

Approved Minutes

FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2019 MEETING

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Chair Wayne Cullop

Present: Wayne Cullop (TPCBAC), Dale Hinman (TPCBAC), Daphne Hope (TPCBAC), Doug Horn (TPCBAC), Joseph Mais (TPCBAC), Howard Maubach (TPCBAC), Ken Shelor (TPCBAC), Cyndi Tuell (TPCBAC), Bob Webster (TPCBAC), Craig Harding (CASAz), Corrine Gary (Pima County DOT), Nancy Ellis (Oro Valley), Brian Varney (Town of Marana), Bill Adamson

2. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED: Ken Shelor

SECONDED: Joseph Mais

“That the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2019 be approved.”

APPROVED Unanimously

3. **Call to Public**

No members of the public wished to speak.

4. **Approval of Draft Letters**

- i) **Quail Creek area project**

Wayne circulated the letter he had drafted in support of the request by the Santa Cruz Bicycle Advocate Committee for the addition of paved shoulders on the proposed road project. Wayne had amended the term “bicycle lanes” to “paved shoulders”.

Bob Webster reported that Town of Sahuarita Council had just met and are likely to approve a multi-use pathway beside the road but no added paved shoulders. Members of the subcommittee unanimously agreed that this is not a safe choice and is very short-sighted of the Town Council, despite their concern about budget.

MOVED: Bob Webster

SECONDED: Joseph Mais

“That the letter as drafted by Wayne (and amended as noted above) be approved and forwarded to the BAC for their action”.

APPROVED Unanimously

- ii) **Bikes May Use Full Lane signage**

Ken circulated the letter he had drafted in support of the use of “Bikes May Use Full Lane” signage.

There was general agreement that the letter would be revised by Ken and Daphne and brought back to the Subcommittee for the December meeting. The Subcommittee acknowledged that Bikes May Use Full Lane signs were already in place at the project at Tanque Verde/Tanque Verde Loop.

5. Loop Pathway Safety Improvements

Howard summarized the issues found by the Subcommittee and included in the draft letter he had prepared. The Subcommittee agreed to recommend painting mileage markers on the pathway every $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and a coordinating map be provided to all EMT personnel to aid in finding those needing help. Others suggested using assorted color markers for the different segments of the Loop Pathway (i.e. Julian Wash, Santa Cruz Wash, etc.). Howard will revise his letter and post it on Google Docs for review by all Subcommittee members.

With respect to the replacement of damaged or stolen mirrors (on blind corners), Corrine noted that this did not require a request from the BAC but would be considered under routine maintenance and she would forward the information herself to the appropriate parties.

Doug Horn raised the issue of a dangerous bollard at the entrance to the pedestrian bridge leading from Rita Road to the Mesquite Elementary School. The bridge is very narrow, and the bollard makes the access for cyclists dangerous. Corrine will investigate and report back as to the jurisdiction and feasibility of removing the bollard.

A question about allowing e-bikes on the Loop Pathway was raised. Daphne reminded the Subcommittee of the position of the BAC in this regard (as per letter to Pima County sent 2018). The feeling is that there will be no change in the current policy for the near future.

Wayne presented the request from Andy Dinauer with respect to striping the section of the pathway on the Rillito at Santa Cruz. Is this a potential test site for a bicycle roundabout? Members recommended posting "Congested Area" signs and monitoring cyclists' movements.

6. Project Status Report

Project Status Report updated as follows:

- 7) Ongoing
- 11) change to "Completed"
- 12) change to "Closed"
- 13) request response from City of Tucson to letter sent by BAC regarding Aviation Parkway
- 14) request response from County to comments sent regarding Loop Master Plan
- 15) follow up on intersection (see item 11)

New Items:

16) Recommend a bike/ped bridge be constructed on Escalante to cross the wash to connect with Escalante East providing a link with Old Spanish Trail; this would facilitate access to the Loop Pathway at Harrison from Old Spanish Trail/Saguaro Park East.

Corrine agrees that a letter should be sent to Andy Dinauer to include this link in the discussion on the Loop Master Plan.

17) Write letter to Town of Sahuarita – closed

18 Write letter to ADOT regarding building paved shoulders on I-19 Frontage Road

(Bill Adamson will draft a letter for Wayne on this item)

7. Staff Reports

Corrine reported that Bikes May Use Full Lane signs had been installed at two projects; the intersection of Tanque Verde Road and Tanque Verde Loop and the Valencia Road extension.

Comments have been requested from the BAC regarding whether or not to add bike lanes to the Aviation Parkway proposed project. Wayne will circulate this to members for their consideration.

Brian Varney, reporting for the Town of Marana, noted that the Loop Pathway segment around the Portland Cement Plant and connecting with Avra Valley is proposed for construction in summer 2020. This will include an at-grade crossing and is being funded partly by Pima County.

Nancy Ellis reported the roundabout at La Canada and Moore road will be open on 11/22.

8. Future Agenda Items

Subcommittee members would like to know the timeframe for submitting projects to the RTA for the future planning cycle. Wayne will ask Stacey to reach out to RTA for an answer.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.