



1st Avenue Citizens' Corridor Planning Task Force

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 5:45 p.m.

Donna Liggins Recreation Center

2160 N. 6th Avenue

Tucson, AZ 85705



LEGAL ACTION REPORT

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair Karl Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. The quorum was established through roll call.

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

2. Approval of September 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Karl Peterson asked the members of the 1st Avenue Citizens' Corridor Planning Task Force (1ACCPTF) if they had an opportunity to review the minutes from the previous meeting on September 18, 2025. All 1ACCPTF members reviewed the minutes, and Mindy Gutzmer made a motion to accept, seconded by Melissa (Mimi) Noshay-Petro. All approved.

3. Call to the Audience

No comments were received during the Call to the Audience.

4. Schedule Update

HDR provided a schedule update to discuss where we are and what we've done to date.

He did a quick re-cap of where we started with a blank map in August 2024 and then what we achieved since then. This included looking at the existing conditions, setting goals, designing frameworks and strategies for improvement options, and gathering input at our second Open House.

5. Public Outreach Update

HDR Strategic Communications Lead, Kristi Ross presented the updates on public outreach, which included a public open house event, pop-ups, and an online meeting. Kristi also summarized some of the comments that were received during Phase II outreach.

No action was taken.

6. Design Concept Report (DCR) Review

HDR Project Manager, Brent Kirkman, presented the DCR Overview. He went over the high-level explanation of the DCR. He explained that the DCR is the documentation for everything we have been doing. The DCR includes all the current recommendations for improvements to the corridor. Brent went through a few examples of suggested options that may need to be modified due to the right of way and other issues.

City of Tucson DTM Administrator, Patrick Hartley added that they are doing something unique on this project; it is called a roadway safety assessment. They will bring in outside experts to look at the design and give it a peer review to make sure we are designing it as safely as possible.

The DCR represents the 15% design milestone; the next will be 30%, then 60%, 90%, and finally 100%, at which point the design will be accepted and closed. No action was taken.

7. Schedule Update (Key Tasks for Next 6 Months)

Patrick Hartley and Brent Kirkman discussed the key tasks for the next six months of the project. The project will be moving from 15% to 30% in early summer, 2026. There will be some refinements, but we are working on the following:

Detailed Design

- Bridge Substructure Design
- Bridge Superstructure Design
- Street Lighting System Design
- Traffic Signal Design
- Property Access Design
- Project Phasing and Delivery

There was a short discussion on what happens if the RTA Next vote does not pass.

As discussed in previous meetings, they have some funding for the 1st Avenue project but not all the funding to deliver on everything that is proposed right now. So, if RTA Next

does not pass, they can look for other funding options or reduce the proposed roadway design.

No action is taken.

8. Future Agenda Items

Patrick Hartley and Brent Kirkman discussed how to proceed with these Citizen Task Force meetings now that we are in detailed design to reach 30%. It was discussed that these may move to meeting quarterly or bi-monthly. The decision was reached to leave the calendared monthly meetings in place and reschedule or cancel as needed.

9. Adjournment

Karl moved to adjourn the meeting; Ruben Robles seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.