

**Velodrome Subcommittee of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**130 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701**

**Monday April 11, 2011
1:30 p.m.**

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Subcommittee Members Present

Tom Warne, Chair of subcommittee
Peter Backus
Pat Benchik
Byron Howard
Chris Sheafe

Others Present

Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair Bond Committee
Richard DeBernardis, Perimeter Bicycling
Tom Burke, Pima County Finance Director
Nicole Fyffe, staff to the committee
Diana Durazo, staff to the committee

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome
Meeting began at 1:35 p.m. with a quorum.
2. Alternative Financing Methods to Accelerate Construction of the proposed Arizona Velodrome Center

Tom Warne served as the Chair of the subcommittee, and began by introducing Tom Burke, Pima County Finance Director. Mr. Burke prepared a memorandum summarizing (1) factors that affect the County issuance of non-bond public debt for the Velodrome project; and (2) factors that affect private issuance of debt for the Velodrome project (see memorandum attached to this meeting summary).

The subcommittee discussed the following options:

- (1) Keep Velodrome project in the future bond program and don't accelerate the project.
- (2) Private financing of the facility on County-leased land (like YMCA downtown).

(3) County sells Certificates of Participation (COPS) to bike enthusiasts to fund construction. Mr. Burke replied that the County does not sell bonds or COPS to individual or group investors. It would be unadvisable to have the County take on a new responsibility of managing personal investors, maintaining records of bond holders, etc.

(4) County sells COPS to fund construction and keeps the project in the future bond program with the hope that a bond election is held and voters approve funding for this project, and the bond funding is then used to pay off the COPS debt (as is proposed for the Joint Justice/Municipal Court Complex).

(5) A combination of private financing and County financing for construction of a facility on County-leased land (like Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum). A private organization would fund some of the improvements prior to a bond election. Funds from the bond election would then fund the remaining improvements.

(6) Move the location from Kino campus to Downtown Tucson. Rio Nuevo funds the construction. County bonds from a future bond election pay back Rio Nuevo. Several of the subcommittee members spoke in support of this option. Next steps for this option may include a presentation to the Rio Nuevo Board, identifying a location downtown that Mayor and Council would agree to, and bringing back to the Bond Advisory Committee.

It was noted that all options should remain open.

3. Call to the Audience
No one from the audience spoke at this time.
4. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.