



Tucson-Pima Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tucson Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee 2012 Annual Report

Membership:

- Renewed and appointed new ex-officio members (Roy Schoonover, Ann Chanecka)
- Appointed new representatives to RTA bike/ped working groups, Broadway Corridor project, and Downtown Links
- Welcomed 4 new members
- Education Subcommittee reconstituted
- Annual Retreat held

Topics Covered

- Survey methodology
- Green Lanes Project Presentation
- Bike Collision Database
- Downtown Links Value Analysis
- Streetcar Issues
- Permitting at Pima County for Rides
- UA Master Plan
- Tanque Verde Wash Path Easement for Urban Loop
- Report from VeloCity
- TE Funding Process changes
- RTA Call for Projects
- Google Maps Bicycling Directions: How to use & fix them.
- Roadway Safety Analysis Process and Top Ten for bicycling discussion
- EPSW Greenway Crossing of St. Mary's
- The Urban Loop and Subloops
- Proper role of executive subcommittee
- Bicycle Lane Striping Policy at Trap Lanes!

Guests

- Mayor Rothschild
- TDOT Director Daryl Cole
- Chuck Huckelberry, Nanette Slusser
- Streetcar Team, TDOT
- ALTA Design
- Pete Lagerwey

Letters Sent

- TE Application Endorsements (9)
- Letter regarding HAWK light at 10th and Speedway
- Letter regarding Improvements to Orange Grove East of Oracle
- Letter regarding Buffered Bike Lanes on River Road west of Campbell to Thornydale at Hardy Road as well as on First Ave from the Rillito to Orange Grove.
- Letter regarding a request for a road diet on Park Ave. from Irvington to Valencia
- Letter of Support for the Green Lanes Project Grant Application
- Letter in support of RTA providing matching funds for TE grants
- Letter in support for specific projects in the Downtown Links Value Analysis
- Letter Requesting Additional Funds for Permanent Alternate Routes to Avoid Streetcar
- Letter requesting improvements at Tanque Verde and Sabino Canyon
- Letter requested changes to permitting process with PCDOT
- Letter to Streetcar Team asking for Centro Garage considerations
- Letter to TDOT requesting bicycle/pedestrian coordinator staffing
- Letter to TDOT requesting easement for Tanque Verde Wash Path
- Letter re: Third Street and Swan Bike-Hawk Treatment
- Letter thanking County for Improvements to North Kolb and Campbell
- Letter requesting seat on potential citizen's oversight panel for pavement preservation
- Letter thanking Jim Campbell for preserving bicycle bypass at Toole and Congress
- Letter agreeing in support of RTA bike/ped funding at Regional Council
- Letter of Appreciation for Roy Schoonover's Contributions
- Letter re: Left Turn Phasing at Mountain Avenue and Speedway
- Letter Expressing Appreciation for new Bike Hawk at Speedway and 10th ave.
- Letter Requesting Mitigation for Streetcar Before Final Striping Complete
- Letter Requesting Reconsideration of Striping Plan for 6th Ave.
- Letter thanking PAG for retreat
- Letter thanking Pete Lagerwey for facilitating retreat
- Letter thanking Ward 3 for use of meeting room
- Letter asking for bike corral support on 4th Ave.
- Letter requesting more staffing for bicycling program at TDOT F. Letter requesting crash reports from TPD

Facilities Subcommittee

In 2012 Facilities Subcommittee held 11 monthly meetings, in addition to regular meetings and Executive.

We met with various engineers for input and suggestions for projects. Downtown links, Houghton Road, city of Tucson resurfacing projects, Star Pass at Mission. We asked that some crossings of I-10 be prioritized. We supported a list of projects for City of Tucson RTA Bike Lane Package 3.

Facilities also made many recommendations sometimes in the form of a letter of recommendation which was forwarded to the TPC BAC at large for approval.

Letters sent to BAC for full support include and not limited to:

- Restriping on Park Ave from Irvington to Valencia to accommodate bike lanes.
- Buffered bike lanes on River Road from west of Campbell to Thornydale at Hardy Drive As well as on First Avenue from the Rillito to Orange Grove.
- Letter recommending improvements to Orange Grove East of Oracle.
- Letter asking to make bike lanes wider at Sabino Canyon and Tanque Verde
- In conjunction with DownTown/ University Facilities, supported various bike improvements.

Letter not supported by BAC:

- Recommendation to make cyclist proactive in crossing to left of trap right turn lanes, and ask that all jurisdictions in the region use the same design.

Recommended letters yet to be written:

- Redirection of The Loop at Diamond street,with change or removal of stop signs (February 2013)
- Support bike lanes on Harrison Road at Sabino High School (February 2013)
- Redirect petition requirements for changing 4way stops to yield at neighborhood traffic circles to require signatures of 60% in disagreement. (pending)
- Support re-striping projects in Ward 5 (February 2013)

Facilities plans on continuing to make recommendations to provide safe routes for cyclist and to fill in gaps in the regions bike network. Support all jurisdictions in improvements to biking. Advocate for on-road bike lanes, and keeping it clear that our roads belong to all users.

Downtown/University Facilities Subcommittee

Downtown University Facilities Sub Committee 2012 year end report

The ongoing biggest project in Tucson's Transportation history, the modern streetcar, remains by far the biggest issue for the Downtown University Facilities Sub Committee (DUFSC). We have dealt with many issues along the streetcar route. We still regret the decision by the City of Tucson to use an inferior rail with a 2 inch flange gap rather than the better rail with a 1 and 3/4 inch gap. We are happy that there is a fair amount of room for bicycles between the tracks and parked cars along 4th. There is good room along University. There are problematic corners such as Park and 2nd where there are unacceptable pinch points. The southeast corner apparently will be fixed thanks to work by our committee and efforts by Charles Franz and others. The northeast corner remains a problem to be solved. The problem of how to show bicycles where to cross on the intersections where the streetcar turns is an ongoing issue that we will continue to deal with. In 2013 we will continue to work on these corner issues. We will be watching to see that the bike corral at Time Market be put back where it was as well as looking at other locations such as the Main Gate area. We have worked on a possible

removable bike corral on 4th near the Food Conspiracy Coop. We have concerns about the door zone areas on 4th Ave at 9th St. and at University.

Other ongoing issues we considered in 2012: We continue to monitor the new County Courthouse whose disruption of downtown cycling created the impetus for our committee in the first place. We continue to monitor bicycle parking opportunities in the downtown area. We pushed for a road diet on Main north of St. Mary's that has been approved and will be done in the future. The Downtown Links projects on St. Mary's received attention and will continue to do so during construction in 2013. We have been involved in design decisions involving the rest of Downtown Links and will continue to do so in 2013. In particular the continuation of the Barraza Multiuse Path from 4th Ave west past 6th and Stone was a focal point and will remain so in 2013.

In 2012 we approved the idea of a credit card style map by TDOT and PAG based on the ones seen at Velo City 2012 in Vancouver. That should be printed and distributed in 2013.

We celebrated the construction of the Bike Hawk at 10th and Speedway entering Pima Community College's downtown campus from the south.

Several members of the committee participated in the University's Bicycle Pedestrian study. We will be referring to that study's recommendation in 2013 for infrastructure improvements.

We looked at the possibility of a cycle track in the Broadway underpass that was discarded when a grant application was denied.

In 2013 we look forward to working on the 5th St. and Treat Ave. Bicycle Boulevards whose funding was approved. We will do what we can to support the City's new foray into Safe Routes to School program. We will add our voice to help determine which streets get repaved with Proposition 409 monies. We will continue to monitor the Broadway road widening project. We will be working to expand bicycle parking through more bike corrals.

We said goodbye to Tom Thivener in 2012. We welcomed and are excited at working with Ann Chanecka, our new City Bicycle Pedestrian Planner. She is off to a great start. We will continue to push the city of Tucson to have more needed bicycle related staff.

Enforcement Subcommittee

* Launched bikecolli.info, a database of bicycle crashes in Tucson. While the subcommittee had been working on police reports for a number of years previously, this was the first publically viewable release of the compiled information.

* In April 2012, the Enforcement Subcommittee held a special meeting to help mediate the differences between GABA and the PCDOT regarding the Pima County Special Events Ordinance. Later, a letter was sent to PCDOT offering feedback about the special events permit process.

* We assisted Melinda Preston in meeting a previously-unknown witness to her son's 2001 death in a bicycle crash. While Matthew Preston's death is a settled case, the witness was able to confirm some additional details

for Ms Preston.

* Finally we reviewed targeted enforcement efforts by the Tucson Police Department.