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Jim Glock

Director, Tucson Department of Transportation

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Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Glock,

The Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee is fully supportive of creating a network of "Bike Boulevards" in Tucson and encourages the Tucson Department of Transportation to proceed as possible with current and future Bike Boulevard projects. The amount of bicycle traffic on the existing Third Street Bikeway/Bike Boulevard is proof that this concept is appealing to cyclists. Moreover, it is a cost-effective way to create bicycle routes that riders prefer to use.

We previously supported the pilot program of the Fontana-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bike Boulevard and its inclusion as a RTA-funded project, including costs to-date and effort involved. We also supported the Transportation Enhancement Grant application for the creation of a Treat Avenue Bike Boulevard.

TDOT Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator Tom Thivener is to be commended for his initiative and leadership on this venture to provide more and better bicycle facilities at less cost. Tucson will benefit greatly from this creative and effective response to the needs of bicyclists.

We fully support TDOT's application for both RTA as well as "Recovery Funds Act" funds for Bike Boulevards, plus we applaud the inclusion of over 170 miles of Bike Boulevards in the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

This is an exciting opportunity to make the streets of Tucson safer and more user-friendly for bicycle riders. We welcome your thoughts and proposals and look forward to working with you to make more Bike Boulevards a reality in Tucson. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me (Brian Beck) weekdays at 795-3000 extension 113 or T-

PCBAC Facilities Subcommittee Chair Larry Robinson at 237-5782.

As always, thank you for all of your work toward making Tucson a Bicycle Friendly Community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Beck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Brian Beck, Chair  
Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee