

**Tucson / Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee**

**January 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order - Roll Call:** Eric Post, Gabe Thum, Nancy Ellis, Matt Zoll, Ann Chanecka, Bill Ketzel, Brian Varney, Richard DeBernardis, Wayne Cullop, Jessica Hersh-Ballering, David Bachman-Williams, Matt Christman, Bill Adamson and Elaine Mariolle.

**2. Announcements:** Richard DeBernardis mentioned that the bicycle safety center (Velodrome) is still moving forward and that the \$5 million bond is progressing.

**3. Call to the Public:** One of the news stations was present for an interview with Eric Post and listened to part of the meeting. No other public was present.

**4. Discussion regarding regional vs individual applications:** Bill Nesper has responded from LAB that we can have both a regional and individual applications and that because the region works in cooperation with the individual gov't entities, the region can claim the good works of the gov't entities. City of Tucson and Town of Oro Valley representatives indicated that they may apply separately in 2017. The discussion seemed to be favorable to that.

The question was asked as to who had authority to sign the application. Last time it was the Mayor of Tucson and one of the Pima County Supervisors. Anyone can prepare the application so TPCBAC should be OK to do so. We might ask clarification from LAB.

There was discussion about drawing from the strengths of each jurisdiction for a regional application.

There was discussion that we might have to work harder to keep Gold as a region and some danger that we could drop back to Silver. Some of the issues that would cause that are ridership, streetcar tracks in areas where parked cars are allowed (not enough room for rider to avoid car doors and the streetcar), crashes on the tracks, and that more cities are doing great things so the standard could be perceived to be rising. Obviously the easy way to lose Gold is to not apply/renew at all. Since the local jurisdictions are not planning on applying in 2016, the issue really came down to whether or not the Region will apply for the Bicycle Friendly Community rating.

A motion was ma

de by Eric Post and seconded by David Bachman-Williams to keep the Platinum Task Force focused on the Eastern Pima County Regional application. Vote taken and passed with one vote in opposition (13 yes, 1 no).

**5. Review of LAB's feedback from our last application**

- **Fatalities:** We briefly went over categories that brought us the Gold rating and looked at the ones that were low. Fatalities were too high last time. Need to keep educating cyclists, however, there was some discussion about educating motorists. Eric Post would like to work on that with anyone who is interested.

- **Ridership:** Only commuters are counted. Our recreational and off road riders are part of the application but not counted for ridership. The hot temperatures and the statistics that Tucsonans have on average a longer commute than other communities contributes to this. Ann

Chanecka mentioned that she is still working hard on the Bike Share program that will directly impact our commuter rider numbers. Andy Clarke, some years ago, suggested we get creative and do something like "Hottest Day of the Year" commute, etc.

- **Streetcar:** There was some discussion about the streetcar / door zone issue. Matt Zoll mentioned that most of the locations do have adequate distances. The rider, however, has to be pretty precise in choosing their path. Steve Clark from LAB had visited Tucson in the past and suggested that the door zone / track are should be addressed and suggested that banning parking would be a good way to fix it.

## 6. The Five E's and who's who

- **Team Assignments:** Discussion as to how the application was organized into the five "E's" and who was going to oversee each section. Volunteers to take a section are;

Encouragement - Richard DeBernardis

Enforcement - Eric Post

Education - Matt Zoll

Evaluation - Nancy Ellis

Engineering - David Bachman-Williams

- **Who should be added to the list:** Discussion on who should be invited to the Platinum Task Force ensued. It was suggested that we include the following;

Michael Benz from Tohono O'odham

Find someone to represent Sahuarita

Scott Beck from ADOT

Mick Jensen from City of South Tucson

Representative of Pasqua Yaqui

## 7. Goals

- **Agenda items for next meeting:** This will fall to the new chairman of the Platinum Task Force.

- **Increase ridership:** There was some discussion about whether or not LAB would even out the statistics on the application. They do not count recreational riders or offroad riders.

- **Decrease fatalities (motorist education?):** Eric Post would like to meet with anyone interested in motorist education.

## 8. Action Items

- **None at this time:**

New action items created this meeting -

Chris to contact Sahuarita

Matt to provide Michael Benz's email address for Tohono O'odham

Matt to provide Mick Jensen's email for City of South Tucson

Eric to fix Matt's email address

Richard DeBernardis to contact Pasqua Yaqui

Add Scott Beck to list as ADOT, need his email

Eric to find out from LAB who can sign the application

Eric to find out if ADOT is eligible to be part of Platinum

Eric to distribute the link to the prior application for Pima County

Eric to get link to the current application

Matt to see if Bill Nesper or Andy Clarke can be on the phone for the next meeting

Matt to see if LAB will even out the criteria for ridership, i.e., even out commuters, MTB, recreation and visitor riders.

**9. Elect a chairperson** - Wayne Cullop volunteered. Richard DeBernardis moved to have Wayne appointed, David Bachman-Williams seconded. Vote taken and passed. Wayne Cullop will chair the TPBAC Platinum Task Force. Matt Zoll will help with some note taking and minutes.

- **How often to meet and when:** It was agreed that the fourth Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. would work for everyone. Next meeting will be Monday, February 23, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.

- **Boards and Commissions LAR and Agendas and Minutes:** Reminder that BAC has to publish the agenda with City of Tucson Boards and Commissions at least 24 hours in advance. After the meeting the Legal Action Report must be sent to Boards and Commissions which includes all motions and votes and legal action taken during the meeting. Draft minutes are not to be published, but as soon as the minutes are approved, those need to be sent to Boards and Commissions as well.

**10. Adjourn:** 3:35 p.m.

These Minutes were approved by the Task Force Meeting at the February 24, 2015 meeting.