



# 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Citizens' Corridor Planning Task Force

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 5:45 p.m.

Donna Liggins Recreation Center

2160 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Tucson, AZ 85705



## LEGAL ACTION REPORT

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Due to the absence of the Chair and both Co-Chairs at the start of this meeting, the task force members present were asked for a volunteer to act as Chair for this meeting. Melissa (Mimi) Noshay-Petro volunteered to be the acting Chair.

The Acting Chair Melissa (Mimi) Noshay-Petro called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m. The quorum was established through roll call.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Caroline Bartelme	Kate Saunders
Dave Boston	Dana Higgins
Ruben Robles	Karl Peterson
Melissa (Mimi) Noshay-Petro	Nancy Reid
Kathleen (Susan) O'Brien	
Mindy Gutzmer	
Maxine Dunkelman	
Mark Hachtel	
A.M. Rivers	
Marci Caballero-Reynolds	

### 2. Approval of March 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Melissa (Mimi) Noshay-Petro asked 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Citizens' Corridor Planning Task Force (1ACCPTF) members if they had an opportunity to review the minutes from the previous meeting on March 20, 2025. All 1ACCPTF members reviewed the minutes, and Motion to accept made by Kathleen (Susan) O'Brien and Caroline Bartelme Seconded. All approved.

### 3. Call to the Audience

No comments were received during the Call to the Audience.

#### **4. Election for Chairman and Co-Chair**

The task force member discussed that they would like to nominate Karl Peterson from Co-Chair to Chairman but he was not in attendance so they will table until another meeting. There was a call for any co-chair nominees. At this time, Ruben Robles volunteered to be a Co-Chair. Kathleen (Susan) O'Brien motioned Ruben Robles to be a Co-Chair; A.M. Rivers seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all were in favor of Ruben Robles being the new Co-Chair.

#### **5. Community Outreach**

HDR Communications Lead, Kristi Ross discussed the next steps for Community Outreach on the project.

Community Outreach Phase 2 is expected to begin in July 2025. Some of the pieces of the second phase will include a public Open House, virtual meeting, community events and pop-ups. The focus of this phase will be to gather feedback and consensus on goals, priorities and draft recommended alternatives.

#### **6. Future Traffic Volumes and Intersection Configurations**

Kittelson & Associates Principal Engineer, Felipe Ladron de Guevara presented Future Traffic Volumes and Intersection Configurations. He spoke about why they look at future traffic volumes for several reasons, including improving safety and support mobility, evaluating the impact of planned developments, accommodating long-term demand, and guiding street and intersection improvements.

Felipe then presented the 2045 Travel Demand Model to obtain growth rates from 2024 to 2045 for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. No action was taken at this time.

#### **7. Right-of-Way Considerations**

HDR Project Manager, Brent Kirkman discussed that one of the goals of the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Project is to *Minimize the impacts of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue improvements on adjacent residents and businesses*. The project team has worked on the design strategies to make sure they minimize acquisitions of structures and properties.

Brent then presented the *Three Tiers of Property Impact* and the guiding principles for adhering to the tiers, which will keep acquisitions to a minimum as they design the corridor.

No action was taken.

#### **8. Roadway Alignment Workshop**

HDR Project Manager, Brent Kirkman discussed the latest corridor design strategies and asked for input from the task force members.

He then presented an updated 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue corridor map to the task force members, and they discussed two segments. The first segment was Grant to Prince Roads.

The second was the Prince to Roger Roads segment, which is the most constrained segment on the corridor. Two possible alternatives for this section were presented to the group along with a discussion chart containing design strategies and their impacts, to assist task force members in making recommendations.

The next segment discussed is the Roger to River Roads segment, which has the most additional space and will have little to no right-of-way impacts.

**9. Future Agenda Items**

DTM Administrator Patrick Hartley updated the off-agenda field visit of the corridor. He discussed the preferred date for the corridor visit. There was discussion within the group that we will continue to plan for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. The selection of the meeting place was Rillito River Park. More discussion to follow.

**10. Adjournment**

Ruben asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Melissa (Mimi) Noshay-Petro motioned, and A.M. Rivers seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.