



Complete Streets Coordinating Council (CSCC)

June 26, 2024 (5:30-7:00pm)

Zoom



Final Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by co-chairs at 5:35pm

Members Present:

Jill Brammer
Marshall Davis
Charly Earley
Ariel Gilbert-Knight
Sophia Gonzalez
Ruth Reiman
Riley Merline
Craig McCaskill
James Wood
Rossio Araujo (NV)

Members Absent:

Zach Coble
Jennifer Flores
Luis Salgado
Liz Soltero
Miranda Schubert
Tarik Williams
Jonathan Crowe (NV)

Staff:

Ryan Fagan
Patrick Hartley
Jim DeGroot
Monica Landgrave-Serrano
Kara Spinney

Observers:

Chris Lopez
Ben Buehler-Garcia
Shamara Smith
Daniel
Sylvia Valdillez

Facilitation and documentation:

Tahnee Robertson
Colleen Whitaker

Summary of actions and decisions:

- May meeting minutes: Motion to approve – Sophia; Second – Marshall.
- Small project 411 funding authorization: Motion to approve the small project funding approval streamline process as detailed in agenda – Sophia; second – Marshall

2. Housekeeping

- May meeting minutes - no corrections; consensus support to approve. **Motion - Sophia;**
Second - Marshall
- Approval of subcommittee minutes – there is only one subcommittee member present, so wait until next meeting for a quorum of subcommittee.

3. Call to the audience

- Chris Lopez from Julia Keen Neighborhood Association - Thanks to the CSCC for all the work. Want to reiterate concerns from last meeting regarding safety improvements needed on Country Club from Aviation to 22nd. Needs are for drainage, curbs, sidewalks, lightings and bus shelters. The north side was improved many years ago, but improvements are still needed on south side. Rain causes large problems.
- Sylvia Valdillez from Barrio Centro. There is disinvestment in this neighborhood. Have been making noise about issues since 2020. Important that the City finally does what was promised here and in Julia Keen. With new 22nd bridge, many more cars will use south Country Club and connection to Aviation. Already see a lot of traffic here. As a bike rider it is unsafe. Walking with children is very unsafe. Want more safety for pedestrians. The neighborhood has been asking for this for years. Anything south of 22nd is forgotten. We have to continuously advocate for ourselves. Other neighbors share these concerns. We deserve the investment promised to us.
- *Ryan read email from Sofia Blue of Julia Keen neighborhood:* I have been a resident of the Julia Keen neighborhood for 13 years and in that time, I have seen the unsafe conditions on Country Club Road south of 22nd and north of Aviation. Every time it rains, debris and silt collects and makes it dangerous for those turning in and out of the neighborhood streets. It would be ashamed to see the freshly paved streets be worn down quickly from the gravel that builds up. Drainage is definitely needed. Walking on Country Club is extremely dangerous as there are no sidewalks. This makes it inaccessible for those with disabilities and our elderly neighbors. Please consider the safety and accessibility needs of those of us living south of 22nd. Thank you.

4. Current events

- Sophia – Grande Ave this Friday will be closed off as a party for neighbors on the west side. FUGA will be there to do a ride. Menlo Park will extend pool hours for the event.

5. Project review subcommittee

Patrick shared an update on subcommittee progress. Main points are summarized here:

- In 2022 the CSCC developed and approved an SSIP project framework to guide investment prioritization.
- The IOAC approved the Collector Program with CSCC input and DTM then developed detailed cost estimates for 16 approved corridors that were prioritized based on criteria provided by CSCC.
- Last month the subcommittee held two meetings to discuss the projects. The City team brought several options for discussion. They have developed a recommendation for 7 years of projects (2 years projects already committed + 5 years into the subcommittee).
- The subcommittee recommended to keep the Collector layering to 5-years of safety funding to open up the further funding to address other critical safety needs in the City that are not on collector streets.
- A draft list will be shared with all members after this meeting (Patrick screen shared the list with the group).
- Of the 16 collector projects originally identified, 7 of these are being proposed to advance. The other 9 corridors would still get re-paving work, but would not get layering for other items. This allows for a number of additional projects to be advanced, including Nogales Highway streetlighting, Country Club lighting, Ft. Lowell safety on west side, HAWKS, Irvington

lighting, and 22nd street Dust to Dawn lighting (*Note that all the details can be seen in the list that Patrick shared subsequent to this meeting*)

- The subcommittee and DTM are preparing to bring this back to the full CSCC in July for discussion and approval.

Discussion/questions

- Ariel – Patrick and Ryan have been very helpful in taking subcommittee feedback very seriously. The subcommittee is very happy with the list that has been developed and how it developed through discussion. It is a good balance between funding for collector roads, as well as safety needs in other high priority areas. Happy with the process.
- Sophia – can we see the project list again?

Patrick shared the proposed project list again.

- There are 7 proposed collector streets, and 9 that are not being recommended to move forward. The prioritization approach considered Move Tucson, equity focus areas, the level of safety service (observed crashes), pedestrian crashes, severe crashes and number of fatalities.
- The 7 proposed layered collector projects:
 - Drexel Road (Mission to Midvale): currently 5 lanes, no lighting, has sidewalks. This will be connected to future proposed Drexel Road bridge, which will increase volume. So the goal is to include safety here, particularly in front of elementary school.
 - 29th Street (Wilmot to Craycroft): this is a Tier 1 equity focus area project. This is more of a corridor clean up.
 - 36th Street – multi-family housing, history of pedestrian crashes, pedestrian improvements needed.
 - Fairview Avenue: This is where new Pascua Yaqui casino will be built. Prop 407 is funding a protected bike lane from Grant to Prince, with no other improvements. This will extend the bike lane north of Limberlost and bring pedestrian improvements and lighting. Potentially extending south through Casino to Loop connection.
 - Glenn Street: there is 407 funding from Oracle to Country Club. Also a re-paving project from Cherry to Alvernon. This proposal would include enhanced bikeways to correspond with paving work, and close the gap on Glenn from County Club to Alvernon. Sidewalk and ped improvements.
 - Columbus Boulevard: this is a high volume road and high crash corridor, intermittent sidewalk. This is biggest and most complex project on the list.
 - Romero Road: closing short gap of about ¼ mile. It will provide sidewalk continuity and lighting to tie in with improvements on Roger Road funded under 407.
- Sophia – how are costs determined for projects?
 - Patrick – the City completed a conceptual cross-section for each corridor to estimate quantities for sidewalk, lighting, etc., based on the dimension from CS Design Guide. These numbers are based on the gold standard of what should be included. In addition the consultants were asked to be conservative in terms of cost, given that costs continue to increase (i.e. estimates are likely on the high end).
- Sophia – the ROW issue is somewhat confusing.
 - Patrick – sometimes the CS cross-section for an ideal corridor would be 42 feet wide to allow for all CS elements. In many cases we don't have 42 feet on these corridors. So

the attempt is to build out the best corridor possible within, say, 35 feet that are available.

- Sophia – will MS&R adjustments affect this in anyway?
- Patrick – MS&R applies when a lot is redeveloped to secure ideal ROW for future. These numbers are based on CS cross-sections. But with current projects we work with parcel lines as they currently exist.
- Sophia – would be good to have a ROW presentation at upcoming meeting.
- Ariel – the subcommittee members felt very comfortable with the proposed project list that will be shared. Unless there is additional feedback from CSCC or additional items to be considered, then we wouldn't necessarily need to meet again. Happy to do so if there is a need.
- Jill – thanks to subcommittee for all this work. Do want to review the list when it is shared, but right now feel comfortable moving forward with this discussion in July.
- Marshall – how does remaining 411 safety money get dispersed?
 - Patrick – there is capacity within 7-year program for bikeway money. For years 7-10, would likely propose to revisit the SSIP in a few years and take it out to year 10. Would like to leave some capacity on the backend to identify emerging needs. This is also a safety net in case of cost increases.
- Patrick – all the info will be shared out. If there are any recommendations from CSCC the subcommittee can reconvene to review before the July meeting.

6. Small Projects 411 funding authorization

Ryan shared some example projects that would be approached in this way:

- Calle Santa Cruz: \$6,000 to fill 550' gap in sidewalk
- Tucson Blvd – \$15,000 for one mile of additional striping for buffered bike lanes
- Alvernon and 3rd St. improvements - \$70,000 for new bike ramp and pedestrian ramp, improvements to signage and striping.
 - This one has not yet been seen by the CSCC, whereas the first two were already approved. This is a recommendation from the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
 - This type of thing comes up from time to time, and there is not always funding readily available to implement.

Proposed approach, developed with co-chairs for discussion:

- Criteria:
 - \$100k limit per project
 - Projects that generally meet Complete Streets criteria (safety improvement, equity area, access/connectivity enhancements)
 - Funding approval, not design input.
- Trial period: 8 projects or \$500k, whichever comes first
- Send information out ahead of CSCC meetings:
 - Any projects that have already been approved this way, and any projects that are upcoming that the City intends to authorize in this way.
 - Any member can request a presentation on any of these projects.
- Standing agenda item: Any projects that have been requested for presentation/discussion by members
- Debrief: Conducted once trial period ends

Group discussion

- James – seems like a good idea. Reflecting since last meeting would even be willing to raise \$100k limit per project, but this is a good approach for a trial period. Supportive of this approach.
- Sophia – supportive
- Marshall – as we can see from the examples, these are not controversial projects and don't require a lot of input. This could allow us to spend more time digging into other issues, like the 411 project list.

Consensus decision

- No members shared any concern with this approach, or any edits to the proposal.
- Thumbs approval by members – all thumbs up; this proposal is approved by consensus.
- **Motion to approve the small project funding approval streamline process as detailed here – Sophia; second – Marshall**

7. CSCC Hub

- Independent Oversight and Accountability Commission (IOAC) - *Jim DeGroot*
 - Meeting tentatively scheduled for July 22, but may be postponed. No action items are anticipated; updates on finances and program delivery status only.
- Park Tucson - *Jill Brammer*
 - At the last meeting the group wondered about the purpose of Park Tucson. Jill spoke with the Director to discuss how Park Tucson applies to Complete Streets. This is really about input on road projects where on or off-street parking applies.
 - Park Tucson manages city-owned parking structures and lots around downtown. They also help determine how curb space is used and manage residential parking programs around downtown.
 - Park Tucson is currently struggling with residential parking program – it does not support itself. There is a neighborhood reinvestment component of this to help with things like traffic calming. There is a lot of contention about the RPP program potentially going away or not using funding for reinvestment. Neighbors from downtown and university area have been coming to recent meetings to express their concerns.
 - There is some language about parking in the CS manual
 - Sophia – this info is helpful. Parked cars can be helpful to pedestrians as a buffer. Maybe we could think further about what CSCC wants to ask of Park Tucson.
- Tucson Transit Advisory Committee (TTAC) - *Riley Merline*
 - Riley has stepped down as chair, and there is a new chair. He remains on the committee.
- Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) - *James Wood*
 - Met last Wednesday. Finalized letter for Pima County about Dodge Blvd bridge crossing to River Rd. Concerns – quality of pavement and confusing signage.

- Have been in conversation with TPD about reporting of bicycle fatalities; good response. It has been suggested to talk to media outlets about concerns. Still trying to engage the Sheriff's office on this topic.
- New chair
- Sophia – feels like a bit of a runaround in terms of who is responsible for victim blaming.
 - James – yes, although seeing some progress in terms of participation in meetings.
- Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) – No member

8. Personal Complete Streets experiential opportunity for the month

Public Transit - Try to use public transit at least once, then reflect on your experience (how could it be improved, how long to walk from your house to the bus stop, any other observations)

- Sophia – with a friend worked to figure out how to load bicycles onto the bus. Watched a FUGA video. Road to a coffee shop together. It was pleasant. Recommend trying it out with a friend if you haven't done it before.
- Marshall – road on new section of Aviation Parkway with protected bike lanes. Great section of road and excited to see the rest be completed.
- James – ride the bus a lot. Compared to bus experiences in other cities it is good, especially considering the size of Tucson. Especially good when monsoon hits and don't want to bike home in storm. Free fare is a big deal; probably wouldn't ride as much if had to pay.
- Marshall – in some cities there are a lot more pay as you use scooters, bikes, e-bikes. As we continue to build out complete streets, the City Council should think about opening up more opportunities for these companies to come in.
- Craig – didn't realize there was a Sun Tran app until now. Maybe we could have someone from Sun Tran come and talk us through this so we can talk about it with others.
 - Sophia: – <https://www.transitforalltucson.com/>

Next opportunity suggestions

- Something to do with visiting a small business
- Who in our lives do we need to talk to about our CSCC work?
- Try all different crossing options (e.g. HAWK, crosswalk only, RRFB)

9. Wrap up and

DTM staff/project updates:

Ryan

- 1st Ave. Task Force meeting tomorrow night at Woods Library at 5:30pm. Let Ryan know if you want to be added to distribution list.
- Tucson Blvd – currently under construction
- Grant 3-4 is under construction

- Silverbell continues active construction – some improvements approved by CSCC are already in. Hope to have a field trip in the fall to see this project area, discuss the process and see how it all turned out.
- Stone Ave protected bike lane – will go to construction this summer and likely complete by fall.
- The grant for Drexel bridge was unsuccessful. Will be looking for other funding. This shouldn't affect the Drexel collector project.
- Roger Rd 407 project will start construction in late summer.
- Mary Anne Cleveland Way shared use path will start construction in about a month.
- 5th/6th St. project should start later this year. This is combined with repaving projects.

Jim

- 407 – have \$117M in Better Streets and \$29M in Safer Streets. Wrapping up projects on initial project list.
- Collectors:
 - Tucson Blvd paving completed, adding new ramp at Arroyo Chico, and adding striping approved by CSCC. Want to push past 6th St. further north to Grant under same contract. Some concerns about shallow cast iron water lines in this area.
 - Rolling Hills neighborhood project - large area that includes a number of collectors.
 - Sarnoff – want striping plan to provide good bike lane; also looking to push further south coupled with the Rolling Hills project.
 - Calle Santa Cruz – in design

Future agenda items:

- Sophia – Country Club issue was raised in call to the audience this meeting and last meeting. This should be a topic on upcoming agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm