

October 9, 2014 Mayor and Council Study Session

Item 2. Approval of Broadway Alignment and Request for Funding from RTA

Action taken; vote 5-2 (Kozachik and Uhlich dissenting)

Motion to approve the City Manager's Office recommendation, as follows:

It is recommended that:

1. Mayor and Council approve the Preferred 6-lane Including Transit Lanes Alignment, as supported by a majority of the Broadway Citizens Task Force (see Attachment 2). The Preferred 6-Lane Including Transit Alignment would widen Broadway to 6-lane arterial including 2 transit lanes, bike lanes & sidewalks, and will provide for:
 - Improved capacity for all four modes of transport, including vehicular, bus, bicycle, and pedestrian;
 - Enhanced connectivity for pedestrian and bicycle networks;
 - Improvements that will make existing local and limited stop/express transit service operate better; and,
 - Enough Right-of-Way to construct future mass transit systems and infrastructure.
2. It is recommended that the Mayor and Council approve staff requesting funding from the Regional Transportation Authority to fund full design.
3. It is also recommended that staff be granted the authority to pursue a revision to the City of Tucson's Major Streets and Routes Plan for Broadway, Specific Plan R-89-05. This process requires the Mayor and Council's granting of authority to begin the public process, which is outlined in City's Unified Development Code.
4. The Alignment represented on Attachment 1 of the Mayor and Council materials, including specifically Attachment 1a, is not final; the lines shown in 1(a) are not hard lines; and the final width and final alignment will be determined through the design process.
5. The City will make use of all appropriate staff resources, including staff from the Office of Integrated Planning, as the design phase progresses.