



2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission Hybrid Meeting **Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

In-person: Parks & Recreation Mesquite Room - 900 S. Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716

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MINUTES

Present			Absent	
Ron Spark Ward 6	Krista Romero-Cardenas City Manager	Jose Munoz Mayor	John Anderson City Manager	Kathy Kretschmer City Manager
Nicole Fyffe City Manger	Lisa Vega Ward 1	Harold Coleman Ward 2		
Frank Flasch Ward 3	Kendall Kroesen Ward 4	Willie Blake Ward 5		

*The meeting began with introductions from board members and staff.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners- John Anderson and Katherine Kretschmer were absent.

2. Call to Audience-

The Commission received comments on the Alamo Wash Greenway program from several community members with some expressing concerns about safety and the potential effects on green spaces and trees.

3. Approval of March 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Willie Blake made a motion to approve the March 16, 2026, meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lisa Vega seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

4. Alamo Wash Greenway- action item

Senior Project Manager Collin Chesston shared an overview on the Alamo Wash Greenway and the staff recommendation for the preferred alternative:

- Glenn Street at The Loop's Pantano River Park trailhead to Broadway Blvd: A low-stress, on-street bicycle facility along Sahuara Ave and Chantilly Drive with push-button crossings at all major intersections (likely a buffered bike lane due to stormwater constraints associated with additional traffic calming features)
- Broadway Blvd to Stella Road: a 10' wide asphalt shared-use path along the edge of Loma Verde

Park and following the southern/western side of the Alamo Wash.

- Stella Road to Aviation Bikeway: A low-stress, on-street bicycle facility along Jessica Avenue (likely a Bicycle Boulevard including speed humps, 20mph speed limit sign, wayfinding, and shared lane markings)

It was noted that the segment referenced in Proposition 407 voter materials from The Loop at Rillito River Park to Glenn Street at Sahuara Avenue/The Loop Pantano River Park trailhead is not included as part of the preferred alternative. This is based on technical constraints and public feedback.

Preliminary design concepts for the staff's recommended preferred alternative were presented.

Additionally, Collin Chesston outlined staff's recommendation for Loma Verde Park which includes a 10-foot-wide path, as approved by voters. In addressing public concerns regarding the proposed 10-foot shared-use path in the park, staff put forward alternative options. Alternative one proposes replacing the shared-use path with a 5-foot sidewalk with a short section of a shared-use path where the roadway does not connect at the southwest corner of the street network. The second alternative eliminates the sidewalk and proposes a shared-use path connecting the street network.

Commissioner Harold Coleman made a motion to bring the three design concepts forward for discussion, expressing a preference for Option 2. Commissioner Willie Blake seconded the motion.

The Commission discussed moving forward with the project while addressing community concerns. Key issues raised included preserving green space, ensuring safety for children and vehicles, and minimizing disruption to the community.

Commissioner Harold Coleman made a subsequent motion to move forward with the project as per the staff recommendation, with the exception that, for Loma Verde Park, staff will pursue Alternative 2 instead of the original plan. The motion was approved by a roll call vote, 8-0 with Commissioner Jose Munoz abstaining.

5. Project Status and Funding Updates

Project Manager Collin Chesston provided program updates:

The Roger Road Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Project is completed, with a ribbon-cutting last year. Public art celebrating the old airport is featured along the route.

The 5th and 6th Street Pedestrian Safety and Walkability project is about halfway done. The western portion is complete, and construction continues the eastern part. This project includes sewer line replacement, street repaving, and new bike lanes.

The design for the Westside Bike Boulevards is complete, and construction is about to start.

The El Paso and Southwestern Greenway's southern section is complete, and work on the northern section is set to begin shortly, with a contractor selected.

The 6th Avenue Protected Bike Lane project is nearing final design, and construction is expected to start in June 2026.

The Blacklidge Bicycle Boulevard project, after securing a federal grant, is slated for construction in the fall of 2026.

The Miramonte Palo Verde Bicycle Boulevard is ready for construction with 90% design plans completed. Construction is expected to begin in late summer or early fall of 2026.

The Kolb and Irvington shared-use path project has received a federal grant, and preliminary planning is underway.

The Midtown Bike Boulevards, encompassing several key routes will move forward now that funding has been secured.

Administrator Jasmine Chan provided an update on the Cushing Street Skate Park reporting that the project received the fully executed intergovernmental agreement with ADOT in late March 2026, granting permission to use the site for the park. Four construction bids were released, and they are currently under review. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2026.

6. Program Update: Finance Detail and Timeline

A financial report was previously circulated to the Commission in the meeting packet.

Spending is proceeding as planned, and the city is scheduled to finalize the final issuance of bonds in June or July of 2026

7. Next Steps

- a. Future Meeting Schedule

7/20/26, 10/19/26

- b. Future Agenda Items

There were no items discussed.

8. Commissioner and Staff Announcements

Commissioner Willie Blake shared the latest developments at The Bridges at Tucson Marketplace, announcing that Pro Bass and Long John Silver's as the newest additions to the shopping center.

Commissioner Kendall Kroesen announced that this would be his final meeting with the commission, as he is relocating out of state and resigning from the position of commissioner. The Commissioner expressed his gratitude to the commission and staff.

Chair Ron Spark mentioned the March 28, 2026, celebration for the improvement project at John F. Kennedy Park. The event was well attended.

9. Adjournment- 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Willie Blake presented motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lisa Vega seconded the motion. All commission members were in favor of the motion

-LAST ITEM-