



**Thursday, April 30, 2015**

The **ENFORCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** conducted a meeting April 30 at 6:00 p.m., at the Law Office of Eric Post, 651 North Swan Road, Tucson, AZ 85711

## **Meeting Minutes, Approved May 28, 2015**

### **1. Call to order / Roll call — 6:00 p.m.**

Collin Forbes, Eric Post, John Cousins, James McKenzie, Dylan Huber-Heidorn and Andy Bemis

### **2. Approve Minutes from the February 26 Meeting.**

**Motion:** by Collin Forbes to approve the minutes. Seconded by John Cousins. **Unanimous voice vote.**

### **3. Call to Public / Announcements**

James reported the cyclist who was killed by a driver after a right hook crash. The crash was on April 20 at Silverlake and Cottonwood lane and the cyclist died 2 days later. An article in the Arizona Daily Star had the headline read as if the cyclist had ridden into the vehicle rather than being hit.

Eric mentioned a police report he had seen recently. A cyclist was riding at night in front of PCC West. The bike rider had a decent light on his forehead, and reflectors on the wheels. No reflector or light in the back. He was hit by someone coming out of the college. The driver said she never saw him. The police officer said the cyclist was in violation of ARS 28-817(a) for not having a light on the bike. He also gave the cyclist a second citation for not having a reflector on the back. Then the police officer said the cyclist was 100% at fault for the crash and refused to record the insurance information for the driver!

### **4. Platinum Challenge: Bicycle Crash Data from ADOT**

Collin showed how to get to the extracted ADOT bike crash data Ed Beige provides on arizonabikelaw.org. From the top navigation, go to “Fatality Grid” and go to the Crash Map page. (<http://azbikelaw.org/blog/crashmap-data/>)

Click the link for “Bicyclist-MV” to go to the data in Google Fusion Tables. You can use the filters to select the city, county, year and injury severities.

Be sure to take an overview of the whole state, some of the crashes don't have good geographic coordinates and show up in the middle of Phoenix instead of Tucson.

### **5. Does Oro Valley Participate in the Pima County Bicycle Diversion Program?**

Apparently not. A cyclist was given a ticket in Oro Valley and was told by the clerk he had wasted his time when he went through the diversion program.

However, Eric said a good number of cyclists in Oro Valley have asked the judge in their case if they can take the diversion program, and the judge has agreed. Eric said, if he was handling the case, he would submit a motion to dismiss directly to the judge.

What we need is a letter to the chief prosecutor in Oro Valley explaining the beauty and benefits of teaching people bicycle law. Also explaining that they are the only jurisdiction that isn't on board.

### **6. Unnecessary Bicycle Enforcement at 3rd/Treat, Enforcement Priorities**

There have been complaints of police officers issuing tickets at the four-way stop sign at 3rd/Treat. One person said they saw the officer on the morning of the GABA bike swap. They were also out on the morning of Friday, April 24, which was Bike To Work day.

We believe a person in the neighborhood does not like cyclists and has found they can harass cyclists by calling in complaints to the police. While cyclists do run the stop sign at that intersection, the enforcement is not happening as a matter of public safety. There has been only one crash at that intersection, in 2009. To improve public safety, the police should be monitoring many other intersections around town.

Further, the Tucson Police Department recently started asking for volunteers. Not for law enforcement duties, but for data entry and other administrative tasks. If the police department is so short-staffed, they shouldn't allow their officers to be used to harass cyclists.

We are planning to write a letter to Mayor & Council about the harassment, with copies going to the city manager and the chief of police. Another letter should go to Daryl Cole at Tucson Department of Transportation asking to remove the stop signs in favor of other traffic calming measures which would slow cyclists, but not allow harassment.

Dylan suggested also contacting the neighborhood association to address their concerns.

### **5. Set Date of Next Meeting**

We will meet again on May 28, again at Eric's office.

### **6. Adjournment — 7:25 p.m.**