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Last Friday the Women's Commission held their annual Women in Government Day luncheon. The event recognizes women who serve in a public sector capacity in a variety of roles. The award categories include these:

Leadership — a woman who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in her normal professional responsibilities or in a special project or circumstance to make a difference in her department, and to the local government system in which she is employed.

Tapestry — a woman who provides support without which the business of City and County government would not function efficiently. This award is entitled "Tapestry" because the winner will be a woman who weaves together different parts of the office or department to make things work as a whole.

Unsung Heroine — a woman who, without thought of recognition or reward, consistently performs her professional responsibilities above and beyond the expectations.

Sisterhood in Government — A team of women who have made a difference in their workplace through substantial collaboration

It was the last category that most interested me because my staff was one of the nominees. We work hard at the Ward 6 office to be responsive to the many varied calls we get from you. Constituent service is at the top of the long list of why we're here. I'm proud of the ladies who I call my co-workers in support of the Ward / and generally in support of the broader community / and believe their recognition at the Friday event was well deserved. Many of you will recognize that I'm not hesitant to take on some rather 'third-rail' sorts of issues. They don't shy away from the oftentimes wild ride that results.

Our group is very closely knit and mutually supportive. No drama. I'm grateful to them for their work.



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department
911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council
Comment Line
791-4700

Neighborhood
Resources
791-4605

Park Wise
791-5071

Water Issues
791-3242

Pima County Animal
Control
243-5900

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas
889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks
889-1888

West Nile Virus
Hotline
243-7999

Environment
Service
791-3171

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

AZ Game & Fish
628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

Other nominees in this category included these teams:

Executive Assistant Team: Carolina Almeraz, Joella Gonzales, Monica Perez, Janet Wittenbraker,

Las Cuatro Comadres: Miriam Hernandez, Amelia Hill, Kimberly Nunez, Karl Sainz
Team Camp Fury: Sarah Arrasmith, Laura Baker, Shawn Benjamin, Diane Benson, Jackie DeHaro, Leigh Foss, Cheryl Horvath, Amber Kingman, Jennifer McQuillen, Mimi Phull-Thomas, Kathleen Robinson

The Women of Ward 3: Judith Anderson, Linda Mehall, Tamara Prime, Brianda Torres-Traylor, Karin Uhlich

The Women of Ward 6: Diana Amado, Ann Charles, Evelyn Romero, Amy Stabler, Molly Thrasher

Transportation, Traffic Engineering: Erin Erhardt and other team members not named
Water Maintenance System Support-Tucson Water Plant 1: Valerie Herman, Tinamarie Hutchinson, Janice, O'Leary Andrea Sabori

That's a lot of qualified women. The community is well served. Team Camp Fury representing TFD was the winning group. As with my staff the TFD ladies were deserving of the recognition.

The Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission works to assist women in a wide variety of areas. We've worked with them on sex trafficking forums, Project RAISE and have presented to their Board on gun control. Their work is largely supported by private donations. If you feel so inclined you can reach them at pimatusonwomen.org, or just give them a call @ 624.8318.

Friday Political Roundtable

Channel 6, Arizona Public Media has decided to cancel Arizona Illustrated later this month. I think they're doing away with the single best local political television show if they go forward with ending the Friday Roundtable, hosted by Jim Nintzel. Last week I was on with Miguel Ortega (Local Arizona Radio Show) and Joe Ferguson (Arizona Daily Star). We covered the police dust-up, budget issues, Broadway, our parking fines and more. Here's a link to that show:

<https://media.azpm.org/master/video/2014/5/9/hrhd/aipo0218hb.m4v>



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I don't know how etched in stone their decision is to end that program, but I've let them know that I think it's a mistake, and that the market will demand a spot for the show on somebody else's channel if they let it go. If you agree, let them know at azpm.org.

Speedway / Campbell Development

If you're familiar with the Palm Shadows Apartments at the NW corner of Campbell and Speedway, you'll know that the site could use a facelift. Last week, Molly and I joined about 30 others at a presentation that is the first step in what will be a lengthy process of developing the site.

The first step in this project is amending the University Area Plan. To do that the developers take a conceptual design along with planned uses to the Planning Commission for approval. If they get it, the next step would be to rezone the property. The entire process will likely take between 1 and 2 years. We're at about step 1.

The concept will be a mixed use project that will include a Whole Foods grocery store, other retail, high end housing, potential clinical space for the UA hospital, UA offices and structured parking. I've written previously that one of the current flaws in the streetcar corridor is that neither the east nor the west terminus has parking. This project will help to alleviate that missing piece, at least at the eastern end of the tracks.

The concerns raised at the meeting centered around parking, traffic flow and massing. Each of those will be addressed in the rezoning phase of the project. From the massing standpoint, the highest element in the project is currently scheduled to be 20 stories high (250'). Current zoning allows about 1/2 of that, thus the need to rezone if the Planning Commission approves the initial concepts.

The proposed height has counterparts in Tucson. Some of the buildings at the William's Center and the Bank of America downtown are right around 20 stories, although they don't have the visual appeal that the early conceptual drawings have for this Palm Shadows site development. Here's some of what we saw:

This is the view looking from Helen Street to the SE.



Concept lifestyle rendering of the Speedway Campbell Gateway Project - View toward East at the Helen Street Modern Streetcar Terminal.
The massing on the left is based on the 2009 update of the U of A Comprehensive Campus Plan.

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Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331

Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
[http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)



Concept lifestyle rendering of the Speedway Campbell Gateway Project - View into central open space with grocery store and mixed-use services. The foreground shows ABGR owned land. All design features on this site are assumed only and are not representative of any planned landscape by the U of A.

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...and this one is looking from the Speedway side, towards the NW.

It's important to recognize that these are very much just conceptual and not intended to be depictions of a final project. The reason I'm sharing them is to give a general sense of where the project may be headed. They're very early in the design process and so these will necessarily be works in progress. But they show a sensitivity to Transit Oriented Development along the streetcar route, touching some of the site deficiencies (retail, housing, parking) and the architectural elements that are far superior to the towers down the road on Speedway.

I understand peoples' reticence in terms of jumping on board in support. It's a tall building. And yet I also sensed a lot of general support for the broad stroke description of the project. As they get further and further into the project the refined design will begin to emerge. Bringing this density to the streetcar route is the promise the voters were given when it passed back in 2006.

TPD / Police Issues

Things began to settle down a bit this past week with respect to the issues between me and the police union hierarchy (and recently the Chief of Police). The two actions that really generated the back lash were my refusal to support their pay increase and my current interest in stopping the sick leave sell back program. One more issue that is finally being dealt with on the 10th Floor at City Hall is using the sick hours as pensionable. Late last week I was assured that the City is in fact stopping that program.



Base Salary is at the heart of the difference of opinion between me and the union.

First let me repeat what I said on Jim Nintzel's Arizona Illustrated last Friday. That is, I reacted poorly to some of the personal attacks that were levied against me by the police union. But from a policy standpoint, I maintain that I'm correct. We need to end the policy of allowing unused sick leave to be sold back at the expense of the General Fund, and we need to stop allowing unused sick leave to count as pensionable income. The first policy change is still a work in progress. The second one has the support of our City Attorney and will be implemented this fiscal year. As the current George Strait song lyric says, 'that's something.'

The issue of base salary is being addressed by the Phoenix City Council. We often hear

that if we act to control our own public safety expenses, our workers will leave for the Phoenix market. Well last week the Phoenix City Council voted to decrease the police base pay by 2.5%. They're actually not taking a cut. This comment from the article explains –

Despite labeling the contract reductions “pay cuts,” most officers would still receive merit-pay raises or longevity bonuses. The cut would be in the form of a reduced uniform allowance, less deferred compensation and 12 hours of unpaid holiday. The officers would take an additional 0.9 percent cut in the second year of the contract, like other unions.

Regardless of that reality, the vote generated the sort of reaction I received for proposing we stop sick leave sell back. Another similar example occurred last week up in Oro Valley.

Two City Council members wanted to look into the police overtime spending and the use of take-home vehicles. The reaction was a letter written by the Oro Valley mayor in which he accused the Council members of having a ‘willful disregard for the employees of our town and for our processes.’ Last year there was a recall effort mounted against the two men for having raised the same issue.

This is the same thing I run into with respect to gun control. You can't even raise the issue without it generating unfortunate and personal backlash. Nobody's suggesting that we reduce the TPD base pay. In fact my proposal to engage in the Civic Openness in Negotiations process would open up the costs of the full benefits package so the public can see the whole picture of what we're spending in support of public safety. Then, by getting some of the stealth benefits off the table we can have a legitimate discussion about the level of base pay. That's the goal. I'm grateful that the City administration is dealing with the sick leave pension issue. Looking at cleaning up the hidden benefits and using that as a way to address true base pay concerns is still something I believe we need to accomplish.

Getting to a competitive base salary rate is the goal. We can't have that conversation until the costs associated with the full benefits package are made known.

Here's the report on what happened in Phoenix:

[Phoenix City Council votes for police pay cut ktar.com](http://ktar.com/news/local/police-pay-cut)



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Almost 2,400 Phoenix Police officers will be taking a 2.5 percent pay cut. - Phoenix News at KTAR.com

Since that vote, the Phoenix police union has announced that it will try to gather enough signatures to place the item on the upcoming ballot and let the voters decide. Another difference between what's happening up there and my sort of three-pronged proposal (end spiking, eliminate sick leave sell back, open the benefits package up to scrutiny and putting costs on each item) is that Phoenix also went out for an independent outside analysis of how the Phoenix public safety departments are being managed. I've got the 93 page report that

discusses their police. Here's a very brief excerpt from that report:

Identifying additional ways to adjust staffing levels to reflect the current demand for service and to enhance operational efficiency will free up significant resources for reallocation and reinvestment. Several themes emerge from the broad array of recommendations presented:

- While the department has done a good job of adjusting staffing to reflect reduced workload in some areas (most notably employment services), in other areas (most notably patrol) staffing levels have not been adjusted to reflect a reduction in the department's workload
- The use of a four-ten work schedule significantly increases operational costs⁷
- Current approaches to grouping patrol officers and sergeants to form squads also increases operational costs
- More patrol officers than are necessary respond to many types of calls-for-service⁸
- In several areas the department continues to dedicate staff to programs and activities where the need for service – which may have justified dedicated staffing in the past – has shifted
 - Deploying resources to address those needs on an “as needed” rather than a full-time basis will enable the department to make more effective use of its resources
- The department can make more effective use of supervisory resources by establishing working supervisor positions for functions where supervisory spans of control are low (and it is impractical to combine units to increase spans of control)
- The level of administrative and support staffing varies significantly across the department and in some units less administrative capacity is needed

We just went through a Comprehensive Operational Analysis on our transit system. The result was about \$2M in market driven savings related to route use. I would fully support doing the same sort of management / operations analysis when it comes to the largest claim on our General Fund resources that we face each year: public safety. A set of outside eyes saved us plenty of money in transit operations. The same appears to be true up in Phoenix with respect to public safety operations. My suggestion to do that analysis here in Tucson is in the City Manager's inbox for his consideration. I've asked for him to bring back to us in a study session before July 8th the scope, costs and process used in Phoenix. With that information we can decide on whether and how to move ahead with our own public safety related Comprehensive Operational Analysis.

Budget Related

In the past couple of weeks I've asked for clarification on budget commitments related to a few neighborhood-centric items. I appreciate Joyce Garland and Andy Quigley for having gotten the information back to me.

Graffiti Abatement:

This program is in Transportation General Fund budget for \$874,630. That's consistent with our contract with Graffiti Protective Coatings. We know that it won't cover the whole need, and everybody on the Council is committed to finding budgetary ways to make sure

the City doesn't get overrun by graffiti.

Neighborhood newsletter mailings:

This program is in Office of Integrated Planning's General Fund budget for \$30,000. The amount will provide the same level of service as FY 2014.

Code Enforcement:

This program is in Planning and Development Services General Fund budget for \$2,490,900.

Shopping Carts:

This program is in Environmental Service's budget for \$40,000.

Neighborhood Cleanups:

This program is in Environmental Service's budget for \$100,000.

I've also asked staff to put a dollar figure on the several assumptions they've made by which we're told the budget is being balanced. Here's the list – still waiting for the corresponding values for each.

Revenues and Other Funding Sources:

Revenue Type	Forecast
Sales Tax	3.0%
Primary Property Tax	5% (on amount not valuation)
State-Shared Auto Lieu	2.3%
State-Shared Sales Tax	6.0%
State –Shared Income Tax	4.0%
Other Agencies	Flat from FY 2015
Charges for Services	Individual revenues have different assumptions
Franchise Fees & Licenses	3.0%
Licenses & Permits	Individual revenues have different assumptions
Non-Grant Contributions	The major revenue in this category is the subsidy from the federal government for the BABs and QECBs. This is a known amount
Utility Tax 2.0%	2.0%
Lodging Taxes 2.0%	2.0%
Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties	Flat from FY 2015 proposed
Other-Taxes	Individual revenues have different assumptions
Administrative fee (from Water, ES, ParkWise)	flat from FY 2015 proposed amount
Use of money & property	Individual revenues have different assumptions
Miscellaneous revenue	Individual revenues have different assumptions
Payment in lieu of taxes from Water	Flat from FY 2015 proposed amount

Expenditures and Other Funding Uses:

Expenditure Type	Forecast
Salaries Wages	The forecast has salaries and wages flat from the FY 2015 budget. The salary projection for Police is a net increase from the individuals leaving due to DROP and the police officers from the end of the federal grant.
TSRS Pensions	The following rates were applied: FY 2015 27.50%; FY 2016 28.50%; FY 2017 29.50%; FY 2018 30.50%; FY 2019 31.50%
Police Pension	The pension calculation against sick leave sell back was eliminated in the model. Rates used: FY 2015 48.59%; FY 2016 59.51%; FY 2017 66.40%; FY 2018 68.04%; FY 2019 69.68%. Based on probability factor of 90%.
Fire Pension	The pension calculation against sick leave sell back was eliminated in the model. Rates used: FY 2015 51.15%; FY 2016 59.37%; FY 2017 65.67%; FY 2018 66.85%; FY 2019 68.03%. Based on probability factor of 90%.
Group Insurance	10%
Other benefits	The amounts are flat from FY 2015 except for an additional \$1.5 million for DROP payments in FY 2016.
Workers' Compensation and Public Liability	1.0%
Services	2.0%; we also included \$650,000 every other year for election costs
Asset Maintenance, Repair and Commodities	2.0%
Computer Hardware & Software Maintenance	4% increase except for 10 year contract with CGI. This is a known expense of \$2 million annually.
Other supplies	2.0%
Payments to Other Agencies	2.0%
Utilities	1.5%
Capital	\$1.5 million for vehicle replacement is included for each year
Debt service	The amounts are from the debt service schedules
Transfers to Mass Transit including Sun Link and TCC	The transfers for Mass Transit and Sun Link are from the 5-year forecast model completed about 1 year ago for the Mass Transit Fund. The percent changes are: FY 2016 2.6%; FY 2017 3.1%; FY 2018 2.0% FY 2019 0.1%

The point is that we're told our budget is close to being in balance. Each of the assumed %'s listed above has an assumed dollar value tied to it. I think you / we / should see that calculation just to add perspective to the list.

Finally, I noted earlier that we're assuming an end to the pensionability of the sick leave sell back money. You can see the basis for that claim in the table above. Crediting those

benefits towards pensions for public safety workers violates State law and it stresses the public safety pension system. The focus needs to be on the long term health of the system, not only on what we can give to workers today and forget about the future. I want to see either the City or the Pension Board claw back the already paid unused sick leave from the base pay calculations of each person not yet retired, but who has sold back sick leave. Somebody needs to own the improperly credited money and manually back out the mistakes. That discussion is just now starting. The first step was to get acknowledgement that our practice was in violation of the Statutes. Having achieved that, now we've got to put the processes in place to rectify the mistakes. More to come.

American Friends Service Committee

Caroline Isaacs is the Program Director for AFSC. I was honored to have been invited to lend a hand in their fund raiser concert at the Rialto last Saturday evening. Their work is an important counter-voice to much of what's going on in our penal system.

Of course there's a place for prison in our society. There's also a need for watchdog organizations to ensure the conditions of confinement don't violate the norms of cruel and unusual. Those conditions include medical care, conditions related to solitary confinement and how that affects prisoner re-entry, and the incentives for private prisons to cherry-pick the sorts of prisoners they'll oversee while leaving a more difficult cohort to the publicly funded prisons. I realize that each of those broad categories leaves a ton of room for debate, and that's exactly where Caroline and Friends are engaging.

Last legislative session, Friends was directly involved in working with State Representative Victoria Steele and State Senator Dave Bradley in passing legislation to conduct a Statewide study of Mental Health Courts. Those courts divert people with mental illnesses out of the prison system and into treatment modalities through which their real needs can be addressed. Creative, outside-the-box thinking is key for both ensuring ethical treatment of people, and protecting the interests of the taxpayers. The State Department of Corrections is planning on spending up to \$50M on 500 new maximum security prison units. Caroline's group is at the vanguard of addressing issues related to that whole dynamic.



Their work is never done, and so their funding needs are never fully met. If you'd like to check them out, go to AFSC.org. Friends reflects Quaker values of social equity. It's worth a trip across their web site.

Humane Society of Southern Arizona

I'm still trying to pry out of Pima Animal Care Center the injury reports that should be coming out of the Tucson Greyhound Park. It's troubling that getting those records is such heavy lifting.

At the same time some good news to report on the HSSA work to open a new facility of their own. Last week the Ruth M. Tankersley Trust awarded the Humane Society folks a \$1M gift that will go towards building the new animal care facility. To validate the commitment of both Ruth ("Bazy") and her daughter to animals, they were known to have a bit of a menagerie of their own, including dogs, cats, birds, cows, and even raccoons. Their gift will

aid in building a brand new facility to help pets, those who care for them, and reduce the euthanizing that's now going on at both PACC and the HSSA.

PACC is slated for a 2015 Bond package to build a new facility. Both theirs and the HSSA's sites are in need of upgrade. I've seen some conceptual diagrams of what the Humane Society's planning. They're quite impressive. I'll be reviewing those for the new PACC facility with an eye towards how they appear in terms of efficient use of taxpayer money. For now, though, it's a thumbs-up to the Tankersley Trust and a thumbs down to the failure so far of PACC to really dig into the Greyhound disposition reports. I don't see a rational way they can make the case for themselves as being strong animal care advocates until they exercise more regular and aggressive oversight of the one single racing facility that exists within their authority.

At the end of the day the regional answer is spay/neuter. Contact either the HSSA or PACC for more information on services available to you for getting that done to your pets.

UA Research into Climate Change



Wildfires in the Southwest have increased due to warmer temperatures, drought and insect outbreaks, all associated with climate change. Models project even more wildfire in the future, increasing risks to local communities. Pictured here is the Poco Wildfire burning near Young, Arizona, in June 2012. (Photo: U.S. Department of Agriculture)

That photo and caption appeared in a recent on-line edition of UA News. What was striking about it is that there are 8 current UA staff members who have directly participated in producing a report that covers an array of climate change impacts. The report was intended as an aid to public policy makers to guide best practices when they're dealing with climate change and managing risk associated with it.

The eight UA staffers who contributed to the report are:

Katharine Jacobs, UA Director of the Center for Climate Adaptation Science and Solutions

Gregg Garfin, UA Deputy Director for Science Translation and Outreach – Institute of the Environment

David Breshears, UA School of Natural Resources and the Environment

Jim Buizer, UA School of Natural Resources and the Environment

Provost Andrew Comrie

Diana Liverman, UA School of Geography and Development

Marcela Vasquez-Leon, UA School of Anthropology

Christopher Scott, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy

The entire report is intended to help public policy makers, business members and the general public to make the best decisions possible when dealing with climate change and how

to manage related risk. It also shows how our regions are inter-linked when it comes to this stuff. We see that in the prices we pay at grocery store produce sections after a major storm hits an agricultural center someplace in the U.S.

This isn't a junk science level of report. A draft of it was released last year as a part of the public review process. Since then the team has addressed more than 4,000 comments made by both individuals and other agencies. It has been submitted for review five times, which makes it one of the most highly vetted reports on climate change to date.

A strong and fully funded University is better positioned to participate in research such as this than one that's fighting just to stay afloat. I've previously reported on how the State shorted the UA in financial support last term. Reports such as this one further validate the foolishness in that State policy decision.

More UA / Iota Tau – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Last Saturday morning I was happy to join Jean Hickman from Tucson Clean & Beautiful and Rene Bonn, one of our TDOT supervisors, in thanking the Iota Tau ladies for their having taken on one of our Adopt-a-Street segments. They've got Broadway, from Euclid to Campbell – a bit of irony in the celebration happening right about the time things are bubbling between us and others over that segment of road.



This is TCB's 292nd adoption – we have 800 segments and/or parks that are adoptable. That means if you're part of a group who would like to help keep the City looking good by taking on a once/p/month cleaning effort, please get ahold of Jean and she'll be glad to walk you through the details. The contact information is 837-6834 or adoptapark@tucsonaz.gov. They've got student groups, but also churches, clubs and businesses who are taking part in the work. It reflects a concern for the image of our community, and we appreciate everybody who is participating.

Iota Tau's the latest, and we're grateful to them.

Broadway



...and speaking of things on Broadway bubbling up, the much anticipated memo from County Administrator Huckelberry arrived. I must say that I was very grateful that it was only a page long. Oftentimes they're epistle-esque. I guess one who is vulnerable to a similar critique shouldn't comment.

In that one-pager, Mr. Huckelberry made three very important points in the final paragraphs. The entire text is on the next page.



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 8, 2014

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator *CHH*

Re: **Broadway Corridor**

At their Study Session May 6, 2014, the Tucson Mayor and Council discussed the Broadway Corridor, or the transportation widening improvements on Broadway Boulevard. There was no real conclusion, other than concern regarding funding losses that would occur if only the four-lane Broadway improvements were selected. The limited four-lane improvements seem to be favored by the citizen committee formed by the Mayor and Council to study the issue of increasing transportation capacity along Broadway Boulevard.

The Mayor and Council indicated that those who were potentially concerned about the loss of funds should contact the Board of Supervisors and express their concerns. The purpose of this memorandum is to alert the Board that you may receive calls regarding the County's position on the allocation of the County's Highway User Revenue (HURF) bond funds for Broadway Boulevard improvements.

The Bond Implementation Plan for Broadway Boulevard calls for a minimum six-lane divided facility with appropriate ancillary bicycle facilities and pedestrian improvements. Anything less would not conform to the adopted Bond Implementation Plan Ordinance. There are mechanisms to amend the ordinance, which are described in the County Code.

I would not recommend any ordinance amendment that would not increase the capacity to a six-lane divided facility; however, the Board is free to direct a bond amendment that would do otherwise.

It also should be remembered that the availability of HURF bond proceeds is subject to the cash flow available from annual HURF distributions, which have been previously significantly reduced due to decreased fuel consumption and State funding diversions.

CHH/anc

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Transportation Department

The three points needing highlighting are:

- 1) There are mechanisms to amend the Bond Ordinance. In a nutshell, the Board of Supervisors would have to take the item back to the voters, asking for a change. My sense is that that's a pretty heavy lift to expect of them.
- 2) The County Administrator is recommending that the BOS stick with at least a 6

lane divided facility. I have seen that body give deference to Mr. Huckelberry on multiple engineering related issues. I'd suspect they'll do so on this one, too.

- 3) HURF distributions are not locked in stone. We know that, and also note that in the most recent legislative session those distributions were incrementally increased. For that, we're grateful. And we recognize that that might change next term.

All of this makes the next Citizen's Task Force meeting critically important. Staff and our consultants have to make a compelling presentation, including the realities of the funding landscape in light of the memo cited above. Several of the Council members, including me have stated that we're not going to put at risk significant funding for our roadways. And we've also said the vulnerability of those sources has to advance beyond mere speculation. The May 22nd CTF meeting is the time and place to firm up the message so we can move this project forward one way or another.

I would also note that at our last M&C meeting, TDOT Director Cole walked through a mental description of a design for the corridor that included a meandering alignment, changes in cross-width from block to block and seemed to embrace the creativity we've been encouraging of the CTF. I think there's a good way forward in all of this. The meeting on the 22nd will begin at 5:30 and right now is scheduled for the Family Services building on the SE corner of Broadway and Treat. It's of course open to the public.

Urban Agriculture Meeting



I'm going to admit right up front that I've done the homegrown veggies thing and have also done the Safeway thing. Safeway's much less labor intensive and I'm happy to pay their costs for the convenience factor. But for those of you who want to dig into the urban ag issue more deeply, the City will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, May 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop to talk about the issue.

Last session of the State legislature they got all tied up over the issue of chickens in backyards. The idea of urban agriculture is far more than that. The meeting will inform you about the work that's underway to revise our zoning regulations related to farmers markets, community gardens, urban farms and also the keeping of small animals. I think the last item will be the one that drives the most conversation. Issues of sanitation, noise, attracting predators into urban areas, and the welfare of those animals being kept on site are all legitimate and need a full discussion.

This is an issue that's gaining ground both locally and nationwide (not a local picture). Nicole and the Office of Integrated Planning gang have evidently *volunteered* to take this on and will be presenting the update on the 13th. Voters approved our new General Plan (Plan Tucson) last year. Urban ag is one of the 20 elements identified in the Plan. The goal is to adopt policies related to both growing and distribution of locally produced foods. Come on



the 13th if you'd like to participate in framing these policies. We have an essentially suburban Land Use Code. Finding a balance between that and how things such as Urban Ag works in an urban setting is the goal.

And for the record, I've grown carrots both back east (Michigan), and out here. Michigan carrots have a taste. Mine out here pretty much tasted like cardboard. Go Blue!

Streetcar Update

There has been lots of speculation about the operating hours we'll adopt once the streetcar is done with its testing phase and moves into revenue service. TDOT and Streetcar staff have been responsive to the input they've heard with respect to keeping the cars running, even at some extended headway times, until late into the night – when the bars close. As of now, the table below shows both the times/days, and also the frequency you can expect if you're waiting at a given stop along the line.

Day	Hours	Frequency
Monday – Wednesday	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 minutes
	6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	20 minutes
Thursday – Friday	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 minutes
	6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	20 minutes
	10 p.m. to 2 a.m.	30 minutes
Saturday	8 a.m. to 10 p.m.	20 minutes
	10 p.m. to 2 a.m.	30 minutes
Sunday	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	20 minutes

We're still working on the parking, bike safety and fare items, but it appears the hours of operations are now a done deal. July 25th is still being shown as the first day of revenue operations. I see the cars being tested pretty much daily, so I know the streetcar team has the best of intentions to hit that date. If they do, it'll allow about a month to work out unanticipated kinks in the system before the UA students return from their summer break.

Emergency Civilian Casualty Care

Finally, don't forget this Wednesday's ECCC training at the Ward 6 office. In case you've missed it, this is a civilian training course being offered for free by the Southern Arizona Medical Reserve Corps. It'll start right on time at 5:30pm, and we'll go until 8:30pm. If you haven't RSVPed yet, please let us know you're coming before the end of Tuesday the 13th — Ward6@tucsonaz.gov or 791.4601.

Civilians are oftentimes the first responders to emergency situations, until the paramedics arrive. The purpose of this presentation is to show you how to be of assistance, keep yourself out of danger, and what sorts of supplies you might want to have around for the times you can't predict will happen.

Many thanks to Dr. Sheldon Marks and the TFD/PSCO support he has in putting this program together.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
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Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Jazz at Main Gate

Presented by Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance at Main Gate Square, the free performances alternate Fridays at 7 p.m. Coupled with delicious food from nearby local restaurants, the evenings provide a great way to begin the weekend.

Friday, May 16th 7:00 PM GiGi Burton

Main Gate Square, between Park and Euclid Avenues on University Boulevard

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Saturday May 17th 7:00 pm **A GREAT BIG WORLD** (Pop/Rock)

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

Ongoing

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 East University Blvd

Dante's Purgatorio by Patrick Baliani

April 24–May 11, 2014

Thursday–Saturday 7:30 P.M., Sunday 2:00 P.M. plus a Saturday 2:00 P.M. Matinee

May 10

<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress St.

<http://hotelcongress.com/>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd.

www.loftcinema.com/

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.

The Jewish History Museum presents "Cowboys, Merchants, Miners, & Booze," an exhibit that celebrates the lives of Tucson's Jewish pioneers.

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum 1013 E. University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 2015 **Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios**

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

Ongoing "100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/>

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop, 245 E Congress St

<http://sacredmachine.com/>

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Butterfly Magic at the Gardens

2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712

February 10, 2014 - April 30, 2014

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>