



City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

March 16, 2016

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
(approved 05/18/16)

The City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee held an "Action" meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 East 1st Street, Tucson, AZ 85716

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Introductions

Quorum established. Vanessa called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Wendy moved to approve the minutes with Wendy's revision; Valerie seconded. All were in favor.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

Present	Absent
Davita Mueller	Christian Padilla
Forest Weier	
Jeannie Maldonado	
Valerie Vinyard	
Vanessa Cascio	
Wendy Lotze	
Maia Ingram	
John Anderson	
Emily Yetman	
David Walker	

City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

Ann Chanecka  
Amy Stabler  
Jim Glock

Sam Sanford  
Collin Forbes

### **3. Call to the Audience & Announcements; 6:12 pm**

Jeannie spoke with COT regarding Silverbell. A crushed granite path will be added for temporary pedestrian use. Grant road lights have been turned on and seem to improve safety.

Sam Sanford said that has Federal government has released rules for vulnerable users. Data on vulnerable users will be kept by States and reported to Federal government. If states don't meet their targets, they will get less flexibility on how they can spend their funds. Sam will send document to PAC members.

### **4. Staff updates: Tucson Police Dept., Tucson Dept. of Transportation, Pima Association of Governments, Ward 6; 6:24 pm**

Ann stated that she has been working on the TPD training. Officers have shown a lot of interest in the training. They may have to break into smaller groups. UA Police will be invited. Training will be July 13<sup>th</sup>.

The TPD reorganization will have some effect on training. TPD Lt. would like to meet with the PAC Education subcommittee. Ann is not sure of Sgt. Fernandez's status on attending PAC meetings.

Disabilities Representative position is still open on PAC.

Ann handed out Bikelife magazine. New Cyclovia route features both pedestrians and bicyclists.

### **5. Broadway Corridor Project Follow-up- Michael Johnson 6:55 pm**

Michael has prints of the road design shown in plan view with aerial photo.

Design: 6' sidewalk within 12' space between curb and ROW. Bike HAWK crossing at Park Avenue.

Multi use path connects to Park Avenue. Sidewalk ramps are directionally aligned for visually impaired pedestrians. Suntran prefers to have pull outs for bus stops. Design tries to keep bus stops near the HAWK crossings.

Several PAC members commented on extremely wide width of Campbell/Broadway intersection (9 lanes, 100'+).

Access to Starbucks will be eliminated to Broadway.

Open House on March 29, 5:30pm.

Public can make comments on line right now at [www.tucsonaz.gov/broadway](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/broadway).

## 6. Kolb Road Project-Ann Chanecka

Jim Glock: former TDOT director

6:25 pm

Tucson has secured some Federal funds with improving Kolb Road from Escalante to Valencia. Alignment goes thru Davis Monthan AFB. Three bridges cross Kolb at DM AFB. Slope stabilization is failing. Traffic counts will grow over the next 20 years. Project assessment is being prepared. This is the first step in the planning process. Widening will be minimized. Proposed Cross Section: 3 lanes, barrier type median, 8' breakdown lane(includes 6' bike lane), barriers on sides.

Not known if pedestrians go below grade with road. Posted speed limit is 50 mph.

A shared use path will be added from Escalante to Irvington along Kolb. A future path will lead to Houghton and Fantasy Island.

RTA is designing Valencia/Kolb intersection. Indirect Left Turn lanes may be used at the intersection.

A break may remain in the sidewalk along Kolb thru DM AFB. No sidewalk or path is planned at this time. The cross section is narrower underneath the bridges, which makes sidewalk/path more difficult.

Actual design of road is probably about a year away.

Davita stated that pedestrians are currently walking in dirt on eastside of Kolb.

Forest stated that some type of walk or path should be included in the redesign of an arterial route like Kolb Road.

Ann summarized that PAC wants sidewalk on one side as a minimum. PAC is not concerned with surface of walk: concrete vs. asphalt.

Ann asked if space could be provided for sidewalk on second side of road as a possible future addition, as needed by future development.

Sam stated he could check on whether PAG has pedestrian counts for this area.

## **7. PAG-Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) -Sam Sanford**

**7:40pm**

A TIP is created every year. It includes 5 years of capital improvements for region. Federally funded projects must be included in the TIP. Projects must be feasible with projected available funds. Public can provide input on the TIP, making comments on project selection and criteria. PAG involvement largely ends once a project has been funded and construction has begun.

Maia asked when public input is made, is it often too late to make changes to the project. Sam stated that public comments are responded to within the document. At least one project was pulled because of public outcry.

Emily asked "How is TIP committee selected?" Each jurisdiction get one vote on the committee. There is no weighting by population.

A project must fit within the Long Range Plan to move thru the TIP process.

RTA needs to be reauthorized in 2026.

RMAP is the parent plan for the region. RMAP would go thru 2045.

Public can make comments on the TIP, comments are addressed by TIP subcommittee.

Emily asked if there are programs in the TIP. Ann stated that there are federally funded programs in the TIP. Sam stated that regional council requested that funds be prioritized for capital projects rather than programs. PAG has a funding shortfall, which affects programs. The issue of funding programs could be reviewed and changed in the future, based on funding available.

Maia suggested continuing Sam's presentation to the next PAC meeting.

Sam will send link to PAC of Appendix 9 - a list of pedestrian/bike projects.

## **8. Consent agenda**

### **a. Subcommittee Reports; 8:02 pm**

Vanessa stated that the subcommittees did not have any consent agenda items.

## **9. Adjourn**

Vanessa moved to adjourn at 8:06pm.