



1st Avenue Citizens' Corridor Planning Task Force

Thursday, September 18, 2025, 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 5:50 p.m.
The quorum was established through roll call.

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

2. Approval of June 12, 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 June 12, 2025. All 1ACCPTF members reviewed the minutes, and Kathleen (Susan) O'Brien made a motion to accept, seconded by Ruben Robles. All approved.

3. Call to the Audience

No comments were received during the Call to the Audience.

4. Public Outreach Update

HDR Senior Communications Coordinator Carrie Wilkinson presented the updates on public outreach. Carrie started with the upcoming events and activities, which include a public open house event, pop-ups, and a virtual open house. No action was taken.

5. Design Update

HDR Project Manager, Brent Kirkman, presented the design update. He went over the updates to Bridge Design and informed the group that the Final Bridge Selection Report has been accepted, and they completed the Draft Geotechnical Report. Brent also provided an update on the roadway design and drainage design.

Brent then introduced WHEAT J2 PLA Studio Lead, Laura Mielcarek and WHEAT J2 MLA Lead Designer, Jenny Moscato to go over the landscape design update.

She then introduced Jenny to discuss the type of elements and the corridor character ideas that she has in mind for the project. Jenny presented an array of sample photos of the type of elements she is considering for the project. Jenny also presented two right-of-way concepts. No action was taken.

6. Transit

City of Tucson DTM Administrator, Patrick Hartley, then presented on transit, which included a review of the transit stop principles.

Patrick showed an overhead of the Fort Lowell Road and 1st Avenue intersection with the proposed bus pullout location shown. He then listed the intersections where bus pullouts are proposed.

The team proposes no bus pullouts at midblock locations (away from signalized intersections). Patrick added that they still need to address bus/bike conflicts at stops.

Patrick presented one of the considerations they have for bus/bike conflicts. No action was taken.

7. Traffic Operations Update

Kittelson & Associates Principal Engineer, Felipe Ladron de Guevara, gave an update on the traffic simulation results for the corridor, with estimated increases in cars, bikes, and people by 2045 to show how the proposed improvements along 1st Avenue will affect the Level of Service on the roadway.

Felipe then presented the 2045 Draft Traffic Simulation for the intersections along the project. The results show that the Level of Service will remain the same except at River Road, where it will go down in the P.M. hours. No action was taken.

8. RTA/RTA Next Update

Rick Ellis with RTA gave an update on the RTA Next plan. He told the group that the 1st Avenue Improvement Project is a part of RTA Next. He asked everyone to please visit the RTA Next plan website and look at the proposed plan. No action was taken.

9. Future Agenda Items

City of Tucson DTM Administrator Patrick Hartley celebrated the task force and their efforts over the last year.

Patrick also asked them to attend the Open House on October 15th, which is the day before the scheduled October 16th Citizens Task Force meeting. He then recommended that we cancel the Citizens Task Force Meeting for October. The members agreed this would be a good idea for October. No action was taken.

10. Adjournment

Karl moved to adjourn the meeting; Ruben Robles seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.