

# TUCSON TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

## Functions

The TTAC shall evaluate and monitor the City transit system's performance, budget, existing and potential revenue sources, and ridership-building efforts; and shall support the integration of transit into the regional mobility network.

The TTAC shall forward to the Mayor and Council reports and recommendations on topics as it deems necessary and as requested by the Mayor and Council.

The Department of Transportation and Mobility will bring major projects to the TTAC for review.

## Membership

The membership of the TTAC is made up of 11 voting members and 1 non-voting member, as explained below: Membership shall consist of eleven (11) voting members who shall serve without compensation and are appointed as follows:

1. The Mayor and each Council member shall appoint one member for a total of seven (7).
2. The City Manager shall appoint four (4) members seeking to provide one member representing each of the following:
  - a. Disability Community
  - b. U of A Parking and Transportation Department.
3. One (1) member shall be designated as a non-voting staff representative from
  - a. Pima Association of Governments/Regional Transportation Authority.

## Current Members as of January 12, 2026

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Role</u>
Ray Jordan	Ward 2	Member
Suzanne Schafer	Ward 3	Chair
Mike Sanchez	Ward 4	Member
Margot Garcia	Ward 6	Member
Gene Caywood	City Manager	Vice-Chair
Mike Milczarek	City Manager	Member
<i>*Preston McLaughlin</i>	<i>PAG/RTA</i>	<i>Non-Voting Staff Member</i>

## Current Vacancies as of January 12, 2026

Ward 1	Member
Ward 5	Member
Mayor's Office	Member
City Manager	U of A Parking and Transportation Dpt. Member
City Manager	Disability Community Member

## 2025 Attendance Report

Member	Jan	Feb	March	April	June	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec 8 †	Dec 15
Riley Merline, W1	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Lisa Shipek, W2	X	✓								
Suzanne Schafer, W3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mike Sanchez, W4	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Angie Quiroz, W5	X	X								
Margot Garcia, W6	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Nicole Feldt, CM	✓	✓	X							
Gene Caywood, CM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mike Milczarek, CM	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X
Ray Jordan, W2	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Diana Moreno, CM	*	*	*	X	✓	X	X	X	X	
Elaina Richards, W5	*	*	*	*	*	*	✓	✓		
Josue Licea, W5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	✓

### Notes:

\* Not yet a TTAC member

| No longer a TTAC member

✓ Present

X Absent

† The December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting did not take place due to lack of quorum.

## **Major Accomplishments of 2025**

A key accomplishment of the TTAC has been its consistent role in shaping and advising on the Sun Tran Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) and related service changes. The committee engaged deeply on specific routes, most notably by formally opposing the elimination of Route 5 due to its critical east–west connectivity and service to schools and community destinations. Through letters and motions directed to City leadership and Mayor & Council, TTAC helped influence final decisions, resulting in Route 5 remaining in the system while Route 22 was removed based on its low performance.

In addition to its work on fixed-route service planning, TTAC also remained engaged with the Sun Van COA process, helping ensure that ADA-complementary paratransit improvements remained visible to decision-makers and the public. The Sun Van COA is a city-led, data-informed evaluation aimed at improving accessibility, efficiency, and overall service quality for riders unable to use fixed-route transit, supported by extensive community outreach, public meetings, and survey-based recommendations.

Another major area of committee influence involved safety, security, and infrastructure improvements across the transit system. TTAC received regular updates on safety conditions and worked alongside City staff on the development of a Transit Safety and Security Action Plan, ultimately passing a formal motion in support of its recommendations. The committee also tracked progress on bus stop amenity upgrades, stormwater infrastructure improvements, the groundbreaking of a new CNG fueling station, and the rollout of an improved transit app, all contributing to a safer, more comfortable, and resilient transit system.

Across these efforts, TTAC consistently fulfilled its mission to provide meaningful feedback, represent rider concerns, and serve as a civic partner to Sun Tran and the City of Tucson. Its accomplishments reflect sustained advisory input into transit planning, operations, and community-oriented service improvements.