



1st Avenue Citizens' Corridor Planning Task Force



Thursday, August 22, 2024, 5:30 pm

Woods Memorial Library

3455 N. 1st Ave

Tucson, AZ 85719

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting facilitator Lloyd Brown called the 1st Avenue Citizens' Corridor Planning Task (1ACCPTF) meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2024, and the quorum was established through roll call.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Jon Barger	Marci-Caballero-Reynolds
Caroline Bartelme	Sofia Morago Franco
Dave Boston	Susan O'Brien
Maxine Dunkelman	A.M. Rivers
Mindy Gutzmer	Melissa Noshay-Petro
Mark Hatchel	Ruben Robles
Dana Higgins	
Kathleen (Susan) O'Brien	
Karl Peterson	
Nancy Reid	
Corinne Cooper (Zoom)	

2. Approval of June 27, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Lloyd Brown asked 1ACCPTF members if they had an opportunity to review the minutes from the previous meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2024. All 1ACCPTF members had reviewed the minutes and it was moved by Vice Chair Karl Peterson, duly seconded by Susan O'Brien, to approve the minutes. The 1ACCPTF reached a Consensus Decision and approved the June 27, 2024, meeting minutes.

3. Opening Remarks

One virtual verbal comment was received by Corrine Copper regarding the insufficient audio quality and closed captioning of the meeting recording. The in-person meeting participants were asked to speak louder and move closer to the speaker.

4. Project and Process

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility Project Manager, Patrick Hartley gave a general overview of the project timeline and public involvement with updates since the last meeting in June.

Patrick Hartley mentioned the project is currently on hold in terms of capital investments and there are some short-term immediate safety interventions to consider including flashing lights and rumble strips.

No action was taken.

5. Project Overview

HDR Project Manager, Brent Kirkman, gave a project overview and discussed the major scope items and the Design Concept Report (DCR) via the 1st Avenue: River Road to Grant Road PowerPoint presentation created for the August 22nd meeting. The major scope items include safety and accessibility, roadway reconstruction, drainage improvements, and bridge replacement.

Patrick Hartley discussed where the 1ACCPTF fits into the project timeline and at which points the project team would be soliciting input from task force members.

No action was taken.

6. Public Outreach Effort

HDR Strategic Communications Consultant, Lloyd Brown, explained the upcoming public outreach effort and asked 1ACCPTF members to weigh in on recent engagement/communication tools and specific groups that should be contacted during the outreach process.

As part of the information collecting process for public input, the following questions will be asked to the surrounding community:

- What are your priorities?
- What are your concerns?
- What are your goals?

Discussion was held, but no subsequent action was taken.

7. Project Data Overview

Lead Traffic Engineer, Felipe Ladron de Guevara from Kittelson and Associates, delivered a presentation on traffic data, demographics, and land use in the corridor. Details on right-of-way, project phasing, construction costs, and utilities were mentioned. The DCR will be divided into three phases over the next 18 months to determine a preferred alternative.

Discussion was held, but no subsequent action was taken.

8. 1ACCPTF Open Discussion

The project team answered questions from members of the 1ACCPTF, and with permission from Chair Jon Barger, some members of the public were also allowed to ask questions. Below are questions, suggestions, and future topics for discussion received during the open discussion. No subsequent action was taken.

- Questions:
 - Where did this project spawn from and what were the initial problems that you were trying to solve?
 - Will the bridge be the highest capital expense?
 - What's the extension about the urban periphery through the RTA project?
 - What's the city's standard asphalt replacement?
 - What makes the most sense and is the least disruptive?
- Suggestions:
 - Bicycle improvements on 1st Avenue
 - Create QR codes to scan within the corridor
 - Contact Sun Tran
 - Contact schools located on 1st Avenue
- Future topics for discussion:
 - Street stops vs. bus pullouts
 - Biological and environmental evaluation

9. Confirm Future Meeting Dates

Patrick Hartley explained to 1ACCPTF members that there was a request to change the standing meeting date from the fourth Thursday of every month to the third Thursday of every month. It was moved by Chair Jon Barger, duly seconded by Vice Chair Karl Peterson, to change the standing meeting date to the third Thursday of every month. The 1ACCPTF unanimously passed this motion.

10. Adjournment

Chair Jon Barger adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.