



Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Independent Oversight and Accountability Commission** and to the general public that the **Independent Oversight and Accountability Commission** will hold the following meeting, which will be open to the public.

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MEETING MINUTES **DRAFT**

Independent Oversight and Accountability Commission **(Prop. 411) Monday, August 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.** **Parks and Recreation Administration Building,** **Mesquite Conference Room 900 S. Randolph Way,** **Tucson, AZ 85716**

For members of the public who wish to address the commission during **Call to the Audience**, we ask that you please email your request to Amanda Valenzuela at amanda.valenzuela@tucsonaz.gov or call 520-600-8229. The email should include your full name, mailing address, and phone number. Also, please specify if you would like to be added to our email distribution list for future notifications and updates. **Please send your email no later than 10 a.m. Monday, August 26, 2024.**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Commission Chair E. Liane Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Roll call was taken, and quorum was established, 6 -2. One additional member arrived after roll call.

Present			Absent
*Bruce Burke City Manager	Ian Johnson Ward 3	Paul Smith Ward 6	Cynthia Harper-Ayala City Manager
Dale Calvert City Manager	Jon Aitken Ward 4		Colin Oglesbee Ward 2
E. Liane Hernandez City Manager	Jesse Lugo Ward 5		

***Bruce Burke arrived at 5:32 p.m.**

2. **Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2024** – Commission member Jesse Lugo made a motion to approve the April 22, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted. Commission member Dale Calvert seconded the motion. **The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice count.**
3. **Call to the Audience (10 minutes)** – Three members of the community addressed the IOAC members.
 - Pat Wiedhopf – representing Vista Del Rio neighborhood said thank you for prioritizing

paving improvements in the Vista Del Rio neighborhood. The project has begun with prep work and mid-October crews are scheduled to begin paving.

- Eric King – representing Sutton Place neighborhood said 39th Street at Prudence Road is in bad repair and needs repaving right away. He drives to surrounding neighborhoods, that are in better condition, and they are getting repaved and resurfaced. His neighborhood is planned within three years, but it can't wait that long. It should be put ahead of other neighborhoods that are in good shape. He has sent pictures to the website but receives auto responses. He asked why his street is being overlooked. He added that his neighborhood needs speed bumps because there have been two vehicles overturned from speeding and reckless driving, and one of them went through a yard. Mr. King is at a loss why he sees other neighborhoods getting repaved. When he sees crews, he pulls into the neighborhood, and they are in way better shape than his. When he first moved, there was a giant pothole in front of his street. Every morning, he would take the loose chunks of asphalt and throw them back in the hole. Now pothole crews come and look but go somewhere else further down. His street is on a fifty-fifty dirt street, and nothing is happening.
- Wade Wheat – representing Sutton Place neighborhood said he is a longtime resident since 1978. He has worked in construction all his life and in the neighborhood and knows this is the original asphalt that was laid down. The roads are so dilapidated and beyond repair. It has been chip sealed once, that is the only maintenance other than patching potholes. It is so bad that bicyclists in the neighborhood ride on the sidewalk because it is too dangerous to ride down the street. He said the only maintenance to the original asphalt has been a chip seal and pothole repair. He added that the asphalt is too dangerous for bicyclists to ride in the street. There are a lot of people his age and older that walk the neighborhood and they have to move out of the way of bicyclists trying to ride. He doesn't blame them because it is unsafe to be right in the street. He talked to a supervisor for potholes, and they have been prompt anytime he's called to have them filled. Now the street is so bad, it's worse than any four-wheel drive terrain that he's ever been on. He asked the supervisor where his street fits with all the other streets you repair. He said the supervisor responded that 39th Street, Prudence to Marc, was the worst street that he had to do work on. Mr. Wheat is asking for a start date when something could be done. He added, speed bumps are another issue and realizes they have to put up some money for the speed bumps. There are no speed bumps from Pantano all the way to Prudence, except for a stop sign at Marc. Most of the traffic in his neighborhood goes down 39th Street, so if they got speed bumps it would slow people down. A car rolled through his yard at 70 miles per hour. He thanked the group for listening to him and anything they could do to put his neighborhood further up the line would be appreciated. He used to live in Terra del Sol, which is now being paved. This is the third time Terra del Sol has been paved. He understands there are priorities, and we may not see these streets, but they have been on the back burner a long time.

This is the time when any member of the public may address the Independent Oversight and Accountability Commission. Due to time constraints, the total time allocated for this is 10 minutes. Individuals are allowed three (3) minutes each. Due to Open Meeting Law, Commission Members cannot discuss topics that are not on the agenda. Items brought up by the public may be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.

Prop 101 Updates – Program Manager Jim DeGrood shared a PowerPoint presentation with Prop 101 program information. Mr. DeGrood provided information on which of the

Residential and Arterial streets were under construction, in the contractor selection phase, and/or in the design phase. He detailed the status of Residential Street package 2. He also updated the members on the ongoing Arterial Streets packages 4 & 5 and 9 – 13 and which of those fell into a preservation, rehabilitation, or reconstruction package. Mr. DeGrood provided updated financial information for Prop 101 Arterial Roads Program and Local Street Program. He defined costs through July 31, 2024, and projected balance.

- a. Residential Streets – Prop 101 Packages 1, 3 – 8 complete. Package 2: Westside, Elvira, Julia Keene, paved - but curb access ramps still need to be done. **Julia Keene** neighborhood has no sidewalks; no ramps required. **Elvira** ramps completed. KE&G constructed 59 ramps. 58 ramps in **Westside** neighborhood under contract with Tucson Asphalt (piggybacking the Starr Pass collector project). NTP issued on 8/12/24 **Remaining budget \$1,024,000: Contracts \$795,800.**
- b. Arterial Streets – **101 Arterial Package 4; Rehabilitation** – Main/Granada, Speedway to St. Mary's; Granada, St. Mary's to Congress; 6th Ave, Illinois to Irvington and Ajo to I-10 are complete. 6th Ave, Valencia to Los Reales: Tucson Water selected Innova Contractors and has issued the NTP and is beginning work. Pavement will follow completion of the water relocations, estimated for March of 2025.
Package 5: Reconstruction – 5th Street. CMAR Contract executed with Hunter. Preconstruction activities began in January. Tucson Water will manage the contract. Project will start with water work in October. Pavement reconstruction work is expected to begin in spring 2025.
Packages 9 and 11: Preservation – Crack filling completed. Fog sealing started in October 2023 but was suspended in December due to weather and holiday traffic. Work resumed in May and ceased with the onset of monsoons. Work remains at intersections that were skipped for traffic needs Completion expected in October 2024.
Package 10: Rehabilitation – Downtown Streets, water modifications are being designed (60%). Cushing Street completed except for curb access ramps. Earliest construction for remaining projects in Fall 2024. Work will be split into multiple projects, including Church Avenue Complete Street and Alameda. Stone Avenue Cycle Track Extension is under construction and is scheduled to be complete prior to Tucson Meet Yourself.

Commission member Ian Johnson asked for clarification of funding for water modifications. DeGrood explained our roadway work triggers mandatory water modifications by the city water department. Tucson Water is obligated to complete the work but takes time. DeGrood expects completion of packages into 2026; work will begin in early 2025 but will need to be mindful of events happening in downtown area and what closures can take place.

Package 12: Rehabilitation - Silverbell, Congress to St. Mary's. includes water system modifications. Project commenced January 15. Paved, with October 2024 completion expected.

Commission chair Liane Hernandez asked for clarification of funding for reconstruction of Silverbell Road from St. Mary's Road to Speedway Boulevard. DeGrood explained there is no identified source of funds for arterial work. However, it is being discussed with the RTA to consider some funding for arterial repaving. Commission member Dale Calvert added that the RTA was not considering purely repaving projects, it must include other modifications to the street such as added travel or turning lanes. DeGrood added that we are still seeking a plan that the community will support.

Package 13: Rehabilitation – Park Avenue. Water modification approvals are being finalized. Tucson Water assuming project management.

c. Revenue Report

Arterial Roads –	Prior Year Expenditures	\$43,613,233
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	Fiscal Year 2025 Expenditures	606,620
	Anticipated Expenditures	32,972,155
	Total Projected Expenditures	\$77,192,008
Residential Streets	Prior Year Expenditures	\$46,014,344
	Fiscal Year 2025 Expenditures	-
	Anticipated Expenditures	795,800
	Total Projected Expenditures	\$46,810,144
	TOTAL Projected Expenditures	\$124,002,152

There was lengthy discussion among the Commission regarding their concerns about Tucson Water's ability to fund and deliver their projects. The commission wants to raise their concerns to the Mayor and Council for their consideration and planning on potential impacts on future completion/project delivery of the Proposition.

Commission chair Liane Hernandez asked if the city has expressed concerns about continuation of Prop 101 program. DeGrood replied that it is something we are aware of but must wait for execution of water improvements before roadway improvements can be made.

Commission member Bruce Burke commented that a recurring theme of the last several meetings is the delay or potential delays of Tucson Water from inadequate funding. Mr. Burke asked if there is a means by which this can be elevated to the city council or city manager's attention because he is concerned that the delays will start to multiply. DeGrood responded that currently there have been no financial constraints expressed by Tucson Water in the execution of Prop 101 projects. The delay has been due to the time it takes to design the work, in addition to the recent vacancies within the water department.

Mr. Burke expressed that this commission is charged with the responsibility of delivering on time, and we are succeeding but also at risk. He would like to send a message to the appropriate people to see about addressing this concern in a more robust way.

Commission member Dale Calvert added that he is concerned about increasing construction costs compared to fixed revenues and using up the revenue surplus that could be used for other improvements. He would support a motion to bring this concern to the attention of the council.

Commission member Ian Johnson stated he has met with Ward 3 council office about this concern but agrees the commission should write a letter that would bring this to the attention of the entire council.

Commission member Jon Aitken challenged that this was the first meeting where the commission expressed concern about the timing of project delivery. Mr. Aitken stated that the roadway work is causing Tucson Water to design modifications, and they shouldn't be punished for the time it takes to work through the modifications. Mr. DeGrood added that the ability to fund modifications is not an issue and he works very closely with his colleagues at Tucson Water to coordinate these projects.

Commission members Ian Johnson and Bruce Burke clarified the letter is not intended to blame any parties or inflame the situation. The intention would be to elevate this to a discussion among city leaders.

Commission member Bruce Burke motioned to have a letter written to the City Mayor and

Council stating the commission’s awareness and increasing concern about Tucson Water’s ability to plan and build into future road projects given the water department’s limited budget. Commission member Ian Johnson seconded the motion. **The motion was approved by a majority vote of 6-1.** Commission member Jon Aitken opposed the motion.

- 4. Prop 411 Updates** – Program Manager Jim DeGroot presented a detailed PowerPoint with information on which neighborhoods in the Initial and Phase I Projects List had pavement resurfacing completed, and which projects are under contract/imminent or bidding. Mr. DeGroot noted that within the Neighborhood Streets – Initial Projects list – all neighborhoods with resurfacing work were either completed or under contract, except those with pending Tucson Water improvements. He also provided updated financial information for Prop 411. Discussion was held.

No action was taken.

a. Initial and Phase I Projects update

Pavement Resurfacing Complete

- Oak/Flower Neighborhood surface treatment
- 9th Ave/10 Ave, Blacklidge, 5th St. 9th St. bike boulevard
- Jefferson Park West and Flowing Wells, mill and infill
- Harold Bell Wright resurfacing
- Silvercroft Estates mill and infill
- Bonanza reconstruction
- Las Vistas Phase 1 reconstruction
- Sam Hughes resurfacing
- Miramonte resurfacing
- Peter Howell resurfacing
- Dietz resurfacing
- Lakeside Park resurfacing
- Escalante Road resurfacing
- Doolen Fruitvale repaving
- Hermosa Hills and Halcyon Acres repaving
- Coronado Heights repaving
- Rodeo Addition reconstruction
- Sunset Villa repaving
- Jefferson Park East microsurface
- Julia Keen repaving
- Barrio Nopal/Elvira repaving
- Tierra del Sol repaving
- Limberlost and Mills Neighborhoods
- National City, Arcadia
- Old Oracle Road

Work Under Contract/Under Construction

- South Park repaving
- Cherry Avenue / Altadena Heights
- Vista del Rio / Colonia Verde
- Winterhaven / La Madera / Racquet Club Village
- Amphi Area (Garden Homes, Pastime Acres, Sawtelle Place)
- Kennedy Park Estates
- El Rio Acres / Ironwood Ridge Estates

b. 411 Revenue Actuals (unaudited) and Expenditures

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Collected to-date
Better Streets	\$ 54,392,303.27	\$ 63,475,464.53	\$6,756,063.58	\$124,623,831.38
Safe Streets	\$ 13,598,075.82	\$ 15,868,866.13	\$ 1,689,015.90	\$ 31,155,957.85
TOTAL	\$ 67,990,379.09	\$ 79,344,330.66	\$8,445,079.48	\$155,779,789.23

Financial Overview

Contracts issued, plus change orders:	\$ 86,380,614
Prop 411 Better Streets Revenue through 7.31.2024:	\$126,909,170
Unencumbered Balance:	\$ 40,528,556

c. Phase 1 Construction

- Spring Surface Treatment program in Rita Ranch, Sycamore Village and Civano – completed
- National City/Arcadia and Mills neighborhoods – completed
- Winterhaven/La Madera/Racquet Club – under construction
- Amphi Area, Kennedy Park Estates – awarded, to start this fall
- El Rio Acres/Ironwood Hills – in award
- Rolling Hills neighborhoods – in procurement

Phase 1 Fall 2024 Surface Treatments

- Surface treatment Package B, includes Rose Hill Estates, Enclave, Rincon Heights, Catalina Heights
- Surface treatment Package E, includes Ironwood Ridge, Saddlewood Ranch, Enchanted Hills, Oak Park at Midvale

Phase I Active Project Development

- Menlo Park/Riverside Park
- Venice Addition, Glenn Heights, Carlos Terrace, Pima Verde, Cloverleaf, Warsaw, Speedway Tracts
- Pine Grove, Olive Grove, Palm Grove, Cedar Grove, Lincoln Ridge, Hearthstone Hills
- Riverside, Automall, El Encanto, Jefferson Park, Indian Trails, Farmington Addition, Grantland Acres, Mortimore

d. FY2025 Pavement Condition

Program Manager Jim DeGrood provided updated information on the Overall Condition Index (OCI) of local streets from FY2023 compared to FY2025 to-date. Mr. DeGrood shared a PowerPoint presentation with maps and data tables highlighting the change in pavement conditions since the start of the Prop 411 program. He also discussed emerging issues with the ongoing evaluation of pavement conditions, including tracking the performance of treatments and reporting of investment to the public. Mr. DeGrood showed a new artificial intelligence tool that the city is testing as a way to help staff analyze pavement conditions. Discussion was held. **No action taken.**

- 5. Collector Street Program Update** – Mr. DeGrood presented detailed information on the progress of the Collector Street Program, including completed collectors and collectors in construction. In addition, Mr. DeGrood provided updates on collector design progress, collectors in bid or preparing for bid, and upcoming collector projects. He also gave financial information for Collector Program costs. **No action was taken.**

Construction Progress on Collectors

- 6th Avenue, Thoroughbred Road to Drexel Road: Completed
- Old Spanish Trail, Broadway to Harrison: Completed
- Starr pass and Players Club Drive: Paving is complete; finalizing work
- Greasewood, Ironwood Hills to Speedway: sidewalk, curb ramps and surface treatment is complete.
- Tucson Boulevard, 22nd Street to 6th Street: Paving is complete; finalizing work
- Tucson Boulevard, Grant Road to 6th Street: Under contract; Curb access ramps

underway; Paving scheduled for October

- Elm Street, Campbell Avenue to Tucson Boulevard: Under contract; Curb access ramps underway; Paving scheduled for October (away game week)

Design Progress on Initial Collectors

- Elvira, Plumer to Palo Verde – at 90%, water conflicts
- Flowing Wells, Miracle Mile to Grant and Glenn, Flowing Wells to Oracle – 90%, water conflicts
- Euclid/18th/Warehouse/Cherry – design initiated
- Silverlake/Cherrybell/Fairland – 90% plans
- Bilby Road – 60% plans

Collectors Now Being Bid

- 29th Street, Kolb to Avenida Guillermo
- Prudence, 22nd Street to 29th Street
- Kenyon Drive, Pantano Road to Camino Seco
- Sarnoff Drive, Broadway to 22nd Street
(these streets are being bid together with Streets in the Rolling Hills area)
- Calle Santa Cruz, Irvington to Valencia
- Glenn Street, Cherry Avenue to Alvernon Way

Recent Activity

CSCC has identified priority projects, releasing the following additional projects to commence as “pavement only” projects:

- Park Avenue, Fort Lowell Road to Adams Street
- Greasewood Road, Speedway Boulevard to Anklam Road
- Greasewood Road, Starr Pass Boulevard to San Juan Trail
- Stella Road, Wilmot Road to Camino Seco
- 6th Avenue, Drexel Road to Valencia Road
- Silverlake Road, 6th Avenue to Saint Benedict

- 6. Complete Streets Coordinating Council Update** – Ryan Fagan, Complete Streets Manager gave a brief update on the Street Safety Improvement Plan. Mr. Fagan said he is working to begin the scope and design for the collector projects. He said there is no CSCC meeting in August, but the committee will meet in September. Approval for traffic signal improvements will be on the agenda as well as an update on the Mini-Grant Program. Commission chair Liane Hernandez asked a clarifying question. **No action was taken.**

- 7. Utility Coordination Update** – Program Manager Jim DeGrood reviewed the Phase I Project List and provided information on projects under Tucson Water review. He said DTM will be performing work for Tucson Water on selected projects, including the Jefferson Park neighborhood. Mr. DeGrood provided information on new policies in development that would provide relief on current pavement moratorium requirements for projects that required emergency repairs following pavement work. He said the working relationship with DTM and Tucson Water is positive.

Commission member Ian Johnson commented on how almost every project is having some impact on Tucson Water. He noted, in addition to delays, the quality of work may be affected because the treatment type is modified in some cases to accommodate Tucson Water and should be included in the commission’s letter to Mayor and Council. Discussion was held. **No action was taken.**

8. Future meeting Date and Agenda items - Commissioners discussed when the next meeting would be held and agreed on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., subject to room availability. The commission members agreed to review a draft letter at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment - Commission Chair E. Liane Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Due to Open Meeting Law, only those items on the agenda will be addressed at this meeting.

Action may be taken on any item. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Amanda at 520-600-8229 or at amanda.valenzuela@tucsonaz.gov. Please allow ample time to make these arrangements.