



## Annual Reports 2011

### Education Subcommittee (provided by Josefina Ahumada)

- 2011 Highlights of Tucson/Pima County Bicycle/Outreach Advisory Committee, Education Subcommittee
- Organized and implemented the 2011 Cyclovia Bicycle event site.
- Light the Night-bicycle light give away conducted April 2011
- Collaborated with GABA in organizing the annual "Ride of Silence" May 2011
- Provided input to City of Tucson Bicycle and Pedestrian program in preparation for the annual bike fest events. Committee assisted with writing a script for one of the PSA.
- Met with U of A Parking Transportation staff, UAPD, and UA residential Life to discuss bicycle educational/encouragement activities on the U of A campus, May 3, 2011
- Participation in the Platinum Challenge work group

### Challenges for the Education/Outreach Subcommittee

The consistent challenge for the subcommittee was obtaining quorum for the monthly meeting. The meeting quorum requires three BAC members to be in attendance. Recommend review of this requirement and consider alternatives.

### Executive Subcommittee (provided by Ian Johnson)

- Worked with Platinum Committee throughout year
- Formalized our subcommittee process for agendas, legal action reports, and minutes
- Created agendas for main meetings
- Awarded Commuter of Year award and Advocate of Year Awards
- Formed nominating committee and prepared for elections
- Worked with city council and Parking Subcommittee to strengthen Tucson's Bicycle Parking Code
- Various quick turnaround letters: Chipseal requests, Environmental Task Force Guidelines, OWP Funding, etc.
- Regional Bicycle Plan promotion
- Chamber of Commerce Representation: Worked with the Chamber to develop policy for participation by Chamber representative
- Guidelines for BAC Liaisons to other Committees: Worked on guidelines for appropriate representation of the BAC by our appointed members to other committees such as TE, RTA, etc.
- Representation on TDOT Director Citizens Panel
- Appointments to other Committees (CART, TE)
- Bicycle Sales Tax exploration: While ultimately impossible, the Executive subcommittee explored options for alternate funding sources for city staffing

### Challenges and Opportunities ahead:

- Strategic Plan for BAC: We need to formalize and complete our strategic plan
- Retreat early 2012: We'll be planning a half-day Saturday retreat in early 2012; we're working now to find a facilitator.
- Membership & Quorum: We've had significant turnover this year in membership, and we have a number of seats that need to be filled. We need candidates for multiple jurisdictions.

- Subcommittee structure and rules (quorum issues): We will continue to explore the best possible subcommittee structure to ensure we can move quickly without violating any charter rules.

### **Mountain Bike Subcommittee** (provided by Martha Lemen)

Mountain Bike past year accomplishments. The following accomplishments were initiated and conducted by board members of the Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists (SDMB), of which many are technically members of the BAC mtb sub-committee. Ongoing discussions about the following and other issues are occurring on [tucsonmtb.com](http://tucsonmtb.com), a free, public forum.

In no particular order:

- Samaniego Ridge – SDMB board member and BAC Sub-Committee member Louis Gomez coordinated the efforts with the mountain bike community and Forest Service to open this trail back up. Over 900 volunteer hours were devoted to this construction.
- Black Diamond Ridership (BDR) survey – Louis Gomez & CJ Vincent of WOW AZ developed and facilitated the online survey. This is an effort to gather input from an under-represented ridership on the facilities they want/need. This information will be used as needed to promote additional mtb facilities on Mt. Lemmon.
- Kory Laos BMX park – used mtb network to facilitate dirt delivery and volunteer labor to construct the park. The Grand Opening was part of The Loop celebration in October.
- Met w/equestrians to discuss trail issues in 50Yr. The discussion is ongoing. The issue is making sure any trail work conducted by one user group meets the standard of sustainability and adheres to the “multi-use” trail design.
- Meetings with Forest Service to discuss mtb issues. Mt. Lemmon has a couple of promising locations for trails/routes/dirt facilities to accommodate the Black Diamond ridership. This is an ongoing discussion.
- Hosted IMBA Trail Care Crew. We worked on trail erosion issues on Bug Springs in the Catalinas.
- Trailhead outreach at Sweetwater and Tucson Mountain Park to promote proper trail etiquette, riding habits and advocacy outreach.
- Started the process of getting 100 Acre Wood built. This project is currently in the planning process. Permission to use the land for a bike park is still in review.
- MTB ride encouragement via SDMB’s Last Saturday Rides.
- Completed the first mtb ridership counts at local trailheads. These numbers have been submitted to the Platinum committee for inclusion in the application due Feb 2012
- Attended meetings to lobby for the rebuild of the Barrio Trails. The re-build should get underway by summer 2012.
- Helped facilitate the construction of the Elvira School bike track. Unfortunately, it was quickly torn down due to “safety” concerns and questions Sunnyside School District has.

### **SCVBAC Highlights** (provided by Bill Adamson)

Highlights:

- FOUR BIKE LANE PROJECTS COMPLETED
  - SAHUARITA RD (I-19 – LA VILLITA)
  - I-19 EFR (CONTINENTAL RD – CANOA EXIT)
  - CONTINENTAL RD (LA CANADA – ABREGO)
  - WHITEHOUSE CANYON RD (OLD NOGALES HWY – CONTINENTAL SCHOOL)
- TWO SHARED-USE PATHS COMPLETED
  - LA VILLITA (SAHUARITA RD – RANCHO SAHUARITA BLVD)
  - WHITEHOUSE CANYON RD (MADERA RESERVE – CONTINENTAL SCHOOL)
- ANZA TRAIL
- CONNECTED TO ABREGO TRAIL HEAD THRU TORRES BLANCAS GOLF CLUB
- ALIGNMENT DEFINED THRU SAHUARITA
- RIDE OF SILENCE – HELD 6TH ANNUAL RIDE
- SANTA CRUZ VALLEY BIKE MAP UPDATED & 12,000 COPIES PRINTED
- INCREASE RIDERSHIP – PLAN DEVELOPED AND INITIATED
- CONTINUED COORDINATION, PLANNING, AND ADVOCACIES WITH:
  - PCDOT, SAHUARITA, ADOT, PAG
  - RTA BIKE/PED WORKING GROUP, TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY BAC
  - PC BOND ADVISORY COMM, PC CONSERVATION ACQUISITION COMMISSION
  - PC SHERRIF OFFICE - GREEN VALLEY SUBSTATION
  - GREEN VALLEY COUNCIL

Objectives:

- BIKE LANES & TRAILS COMPLETED
  - N ABREGO GAP
  - PIMA MINE RD GAP
  - ANZA TRAIL THRU GREEN VALLEY & SAHUARITA
- ADVOCACIES
  - I-19 WFR SIGNS ADDED FOR BIKE SAFETY AND MOTORIST AWARENESS
  - DUVAL MINE RD BIKE LANES (LA CANADA – MISSION RD)
  - MISSION RD RTA BIKE LANES (SAN XAVIER RD – DREXEL)
  - I-19 EFR GAP (½ MILE N OF CANOA EXIT)
  - ANZA TRAIL CONNECT TO TUCSON LOOP
- INCREASE RIDERSHIP
  - NEIGHBORHOOD RIDES
  - LIST SERVE FOR RIDES & RIDERS
  - PROMOTE BIKES ON BUS OPPORTUNITIES
- WEST DESERT PRESERVE PURCHASED AND CONSERVED BY FMI-SIERRITA MINE
- CREATE SANTA CRUZ VALLEY CYCLISTS JERSEY
- CONTINUED COORDINATION – SAME AS 2004-11

**Enforcement Subcommittee:** (Provided by Eric Post)

- Sent many letters beginning in January asking for Sgt. Skeenes' presence.  
Sent letters to Sahuarita, Marana, Oro Valley and South Tucson for diversion programs. Oro Valley is only last to respond.  
Twitter @bikecolli is an ongoing list of collisions as they come from TPD.

**Facilities Subcommittee** (Provided by Larry Robinson)

- Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at Perimeter Bicycling on East Broadway from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

- Some projects are on-going for a longer period of time. Example: the Loop. 22 miles of linear parkway to ride on completed this year. Bicycle road standards sent out to all jurisdictions over the past summer.
- COT had a bike package number 3, made a lot of recommendations. Bike-friendly Platinum Application
- Interstate crossings
- RTA and letter of support to return excess funds from completed projects to be forwarded to new projects.
- La Cañada will be a straight route, as a result of a letter writing campaign.
- Letter of support for Kolb and Craycroft
- Low stress bike rides: what are they and what do they mean? Mission Rd. and Starr Pass: intersection improvement
- Lessons learned: don't write close ended lists when brainstorming projects for future funding