



City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

May 18, 2016

*APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
(APPROVED 06/15/16)*

The City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) conducted an "Action" meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 East 1st Street, Tucson, AZ 85716

ACTION AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Introductions

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

2. Approval of Minutes

John moved to approve the minutes; Emily seconded. All voted in favor.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

Present	Absent
Davita Mueller	Christian Padilla
Forest Weier	Wendy Lotze
Vanessa Cascio	Valerie Vineyard
Maia Ingram	
John Anderson	
Emily Yetman	
Steve Bresler	
Jeannie Maldonado	
David Walker at 6:40pm	

City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

Ann Chanecka
Sam Sanford
Sgt. Allen
Ryan Faggen
Collin Forbes
Briana Torres

3. Call to the Audience & Announcements, 6:04 pm

John Anderson stated that improvements will be added at Treat near Glenn in his neighborhood. Improvements: sidewalk connection, chicanes, solar powered street lights. Neighborhood Reinvestment is source of funding. Should be installed in the next year.

Vanessa stated that about 200 students with the Mayor attended Safe Routes to School event on Drexel.

4. Staff updates: Tucson Police Dept., Tucson Dept. of Transportation, 6:10 pm

Sgt. Allen stated that there are not as many people to collect crash statistics as in the past. Maia asked for information on enforcement efforts by TPD. Sgt. stated that grants can be based on intersections based on most crashes, leaving some areas with less enforcement. A current grant allows more freedom in selecting where enforcement will occur. Recent enforcement was at Oracle and Grant. Other enforcements at Park and Ajo, and on southside at Kino and Broadway. Another enforcement will be at Second Saturdays, where warnings will be given out. Maia stated that Second Saturdays is PAC's least favorite enforcement location. Sgt. Allen stated that downtown is an area of DUI enforcement. Ubers are becoming very popular in the area on the weekend.

Crash statistics: eleven pedestrian crashes in April. Five were hit and runs. Zero fatal crashes.

Ann Chanecka stated that Jessica no longer works for City of Tucson, she now works at U of A. City of Tucson is looking for an effective, cheaper solution than HAWKS. Raytheon has a solar powered HAWK, that the City will investigate.

TPD training is scheduled for July. PAC could suggest topics that PAC would like to be covered in the training. Issue of marked vs. unmarked crosswalk was discussed with FHWA representative. Training topics could be a future PAC agenda item. Training will be a single 10 hour session. They have talked about having an officer crosswalk sting.

Jeannie suggested that TPD and Fire use same accident forms. She suggest having photos of street/crosswalk examples from other cities included in the TPD training. Vanessa suggested humanizing pedestrian issues for TPD during the training.

5. Pedestrian Safety Plan Updates - Ann Chanecka, 6:40 pm

Ann wants something effective to result from the Plan. PAC can determine what we want to get out of the Plan. What will we tell FHWA that we want to get out of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. There will be a conference call to discuss the issue.

PAC has a sunset date in 2017. However, PAC could exist for much longer.

PAC members could be part of the conference call regarding the Plan with FHWA. Vanessa stated that anyone wanting to be on the call, should email Ann Chanecka.

Ann presented ideas for the Media Campaign. She would like campaign to start around back to school time. Ads could be inside buses, on back of buses, and one billboard. PAC liked a more direct messages in the campaign. Forest commented that ads with graphics attract attention and would be more effective than ads with only text. Emily would like ads that create empathy and don't create a division between pedestrians vs. drivers.

6. 22nd Street Safety Corridor Updates

No discussion on this item.

7. Revisit Broadway Project

No discussion on this item.

8. PAG-Transportation Improvement Process -Sam Sanford, 7:05pm

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Sam stated that PAG puts out a 5 year capital improvement program. Anything federal and transportation related has to come through PAG. All regionally significant projects are included. TIP is focused on programming and doesn't get into detail of exact dollars and cents for each project. More detailed information comes later in the process. TIP is fiscally constrained.

Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan (RMAP) which plans out to 2045 is the "parent" plan for the region. All projects must be consistent with RMAP.

Much of the funding is based on gas taxes or car registrations. Gas sales are not known in advance, so projections are made on future funding. Projections are usually pretty conservative. A call for projects goes out around August. TIP is reviewed every year. RMAP is reviewed every 4 or 5 years.

The TIP includes several funding types, each with its own set of rules of use and funding limits. Jurisdictions can't apply for more funding than is available. A draft list of projects is created. No population can be disenfranchised. Open houses are held. Attendance was low in the last open houses. Maia asked how effective is public input. Sam noted that a recent project was removed due to public input, according to Sam. Ann thought that a bypass project was removed from an RTP for other reasons. Jurisdictions send representatives to the TIP open houses to solicit public input. Davita asked if there are online comments made. Sam stated that online comments are roughly in the same number as those received from the open houses.

Powerpoint slides:

TIP- how to use it

Chapter 1 thru 9 are process documentation.

Appendix 9 is Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects.

A map shows projects and the TIP ID#.

Chart shows project information in Appendix 1.

The RTA projects are included in TIP.

Appendix 9 lists Bike/Ped projects for the 5 years.

Jeannie asked how projects like Sunset & I-10 are handled and affect TIP, when the project happens in less than 5 years. Sam stated that some reprogramming can occur. Such projects are reviewed in a subcommittee.

Jeannie asked if development is a part of a pedestrian safety program. Sam stated that such safety issues will likely become a more prominent issue in the future, based on current issues and safety designations for the City of Tucson. Emily asked who is in charge of making changes to selection criteria. Sam stated that the subcommittee members drive the process. They may task staff assembling materials or providing examples. The selection criteria helps the subcommittee create a list of projects that they recommend being included in the TIP.

Maia asked if Complete Streets policy would make a difference. Sam stated that jurisdictions may not want policies that are too restrictive. There was a non-binding resolution on Complete Streets adopted by Regional Council. PAG cannot dictate what projects are submitted.

Emily asked if Regional Council ultimately approves the selection process. Sam stated that he would get back to PAC with the answer to this question.

Maia asked who creates Tucson's list of projects. Sam stated that all projects go thru the jurisdictions TIP manager, but any department could submit projects.

Emily stated that criteria seem to favor certain roadway capacity projects and give alternative mode projects low scores. Funding for programs cannot even be submitted.

Sam will resend the powerpoint to PAC.

9. PAC Housekeeping items (Oaths, summer schedules, etc.), 7:55pm

Vanessa asked about taking a month off for PAC. We will revisit the issue in June. Vanessa stated that some members have not completed their loyalty oaths. Sammy may join in July as Disability Representative.

10. Subcommittee Reports

No discussion of this item.

11. Adjourn

Vanessa adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.