



TRANSIT CONNECTIONS FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

Strengthening Tucson's Frequent Transit Network through Integrated Transportation Planning including Active Transportation, First-/Last-Mile Connections, and Parking Connections

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Focus Group Meeting Outline **Updated 6/19/18**

Meeting #1: February 22, 2018 (9-11am, 201 N Stone, 4th Flr LARGE Conf Room)

Enhancing the Future Transit Vision for Tucson's Frequent Transit Network (FTN)

Introductory meeting to manage expectations, logistics and clarify the mission of the focus group. This meeting will also introduce future transit vision for Tucson.

Breakout Group Discussions Questions:

- What do you believe are the characteristics of a well-connected community? (*Consider what we do well and what exists in other communities that you have visited*)
- What are we missing currently?
- What's most important?

Meeting #2: Field Observations Tour: April 19, 2018 (9am-1pm, 201 N Stone, TDOT 4th Flr LARGE Conf Room)

The focus group and organizing team will participate in a 1/2-day tour that will have everyone use, observe, and document their experiences regarding Tucson's Frequent Transit Network and the multi-modal connections.

Debrief Questions: (To be utilized on the day of the field trip)

- What worked well?
- What didn't work well?
- What's missing?
- What one thing stands out in your mind most about your experience?

Meeting #3: May 17, 2018 (9-11am, 201 N Stone, TDOT 4th Flr LARGE Conf Room)

Best Practices and Opportunities for Integrated Planning

Review other successful transit models that integrate multi-modal considerations into transportation planning, funding, and operational policies, decision-making, and procedures. Discussion will consider what we already have in Tucson, and what are we missing that could be implemented in Tucson. Initial Project Team Assessments and Recommendations will be shared for discussion.

Proposed Questions:

- Is there anything the project team did not consider that we already have in Tucson? Is there anything that you disagree with in their assessment?
- Is there anything that the project team did not consider that you think would work well in Tucson? Is there anything that you disagree with in their assessment?

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Meeting #4: June 21, 2018 (9-11am, 201 N Stone, TDOT 4th Flr LARGE Conf Room)

Formulate Preliminary List of Actionable Items – Set Overarching Goals and Recommendations

Review a revised list of all discussion ideas formulated in the previous meetings for accuracy, organized as an Initial Recommendations list. Begin to identify priority recommendation areas.

Proposed Questions

- Are there any recommendations that need further clarification?
- Are there any recommendations that you disagree with?
- Are there recommendations that need to be added to this list?
Anything missing?

Meeting #5: July 19, 2018 (9-11am, 201 N Stone, TDOT 4th Flr LARGE Conf Room)

Formulate Preliminary List of Actionable Items – Review/Refine List of Strategies and Tactics Supporting the Overarching Goals and Recommendations; Analysis of “Actionable” Items

Building on the discussion in Meeting #4, review and refine initial prioritization of Goals and Recommendations, and related initial Potential Strategies and Tactics.

- Are there any that need further clarification?
- Are there any that you disagree with?
- Are there that need to be added to this list? Anything missing?

Analysis regarding what is ‘actionable’ on the list will be conducted, to include consideration of each item’s required:

- resource intensity (funding, human resources capacity and time);
- implementation mechanisms (internal process, policy change, Ordinance or regulatory change, short range or long range planning, public advisory bodies roles); and,
- implementation timeframe (i.e. within 6 mos- 1year; 1-2 years, 3 years or more);
- urgency as contribution to achievement of overarching goals

Meeting #6: August 16, 2018 (9-11am, 201 N Stone, TDOT 4th Flr LARGE Conf Rm)

Formulate Preliminary List of Actionable Items – Continue Review/Refinement and Analysis of List; Discuss the Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs) Roles

Continued discussion of revised preliminary list and analysis regarding what is ‘actionable.’

Part of the discussions will allow information exchanges regarding funding opportunities that may exist, such as with Park Tucson’s operations and budget, TDOT’s, and regional funding for transportation.

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A specific conversation regarding the roles and work of each BCC will be held as they relate to implementation considerations for transportation planning, funding, and operational policies, decision-making, and procedures. Introduce potential ideas; solicit ideas.

Proposed Questions

- How can the BCC's function better to help implement the ideas that have been formulated?

Meeting #7: TBD, 2018

Review Draft Transit Connections Recommendations Report to Focus Group

Present draft recommendations report for Mayor and Council to Focus Group for feedback and endorsement.

Mayor and Council Meeting: October 2018

Present Transit Connections Recommendations Report to Mayor and Council