



Meeting Minutes - Approved March 18, 2015
City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee

February 18, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Ward 6 Council Office
3202 East 1st Street
Tucson, AZ 85716

- 1. Call to Order, Introductions, Approval of Minutes
Quorum established. The meeting was called to order by Maia Ingram at 6:03 p.m.

B.J. Cordova moved to approve the minutes; Davita Mueller seconded. All were in favor.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

Present	Absent
B.J. Cordova Jeannie Maldonado John Anderson Davita Mueller Maia Ingram Moniqua K. Lane Wendy Lotze Emily Lopex Emily Yetman Forest Weier	Valerie Vinyard Crystal Somers

City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

Sgt. Fernandez Ann Chanecka	Amy Stabler Collin Forbes
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- 2. Call to the Audience
No Discussion. No action taken.

3. **Tucson Police Department Liaison Update**
No action taken.

Sgt. Fernandez said that in February there were 3 fatalities:

- 1) 22nd and Osborne
- 2) Kolb near 22nd - curve in road
- 3) N. Constitution and E. Constitution – curve in road

Started the GOHS grant deployments. The first was at second Saturday's downtown: Toole and Congress. There was a deployment at Oracle and Grant.

Friday will be at a school zone.

4. **Bus Stop Placement**
No action taken.

- Sun Tran system overview: 252 buses running on 43 fixed routes. 2230 bus stops and over 800 bus shelters.
- Placement: new stop locations are reviewed by staff from Transportation engineering and by Sun Tran. Some important guidelines include:
 - ¼ mile intervals between stops, with adjustments based on intensity of surrounding land use
 - Stops should be placed on the far side of intersections (doesn't block right turn traffic), and at least 100 feet from marked crosswalks
 - New stops must be ADA accessible (with at least a 5' wide and 8' deep right-of-way)
 - Bus stops should not be placed near obstacles (e.g., storm drains) and should not block driveways
 - Adequate sight visibility triangles for bus drivers, other drivers on the road, and exiting passengers must be maintained
 - With rare exceptions, stops are only placed on public ROW, not private land

People who have questions or suggestions on bus stop placement can contact Bea by going to SunTran.com and submitting a comment via the "Contact Us" link with "bus stop" in the subject line.

Mindful of the pedestrian safety and activity in bus stop placement. As to what to do if there are specific concerns, can email all 3 – Jared, Tom, Bea.

In placing HAWKs near bus stops, have Tom Fisher/Bea review the location in proximity to the bus stop.

It is a challenge with Development Services when developments move in for pedestrian safety.

5. **Broadway Boulevard**
No action taken.

Been in technical design. Moving forward to refine the alignment. RTA Board approved funding the project forward. Approved 6-lanes with bus pullouts where appropriate. On Friday, will be releasing a final 6-lane alignment for the public and task force to review. Can access it via the Broadway Boulevard Project website.

The plans show bus pullouts at the major intersections – but do not include them in many locations.

In two locations, the HAWKs were placed on the side of the intersection where the bus stops are across from each other.

Input needs to be given on March 11th at midnight digitally. Then the task force will meet on March 19. It will start at 5:30 and be the Lutheran Church on Speedway/Campbell. Will ask the task force to approve it and move it forward to an open house in April.

8 ft. sidewalk is the ideal – it is a balance with trying preserve the buildings.

Recommendation that the full PAC gives the subcommittee the authority to draft a letter

Wendy Lotze moves that we empower the finance and infrastructure subcommittee to respond on the general committee's behalf on the alignment that goes out on Friday. Anyone can attend the meeting. They will send out the letter for feedback that can be given on an individual basis. Moniqua Lane seconded the motion. All approve the motion.

Forest is the chair of the finance committee and infrastructure committee. The next meeting will be in conjunction with the policy committee so that more of the PAC members can weigh in on the discussion.

6. **Pima County Bond - Walkability Improvements**
No action taken.

Had a tremendous amount of people come out and show support at the Pima County Bond meetings.

At the January 23rd meeting, the Pima County Bond committee moved to forward the proposal for a full \$25 million.

After that, the Pima County Administrator and the Chair and Vice-Chair took a stab at reducing the entire bond package. The walkability proposal was recommended to be \$12 million.

At the next bond meeting, there was a lot of discussion and ultimately, the reduced package was sent to each jurisdiction to weigh in.

Living Streets Alliance took a stab at taking their proposal, recognizing there has to be a balance and compromising, and revising the proposal while still maintaining the integrity of the proposal.

Maia has asked if Living Streets Alliance can share the new list with the group.

7. Bylaws and Committee Rules
No action taken.

Tabling this discussion on attendance until next time.

8. PAC Member Profiles
No action taken.

Forest – a Landscape Architect – works on parks and paths where pedestrian safety and accessibility is more clear cut.

However, in some cases working with developments, in some cases due to cul-de-sacs, etc. you may have to walk very far out of your way to access something. In some cases, developers/owners are unsure how their decisions impact pedestrian issues. For example, they may want 4-ft. sidewalks and do not understand why that is not sufficient.

Forest wanted to be on the committee to be able to help make the pedestrian environment better.

Moniqua asked what he has seen as the big challenges –

- Including shade structures/shade trees on projects in the public right-of-way due to maintenance concerns.
- Major developments.

Maia mentioned how other cities seem to have policies to promote walkability and therefore require developers to make them happen.

Moniqua will go next time.

9. Committee Updates

Maia reminded about filling out the action plan.

Education committee – hoping to address education for youth. Emily informed the committee about the Safe Routes to School project and how they have been doing intense workshops. One of the things that has come out of that is a real lack of pedestrian education. Living Streets Alliance would like to work on this.

It was asked if the education committee has worked on the grant that TPD has and a conversation ensued about enforcement during second Saturdays.

Moniqua moved to empower the education committee to write a letter on behalf of the PAC expressing their strong insistence that TPD stop using the precious grant resources on enforcement activities during second Saturdays. John seconded. All were in favor.

Finance and Infrastructure – Committee decided that they would like to continue and recruit new members. They are working on defining the scope.

Maia Ingram adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.