



**Meeting Minutes
City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

October 21, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Ward 6 Council Office
3202 East 1st Street
Tucson, AZ 85716

1. Call to Order, Introductions,
Quorum established. Wendy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes
Jeannie asked for correction to Item 3 as GOHS.
Jeannie moved to approve the minutes with correction; David seconded. All were in favor.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

Present	Absent
Davita Mueller Forest Weier Jeannie Maldonado David Walker John Anderson Vanessa Cascio Maia Ingram Wendy Lotze Emily Yetman	B.J. Cordova Moniqua K. Lane Valerie Vinyard Christian Padilla

City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

Christa Hansen
 Collin Forbes
 Sgt. David Fernandez

3. **Call to the Audience: 6:04pm**
No action taken.

No discussion.

4. **Staff updates: Tucson Police Department and TDOT 6:05pm**
No action taken.

Sgt. Fernandez said that there have been 2 fatal incidents. Incident on 9/16 on Benson Highway. Pedestrian died a few days later. Second incident with a female on bus bench on Pima where car veered off road. Impairment may have been a factor in the incident. No fatal accidents where vehicle left scene. 13 accidents with peds. 2 were in parking lot. One incident with Suntran bus at Rondstadt center. 10 actual incidents involving vehicles and pedestrians. In half the incidents, peds were in the crosswalk. 7 incidents of pedestrian injury where vehicle left the scene.

Jeannie asked if the incidents are occurring in any particular location. Sgt. Fernandez stated the locations, but did not see a pattern in the locations. Jeannie asked about consequences for incidents. Sgt. stated that there will be an investigation to determine if driver is at fault or cited for infraction. Jeannie stated that her questions were related to the issue of red light cameras and impact on pedestrian safety.

Valerie asked to what standards citations are give. Sgt stated that most citations are per Arizona ARS. Email Sgt for typed list of pedestrian incidents. David Fernandez @tpd.gov

Christa Hansen (TDOT intern) stated time for open house on Church Avenue (St Marys to Cushing) project is 10/26 at 5:30. Open house is request for public input. Collin stated that BAC was asking for changes for 2 years on Church. Wendy related issue to CTAC. Emily noted that Robin Rained asked for input on CTAC by October. Wendy stated that here subcommittee discussed the issue.

5. **Construction Zones and pedestrian access**
Chris Leighton, TDOT
6:22pm

Chris stated that you are supposed to maintain pedestrian access during construction. Residential areas may allow closure. High pedestrian uses, the City will not allow closure of sidewalk. Tall building construction will require covered pedestrian access. Some mid block crossings are used

both temporarily. Crossings must be at ADA accessible crossings. City has 2 inspectors for all construction projects in Tucson. Portable ramps and other new products are improving options for temporary crossings.

Chris stated that people should call in to notify of problems. City will send an inspector to site.

They do not put temporary crossings on arterial roads. Pedestrian wall is a temporary wall that can be installed for pedestrians. Example at Golf Links and Kolb.

Contact Traffic Engineering main number 791-4259 to either inspectors or Chris Leighton. Chris stated that they inspect all projects that have permits. TDOT permit center @az.gov

Jeannie stated that there are no signs or ways to cross project at Silverbell and Grant.

Chris stated that he is trying to have all construction inspectors cross trained on pedestrian issues. First round of classes has taken place.

Maia asked if there should be a streamlined process to track comments or a central location for the public to comment.

Chris stated that there is a page called TDOT Concerns on their webpage.

Wendy asked about consequences. Chris stated that per the Code, contractor can be fined \$1800 per day on barricading violation.

Wendy stated that the Policy subcommittee may talk with Chris. Chris stated that he would email the barricade standards and bullet list to Wendy or Jeannie.

**6. TAP funding discussion /letter
6:50pm**

Letter regarding Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) came out of Policy subcommittee. Federal funding could be changed to no longer protect alternate transportation separately. Letter would go to our congressmen and Department of Transportation while copying Mayor and Council.

Wendy asked for motion to write the letter.

Maia made motion that gave authority to Policy Subcommittee to write letter to Department of Transportation to preserve separate funding for alternative mode of transportation. John seconded motion.

All voted yes. Nobody voted nay.

Emily stated that TAP funding is important source locally (\$1.3 million last year for the greater Tucson region). TAP has been used for infrastructure and programs. PAG or other agency made decision that programs would no longer be available.

Vanessa drafted a letter to PAG regarding the change to TAP funding. The PAC members reviewed the draft letter. Maia stated that she felt that the issue was the lack of due process by PAG. Emily stated that it is a convoluted, complicated issue. Maia stated that the letter should only be about actual facts of what PAG is doing. Emily expressed concern over lack of transparency and due process.

Maia stated that PAG has limited criteria to construction projects, eliminating Safe Routes to School and other programs. She wanted first paragraph should be clearer and be certain that letter is factual.

David made motion to send letter with modifications to PAG. John seconded motion. Letter will be sent for review before sending it out. Vanessa asked who would sign the letter. Wendy stated that Wendy and BJ would sign the letter.

Abstaining: Vanessa, Maia, and Emily
All others voted yes for motion. Nobody voted no.

**7. New PAG PSA – PAC involvement
7:22pm**

Emily stated that PAG is already shooting a second PSA. PAC was not given opportunity to provide input. Maia stated that this may be an issue for the Education subcommittee. David stated that PAC should inform Mayor and Council that PAG has not been responsive or informative. Maia would like follow up on issue on future agenda, to determine effectiveness of PAC. Wendy suggested inviting PAG representative to follow up on issue at a future meeting.

**8. Subcommittee Action Plan Annual Strategizing Session –
Subcommittee will take a look at the plan and identify goals for the
next year 7:30pm**

a. Policy and Implementation

Jeannie summarized action plan. Maia suggested that PAC should tell Mayor and Council about PAC issues and concerns. Specifically address the issue of sunseting PAC with Mayor and Council. Maia asked who would create presentation and talk to Mayor and Council.

b. Funding and Infrastructure

Maia stated that subcommittee is focused on projects that are happening and funding for future projects. Two new members to subcommittee Arlie and Colby. We want to create a flow chart on funding for understanding of funding by PAC and others.

c. Education, Promotion, and Enforcement

Vanessa stated that Pima County is revising their Pedestrian Share the Road Guide. The subcommittee would like to review. EPE will be at Meet Me at Maynards regarding pedestrians issues, suggestion box for pedestrians, gathering info. Info gathered would be directed for Ann's needs. Cyclovia table by TDOT. Next week is Walk'tober by Safe Routes to Schools. Mayor will be at event on October 26 at 7:30 am.

9. Adjourn

Wendy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.