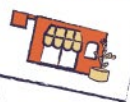
comments were received

### General comment themes were:

Supported BRT



Business development



Bike/pedestrian safety



Additional votes via email, comment forms, or community groups:

**Oracle: 3 votes**

*This includes the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission's preference for Oracle Rd.*

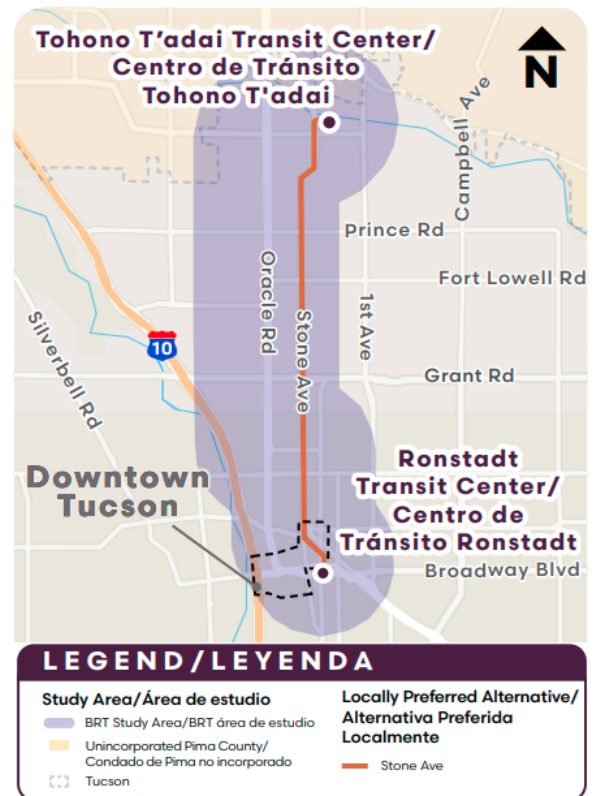
**Stone: 17 votes**

*This includes the Tucson Transit Task Force's preference for Stone Ave.*

**No preference or not provided:**

48 votes

Overall, the community preferred Stone Ave.



**11. Call to the Audience (Second)**

NO ACTION TAKEN

Allen Benz mentioned that some unwanted activity was taking place at the bus stop on the southeast corner of Broadway and Wilmot.

**12. Possible Future Agenda Items – 5 minutes**

NO ACTION TAKEN

- Climate Action Plan in relation to transit with Manisha Bewtra*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> St Bridge Project, update from DTM Engineering*
- Tucson Norte-Sur Project*
- Sun Tran Performance Indicators*

**13. Adjournment: 5:00 PM**

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