

City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee



Annual Report 2013

Convened in September 2013, with 13 members representing each City Ward and appointees of the COT City Manager representing constituent areas of seniors/elderly; people with disabilities; children/youth; landscape/architecture, to respond to the need to have a city-sanctioned committee working on pedestrian issues.

A subcommittee met to draft Mission and Goals. Our mission is to identify and set priorities in policies, programs and projects to create a complete pedestrian environment for Tucson.

Guests:

Patrick Hartley from PAG
Collin Forbes

Topics Covered:

- History of sidewalks in Tucson
- History of Pedestrian Crossings
- COT's Pedestrian Initiatives (Pedestrian Safety Task Force, The Bicycle Boulevard Initiative, Inventory of sidewalks on arterial and collector streets, Shade tree initiatives, Safe Routes to School, A Pedestrian Safety and Education Campaign [for the future])
- PAG Pedestrian Plan Update (2000)
- Crash Data
- Living Streets Alliance (LSA) founded in 2011 (completed a walk friendly assessment that informed 2012-2013 Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Campaign)
- HAWK criteria and discussion/"RTA Improvement Criteria Matrix Guideline Criteria"

Actions:

- Comment on public awareness campaigns initiated by the City of Tucson and partners to promote pedestrian safety
- Provide feedback to COT Walk/Ped Coordinator on "Tucson on 2" Campaign (ongoing; partners: Allstate Insurance and Living Streets Alliance)
- PAC review and make recommendations for HAWK placement and similar crossing infrastructure
- Wrote and sent a letter to City Council to recommend that the council prioritize more resources for HAWK and similar infrastructure
- Invited TPD liaison, Sgt. David Fernandez to future meetings to provide updates/exchanges; particularly regarding crash data and looking at enforcement of pedestrian safety laws for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists with Governor Highway Safety grant focused on proper use of crosswalks
- Respond to requests from the media to discuss pedestrian issues

- Disseminate positive messages and respond to negative messages in the media with letters to the Editor and OpEd articles

Letters Sent:

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