



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, October 28, 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, October 28, 2024.**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Commission Chair E. Liane Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Roll call was taken, and quorum was established, 8 -1.

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

2. **Approval of Minutes – August 26, 2024** – Commission member Bruce Burke made a motion to approve the August 26, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted. Commission member Paul Smith seconded the motion. **The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice count.**
3. **Call to the Audience (10 minutes)** – IOAC members received one written letter, and one member of the community addressed the IOAC members in-person.
 - Melissa Noshay-Petro – representing residents of Pueblo de Las Catalinas neighborhood submitted a written letter to the commission.
 - Derek Daniels – representing Vista Del Rio neighborhood thanked the commission for

the construction and progress that is taking place in the neighborhood. There are roughly twelve sidewalk access points that still need to be completed, but here to learn more about the timeline for repaving and what that looks like once that project is completed.

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.

- 4. Utility Coordination Update** – Program Manager Jim DeGrood shared the draft letter for the IOAC members to review and asked for comments or feedback. Mr. DeGrood remarked that while there have been shared challenges, both Tucson Water and the Department of Transportation and Mobility have worked together to complete main replacements and paving on the same project which has saved money for the public. La Madera neighborhood is an example of this collaboration. There are also opportunities to work more strategically that would build better outcomes. Mr. DeGrood said it's good to let the council know there are challenges including time, money, and resources. He also recognized that the Department of Transportation and Mobility has a robust funding source that was created deliberately to do all these projects, but Tucson Water does not have the same luxury.

Transportation and Mobility Director Sam Credio appreciates that the IOAC is talking about this important topic, especially since this program will have an impact on all the neighborhood streets throughout the city. Mr. Credio wanted to assure the commission that he has frequent conversations with the council to make them aware of the work in his respective department and some of the challenges in delivering, especially closing out Prop 101. This has been a great opportunity to open the roads and let Tucson Water do the water work. Director Credio appreciates that the letter acknowledges the work that goes into a paving project is not quite as extensive as what goes into a water project. It has taken some time to get all this done but is viewed as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get all the roads touched and to also take advantage of working with Tucson Water.

Tucson Water Deputy Director Scott Schladweiler appreciates the input and support. It has been a challenge, but it has been fantastic working with the Department of Transportation and Mobility because it has created a lot of opportunities and collaborative efforts. Deputy Director Schladweiler said Tucson Water has a 5-Year plan for major neighborhood main replacement projects, which are prioritized on a worst-first basis. As Tucson Water makes those improvements, it is super critical to get in front of the paving work and is tremendous effort and savings to the city. Work by Tucson Water is paid for through their rates and they don't want to see customers and constituents pay for a road twice. Tucson Water strives to convey to the community that the work represents a neighborhood upgrade, not just a water or pavement project. A new water system and new roads are a true upgrade to the neighborhood and couldn't be done without this collaboration. Tucson Water is proud to be part of the work, but it has been a challenge given resources that are lacking, not just at Water but across the city. Consultants have been brought on to support staff on projects that are more involved in design work and require regulatory compliance. Staff are working as quickly as they can to push projects through and Mr. Schladweiler appreciates the support from the Department of Transportation and Mobility and commission. Tucson Water also has regular discussions with the council to make them aware of the efforts that are taking place.

Commission member Bruce Burke asked if Tucson Water operates on an enterprise fund

and if it includes an adequate capital component to meet the needs of the department. Deputy Director Schladweiler responded that there have been increasing costs over the last few years, which means projects need to be phased accordingly. They are also aware of the impacts on rates, so prioritizing is important in deciding how and where money is spent. Director Credio added that Tucson Water has a 5-Year plan and transportation is outpacing their capital program. The plan doesn't include short main or emergency repairs, which makes coordinating even more beneficial from a financial perspective. Mr. DeGrood added that Tucson Water's 5-Year capital improvement plan is represented on the Phase I project map.

Commission member Ian Johnon asked if Tucson Water has a sense of the financial shortfall from Prop 411. Deputy Director Schladweiler said that it hasn't been looked at, but they do review a variety of factors regarding what needs to be replaced and what can wait. Tucson Water knows what their plan is; however, things always pop up so it's difficult to give a number.

Commission member Colin Oglesbee asked if it is necessary to recommend building a utility maintenance program into the next series of transportation bonds to Mayor and Council so programs going forward can run on a more predictable schedule. Director Credio said it is certainly possible to have that conversation about reserving funds for utility partners with potential reauthorization of this program.

Commission member Dale Calvert asked if Tucson Water has an idea of the depth of lines. Deputy Director Schladweiler said some of the older and inherited lines are not as well-known compared to newly installed lines. With Prop 411, they measure the depth to see where the lines are because they may have moved with changes in the road grade. Some can be as shallow as two feet deep, which can be dangerous for paving work.

Commission member Cynthia Harper-Ayala asked if it would be easier to use an x-ray machine to measure the lines. Deputy Director Schladweiler said there is ground penetrating radar but still requires validation to ensure accuracy. Conducting potholing is still the standard for measurements.

Commission member Paul Smith suggested removing a word in the letter. Commission member Bruce Burke commented that an important element was added to the fourth paragraph of the letter which references the concern of the potential for this to take longer than 10 years.

Commission member Bruce Burke motioned to have the letter approved as amended. Commission member Cynthia Harper-Ayala seconded the motion. **The motion was approved by unanimous vote of 8-0.**

5. **Prop 101 Updates** – Program Manager Jim DeGrood provided an update 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 September 30, 2024, and projected balance. **No action was taken.**

- 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. Substantially completed on 10/23/24. **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 wastewater work. Pavement reconstruction work is expected to begin in late 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 is expected in next few weeks.

Package 10: Rehabilitation – Downtown Streets, water mods being designed (60%). Cushing completed except for curb access ramps. Earliest construction for remaining projects Fall 2025. Work will be split into multiple projects, including Church Avenue Complete Street and Alameda. Stone with Cycle Track Extension is under construction by Downtown Links contractor.

Package 12: Rehabilitation - Silverbell, Congress to St. Mary’s. includes water system modifications. Project paved, in final punch list items.

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
	Fiscal Year 2025 Expenditures	1,089,887
	Anticipated Expenditures	32,972,155
	Total Projected Expenditures	\$77,675,275
Residential Streets	Prior Year Expenditures	\$46,014,344
	Fiscal Year 2025 Expenditures	93,712
	Anticipated Expenditures	795,800
	Total Projected Expenditures	\$46,903,856
	TOTAL Projected Expenditures	\$124,579,131

Mr. DeGrood stated the total balance anticipated for remaining arterial projects is \$8.7M. Once more of the work is under contract, we will ask the commission what they want to do with the remaining funding.

- 6. 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 on 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. Sidewalk gaps also addressed with Prop 411 Safety funds

- Tucson Boulevard, 22nd Street to 6th Street: Completed
- Tucson Boulevard, Grant Road to 6th Street: Under contract; Curb access ramps underway; Paving scheduled for November
- Elm Street, Campbell Avenue to Tucson Boulevard: Under contract; Curb access ramps completed; Paving scheduled for November (away game week)

Collectors Now Mobilizing

- 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
- Preconstruction conference scheduled for November 17 and NTP anticipated for December 1.

Collectors Being Prepared for Bid

- Calle Santa Cruz, Irvington to Valencia
- Glenn Street, Cherry Avenue to Alvernon Way

Design Progress on Initial Collectors

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

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

Commission member Paul Smith asked why the Rodeo Addition dollar per square yard is so much higher than the rest of them. Mr. DeGrood stated there was an aggressive base treatment on this project and it was a small volume project.

- 7. Prop 411 Updates** – Program Manager Jim DeGrood presented detailed 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. DeGrood 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.

No action was taken.

- a. Initial Projects List –**
Pavement Resurfacing Substantially Complete
- 52 Neighborhoods improved

- 24 Neighborhoods with Mill/Fill (45% of area completed)
 - 28 Neighborhoods with Surface Treatments (55% of area completed)
 - Multiple treatments – 39%
 - Preservation – 16%
 - Remaining work: Myers, Yale Estates, Barrio Viejo being coordinated with Tucson Water, Limberlost Road being layered with Safety improvements (30% design), Pantano Overlook, North mall, Elvira and 4th Avenue preservation
- b. Pavement Resurfacing Projects – Work Under Contract / Under Construction**
- Vista del Rio / Colonia Verde
 - La Madera / Racquet Club Village / Winterhaven
 - Deferred Fall Surface Treatment ADA Ramps (Dietz)
 - Sawtelle Acres, Garden Homes, Pastime Acres Mill/Fill
 - Kennedy Park Estates
 - El Rio Acres/Ironwood Ridge
 - Ward 1 Surface Treatments
 - Ward 2 & 6 Surface Treatments
- c. Phase I Resurfacing Projects – Work Under Contract / Mobilizing**
- Rolling Hills Neighborhoods
 - Indian Trails Estates
 - Auto Mall
 - The Crossings
 - Riverside Park
 - Rincon Heights Curb Access Ramps
- d. Projects Bidding / Pricing**
- Ward 2 & 6 Repaving – Venice Addition, Carlos Terrace and Glenn Heights, Swan Way, Speedway Addition, Pima Verde / Cloverleaf, Cloverleaf / Warsaw
 - Menlo Park
 - Deferred Curb Access Ramps: Mittman Thunderbird, Wilshire Heights, Harlan Heights, Monte Catalina Estates
- e. Projects In Development**
- Ward 4 Repaving – Valley View East / Sutton Place, Vista del Parado, Olive Grove / Pine Grove, Olive Grove / Cedar Grove, Palm Grove, Lincoln Ridge
 - Ward 5 Repaving – Mortimore Addition, Southland Park, Los Ranchitos, Desert View
 - Ward 4 Repaving – Harrison Hills / Mountain Shadows, Hearthstone Hills, Pace East
 - Spring 2025 Surface Treatments

f. 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	\$18,649,406.02	\$136,517,173.82
Safe Streets	<u>\$ 13,598,075.82</u>	<u>\$ 15,868,866.13</u>	<u>\$ 4,662,351.51</u>	<u>\$ 34,129,293.46</u>
TOTAL	\$ 67,990,379.09	\$ 79,344,330.66	\$23,311,757.53	\$170,646,467.28

Financial Overview

Contracts issued, plus change orders:	\$ 111,575,431
Prop 411 Better Streets Revenue through 9.30.2024:	\$137,967,096
Unencumbered Balance:	\$ 26,391,665

8. Complete Streets Coordinating Council Update – No update was provided.

9. Future meeting Date and Agenda items - Commissioners discussed when the next meeting would be held and agreed on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., subject to

room availability. The commission members requested an update on the Prop 101 fund balance including spending constraints and agreed to discuss how to address neighborhood requests at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment - Commission Chair E. Liane Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:01 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.