



21 January 2015

To: Larry Hecker, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee, Chair
Cc: Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the Pima County Administrator
Carolyn Campbell, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair
Re: **Pedestrian Safety & Walkability Improvements Proposal Follow-up**

Dear Mr. Hecker and honorable Committee members,

Thank you again for reviewing our proposal at your January 9th meeting. We hope you were compelled by the turnout of supporters and the testimonials that they shared.

In response to questions raised during the meeting:

1. **Current conditions.** Attached are responses from the City of Tucson Department of Transportation per technical questions that were raised about certain projects at the last BAC meeting. We have also included photos of existing conditions along some of the specific corridors that were mentioned.
2. **RTA funding.** Attached is a summary of RTA funding specific to making pedestrian improvements, as we understand them. Bottom line: the funding estimated to be available is a drop in the bucket compared to the hundreds of millions – if not billions – of dollars needed for the region to create a quality pedestrian network, which is key to a robust multi-modal network.
3. **Letters of support from jurisdictions.** Attached are letters of support from all participating jurisdictions. In addition, we have included letters of support submitted on behalf of organizations from throughout the region.

As a reminder, this proposal tied for **3rd highest in popularity** of ALL projects in the survey conducted by Pima County in 2013. Within the City [of Tucson] center it was popular amongst 54.8% of respondents – **higher even, than Pima County Animal Care Center Improvements** (51%). To date, you have received 83 online comments, 133 postcards, and 26 letters of support from organizations for this proposal. At the last BAC meeting, we counted over 250 supporters in attendance.

This has been and will continue to be a popular and compelling issue for Pima County residents and therefore we encourage you to adopt it in its entirety rather than relocating or passing off any of the projects or their components to other proposals or other funding sources. Voters want specificity. The failure to include these specific projects in the Bond would greatly reduce the pro-bond support that they have generated to date – support that is critical to ensuring a successful bond election this November.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Emily Yetman
Executive Director

City of Tucson Department of Transportation responses

1. Grande: How much of the project budget reflects the funding needed for heaving/buckling sidewalks?

TDOT Answer - The sidewalk piece of the draft budget is primarily to widen the existing sidewalk. It is estimated that less than \$15,000 of the proposed budget would fix the buckled/heaving sidewalk. It would be unrealistic to remove the small areas of heaving or buckling from the project because we are adding sidewalk width in those same locations.

2. Vicksburg/Sarnoff: The project includes ADA compliant curb ramps; isn't it currently ADA compliant?

TDOT Answer - There are sections of sidewalk along Vicksburg and Sarnoff but most do not meet today's standards. There are also whole sections of sidewalk missing.

3. Roger Road: How is the project budget divided between the City and the County portions?

TDOT Answer - Like any project that crosses jurisdictions, we will assess how much of the project is in the city and how much is in the county. It is not uncommon to work on projects through an IGA.

4. How is this infrastructure going to be maintained after it is put in place? Who will be responsible for it and with what funds?

TDOT Answer - The City of Tucson has existing policies and systems in place to maintain our sidewalk system.

36th Street

Examples of existing conditions



Vicksburg/Sarnoff

Examples of existing conditions



Summary of RTA Pedestrian Funding

Below is a summary of how the two categories that fund pedestrian infrastructure through the RTA work. Of note is that, due to tax revenue projection shortfalls, the RTA has proposed a reduction in categorical funding – to 83% – in order to fully fund and complete major roadway projects.

There are two categories where pedestrian/sidewalks are funded:

RTA# 37 - Elderly and Pedestrian Safety

RTA# 41 - Greenways, Pathways, Bikeways & Sidewalks

RTA#37:

Projected Total Amount: \$16,600,000

Amount Already Committed: \$13,523,000

Amount Available to Be Programmed out to year 2026: **\$3,077,000**

RTA#41:

Projected Total Amount: \$16,600,000 (to clarify, this is 1/3 the projected amount @ 83% of the category, because as the RTA has stated numerous times, this category is to be divided equally between pathways, bikeways and sidewalks)

Amount Already Committed: \$11,186,000 (again, assuming 1/3 the amount*)

Amount Available to Be Programmed out to year 2026: **\$5,414,000**

*We are confident using the 1/3 number because the Cat41 chart attached shows that sidewalks have had 33% of the total funding programmed and is therefore right on par with where that final percentage should end up.

Therefore, in categories #37 and #41 there is an estimated \$8,491,000 for the next 11 years or \$771,909 per year for the entire region. (Note: A linear mile of 5' sidewalk costs about \$528,000 according to recent RTA project quotes, which would equate to roughly 1.46 miles per year for the entire region at this rate.)

To put things in perspective, preliminary estimations from TDOT approximate that it will take upward of \$550,000,000 to bring the city up to ADA compliance and improve pedestrian safety. It is important to keep in mind that this does not include things like pedestrian safety lighting, shade trees, etc. With the City's basic needs at that price, it is safe to assume that it will take upward of a billion dollars to create a safe, quality pedestrian environment for the entire region.

While technically the sidewalk portion of any of the projects listed in this proposal *could* be eligible for RTA funding, they are rarely a priority, as the RTA's main focus is on the major roadway network. In reality, the chances of projects from this proposal getting funded in light of all of these competing factors is therefore just about non-existent.



Office of the Town Manager

June 26, 2014

Chuck Huckelberry
County Administrator
130 W. Congress, Floor 10
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Project Proposed for Future County Bond Funding

Mr. Huckelberry:

I received your letter dated May 29, 2014, regarding the referenced subject. Additionally, Town of Oro Valley staff met on June 26 with representatives from the Living Streets Alliance. We understand that support of their proposal would not have an adverse effect on the Town's bond proposals. As a result, we are interested in this regional approach to connectivity and safety issues.

The Town of Oro Valley prides itself on our street system, miles of multi-use path, and public transportation system. However, there are some gaps in our sidewalk system and there are needed safety elements throughout our community.

We look forward to further discussions regarding this proposal and how the Town of Oro Valley and the region can benefit from this investment.

Sincerely,

Greg Caton
Town Manager

c: Emily Yetman, LSA Executive Director

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN



September 4, 2014

Mr. Corky Poster
POSTER FROST MIRTO, INC.
317 N. Court Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Dear Mr. Poster:

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe is providing this letter in support of the 2015 Pima County Bond, for the Living Street Alliance's proposed project in the Old Pascua Yaqui Community, for Pedestrian Improvements.

As you are aware, the community in this area faces many safety issues, one being minimal pedestrian access for the disabled in wheelchairs and also safety issues pertaining to the children.

In addition, if funding permits we would like to include Yoem Pueblo, one of our Tribally Recognized Communities located in Marana, for pedestrian improvements.

We appreciate all your hard work and hope this will come to fruition as it is much needed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter S. Yucupicio'. The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter S. Yucupicio
Chairman
Pascua Yaqui Tribe



September 10, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W Congress Street
Tucson AZ 85701

Dear Chairman and Members,

We are writing to express our support for the Living Streets Alliance pedestrian infrastructure bond proposal. For the last several years our coalition has worked to promote a healthier South Tucson, a community that is heavily minority (80% Hispanic, 7% Native American) and very poor (54% of individuals below the poverty level). Those factors create a number of concerns.

Obesity and related chronic diseases are a special problem for minority communities and active transportation choices such as walking and bicycling are an important part of any prevention strategies. At the same time, low income individuals are more at risk of being involved in pedestrian-involved crashes as they rely heavily on walking and public transportation for daily commutes. Hispanics are also more likely to be involved in pedestrian accidents than other ethnic groups, with Hispanics and American Indian seniors having the highest pedestrian fatality rate of any ethnic group.

Despite significant upgrades in pedestrian safety infrastructure in recent years, South 6th Avenue remains a dangerous street for pedestrians because of a heavy volume of foot traffic related to our very busy Sun Tran bus route (more than 300,000 boardings/year in South Tucson). Also, the city is home to a concentration of social service providers, especially providers of services to the homeless. These individuals, many impaired by substance abuse or mental health issues, are often endangered by vehicle traffic especially when attempting to cross the avenue between intersections.

The South Tucson Healthy Habits Coalition includes representatives from our schools, the UA, nonprofit partners and city and county government and promotes a range of community health-focused activities. The encouragement of walking as a viable transportation alternative would very much further our goals. We support the South Tucson projects, which include streetscape improvements and green infrastructure along 6th Avenue, as well as traffic calming and green infrastructure on 8th Avenue. The projects were the subject of a LSA-sponsored briefing before our group on September 9. We ask you to support the LSA bond proposal.

Sincerely and on behalf of the Coalition,

Alonzo Morado, Primavera Foundation

Michelle Orduna, House of Neighborly Service

Jennifer Parlin, Garden Kitchen

Sent via email



**CITY OF
TUCSON**

OFFICE OF THE
CITY MANAGER

January 2, 2015

C. H. Huckelberry
County Administrator
Pima County
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701-1317

RE: January 9th Bond Advisory Committee Meeting

Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

This letter is written to address points you raised in your memorandum to the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee dated December 30, 2014. I am responding to your comments on the following projects: Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements, Performing Arts Center and South 12th Avenue Cultural and Culinary Corridor.

Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements

Your previous requests for additional information on the Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements project have been addressed. The City's Bond Project Advisory Committee (BPAC) has stated its full support for the Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements bond project and its inclusion in the Pima County Bond package. The Committee's most recent letter dated December 22, 2014 will be discussed at the Mayor and Council meeting on January 6, 2015. Mayor and Council and my office have consistently supported inclusion of this project in the bond program. As you and I have discussed several times, pedestrian safety is a critical health, safety and quality of life issue for the region.

Performing Arts Center

BPAC has made a recommendation to Mayor and Council to increase the request for the Performing Arts Center project to \$1.5 million based on a more recent estimate of the cost to bring this building to a pre-tenant improvement shell condition. This project will be discussed at the Mayor and Council meeting on January 6, 2015. In addition, I would like to clarify that the 2004 Bond funds for the Performing Arts Center were not enough, nor expected to be enough, to bring the facility up to standards for public use. Further, the City is in compliance with both the Intergovernmental Agreement and the Historic Preservation Easement. The vandalism that occurred in 2008 involved theft of wiring that would have been replaced anyway. Since that time, the exterior facades have been maintained; the facility is secure and an alarm system is in place; and there has been no further damage or vandalism. As you and I have discussed, if this project is approved by the voters, the City

will pursue a contract for private management of the venue to ensure that the facility is operated for the intended purpose.

South 12th Avenue Cultural and Culinary Corridor

Enclosed is a revised Project Sheet for the City of Tucson's bond project submittal for the South 12th Avenue Cultural and Culinary Corridor for inclusion in the agenda materials for the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting on January 9, 2015.

Since the BAC tentatively approved funding for the project in May 2014, City staff has taken several steps to respond to BAC members' comments and questions and to improve the feasibility of the project. The following changes have occurred since that time:

- The Tohono O'odham Nation awarded the City \$71,000 in grant funds to add bus shelters and pads, landscape improvements and signage in the project area.
- The City of Tucson has allocated \$35,000 in Litter Fee funds toward landscape improvements in the project area.
- The City of Tucson has committed to funding (approximately \$100,000 in staff time) a thorough Corridor Planning process with business and property owners, neighborhood residents, and other regional stakeholders to create a detailed plan of improvements. The City has used this process to successfully plan for improvements in existing commercial areas with constrained rights-of-way such as North Campbell Avenue, North Stone Avenue, and North Grande Avenue.
- The City conducted two meetings with 12th Avenue property and business owners and neighbors to discuss the project. 30 people attended the meetings, and voiced strong support for public infrastructure improvements. Some property owners are open to exploring reconfiguration of parking and we feel confident that we will be able to create an accessible route that traverses the corridor. Further detail about these comments is given in the Project Sheet.

Similar to the County's proposed Sonoran Corridor bond item, the project does involve a transportation corridor. However, the City considers the primary purpose of this project to be for economic development, and thus a strong candidate for bond funding.

Sincerely,



Martha Durkin
Interim City Manager

Enclosure: South 12th Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor Project Sheet

MD/JBM

C: Honorable Mayor and Council Members, City of Tucson
Mike Rankin, City Attorney
Kelly Gottschalk, Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer
Albert Elias, Assistant City Manager
Daryl Cole, Director, Department of Transportation
Nicole Ewing Gavin, Program Director, Office of Integrated Planning
Lynne Birkinbine, Administrator, Office of Integrated Planning



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MEMORANDUM

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Date: Sept 10, 2014
To: Emily Yetman, Executive Director
Living Streets Alliance
From: Steve Tipton, P.E., Roads Program Manager
Re: Proposed Sidewalk on Frontage Road adjacent to State Route 86

Thank you for the opportunity to present this project to your organization. The following is a description and justification of this project.

The Arizona Department of Transportation is currently in the process of developing the project plans for a pedestrian access across SR 86 at Milepost 115 +/- . The project consists of a pedestrian bridge across a concrete lined drainage channel on the north side of SR 86 but within the ADOT Right of Way through the Town of Sells. To provide access to the pedestrian bridge, ADOT is installing a "HAWK" signal and constructing connecting sidewalks on the south side of the highway to direct pedestrian traffic to the "HAWK" signal and to the pedestrian bridge. ADOT is also providing connecting sidewalk on the north side of the pedestrian bridge to carry pedestrians to the Baboquivari Middle School to the east of the "HAWK" signal and bridge. The north and south ADOT sidewalk will extend to the west to the next intersection. The provision of these pedestrian facilities is a very positive addition to the safety of the Town of Sells pedestrian traffic.

The next phase of this project will require sidewalk outside of the ADOT Right of Way. On the north side of the ADOT Right of Way is a subdivision consisting of over a hundred (+/-) homes with children needing pedestrian connectivity to the south side of the Right of Way to the Grammer School and on the north side to the Middle School. The most accessible road is the frontage road on the north side of the Right of Way. This road runs east and west adjacent to the Right of Way for about 3000' feet to the west from the intersection where the ADOT north side sidewalk terminates. This sidewalk will provide access for anyone coming from the northwest side of the subdivision to the Middle School or crossing to the south side of the highway.

It is the intention of the Roads Program to design and construct this sidewalk within the program using program staff and providing construction using people here on the Tohono O'odham Nation. There are a number of individuals experienced with the skill sets necessary for this kind of work. These individuals will also be used to train others on the Nation in this kind of work.

Once this phase has been completed, we will plan for further pedestrian connectivity to schools, businesses, and government offices.

cc: file



**SAN XAVIER DISTRICT
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RESOLUTION OF THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Approving the 100% Design Plans from Wildan Engineering for the Health and Wellness Pathway on San Xavier Road)

Resolution No. SXDC 10-12-13

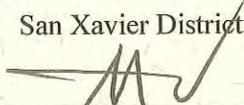
- WHEREAS, the SXD Council approved the budget in the amount of \$45,700, for the design of Health and Wellness Pedestrian Pathway extending from I-19 to the Indian Health Clinic along the north side of San Xavier Road in fiscal year 2010/2011; and,
- WHEREAS, Wildan Engineering was selected through the District's solicitation process to provide the design plans for this project; and,
- WHEREAS, design plans for the project have been reviewed in accordance with the adopted San Xavier District Development Review Process, including reviews by the San Xavier District Community (6-9-12), San Xavier District Administration, San Xavier District Planning Department, San Xavier District Council (7-3-12); and,
- WHEREAS, all comments and requested changes in the review process have been made to the design plans requested by each group above; and,
- WHEREAS, the changes received during the review process were subsequently reviewed by the San Xavier District Planning Committee (8-15-12 & 9-5-12); the San Xavier District Council (8-21-12 & 10-23-12); the San Xavier District Administration; and, the San Xavier District Planning Department; and,
- WHEREAS, Wildan Engineering has accomplished its contract agreement and produced its final set of design plans (100%) for Council's approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Xavier District Council hereby approves the final design plans (100%) for the Health and Wellness Pedestrian Pathway from Wildan Engineering.

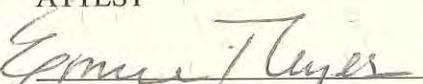
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was passed by the San Xavier District Council at a meeting held on the 23rd day of October, 2012, at which time a quorum was present with a vote of 5 FOR; 0 AGAINST; 0 NOT VOTING; 0 ABSENT. Pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by the Tohono O'odham Constitution, Article IX, Section 5, as adopted and approved on 6 March 1986,

San Xavier District


Austin G. Nunez, Chairman

ATTEST


Ernie Reyes, Secretary
San Xavier District Council

MOTION: Felicia Nunez
SECOND: Tony Burrell



May 15, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Chairman and Members
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress St.
Tucson, AZ 85701

To Whom It May Concern:

AAA Arizona is writing to show its support for the \$25 million Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond. While many people think of AAA Arizona only as an advocate for the safety and security of motorists, AAA also supports pedestrian issues. After all, everyone is a pedestrian at some point each day, so this bond has the potential to affect people in a very positive way.

The bond encompasses several important parts that will help Pima County. For example, shade and safe access should be a priority, especially in Tucson's unforgiving climate. The bond will allow for projects to take place around Pima County. In addition, the potential to connect neighborhoods to community destinations and safe routes to community facilities will be useful and attractive to residents. Plus, incorporating bus stops as a pedestrian destination is important.

Giving up the car keys is one of the most difficult decisions many seniors will have to make. An unforgiving pedestrian atmosphere only makes that decision more difficult – and potentially could result in more dangerous roadways.

Sincerely,

Valerie Vinyard
AAA Arizona

AAA, There When You Need Us Most



January 19, 2015

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

RE: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Members of the County Bond Advisory Committee:

The Arizona Alliance for Livable Communities (AALC) is writing to voice our support for the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond proposal submitted by the Living Streets Alliance. If placed on the ballot, the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond proposal will provide Pima County voters the opportunity to support investment of bond funding in the construction of key physical improvements that will enhance walkability options for residents throughout Pima County.

The AALC is a statewide organization that represents a broad range of planning, public health, and transportation professionals from both the public and private sectors. The goal of the AALC is that every Arizona community will be “vibrant, safe, and healthy, providing equitable opportunities for all people to thrive”. This can be achieved through healthy lifestyle choices such as increased transportation options, access to healthy food and opportunities to be active, by providing a range of housing choices and promoting a sense of community.

The AALC has reviewed the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond proposal. In addition, we reviewed the 2012-2013 Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Campaign used by the Living Streets Alliance as the basis for identification of the projects included in the bond proposal. The community outreach efforts were extensive and clearly reflect a commitment by the LSA leadership to involve the public in the process of building consensus so as to submit a bond proposal which is a true vision of community residents.

The AALC is impressed by the approach incorporated into the bond proposal that relies on the concept of the two-pronged approach for project funding. The identification of “signature projects” throughout Pima County provides certainty to the voters that they are voting for specific projects. The inclusion of “categorical funding” provides flexibility for unanticipated projects in the future and puts in place a transparent and unbiased process to award funding for those projects.

The Living Streets Alliance has taken a leadership role in addressing the critical issue of creating a healthy community and the importance of a safe and comfortable pedestrian environment. The AALC supports the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond proposal and congratulates the LSA for doing an excellent job of incorporating projects that will help create more livable communities in Pima County. In addition, we would like to thank the community members who served on the Bond Advisory Committee and the residents of Pima County who have helped develop the bond proposal.

The Arizona Alliance for Livable Communities urges the Bond Advisory Committee to respond favorably to the community vision set forth in the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond proposal and include the proposal on the next Pima County Bond election ballot.

Sincerely,

Dean Brennan, FAICP
Advocacy Committee
Arizona Alliance for Livable Communities

cc. Living Streets Alliance



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May 12, 2014

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Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W Congress Street
Tucson AZ 85701

Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator

On behalf of the Arizona Planning Association Southern Section Board, it is my pleasure to write a letter in support for the Living Streets Alliance Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Program.

Everyone walks- and improving the walkability of this region benefits us all; from healthier waist lines to raises in housing values, and benefits to the environment. Making our region more walkable may also reduce the number of unnecessary deaths and injuries caused by people walking in vehicular lanes where no sidewalk exists or crossing streets.

The Arizona Planning Association Southern Section board feels strongly that supporting the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort bond is the best investment Pima County can make for the future of its residents. We want walking to be safe and comfortable in Pima County.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Donofrio

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Artemio Hoyos, AICP

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Sarah Meggison

May 14, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W Congress Street
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RE: Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements

Dear Chairman Hecker and Committee Members,

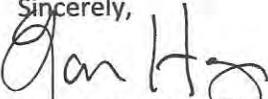
The purpose of the Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (AZ ASLA) is, in part, to advocate for the advancement of landscape architecture as an instrument of service in the public welfare. There is much to recommend the proposal provided by the Living Streets Alliance, and I believe the resulting project will support the goals of AZ ASLA.

In the key areas of sustainability, climate change, and the environment an enhanced pedestrian component of the local transportation infrastructure promotes a less car centered culture which, in turn, lowers harmful emissions and minimizes new roadway construction thus reducing the Urban Heat Island Effect. Jurisdictions that invest in this type of green infrastructure will lead the country as we all come to terms with climate change.

As younger generations gravitate towards urban centers that offer not only employment but a high quality of life, they are likely to choose a living environment that includes healthful pedestrian routes to employers, and interesting public spaces including inviting streetscapes. Cities and counties that embrace these needs will be more likely to attract and retain a highly skilled work force and major employers.

In reviewing the proposal made by the Living Streets Alliance, it is clear this organization has consulted with the jurisdictions within Pima County addressing their specific concerns. Additionally, Living Streets Alliance focused on the highest unmet needs within our multi-modal transportation system and has tailored a competitive request for consideration by the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee.

As the Southern Section Chair of the Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, I offer my full support for Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements.

Sincerely,

Lauren Harvey, ASLA



May 8, 2014

Pima County Bond Committee
Chairman and Members
130 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Chairman and Members,

We are writing in recommendation of the Living Streets Alliance pedestrian infrastructure bond proposal. City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened our first meeting in September of 2013 at the behest of Mayor Rothschild, at least partially in response to a staggering number of pedestrian deaths in the city in the past year. The PAC represents all six city wards, as well as constituencies exceptionally impacted by the walking environment that include youth, the elderly, and the disabled. The PAC has developed an overall mission: ***to identify and set priorities in policies, programs, and projects to create a complete pedestrian environment for Tucson.***

As PAC members engage in a process of refining our goals under this mission, we are increasingly aware that the major constraint to creating pedestrian infrastructure is a distinct and equitable funding stream for pedestrian projects. Overall, pedestrian funding makes up less than 2% of transportation **despite the fact** that everyone is a pedestrian, and one-third of our community cannot or does not drive and thus relies upon walking as a major form of transportation. This bond proposal fits well with the vision of the PAC to increase funding, and would allow jurisdictions to identify and pursue priorities for their communities, and the resulting projects would create both a vision and a roadmap for the future.

Projects that fall under the scope of pedestrian infrastructure include a variety of approaches to meet the needs of diverse community. These include: 1) Improved connectivity created by safe crossings between neighborhoods and in reaching adjacent amenities using tools such as high visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, crossing refuges, ADA compliant curb ramps and on-ramp pedestrian signals; 2) continuous well-maintained sidewalks of adequate width; 3) Streetscape improvements that make walking both comfortable and attractive; 4) Traffic calming techniques such as road diets, corner bulbouts, traffic circles, and planted medians that create quieter, local roadways; 5) Routes to destinations close to home and work, such as local businesses, libraries, parks and community centers; and 6) Green infrastructure that creates a pleasant microclimate using parkways, rain gardens and street trees.

This bond proposal was popular among residents who responded to the county-wide survey. This may reflect the sheer numbers of people potentially impacted by the bond, as well as the multiple benefits of an improved walking environment such as reduced traffic congestion, improved health outcomes, increased access to community resources, improved air and water quality and a curbed heat island effect. The PAC members view this bond proposal as an important step that provides further momentum to city and regional leaders interested in developing Tucson as a vibrant, attractive and profitable environment for youth, young professionals, businesses, and older residents seeking economic security and quality of life.

Recognizing the number and importance of the many projects being proposed to the Pima Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) and the competing and diverse needs of our community, the CoT PAC members strongly and respectfully urge the BAC to support this Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Program for the benefit of all County residents.

Sincerely,

Maia Ingram, Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair
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B.J. Cordova, Vice Chair
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Carondelet St. Mary's. Be well.

October 14, 2014

Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701
CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator

Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and Members:

On behalf of Carondelet St Mary's Hospital, I would like to express our support for the *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal* put forward by the Living Streets Alliance. As Tucson's west-side healthcare provider, we are keenly interested in the health, well-being, and economic stability of our community and know that walkability is closely connected to a healthy, thriving population.

Our society is faced with some disconcerting health statistics. More than two thirds of American adults are overweight or obese. Childhood obesity has more than doubled and quadrupled in adolescents in the past 30 years. Data specific to Pima County communities demonstrates unacceptable rates of chronic disease. Lack of physical activity has become an epidemic with dire consequences.

Encouraging people to walk and creating safer places that support walking can play a critical part in reversing these trends. Some health experts refer to walking as a "wonder drug" as it is known to help prevent or treat obesity and diabetes; reduce the risk of some cancers, coronary heart disease, and osteoporosis; and enhance mental well-being.

We are aware that many cities across the United States are building infrastructures that support walking and help people discover being on their feet again. We would like to see similar initiatives in Pima County to increase the likelihood of walking as a part of people's daily lives. Therefore, we fully support LSA's *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal* as a strong initiative to create a walkable and healthier region and request your recommendation for its inclusion in the upcoming Pima County bond election.

Sincerely,

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Amy Beiter, MD
President and CEO, Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital



Memo To: Chair and Members of the Bond Advisory Committee

From: Judy Clinco, Co-Chair, ELDER Alliance *JJC*

Date: 14 May 2014

RE: Support for Living Streets Alliance Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Bond Program Proposal

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the ELDER Alliance, a collaboration of local agencies and community members that seeks to create aging friendly communities and services throughout Pima County that are responsive to the voices and perspectives of older adults. Our participating partners include the City of Tucson, Jewish Family & Children's Services of Southern Arizona, Imagine Greater Tucson, Independent Transportation Network of Greater Tucson, Interfaith Community Services, Our Family, Pima County Health Department, Pima Council on Aging, United Way of Tucson & Southern Arizona, and the University of Arizona Center on Aging. We receive funding support from the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona and the Knisely Family Foundation.

We share many values of sustainable community development with the Living Streets Alliance. The elements of the proposed bond program for Pedestrian Safety & Comfort reflect the lessons learned about the needs and wishes for positive aging in several local neighborhoods and communities with whom we have worked.

We urge you to vote in favor of this proposal.



Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

The El Rio Community Health Center supports the Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements proposal. The project is important for both the patients we serve and our staff. Several of the projects are in close proximity to neighborhoods where our patients and staff live.

Walking is vitally important for quality of life and the environment. It is both a great form of exercise and of transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kathy Byrne
Executive Director



Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W Congress Street
Tucson AZ 85701

Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

May 15, 2014

Chairman and Members,

Local First Arizona strongly supports the Living Streets Alliance request to include \$25,000,000 in bond funds for pedestrian capital improvements for the 12th Avenue business corridor.

Local First Arizona is the largest local business coalition in North America. We represent over 2,500 Arizona owned businesses. As a local business coalition we are dedicated to preserving and promoting the maintenance and development of dense, walkable business districts. We know that these are economically vibrant areas that promote job and business growth in our cities. Knight Foundation Soul of the Community reports have identified walkable streets as one of the top 3 factors in creating community attachment and have shown that this attachment correlates positively to higher GDP. We have also seen studies that also positively correlate community attachment to higher voter turnout and increased tax revenues paid. Other studies have shown that businesses in walkable districts pay an average of 27-54% higher rental rates for these areas, leading to an increase in property values and higher tax revenues.

These walkable, pedestrian friendly neighborhood destinations are vital to economic competitiveness and attracting and retaining key community members and youth. For all of these reasons, Local First AZ strongly supports the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal.

If you have any questions about our support of this bond funding, please contact me at erika@localfirstaz.com or 520-628-2728. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erika R. White".

Erika Mitnik-White
Southern Arizona Coordinator, Local First Arizona

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator, Kimber Lanning, Executive Director LFA, Nicole.Fyffe@pima.gov, Emily Yetman, Living Streets Alliance



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Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Chairman and Members
C/o Pima County Administration Office
130 W Congress
Tucson, AZ 75701

Re: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and Members.

As a business owner and property owner both in the city and the county I support the efforts of the Living Streets Alliance and their role in improving infrastructure, and in particular, infrastructure that effects alternative transportation.

I am writing to you today in support of the pedestrian funding initiative proposed by Living Streets Alliance in the next bond election. I believe the efforts of the Living Streets Alliance are an important component to improving the overall quality of life for all Tucsonans. I believe making our streets more appealing and engaging and walkable will make Tucson a better place.

I urge you to support the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal.

Respectfully,

Kevin Madden
Madden Media



PIMA COUNCIL ON AGING
Advocacy, Action, Assistance

Area Agency on Aging – a nonprofit organization since 1967

May 14, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Chairman and Members
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and Members,

We are writing to you today in support of a major pedestrian funding initiative proposed by Living Streets Alliance in the next Pima County Bond. The Pima County Council on Aging advocates for the well-being and independence in the lives of older adults in Pima County, and accessibility to a safe and comfortable walking environment is central to this mission. Older adults are major stakeholders in the pedestrian environment, given that they comprise a substantial proportion of citizens who do not drive. As the share of the Pima County population that is over 65 increases to over 20% by 2030, a growing number of residents will experience mobility limitations and other disabilities that affect their transportation choices. Tragically, while more are likely to be a pedestrian, older adults are also often killed or incapacitated in a pedestrian crash. The Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Program thus addresses both the concerns and priorities of our older population.

There are several aspects of this Bond proposal that merit support. One of these is the availability to fund projects across all Pima County jurisdictions, as well as the flexibility of the projects based on the needs of the community. A safe, shady and accessible pedestrian network allows seniors to engage in the community and engage in an enjoyable form of exercise, which contributes to a higher quality of life among our older population. We also are pleased by the emphasis of this bond proposal on connecting neighborhoods to community destinations and particularly among low-income residents. Community facilities are often located in and around neighborhoods and attractive and safe routes would increase access and use of these resources. The incorporation of transit and bus stops as a pedestrian destination is also an important feature. We also support the idea of using pedestrian infrastructure to support local business. Seniors are also consumers and better able to participate in the local economy when they can arrive to a business on foot.

We are pleased to express our support for the \$25 million Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond and look forward to these opportunities for pedestrian improvements across our region being awarded and funded.

Sincerely,

W. Mark Clark
President & CEO





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OUT OF POVERTY

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May 13, 2014

Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W Congress Street
Tucson AZ 85701

Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Chairman and Members:

The Primavera Foundation strongly supports the Living Streets Alliance request to include \$25,000,000 in bond funds for pedestrian capital improvements in the region.

The Primavera Foundation provides pathways out of poverty through safe, affordable housing, workforce development and neighborhood revitalization. Every year Primavera works with approximately 7,500 participants who are low-income, very low-income and/or homeless. Most of our participants rely on public transportation, bicycles and walking to get themselves around the city to jobs, school, doctor appointments, to see family and friends, etc. Although our region has made many improvements in the area of alternative modes of transportation, many of our neighborhoods and roads are designed to put vehicle traffic first. Primavera believes that the requested \$25,000,000 in bond funds will go a long way in protecting our current citizen pedestrians and encouraging others to get out and walk for their health and the environment.

We also support the Living Streets Alliance's proposal to strengthen and support already existing programs and initiatives in the region that work to integrate pedestrian improvements, like Pima County's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program.

If you have any questions about our support for this bond funding, please contact me at pchurchison@primavera.org or 520/882-5383. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peggy Hutchison
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator

saavi



southern arizona association
for the visually impaired

August 19, 2014

Dear Chairman and Members;

On behalf of the Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired (SAAVI), I would like to express my support for the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal put forward by the Living Streets Alliance.

Walking is one of the most basic forms of human activity and yet pedestrians are faced with numerous challenges and severe safety risks in many neighborhoods across Pima County. Tucson ranks number 25 on the list of Most Dangerous Metropolitan Areas, with between 250 and 300 pedestrian-involved car accidents each year, and an average of 21 annual pedestrian fatalities. The lack of a safe, convenient, and comfortable pedestrian network prevents walking from becoming a viable transportation option for many individuals in our community.

Walkability is not only important in terms of creating a free and equitable transportation alternative, but also is an essential element for the vitality of our neighborhoods. Walkable communities support physical and mental health, provide better access for people of all ages and abilities, promote economic development with increased property values and local business patronage, improve air quality, and help our neighborhoods become safer and more friendly places to live. Investing in the quality of life of residents in this community is a key strategy to create a healthier, happier, and economically competitive region.

I fully support LSA's Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Proposal as a strong initiative to start improving the pedestrian environment in Pima County, and request your recommendation for its inclusion in the upcoming Pima County bond election.

Sincerely,

Michael Gordon, Executive Director

Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired

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SATA
2401 E. Speedway
Tucson, AZ 85719

January 8, 2015

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

Re: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

To whom it may concern:

Southern Arizona Transit Advocates, SATA, would encourage the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee to recommend the inclusion of the \$25,000,000.00 bond proposal advocated by the Living Streets Alliance.

Southern Arizona Transit Advocates is a broad based advocacy group that began as Tucsonans for Sensible Transportation and our political arm, Citizens for Sensible Transportation. One of our current projects is Friends of the Tucson Streetcar.

Our citizen coalition led to the creation of the Citizen's Transportation Initiative of the early 2000's with a comprehensive plan of transit improvements and alternative mode enhancements. Our work directly led to the inclusion of the modern streetcar, enhanced bus service, and alternative mode enhancements in the regional transportation plan that was approved by the voters. By working together on a comprehensive multi modal plan the voters of Pima County approved a historic regional plan and funding source.

We support a comprehensive multi modal transportation system as well as efforts to fund the implementation of a comprehensive system. Our members are actively involved in virtually every transportation issue in the region and we represent a very broad spectrum of the community.

There can be no question that Tucson and Pima County have a major infrastructure deficit and a need for walkability enhancements that vastly exceed this modest bond proposal. Instead of reiterating all the reasons for supporting these projects I will focus simply on the reason for including these projects in this bond proposal.

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Tucson and Pima County have for too long deferred needed projects such as these until some future unspecified time or until some future as yet unknown funding source is identified or created. The RTA election and the City of Tucson street maintenance bond program have addressed some of the deferred needs but they did not provide for the mid level projects outlined in this proposal. Quality projects such as the ones proposed are caught in the middle of larger scale projects and neighborhood reinvestment projects. These orphan projects should not always need to wait for the prospect of some future plan or funding source. We are paying the price for past decisions to delay or defer and because this bond election is the only funding project concretely moving forward at this time some portion of the bond election should be devoted to this crucial need.

It is our belief that these projects will serve as model projects that will generate support for future City of Tucson or Pima County bond elections, future funding source discussions and plans and for increasing the likelihood of a successful extension of the next round of RTA funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Clague A. Van Slyke, III

On behalf of Southern Arizona Transit Advocates

TUCSON BUS RIDERS UNION
401 East 26th Street; Tucson Arizona 85713
(520) 624-0312



May 14, 2014

To: County Administrator, C.H. Huckelberry and the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
From: The Tucson Bus Riders Union (TBRU)

Greetings,

The purpose of this letter is to show the Bus Riders Union support for the proposal on Pedestrian Bond on behalf of Living Streets Alliances (LSA).

The TBRU is aware and understands the importance of the need to improve walking conditions to/from and around transit, as every transit user is also a pedestrian.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

James Ojeda
Representing the TBRU
(520) 870-0905

August 19, 2014

Lawrence Hecker, Chair
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND COMFORT- BOND ITEM (Living Streets Alliance Proposal)

Dear Mr. Hecker,

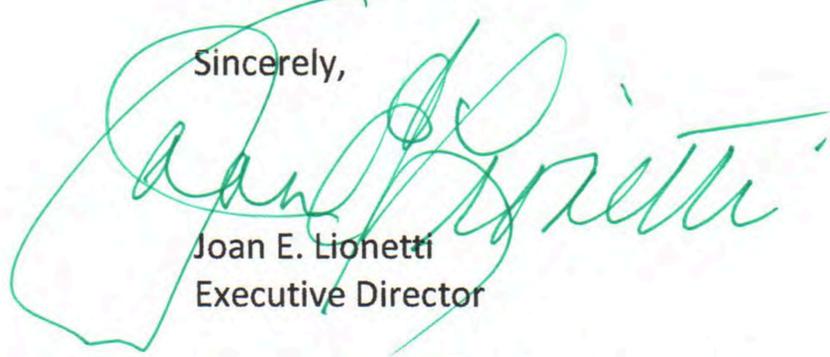
Tucson Clean & Beautiful has reviewed the Pedestrian Bond proposal provided by Living Streets Alliance. Bond funding dedicated for infrastructure will support a safer and more walkable Pima County. Use of pedestrian infrastructure, once built, would in turn add numerous benefits from a human health and quality of life perspective as well as integrating environmental benefits into projects. Improved pedestrian infrastructure has also been identified through Pima County's own bond survey as having a high level of support within the community.

Reviewing the proposal with these environmental, quality of life, and community support factors in mind, we feel this proposal fits our mission and wholeheartedly support its inclusion in the upcoming proposed County Bond election.

Additionally, Tucson Clean & Beautiful encourages that a minimum of 5% of the Pedestrian Bond funds be dedicated to non-pavement improvements to landscape amenities, particularly the addition of desert-adapted, low-water use trees and other supporting green infrastructure. Landscape amenities that provide shade are necessary for pedestrian safety and comfort, and should be included where possible adjacent to pedestrian-centric infrastructure (i.e. to shade new and existing sidewalks, bus stops, and streetscapes). The cooling effect of plants and shade will improve the pedestrian experience as well as overall community aesthetics, while providing demonstrable reductions in stormwater runoff, cooling the urban environment, increasing property values, and adding urban wildlife habitat.

Thank you for your consideration of the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond proposal being forwarded for inclusion in the full proposal for a future County Bond election. Your committee's hard work is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,



Joan E. Lionetti
Executive Director

Cc: Hon. Pima County Board of Supervisors
Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Living Streets Alliance

**Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 We. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701**

**Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal
CC: Chuck Huckleberry, Pima County Administrator**

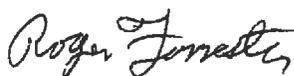
14 May 2014

As Chair of the Senior Impact Coalition of United Way of Tucson & Southern Arizona, I submit this letter of support for the Living Streets Alliance Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Bond Proposal.

The proposal aligns with the core goals of healthy and independent seniors. Safe and attractive walkways can increase physical and mental health, decrease social isolation, and offer access to transportation alternatives that can be economical for seniors of many ages and incomes. The economic and environmental values contained within the proposal elements are critical to the future our community.

Please vote in support of this proposal.

Sincerely,



**Roger Forrester, Chair
Senior Impact Coalition
United Way of Tucson & Southern Arizona**



1137 N. Dodge Blvd.
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www.watershedmg.org

September 15, 2014

Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W Congress Street
Tucson AZ 85701

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Subject: Water Harvesting for Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and Members,

As the water harvesting and sustainability leader in our community, Watershed Management Group (WMG) would like to express our support for the *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal* developed by the Living Streets Alliance.

Sidewalks and safe street crossings are essential for a walkable community. At the same time, our walkways are not comfortable or viable routes without shade. The best way to grow shade along our streets is to use green infrastructure – basins and swales that harvest stormwater to irrigate native trees. WMG has worked with Living Streets Alliance to include cost estimates for water harvesting landscapes within the proposal. Inclusion of water harvesting features will ensure the success of the proposal implementation by guaranteeing a cost-effective water supply for native shade trees while reducing demand on our city's water supply and reducing flooding problems.

WMG has implemented a model for water harvesting pedestrian infrastructure through various projects including a project focused on Bike Boulevards. WMG is committed to partnering in the future to make this bond a success.

On behalf of WMG, I request you recommend LSA's *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Proposal* for inclusion in the upcoming Pima County bond election.

Sincerely,

Lisa Shipek
Executive Director
Watershed Management Group



Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
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Tucson AZ 85701

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and Members,

On behalf of the Barrio Hollywood Neighborhood Association, I would like to express our support for the *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal* put forward by the Living Streets Alliance.

Walking is one of the most basic forms of human activity and yet pedestrians are faced with numerous challenges and severe safety risks in many neighborhoods across Pima County. Tucson ranks number 25 on the list of Most Dangerous Metropolitan Areas, with between 250 and 300 pedestrian-involved car accidents each year, and an average of 21 annual pedestrian fatalities. The lack of a safe, convenient, and comfortable pedestrian network prevents walking from becoming a viable transportation option for many individuals in our community.

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As one of the most pedestrian orientated neighborhoods in Tucson, Barrio Hollywood fully supports LSA's *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Proposal* as a strong initiative to start improving the pedestrian environment in Pima County, and request your recommendation for its inclusion in the upcoming Pima County bond election.

Sincerely,

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Kacey Carleton
Barrio Hollywood Neighborhood Association
President
September 4, 2014



Barrio Kroeger Lane Neighborhood Association



August 15, 2014

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c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
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Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

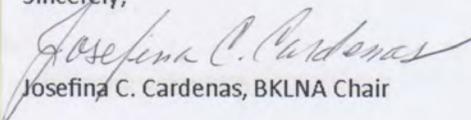
Dear Chairman and Members:

Since Barrio Kroeger Lane is so significant and historical because of the area where we are located, being the birthplace of Tucson, we want to continue having the community unity that exists. We are being impacted by numerous developments that threaten our unity. For this reason, having the Walkability Program would assist us in keeping the unity we want to secure in our neighborhood.

The Barrio Kroeger Lane Neighborhood Association would like to express our support for the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal put forward by the Living Streets Alliance.

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Sincerely,



Josefina C. Cardenas, BKLNA Chair

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator



BKLNA Chairperson, Josefina Cardenas. JC@gmail.com, 971-6490
Secretary, Margaret Ward - mjward75@hotmail.com
Treasurer, Juanita Montiel
Community Liaison, Gerri Lopez



August 18, 2014

Sent to: Chuck Huckelberry, Nicole Fyffe, Deseret Romeo
CC: Living Streets Alliance
RE: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and members,

The Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association has voted unanimously to express our support for the "Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal" being put forward by Living Streets Alliance.

Thank you for your attention.

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Sky Jacobs, President
Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Assoc.
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520-322-0285

Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
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Tucson AZ 85701

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and Members,

On behalf of the neighborhood/homeowner's association I represent, I would like to express my support for the *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal* put forward by the Living Streets Alliance.

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I fully support LSA's *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Proposal* as a strong initiative to start improving the pedestrian environment in Pima County, and request your recommendation for its inclusion in the upcoming Pima County bond election.

Sincerely,

<u>Name</u>	<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Chris Gans	West University	Former President	8/19/14	
Colby Henley	Rincon Heights	President	8/28/14	
Dean Knuth	Feldman's	President	9/17/14	



Garden District Neighborhood Association

Boundaries: Alvernon/Swan/Speedway/Grant
Registered 501(c)(3): 86-0838923

August 18, 2014

Dear Mr. Hecker,

As the Board of Garden District Neighborhood Association, we would like to show our support for the Living Streets Alliance Pedestrian Safety and Walkability initiatives. This organization has the expertise and track record to enable them to help neighborhood associations and our residents determine suitable projects to improve walkability utilizing methods that provide safe routes for the daily commutes of our residents in our community – children and adults.

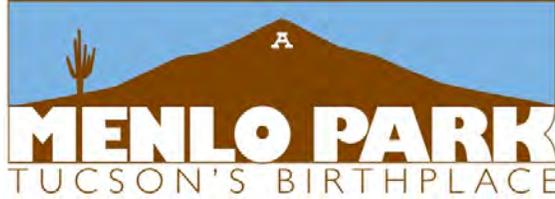
Garden District neighborhood is located in the heart of Tucson and is one mile square, bordering Speedway on the south, Grant on the north, Swan on the east, and Alvernon on the west. We are an active neighborhood even though the vast majority of our residents are renters. Our neighborhood has very few sidewalks, making pedestrians very vulnerable to vehicles. Because of our large footprint, lack of nearby parks, and challenging demographics (7000 residents, predominately low income, high number of walkers, and a high number of foreign refugees), we rely on municipal funding for capital improvements that we desperately need. Without Neighborhood Reinvestment funding we would not have the sidewalks on Columbus Blvd. that are protecting our many residents from vehicles as they go to work, walk their children to school, or walk to catch the bus. Unfortunately more is needed to protect the thousands of residents from vehicles and just as important, to provide them with safe walking and biking routes for exercising and commuting.

We support Living Streets Alliance in their quest to receive money from the next County bond election. With that money they will be able to help fund projects that will directly benefit the Tucson inner city neighborhoods. We are hoping to be one of them as we partner with Living Streets to solidify our plan for a safer walkable neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Lois Pawlak President
Kris Yarter Vice President
Meg Johnson Secretary
Anna Marie Patti Treasurer

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- **Lois Pawlak, President**
 - **Anna Marie Patti, Treasurer**
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 - NE Quadrant Leader, Russell Beal
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May 15, 2014

To: The Chairman and Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Bond Advisory Committee,

On behalf of the Menlo Park Neighborhood Association I am submitting this letter in support of the Living Streets Alliance Bond Proposal designed to improve pedestrian safety and walkability in the Tucson region.

While the intent of the proposed bond speaks for itself, it is important to call attention to the exemplary work that is already being carried out by the Living Streets Alliance (LSA) in our community. Recently, the Menlo Park Neighborhood Association was the beneficiary of a Walkability Assessment workshop conducted by LSA in concert with neighborhood residents. The interactive workshop engaged participants to discover features that characterize a walkable neighborhood. Following a professional educational presentation residents toured Menlo Park to assess the walking environment and to see and understand the value of walkability.

We learned that communities that support walkability are safer places to live - an important fact in Tucson where, last year, there were 20 pedestrian fatalities. We learned that walkable neighborhoods: promote physical health; provide better access for people of all abilities; increase property values; improve air quality; reduce greenhouse gas emissions and much more.

At one time or another during the day we are all pedestrians. So it makes sense for the Bond Committee to approve a relatively small investment that would go a long way to improving the quality of life for all the residents of Pima County.

Respectfully,

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Gene Einfrank, president
Menlo Park Neighborhood Association

August 17, 2014

Dear Chairman and Members,

On behalf of the neighborhood/homeowner's association I represent, I would like to express my support for the *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal* put forward by the Living Streets Alliance.

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Sincerely,

Richard Alexander
President
Miramonte Neighborhood Association



Palo Verde Neighborhood Association

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Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W Congress Street
Tucson AZ 85701

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and Members,

On behalf of the Palo Verde Neighborhood Association that I represent, I would like to express our support for the *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal* put forward by the Living Streets Alliance.

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Sincerely,

Ronni Kotwica
Palo Verde Neighborhood Association President