



**April 2014**  
**TPCBAC Packet Guide**

*We have discontinued the printing and mailing of paper packets.  
At the request of the city clerk, we are no longer including the TPCBAC roster in our packets.*

1. BAC April 2014 Agenda
2. Draft TPCBAC March 2014 Minutes
3. Attachments related to Agenda Items
  - a. "Road Runner: City must act for bikes, cars, streetcars to coexist, Kozachik says" - AZ Daily Star
  - b. BAC Bylaws (relating to nominations/elections)
  - c. Cyclovia Tucson Poster
  - d. Loop to Cyclovia Map
  - e. Pima County Cyclovia Press Release
4. Articles of Interest:
  - a. "Sidewalks are a Terrible Idea and should be Abolished" - April 1 satirical article from Green Lanes project



*Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee and to the general public that the Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public:*

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

Meeting Location: **Himmel Park Library, 1035 N Treat Ave Tucson, AZ 85716**  
**Please lock your bikes outside the meeting room.** If front door is locked, please use rear entrance.

Meeting Time: **6:00 PM**

**Please arrive by 5:50 PM. If a quorum of 12 members is not reached by 6:10 PM City, County and other staff are required to leave and the meeting will be canceled.**

### **Agenda**

#### **Projected Duration**

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| 1. <b>Call to Order</b> ; approval of March. 2014 meeting minutes  | <b>5 min.</b>  |
| 2. <b>Call to Public</b><br><br>This is the time when any member of the public may address the BAC. Due to time constraints, the total time allocated for this is 10 minutes. <b>Individuals are allowed three minutes each.</b> If additional time is needed to address the BAC, it may be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting. | <b>10 min.</b> |
| 3. <b>Law Enforcement Staff Reports from TPD and PCSD</b>  | <b>10 min.</b> |
| 4. <b>Arizona Police Officer Training Recommendations</b>  | <b>10 min.</b> |
| 5. <b>Update on Streetcar/Bicycle Interactions</b>   | <b>20 min.</b> |
| 6. <b>Pima County Bike Ambassador Program: An Overview</b>   | <b>20 min.</b> |
| 7. <b>Nominating Committee Report for BAC Officers</b>   | <b>5 min.</b>  |
| 8. <b>Cycloviva/Bike Fest/BAC Award Updates</b>  | <b>10 min.</b> |
| 9. <b>Staff Reports</b>  | <b>10 min.</b> |

Ann Chanecka, City of Tucson; Matt Zoll, Pima County; Nancy Ellis, Oro Valley; Matt Christman, Marana; Gabe Thum, Pima Association of Governments, Glenn Grafton, UA

**10.Subcommittee Reports**

**10 min.**

- a. Urban Core Facilities (David Bachman-Williams)
- b. Enforcement (Colin Forbes)
- c. Executive (Ian Johnson)
- d. Facilities (Adam Wade/Brian Beck)
- e. GABA (Wayne Cullop/Eric Post)
- f. Downtown Links (Kylie Walzak)
- g. RTP 2045 (Ian Johnson)
- h. Broadway Task Force (Naomi Mclsaac)
- i. Living Streets Alliance (Kylie Walzak)
- j. SCVBAC (Tony Amos)
- k. UABAC (David Bachman-Williams)

**11. Announcements**

**5 min.**

**12. Adjournment**

If you require an accommodation or materials in accessible format or require a foreign language interpreter or materials in a language other than English for this event, please notify the Tucson Department of Transportation Office at 791-4391 at least five business days in advance.

# Draft

**Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Himmel Park Library  
1035 N. Treat Ave. Tucson, AZ  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Prepared and Submitted by Kylie Walzak**

**1. Call to Order – at 6:05 pm**

**2. Call to Public –**

**3. Law Enforcement Staff Reports from TPD and PCSD –**

Sgt. Fernandez - TPD

- Pedestrian fatalities since Jan. 2014 – 8
- Bicycle fatalities since Jan. 2014 – 0
- Receiving feedback from Pedestrian Advisory Committee on enforcement issues for the GHS grant.

**4. FHA Endorses NACTO: What it means for local jurisdictions**

Gabe Thum (PAG) and Dr. Nassi present on Bike HAWK

- NACTO: National Assoc. of City Transportation Officials
- Focus is on CITIES as opposed to STATES
- NACTO gives us more options, bigger toolkit
- In Oct. 2011 FHWA endorsed the NACTO
- NACTO gives jurisdiction permission to experiment
- Gives visualizations that are effective and useful in communicating

ideas to decision makers

- New Bicycle HAWK Designs already meet MUTCD
- Bike signals not approved under MUTCD, but they are in NACTO – Tucson has been using them since **1989!**

Questions: crossing the street to get into the contra-flow lane, how far back do the markings start? 75 feet, but varies depending on street conditions. Concerns that people crossing the street near the corner could set bikes up to be hit by turning traffic.

HAWKS started out really expensive and became more affordable over time. Will this happen to Bike HAWKS? On avg . these cost 10-15k over the cost of the HAWK but this cost is going down.

Grant/Sahaura, Broadway/Treat, 9<sup>th</sup>/Campbell Bike HAWKS going to construction soon.

Legally as a pedestrian, you have to push the button to cross. As a bicyclist if you choose to go into the contra-flow lane you must use the signal. If you choose to use the stop sign,

For a copy of this presentation, email Gabe Thum: [gthum@pagnet.org](mailto:gthum@pagnet.org)

## **5. Formation of Nominating Committee**

David Bachman-Williams, Robin Steinberg and Brian Beck make up the nominating committee.

## **6. Warren Underpass Dismount Zone Update**

**Motion:** That the BAC urge UAPTS to remove the dismount zone now rather than waiting for the Streetcar to take passengers.

It is likely that once the Streetcar is taking passengers, the number of pedestrians will likely decrease.

The amount of pedestrians going under the underpass currently does not warrant a dismount zone and the number of peds is not expected to increase.

The BAC understands that safety should be considered and supports efforts to maintain safe and prudent cyclist speeds in the underpass.

**Passed unanimously, 12 to 12.**

## **7. Targeted Enforcement Recommendations**

Motion to accept the letter with amendments as mentioned by Robin. Great job on writing the data-driven letter filled with lots of examples.

**Passed unanimously, 12 to 12.**

## **8. Cyclovia/Bike Fest/BAC Award Updates**

Check out [www.cycloviatucson.org](http://www.cycloviatucson.org)

And

[www.bikefesttucson.com](http://www.bikefesttucson.com)

for the latest info on Cyclovia and Bike Fest Tucson.

## **9. Consent Agenda**

### **10. Staff Reports**

- a. Ann Chanecka, City of Tucson** – no new info to report.
- b. Matt Zoll, Pima County** – Potential road diet along Esperanza in Green Valley. New Loop maps. New metro bike maps will be out in about 4 weeks. Will be doing Cat Tran training. Walk and Roll to School Day. CDO path in Oro Valley, grand opening this Friday. RR and Rillito underpass, removing part of the bank protection to improve sight line. East bank of Santa Cruz is finished. Finished new path to BMX fun spot. Finished Colossal Cave bike lanes. *Bike-in Baile* at Boys and Girls Club in South Tucson. Talk in the AZDaily Star about redoing Colossal Cave road, but no mention of sidewalks or bike lanes? In flux right now.
- c. Nancy Ellis, Oro Valley** – no report.
- d. Brian Varney, Marana** – Matt Christman, Recreation Programmer,

will be taking over for Brian Varney. Has been with Town of Marana for a little more than a year.

- e. **Gabe Thum, PAG** – gave report earlier.
- f. **University of Arizona** – not present.

## 11. Subcommittee Reports

- a. **Urban Core Facilities (David Bachman-Williams)** – will meet this Monday, 3:30 pm, 6<sup>th</sup> floor Public Works.
- b. **Enforcement (Colin Forbes)** – mostly given in the agenda item.
- c. **Executive (Ian Johnson)** – items for meetings and materials for the packet are presented at the Exec. Always two weeks before the main mtg.
- d. **Facilities (Adam Wade)** – hopes to start traveling the meetings around.
- e. **GABA (Wayne Cullop)** – not present
- f. **Downtown Links (Kylie Walzak)** – next meeting will be second week of April.
- g. **University of Arizona (Glenn Grafton)** –
- h. **RTP 2045 (Ian Johnson)** – Think Tanks are still happening, next week. Try to participate.
- i. **Broadway Task Force (Naomi McIsaac)** – 8-lane option off the table. Committee is considering options that lay groundwork for Light Rail. 5 out of 12 members of task force bike commute, which is exciting. Next meeting in May.
- j. **Living Streets Alliance (Kylie Walzak)** – covered in agenda item.
- k. **SCVBAC (Tony Amos)** – no report.
- l. **UABAC (David Bachman-Williams)**  
- next meeting in June.

## 12. Announcements –

Tucson Bicycle Classic this weekend.

Extra packets of maps available here. Open house for Pantano pathway project is tomorrow.

**13. Adjournment – 8:09 pm.**

Attending:

Ian Johnson, Ward 2  
Collin Forbes, Pima County  
Gabe Thum, PAG  
Ed Yasenchack, DMAFB  
Kylie Walzak, Ward 3  
Robin Steinberg, Pima County  
Ray Copenhaver, PC  
Adam Wade, Oro Valley  
Glenn Pfeleiderer, Marana  
David Fernandez, TPD  
Brian Beck, PC  
David Bachman-Williams, PC  
Tom Nieman, PC  
Matt Zoll, PCDOT  
Nancy Ellis, Oro Valley  
Ann Chanecka, COT  
Tony Amos, Sahuarita  
Matt Christman, Marana

## Road Runner: City must act for bikes, cars, streetcars to coexist, Kozachik says



14 HOURS AGO • BY [JAMAR YOUNGER](#)

A Darwinian struggle for survival.

That's one city official's description of Tucson's plans for how bikes, cars and the streetcar will coexist along the 3.9-mile route in the downtown area when it opens this summer.

Councilman **Steve Kozachik** rode his bike, with a few others, last Friday down the length of the streetcar route. Along the way, he recorded several examples on University, Fourth Avenue and Congress ripe for

accidents.

He found so many pinch points, it was almost as if the route was tailored for hurting bike riders, he said.

"If we don't start now, we're going to see people seriously injured, and the streetcar service model we're selling to the feds won't have a prayer of reflecting reality," Kozachik said.

He believes some parts are so dangerous, the city needs to rip out some of the meters downtown and get rid of some parking on Fourth Avenue, while only allowing bicycles, or in some cases motorcycles, to park there.

If the city doesn't take action, the current setup will not only endanger bicyclists, but also hamper streetcar performance.

That's because certain points on the route put bikes in the same lane as the streetcar, Kozachik said.

Unlike a car, which can pass a slow-moving bike, the streetcar will have to wait out the cyclist before regaining normal speed, he said.

And that's going to wreak havoc on the city's carefully calibrated 10-minute wait times for riders, he said.

He broached the subject at last week's City Council meeting and told Parkwise, which oversees the city's on-street parking, garages and parking lots, it would likely have to adjust some revenue projections since the current on-street parking arrangement is unworkable.

Kozachik called on the city's streetcar honchos to fix the problem now before it's too late.

However, there are no plans to remove any more parking spaces along the route, said

**Donovan Durband**, Parkwise program administrator.

The city has already eliminated a few dozen spaces along the route and can't afford to take away any more, especially along Fourth Avenue, he said.

Durband said he's sensitive to Kozachik's concerns and will work with city staff to address problems as they arise, but the idea is to make adjustments so all forms of transportation can coexist.

"The intent of the streetcar was to not eliminate other modes of transportation. The idea was to make it all work together," he said.

Parkwise is working with the city transportation department, the Tucson Police Department and other agencies to make sure that happens, he said.

The agencies are revising some parking codes to address motorists who park too close to the tracks and block the streetcar, while changing towing procedures that would allow those vehicles to be quickly removed.

The city plans to install signs warning people to stay within the designated lines that mark a parking spot, Durband said.

He referred to the new adjustments as a combination of "signage, education and enforcement."

There's also the issue of how limited parking would affect merchants and shoppers on Fourth Avenue.

Merchants should support a potential move to get rid of parking spots because "you can fit more customers parking with bikes than you can a car," Kozachik said.

But Durband said removing more spots would likely be problematic for those businesses, especially since parking in the area is already limited.

"To build parking is expensive," he said. "You don't want to give up parking that doesn't cost anything."

#### **Down the road**

The construction of a major drainage facility will close a number of streets in the area near the Fourth Avenue shopping district for the next several months.

The Pima County Regional Flood Control District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin construction of the facility Monday along East Eighth Street and between North Third and Fourth avenues.

Crews will also work on Third Avenue, from Eighth Street to the Tucson High Magnet School stadium.

As a result, the following streets will be closed or restricted until November:

- Intersection of Eighth Street and Third Avenue.
- Eighth Street, from Fourth Avenue to just east of Third Avenue.
- Third Avenue, just north and south of its intersection with Eighth Street.
- Bean Avenue will be converted temporarily to southbound one-way travel between

# **TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TPCBAC) BYLAWS**

(Adopted December 11, 2002; amended March 12, 2008)

*A committee established by Tucson Code, Sec. 10a-130, Article XII, and Pima Co. Resolution 1998-109*

## ARTICLE 1. NAME AND PURPOSES

- A. **NAME.** The name of this organization shall be the Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”).
- B. **PURPOSES.** The purpose of the Committee shall be to:
  - (1) To confer with and advise the governing bodies of the city and county on community concerns relating to bicycling.
  - (2) To organize community programs and projects to provide information and education to the community on bicycling.
  - (3) To review and make recommendations on proposed local, state and federal legislation relating to bicycling.
  - (4) To act as an official advisory agency to the city and county governing bodies for technical questions and concerns related to bicycling.
  - (5) To render an annual report of committee activities to the governing bodies of the city and county, and to file minutes of committee meetings with the two (2) governing bodies.
  - (6) To recommend such action to the governing bodies of the city and county as the committee deems necessary or desirable to accomplish the above functions, and to put its policies into practice.

## ARTICLE 2. MEMBERSHIP

- A. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS.** The committee shall consist of no fewer than seventeen (17) voting members, seven (7) of which shall represent the City of Tucson and ten (10) shall represent Pima County. In addition other municipalities and governmental entities such as those mentioned in Article 2 C (3) may each appoint one (1) voting member.
- B. **QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.** The membership of the Committee shall not be employees of the City of Tucson or Pima County.
- C. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.**
  - (1) **City of Tucson Appointees.** The Mayor and members of the Council shall each appoint one (1) person, for a total of seven (7), to serve as voting members of the Committee. In addition, the City Department of Transportation shall appoint one (1) member of the Department's staff to serve as a non-voting Ex-officio member of the Committee.
  - (2) **Pima County Appointees.** The Board of Supervisors shall appoint ten (10) persons, each of whom shall have been proposed by the Department of Transportation, to serve as voting members of the Committee. In addition, the Department of Transportation shall appoint one (1) member of the Department's staff to serve as a non-voting Ex-officio member of the Committee.

- (3) Other Voting Appointees. Other municipalities and governmental entities located within Pima County but not part of City of Tucson or Pima County governments, such as, the towns of Oro Valley, Marana, Sahuarita, the city of South Tucson, the University of Arizona, Pima Community College, and Davis Monthan Air Force Base, may each appoint one (1) individual as a voting member of the Committee.
- (4) Other *Non-Voting* Members. The Chair may appoint individuals representing other non-governmental or municipality entities within Pima County as nonvoting, ex-officio members of the Committee. In accordance with Section 10A-137(a) of the Tucson Code, the chairperson of a body may, with the consent of a majority of the current members of the body, appoint no more than four (4) advisory (Ex-Officio) members to the body. Ex-Officio members may be appointed for a period of two (2) years, and may be re-appointed.

#### D. LENGTH OF TERMS

- (1) City of Tucson Members. The term of each voting city member shall be coterminous with that of the elected official making the appointment. In no case may a member serve more than eight (8) continuous years on the Committee. (2) Pima County Members. The length of term of each voting county member shall be two (2) years from the time of appointment.
- (2) Other Members. The length of term of each voting member appointed by another municipality or governmental entity shall be determined by the appointing authority. The length of term of each non-voting Committee appointee shall be no longer than two (2) years.
- (3) When an appointment is made to fill a vacancy that has occurred prior to the normal expiration date of a term, the replacement shall serve the remaining portion of the term for the member they are replacing.

E. REQUIRED ATTENDANCE. In accordance with Section 10A-134(e) of the Tucson Code, a member will be automatically and immediately removed from the Committee if that member misses four (4) consecutive meetings or fails to attend at least forty (40) percent of the meetings in a calendar year.

F. VOTING. Each voting member shall have one (1) vote, which must be exercised in person.

#### ARTICLE 3. OFFICERS

- A. OFFICERS The officers of the Committee shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary and a Parliamentarian,.
- B. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS. Only voting members who have served on the Committee for a minimum of six (6) months shall be eligible to hold the office of Chair or Vice-Chair, unless the composition of the Committee does NOT meet this criterion.
- C. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- (1) Chair. The Chair shall: assure notice of meetings be given to members of the Committee; preside at meetings of the Committee; appoint special groups, Ex-Officio members, sub-committees and the chairs thereof, as necessary to conduct the business of the Committee; cause the decisions of the Committee to be communicated and implemented; act as the official spokesperson for the Committee; and all other duties normally associated with position of Chair.
- (2) Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall: in the absence of the Chair, preside at meetings of the Committee; assume the office of the Chair should a vacancy occur prior to the normal expiration date of that office; and, perform such duties as may be directed by the Chair.
- (3) Secretary. The Secretary shall record and keep minutes (including attendance) of all meetings of the Committee; maintain, in cooperation with Tucson and Pima County staff members, up to date membership records, prepare ballots for election of officers; in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, preside at meetings of the Committee; and, perform such other duties as may be directed by the Chair.
- (4) Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall assure adherence to an orderly meeting protocol, and in the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, preside at meetings of the Committee; and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Chair.

#### D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- (1) Nomination of Candidates.
  - (a) *Nominating sub-committee.* Two (2) months prior to an election meeting, the Chair shall appoint three (3) members of the Committee to serve as a nominating sub-committee, and shall designate one of them as Chair of the sub-committee.
  - (b) *Nominations by the nominating sub-committee.* At or prior to the regular meeting that immediately precedes an election meeting (hereinafter referred to as the "pre-election meeting"), the nominating *sub-committee* shall present to the Chair a list that includes at least one ( 1 ) candidate for each office. At that pre-election meeting, the Chair shall present to the Committee the names of these candidates, all of whom must be present and agree to stand for election.
  - (c) *Nominations from the floor.* Following the required presentation of the nominating group's candidates at the pre-election meeting, the Chair shall ask for nominations from the floor. Voting members may nominate additional candidates for each office, and each candidate so nominated shall be present and agree to stand for election.
- (2) Date of Election Meeting. The election of officers shall be held each year at the regular meeting in May. Special election meetings may be held at other times, as needed to fill vacancies.
- (3) Election Procedures.
  - (a) Candidates will be listed in the agenda for the meeting when the election will be held.

- (b) Order of election. The Chair shall be elected first, the Vice-Chair second, the Secretary third and the Parliamentarian last. The result of each election shall be announced before proceeding to the next election.
- (c) Voting. Voting shall be accomplished by a show of hands, or voice. Each voting member shall vote for no more than (1) candidate for each office.
- (d) Outcome. To be elected to an office, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for that office, but in no case less than a majority of a quorum.
- E. LENGTH OF TERMS. The length of term for each office shall be one (1) year, beginning on the first day of June, which is the month immediately following the date of the election meeting; provided, however, that the term shall not extend beyond the expiration of the officer's membership (Unless there is reasonable expectation that the member will be re-appointed, this shall not prevent their election).
- F. CONDITIONS. No member shall hold more than one (1) elected office at any time

#### ARTICLE 4. SPECIAL GROUPS

The Chair may appoint sub-committees composed of committee members, and non-Committee members, as necessary to advise and/or assist the Committee on specific projects, events, or issues. The Chair may designate another elected officer to coordinate the activities of the sub-committees.

#### ARTICLE 5. RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

- A. RESIGNATION. A member may resign from the Committee at any time by so notifying their appointing official, in addition to providing a courtesy notification to the Chair, Secretary, City Clerk and County Clerk.
- B. REMOVAL. In accordance with Section 10a-134(e) of the Tucson Code, a member may be removed from the Committee for failure to meet the attendance requirements, or for other reasons resulting from legislative action by their Appointing Authority.

#### ARTICLE 6. MEETINGS

- A. NOTICE OF MEETINGS. The Chair shall cause notice of meetings to be given to the Committee members, and such notice shall specify the time and place at which each meeting is to be held. This notice shall comply with the appropriate Arizona open meeting laws. Notice shall also be published when a regular meeting will not take place
- B. NUMBER OF MEETINGS. Regular meetings shall normally be held in April and May of each calendar year and once each month during eight (8) of the remaining ten (10) months of that year. In addition, special meetings may be held whenever deemed necessary by the Chair, or a majority of the members.
- C. QUORUM. A majority of the authorized membership of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee shall provide to the Tucson City Council, Pima County Board of Supervisors, and other Appointing Authorities, as well as to appropriate departments, units and/or subdivisions of the City of Tucson, Pima County, and other Appointing Authorities, such reports as may be requested or otherwise required to fulfill the purpose for which the Committee was established. Minutes of all meetings of the Committee shall be filed with the Tucson City Clerk and the Pima County Clerk.

## ARTICLE 8. LIMITS OF AUTHORITY

- A. EXPENSES AND OBLIGATIONS. In accordance with Section 10A-132 of the Tucson Code, neither the Committee, nor any of its members, shall incur any expenses or otherwise cause the City of Tucson and/or Pima County to be obligated in any manner unless authorized by the affected Governing Body.
- B. LOBBYING ACTIVITIES. No member shall lobby as a committee member for any purpose unless specifically authorized by the City of Tucson Mayor and Council, the Board of Supervisors, or their Appointing Authority.
- C. ENDORSEMENTS. No member shall represent his or her personal involvement in any activities or endorsements as being those of the Committee, unless authorized by the Committee.

## ARTICLE 9. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY

The Tucson Department of Transportation and the Pima County Department of Transportation shall provide the Committee with support staff and resources sufficient to enable the Committee to fulfill the purposes for which it was established. Other jurisdictions appointing members may provide staff support, either temporary or permanent.

## ARTICLE 10. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Mayor and Council Rules of Procedure take precedence over the rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the order of business of Committee meetings in all cases to which they are applicable and insofar as they are compatible with the Mayor and Council Rules of Order and the bylaws of the Committee.

## ARTICLE 11. AMENDMENT

Bylaws of the Committee may be amended, repealed or adopted by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present and voting at a meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present. Notice of proposed amendments, or of intent to repeal and/or adopt new bylaws, must be given to all members at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to take place.



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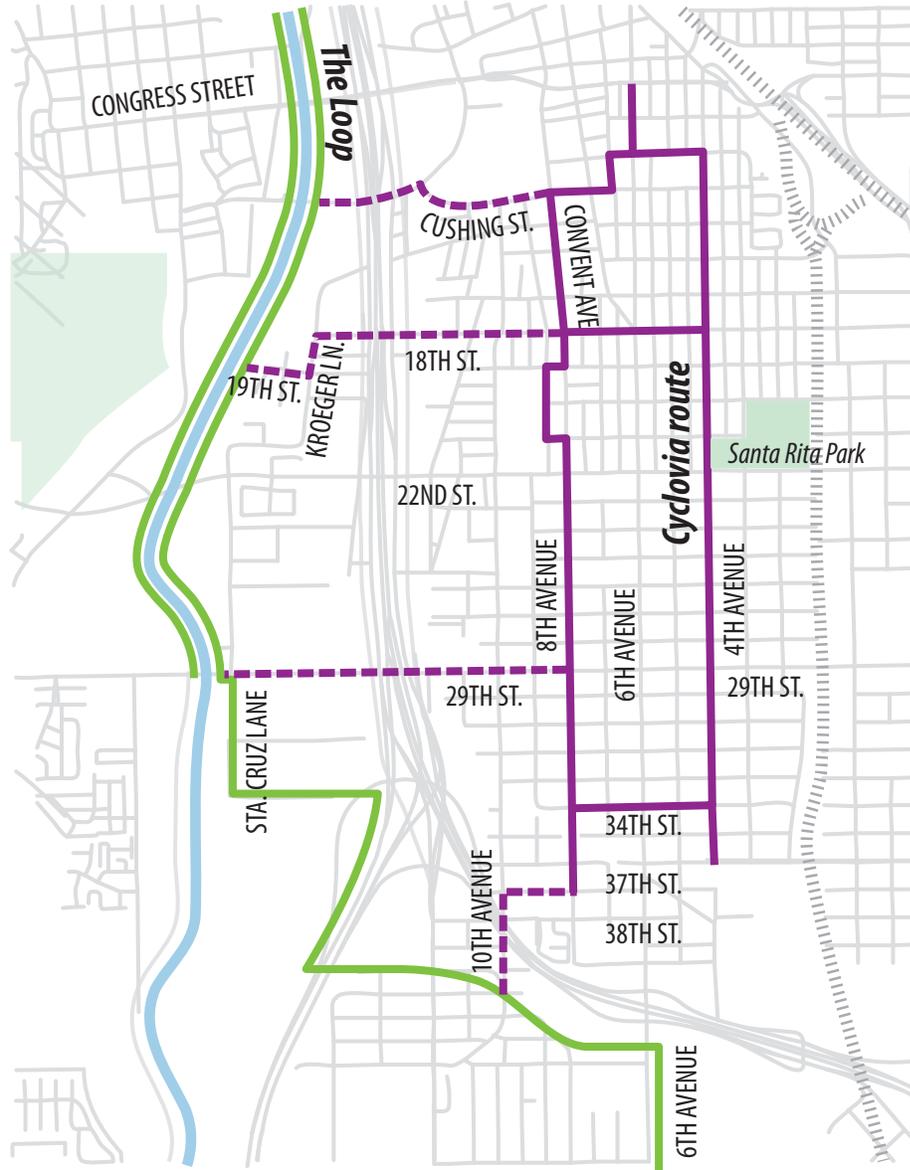


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# Loop Connection to the Cyclovia Route

April 6, 2014



- Cyclovia route 
- Connection to The Loop 
- The Loop Shared Use Path 



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 6, 2014

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## Pima County proudly sponsors Cyclovia Tucson on April 6

Pima County is proud to be a sponsor of [Cyclovia Tucson](#) in its fifth year of opening five miles of streets to people so that they can walk, skate, run, bicycle, and socialize with their neighbors.

This spring's event, on Sunday, April 6, will close to cars – and bring a variety of activities to – most of South Fourth and South Eighth avenues and connect downtown Tucson to the City of South Tucson.

In 2012, Pima County committed \$15,000 a year to Cyclovia Tucson from its [Bicycling and Pedestrian Program](#) for three years. It has also identified routes for cyclists to Cyclovia from [The Loop](#), the shared-use bike and pedestrian paths the County and its partners are developing around metropolitan Tucson.

Cyclists will be able to ride to Cyclovia via The Loop on the east side of the Santa Cruz River Park (please see attached map):

- Via Cushing Street to South Eighth Avenue.
- Through Verdugo Park at West 19<sup>th</sup> Street and onto West 18<sup>th</sup> Street to South Eighth Avenue.
- Via West Silverlake Road to West 29<sup>th</sup> Street to South Eighth Avenue.

Cyclists can also go north on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue from The Loop path along the north side of the Tucson Diversion Channel, proceed under Interstate 10, and take 37<sup>th</sup> Street east to Eighth Avenue.

Pima County strongly promotes the use of helmets for your safety at this event and anytime you ride. By law, youth under age 18 are required to wear helmets. The County will be providing free helmets for children and teens.

Many County departments will be setting up fun, family-friendly activities at Santa Rita Park on Fourth Avenue just north of 22nd Street.

- The [Public Library](#)'s Bookbike will offer free books.
- The [Health Department](#) will be encouraging animal adoption and healthy activities for family participation, including a colorful parachute game.
- [Environmental Quality](#) will provide information and entertaining, educational activities about healthy air, clean water and other eco issues.



- [Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation](#) will have its "Living with Urban Wildlife" exhibit.
- The [Department of Transportation](#) will promote The Loop, have a bike rodeo for kids and give away free kids' bike helmets, provide valet bike parking, exhibit a miniature working model of a pedestrian crossing signal, and raise awareness about problems associated with graffiti in our community.
- The [Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department](#) will entertain all with the "Wheel of Wisdom."

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# SIDEWALKS ARE A TERRIBLE IDEA AND SHOULD BE ABOLISHED

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As we all know, sidewalks are dangerous designs that cause more crashes than they prevent by reducing the visibility of people on foot.

The only solution, Oregon physician Joseph Eisenberg said Tuesday, is for all people traveling on foot to travel in the center of the street instead.

When I walk, I always practice vehicular pedestrianism. I run in the middle of the street, wearing hi-viz clothing and a helmet with multiple flashing head and tail lights. I always merge into the left lane to turn left, and never run in the door zone. Sidewalks are separate and unequal, and they are death traps with the risk of right and left hooks! Pedestrians just need more education about the proper way to walk. Then they would be perfectly safe, and respected by motorists.

Here at Green Lane Project HQ, we couldn't agree more. It's high time that the philosophy still applied to biking in much of the United States should be applied to people walking, too. That's why we're launching a new movement to halt all sidewalk construction.

We launched the campaign this morning, April 1, 2014.

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