



Approved Meeting Minutes (approved 03/16/16)
City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

February 17, 2016
 6:00 p.m.
 Ward 6 Council Office
 3202 East 1st Street
 Tucson, AZ 85716

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

2. Approval of Minutes
Valerie moved to approve the minutes with correction; Jeannie seconded. All were in favor.
Davita asked for revision to Amy’s item stating no new information. Jeannie: #7 revise “their” and “Ann stated that a HAWK may go in at 7th.”

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

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

City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

Ann Chanecka
 Collin Forbes
 Sam Sanford
 Steve Besler

3. Call to the Audience: 6:03pm
No action taken or discussion.

4. Staff updates: Tucson Police Department (TPD), Tucson Dept of Transportation (TDOT), Pima Association of Governments (PAG), Ward 6 Officer Molina (TPD)
6:07pm

Officer Mark Molina stated that he has a written summary of pedestrian incidents. 2015: 9 ped fatalities. 2016: 1 ped fatality on February 4th, at 1st and Grant. Vehicle was northbound, pedestrian was not crossing in a crosswalk. Ped was struck by two vehicles. Valerie asked if there were any citations. Officer stated that there were no citations.

Pedestrian incident on January 3, motorcycle colliding with a pedestrian. January 13, pedestrian incident where pedestrian appeared intoxicated. January 18: vehicle making right turn struck pedestrian, report made. January 26, afternoon: pedestrian struck by vehicle making a right turn. Incident should be classified as a hit and run, minor injuries. January 27, am: juveniles struck in crosswalk by vehicle, minor injuries. Vehicle info given by witness, vehicle was later impounded. January 29, pm: pedestrian struck by vehicle, critical injuries.

Vanessa suggested no reciting all crash information. TPD provided a written summary of the pedestrian crashes that will be added to the minutes.

Sam Sanford (PAG) had no information.

Ann Chanecka (TDOT) will be on vacation for two weeks. Steve Besler has applied for a position on PAC. Disabilities representative positions remains open.

5. **TDOT Street Maintenance**
Jorge Riveros: Street & Traffic Maintenance
6:18pm

Jorge asked what information on maintenance and sidewalk the PAC was looking for. Streets: potholes, pavement maintenance, landscape, tree trimming, curbs. Traffic: lighting, signs, signals. Budget: \$27 million. TDOT is reactive to potholes. Response times for potholes: response time is down from 30-45 days, to now 7-10 days.

Sidewalk repair is responsibility to owner of abutting property. Owner is responsible for everything from curb to their property. If city owned property (drainage channel) is adjacent to walk, then City is responsible for maintenance. Owners can receive a violation for broken sidewalk.

City will issue a no fee permit for owners to repair their sidewalk.

To report maintenance issue:
Maintenance: 520-791-3154.
tdotsr@tucsonaz.gov

Lack of sidewalk is not a violation or issue for Maintenance. Asphalt paths may fall under city responsibility. Jorge asks inspectors to verify ownership and maintenance agreements regarding sidewalk responsibility.

Another violation is sent after 10-30 days if repairs are not made. TDOT can't put a lien on property. Inspectors cover areas and issues other than sidewalks. There are 4 inspectors for the City of Tucson, plus 1 inspector for traffic.

Jeannie asked about street lights. There is 1 traffic inspector for the City that only works in the day. City is retrofitting LEDs to 23,000 lights in the City.

To make a report: give your name & number, location, photo is helpful.

TDOT has applied for \$50 million grant to provide maintenance solutions as part of Smart City Solutions from Federal DOT. Five finalists are announced first, they then compete to be awarded the final grant. 77 cities have applied for grant. Announcement on winner of grant will be made at SouthXSouthWest.

John asked if Streets & Traffic Maintenance influences how bond money is spent on maintenance. TDOT provides factual data to the bond committee. Report is on TDOT website under Road Recovery, including the Bond Oversight Committee.

Maintenance tries to restripe everything in the city twice per year. Paint doesn't hold up well in Tucson.

6. Broadway Corridor Project Updates
Micheal Johnson (HDR)
6:55pm

Vanessa said that 30% plans will be released soon at an open house. Mike stated that there has been a change in direction. Complete Streets was the original aim. Mayor & Council directed that the ROW width start small, and only go wider when needed. This was in response to neighbors. 6' sidewalks are now in the plan. 3' shy space between curb and sidewalks. Alignment was shifted to only impact one side of Broadway properties. Pedestrian environment provides a minimal level of service. Distance from face of curb to right of way is 12'.

Ann stated that plans will be posted March 14, Open House March 29, comments are due April 19. PAC has a meeting on March 16. Mike stated that he could attend our next meeting.

7. Pedestrian Safety Campaign
Jessica Hersh-Ballering

7:30pm

Pedestrian Safety Grant is \$18,000. Part 1 is Police Training (\$9,000). Money will go to officers to pay for their time. Officers may need to attend training to be eligible for ped/bike overtime.

Part 2 is the Media Campaign (\$9,000). Media campaign ideas are shown by Jessica. She asked for input on campaigns via email. Jessica liked examples of empathy campaigns.

Jessica will meet with the Education subcommittee to narrow down the campaigns.

Vanessa suggested showing data to officers to educate them on problem areas. Training is scheduled for July 19. Education campaign would likely be put out around the back to school season.

Sam stated that PAG has crash data that could be provided to police officers.

8. Update on Grant Road
Jeannie Maldonado

7:45pm

1st Avenue to Stone stretch of Grant Road has been demolished and cleared. Jeannie stated that this area is uneven and difficult for pedestrian to walk along area. Reports of problems should be made to the project manager. Construction will begin in 4 to 5 months. There is no funding for temporary pedestrian improvements as part of the Grant Road project. Project Manager: Beth.Abramovitz@tucsonaz.gov.

Jeannie will email Beth regarding ongoing issues of pedestrian access thru construction at Grant & Silverbell.

9. Discuss adoption of consent agenda rule

7:15pm

Vanessa stated that the consent agenda has been previously discussed and would speed up the process of sending PAC letters.

Valerie moved to adopt a consent agenda policy for PAC. John seconded. All voted in favor.

10. Subcommittee Reports/ Annual Action Plans

7:45pm

a. Policy and Implementation

Davita stated that they met with Mike Hicks (ITS manager).

He said to report problems to him or Streets Maintenance.

Mike recommends that pedestrians remain aware as best measure to improve safety. He would be willing to speak to PAC.

b. Funding and Infrastructure

Subcommittee discussed funding for Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

This will be discussed at a future PAC meeting.

c. Education, Promotion, and Enforcement

The subcommittee did not meet.

11. Adjourn

Vanessa moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Attached: Tucson Police Department Pedestrian Crash summary