



Tucson City Council
Mayor and Council
130 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

The City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened our first meeting in September of 2013 at the behest of Mayor Rothschild, at least partially in response to a staggering number of pedestrian deaths in the city in the past year. The PAC represents all six city wards, as well as constituencies exceptionally impacted by the walking environment that include youth, the elderly, and the disabled. The PAC has developed an overall mission to identify and set priorities in policies, programs, and projects to create a complete pedestrian environment for Tucson.

As the PAC refines its goals under this mission, members are increasingly aware that the major constraint to creating useable pedestrian infrastructure is a distinct and equitable funding stream for pedestrian projects. Overall, pedestrian funding makes up less than 2% of transportation funding despite the fact that *everyone is a pedestrian*, and one-third of our community cannot or does not drive and thus relies on walking as a major form of transportation. Consequently, the PAC supports the street infrastructure improvement plan under your current consideration as we understand it will provide funding for sidewalk expansion through development impact fees.

The PAC is especially supportive of the funding of sidewalk improvements independent of roadway projects. We see this as particularly important and an appropriate use of this funding at this time as more and more infill projects are adding greater density to Tucson. These new developments create a higher demand for pedestrians to get around and access transit including the new street car and other key services. Therefore, a better walkable environment with continuous sidewalks with adequate width is critical to the success of these developments and for Tucson in the long run.

The PAC believes that this increased investment in the pedestrian environment makes our city safer, more livable and more economically viable, and PAC members strongly and respectively urge the adoption of this IIP with the inclusion of sidewalk expansion programs.

Sincerely,



Maia Ingram
Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair



Moniqua Lane
PAC Ward 1 Representative