

## Our Vision

Our vision is to inspire people to get out of their cars and get around our streets safely by foot and by bike. The

City of Tucson has worked for 30+ years with citizens, community organizations, and other municipalities to encourage bicycling and walking as an alternative method of getting around the region.



Our vision includes obtaining a Platinum level Bicycle-Friendly Community Award - the highest recognition from the League of American

Bicyclists, a national organization representing some 300,000 cyclists. The City of Tucson & East Pima County region is the only region in Arizona with a Gold level ranking.



Our vision will build on our achievements:

- The region offers 630 miles of striped bike paths, 72 miles of shared use paths, and over 100 miles of residential bike routes.
- All Sun Tran busses have bike racks.
- The City of Tucson encourages employees to ride bikes at work for meetings, errands, or wellness rides through the City Cycle program.
- Tucson has several major bicycle corridors that have enhanced bicycle facilities and keep riders off busy streets.



Get involved. Be heard. For 20+ years, the Tucson-Pima Bicycle Advisory Committee (TPCBAC) has served to advise governments on bicycle-related

issues and to promote the development of a safe bicycling environment in the City of Tucson and Pima County. More info is at [www.biketucson.pima.gov](http://www.biketucson.pima.gov).

## City of Tucson Bicycle and Pedestrian Outreach and Safety Programs

Bike2Work/Clean Air Days/Bike Fest

Free Bike Valet Parking

Safe Routes to School

Free Bike Safety Classes

Traffic Safe Kids

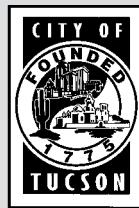
Employee Bike Sharing Program

Platinum Challenge Ranking from the League of American Bicyclists

For more information, contact the City of Tucson Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator at 791-4371.

[www.dot.tucsonaz.gov/bicycle](http://www.dot.tucsonaz.gov/bicycle)

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# BIKE

City of Tucson Bicycle and Pedestrian Program



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## Smart Cyclist Tips

**Bikes and Cars** - Same roads, rules, rights & responsibilities.

**Wear Your Helmet** - Bicyclists under 18 years of age are required by law to wear a helmet. Studies show that helmets can prevent brain injuries. Think of it as a seat belt and wear one for your safety.

**Be Seen** - Wear clothing that is bright, light and reflective. The law requires a front headlight and rear red reflector...it's even smarter to use a flashing rear light.

**Be Predictable** - Ride in the same direction as traffic-it's the law. Use the bike lane when available. Use hand signals before turning. Avoid riding on a sidewalk-it's illegal.

**Be Careful** - When riding by parallel parked cars stay at least 3 feet away to avoid being "doored" by the car. When crossing railroad tracks, cross at a right angle to avoid getting your wheels caught.

**Pay Attention** - Headphones and cell phones can distract and reduce the ability to hear traffic & emergency vehicles. Leave them off or at home.

**Learn** - Pick up a "Share the Road" guide for more great bike safety tips! Or register for a free bike safety class!



The 'Basket Bridge' over Euclid Avenue near Park Avenue offers pedestrians and cyclists a continuous nine-mile path from downtown Tucson to Escalante Road and Kolb Road.

## Clean Air Days/ Bike Fest

is a region-wide, multi-jurisdiction effort to support alternative modes of transportation and to encourage residents to do their part to reduce air pollution by driving less and opting to carpool, walk, bicycle, take the bus or drive a clean-fueled vehicle. Clean Air Days/Bike Fest takes place every spring.



One of the mainstay events of Clean Air Days/Bike Fest is the annual Bike 2 Work Day celebration. Its purpose is to encourage bike commuting as a regular way to get to work.

Typically the City sponsors a Bike 2 Work celebration in late March or early April.



The 3rd Street Bike Boulevard offers bicyclists & pedestrians a cross town corridor from Wilmot Road to the downtown with minimal vehicle traffic and enhanced crossings for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Even if you can't make it to our celebration, encourage your employer to host a Bike 2 Work event! We are coordinating with major employers in the Tucson area to encourage them to organize separate Bike 2 Work day events and to create new bike commuters. Incentive prizes are available. Visit our website for the latest info.

## Free Bike Valet Parking

We provide convenient bike valet parking at several Tucson events - Fourth Avenue Street Fair, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and other special events. Leave your bicycle in our attended area.



## Safety & Education

Each year the City provides traffic safety education to over 2500 students at over 50 participating schools with

**Traffic Safe Kids**, a Tucson Transportation Department program that teaches children how to stay safe while walking, riding a bike and playing. The City and County have also piloted a **Safe Routes to School** program at several elementary schools to improve biking and walking through education and by making modest safety improvements.

Plus, the City **helps schools, parents, and non-profits to find grants** to improve neighborhood facilities that

support biking and walking. The City and County also offer **free bike safety and commuter classes** to the community.

