



Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee** and to the general public that the **Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee** will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public:

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, February 11, 2008**

Meeting Location: **Himmel Park Library** 1035 N. Treat Avenue  
(just south of Speedway Blvd).  
Please lock your bikes outside the meeting room.

Meeting Time: **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Please arrive by 5:50 PM. If a quorum of 12 members is not reached by 6:10 PM City, County and other staff are required to leave and the meeting will be canceled.**

### Agenda

	<u>Projected Duration</u>
1. <b>Call to Order</b> ; Introductions and Approval of January meeting minutes	<b>5 min.</b>
2. <b>Call to Public</b>	<b>10 min.</b>
<p>This is the time when any member of the public may address the BAC. Due to time constraints, the total time allocated for this is 10 minutes. <b>Individuals are allowed three minutes each.</b> If additional time is needed to address the BAC, it may be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.</p>	
3. <b>Law Enforcement and Enforcement Subcommittee Reports</b>	<b>10 min.</b>
4. <b>2008 Regional Bike Count Presentation</b>	<b>20 min.</b>
5. <b>State Statutes Modification</b>	<b>20 min.</b>
6. <b>Sahuarita Meeting in March</b>	<b>10 min.</b>
7. <b>Subcommittee Reports</b>	<b>20 min.</b>
a. Executive	
b. Education and Outreach	
c. Facilities	
d. Downtown	

- e. Shootout
- f. RTA Bike/Ped Working Group

**8. Staff Reports**

**20 min.**

Tom Thivener, City of Tucson; Matt Zoll, Pima County; Nancy Ellis, Oro Valley; Bob Clements, Marana; Gabe Thum, Pima Association of Governments

**9. Announcements**

**5 min.**

**10. Adjournment**

**at 8:00 pm**



**TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**12 Members Necessary for Quorum**

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**For questions or corrections, please contact Tom Thivener at 791-4371 or Matt Zoll at 243-BIKE**

**Tucson-Pima County  
Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 14, 2009  
Himmel Park Library, 1035 Treat Avenue  
6:00 p.m.  
Submitted by Karen Berchtold**

**1. Call to Order, introductions and approval of November minutes.**

At 6:03 p.m., a quorum being present, Chairperson Brian Beck called the meeting to order.

Chairperson Beck asked if any changes were requested to the minutes. Karen Berchtold requested some changes. A motion to approve the minutes with the suggested changes was made by Steve Bresler and seconded by Bruce Hermes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Call to Public.**

There were no comments from the public.

**3. Law Enforcement and Enforcement Subcommittee Reports**

Eric Post informed the group that the Enforcement Committee met before this evening's meeting. The Committee reviewed an incident of bicycle assault with a baseball bat (the license plate was obtained). The group noted that the Tucson Police Department (TPD) did not investigate. The Committee believes follow up was warranted and will draft a comment letter to TPD.

The Committee will begin intensive review of bicycle accident reports of the last several years. He asked for volunteers to assist on Monday, January 19, at 1:00 p.m. at Eric's office.

David Bachman-Williams asked if the issue of Law Enforcement attendance has been resolved. Eric responded that he believes it may be due to a budget issue, but will confirm.

**4. Pima County Prosecutor – presentation by Attorney Bruce Chalk**

Attorneys Bruce Chalk and David Berkman introduced themselves. Attorney Chalk provided an update on the El Tour accident in which a vehicle operated by Mr. William Wilson struck bicyclist Gary Stuebe and others. Mr. Wilson has been charged with a Class II leaving the scene of an accident, but not for making a bad left turn (a civil offense).

Eric asked why the bicyclist bat assault had not been prosecuted, and discussion ensued. Attorney Chalk said "sufficient evidence" must be provided to prosecute. It is the responsibility of the involved agency, in that case TPD, to gather the evidence.

Chair Brian Beck asked Eric Post how often TPD say they cannot prosecute a case because they didn't get support from the Pima County Prosecutor? Eric responded that some laws, such as the requirement that vehicles provide a three foot wide gap from cyclists, are unenforceable.

To prosecute a felony, Pima County prosecutors must have a "substantial likelihood of conviction," a solid case that shows proof beyond a reasonable doubt. The threshold is much lower for civil cases. Attorney Chalk drew a diagram of the process from initial review to decision to prosecute. The office does not prosecute 50% of all cases, for various reasons. In the Wilson case, Attorney Chalk needed to review and transcribe 6-7 witness cases, which on top of other case work took two weeks.

Members asked how such issues as the victim's condition, the perpetrator's age, and whether death is an outcome figure into a possible sentence. The prosecutors said that recklessness must be shown to rise to level of a criminal offense, and the charge may be elevated in case of death if recklessness is shown. A driving under the influence charge does not constitute recklessness in and of itself, it must be shown to be reckless.

Members asked what the next steps are in the Wilson case. The attorneys said next steps are a case management conference, pre-trial conference, and then setting up trial date. If the case goes to trial, it will likely be scheduled around the end of the year.

## **5. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking**

David Bachman-Williams, Downtown / University Subcommittee (DTSC) Chair, provided a diagram and update on the streetcar improvements. The HDR designers will be looking at the possibility of bringing the streetcar tracks closer into the center.

David said that the DTSC looked at solutions for the challenges: on-street parking along the proposed six-foot wide bicycle lane, and three "bump outs" for passenger loading onto the streetcar that stick into the bicycle lane. The elimination of vehicle parking has been suggested, however, Fourth Avenue Merchants Association (FAMA) will not support that. The DTSC voted to not endorse the elimination of parking.

The group is considering whether sharrows can be used to prompt bicyclists to move over and cross the track before the bumpouts. David clarified that the six foot wide bicycle lane should be sufficient for cyclists, which is a separate issue from the bumpouts.

Chair Brian Beck asked if there is support for the sharrows? David responded that TDOT Director Jim Glock supports them.

Eric Post made a motion that the BAC support a ban on-street parking on Fourth Avenue from University to 9<sup>th</sup> street, except for delivery vehicles. Secretary Karen Berchtold seconded the motion.

The motion was defeated; five in favor, six opposed, and one abstaining.

Chair Brian Beck suggested that the DTSC work with TDOT on the sharrow issue. Larry Robinson, Chair, Facilities Subcommittee, said that perhaps the BAC should put its efforts into supporting a future bicycle boulevard.

## **6. RTA Projects Update**

Eleven bicycle/pedestrian projects have been received. Pima County has two partnering projects.

Roy Schoonover said the next step is that the projects recommended for approval by the Bike/Pedestrian Working Group go to the RTA Board for final approval. Then an Intergovernmental Agreement is drafted for municipalities to get the funds to move ahead with design, then construction.

Larry Robinson said that one or more projects on the list were submitted to the federal government for possible funding under an economic stimulus package.

Tom Thivener, City DOT, said that if the BAC wants to consider Bicycle Boulevards for future RTA funding that the BAC should re-evaluate the original priorities of the list which was made up solely of bike lanes on major roadways.

Matt Zoll, Pima County DOT, said that since September 2007, 27 new miles of bike lanes have been created.

## **7. Subcommittee Reports**

### **Executive:**

Chair Brian Beck said that Nancy Ellis, Oro Valley Multimodal Coordinator, is working on getting a new OV representative. Jean Gorman still wants to fill a Pima County position. Also, a rep for Davis Monthan is needed. Brian said that he is not sure what the requirements are for the DMAFB rep, but he will find out.

### **Education/Outreach:**

The group drafted a list of projects for funding under a federal stimulus bill. They will have several consent agenda items for next month.

### **Downtown:**

The group discussed 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue parking, see #5 above. Their next meeting will be held at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Highland, with a bike field trip to the future 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bike Boulevard.

## **8. Staff Reports**

Tom Thivener, City DOT, said the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Corridor TAC endorsed the bicycle improvements presented at the City Council meeting last month, which included 11 foot vehicle lanes and 6 foot bike lanes. Tom also brought copies of Momentum Magazine, a bike commuter magazine from Vancouver, BC for members to take.

Gabe Thum, Pima Association of Governments (PAG), said the Bike Update Task Force will meet on Jan. 26, 2009. A draft of the Bicycle Count report is complete and being reviewed by staff. There are three applications for Safe Routes to School being reviewed by task force.

Matt Zoll, Pima County DOT, said that the County anticipates 7-10 new bicycle projects next year that will result in 16-20 new miles of bike lanes. Last month, 90 individuals participated in the Road 1 Diversion program, and 40 in the Road 2 program.

## **9. Announcements**

Several state legislators, Nancy Young Wright and Daniel Patterson, are introducing bills that support bicycle safety. One involves allowing bicyclists to yield when clear, but not come to a full stop, at stop signs.

Bob Clements, Marana Planner, said the Town is still seeking a citizen representative to the BAC.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

### **Attendance:**

Kevin McDonald	Eric Post
Larry Robinson	Bruce Hermes
Josefina Ahumada	Martha Lemen
Matt Zoll	Ted Kandell
Collin Forbes	David Berkman
Bruce Chalk	Tom Thivener
Gabe Thum	Nancy Ellis
Charlotte Bennett	Carl Case
Bob Clements	Roy Schoonover
Jean Gorman	Arthur ?
Walt Rogers	Norm Land
Tony Crosby	Dave Boston
Steve Bresler	Brian Beck
Karen Berchtold	



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**Wednesday, January 28, 2009**

**EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

***MEETING NOTICE and AGENDA***

The Executive Subcommittee will conduct a meeting Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at 6 p.m., at 1801 E. Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona. This is at the northwest corner of Campbell and Broadway.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Call to the public
3. Agenda items for future BAC meetings
4. Platinum Challenge
5. Parliamentarian
6. Reports/updates from subcommittees
7. Reports/update from staff
8. Adjournment



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**EDUCATION/OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE TUCSON/PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009**

MEETING NOTICE

The **EDUCATION/OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE** will conduct a meeting at **4:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009** at the **HIMMEL PARK BRANCH LIBRARY, 1035 N TREAT AVE**, Tucson, Arizona.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
  2. Call to the public
  3. Discussion of bike activities during BikeFest 2009
  4. Discussion of spring 2008 Outreach/Education opportunities
  5. Adjournment (by 5:55pm)
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and to the general public that the **BAC ENFORCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**  
will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public:*

**Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

**ENFORCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

MEETING NOTICE

The BAC ENFORCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE will conduct a meeting January 14, 2009, 5:00 p.m. to 5:50 p.m., at the Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call (1 min)
2. Law Enforcement Report, Jurisdictional invitations and law enforcement involvement at the BAC (10 min)
3. Call to Public (4 min)
4. Review assault case presented by Erik Ryberg and discuss possible responses (30 min)
5. Discussion, procedures for reviewing the traffic collision reports (5 min)
6. Adjournment

The Enforcement Subcom role:

**Enforcement:** training police; data generation; diversion program; all jurisdictions; new ordinances; causes of targeted enforcement; enforcement 'posses'; and a plan.

Mission statement for the entire BAC::

***Make the Tucson - Eastern Pima Region the most desirable bicycle friendly community in the United States.***

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**"Shovel Ready" Bike Projects for the Recovery & Reinvestment Package**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>Jurisdiction *</b>
1 Hohokum Middle School Bicycle and Pedestrian Project	PC
2 Continental Elementary and Middle School Safe Routes to School Project	PC
3 Pima Regional Middle School Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Program	T
4 40 pedestrian and bike signals (Hawks – Toucans) in various locations	PC/T
5 Way-finding signage – region-wide sign package, design, fabrication and placement	PC/T
6 3 Bike boulevards, studies, design, signage, traffic circles, implementation	T
7 Safe routes to school – expanding programs through construction & enlarging staff for outreach and education	PC/T
8 Julian Wash River Park, Rita Road to Houghton	T
9 Santa Cruz River Path – Ajo to Silverlake	T
10 Rillito River Park, Santa Cruz River to Camino de la Tierra	PC
11 Resurface Sahaurita Rd., Houghton to Country Club	PC
12 Resurface portions of Camino Del Sol – 2.15 miles from Adolfa south to Calle Tres	PC
13 Re-striping projects – stripe for bicycle routes use of “green” thermal where applicable:	-
a. Esperanza from La Canada west to end	PC
b. Portillo Rd.	PC
c. Crossings over I-19	-
1. Irvington	ADOT
2. Ajo	ADOT
3. Valencia	ADOT
d. Crossings over (under) I-10	-
1. 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	ADOT
2. Kino/Campbell – see under “g”	ADOT
3. Valencia west 1000 ft.	ADOT
4. Wilmot	ADOT
5. Rita Rd.	ADOT
6. Houghton	ADOT
7. Wentworth	ADOT
8. Orange Grove	ADOT
9. Ina	ADOT
10. Tangerine	ADOT
e. Country Club – Broadway to 22 <sup>nd</sup> St.	T
f. Other – road diet projects, i.e. Congress, Granada to Silverbell, Toole Ave.	PC/T
g. Address – bike lane/door zone – 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Stone, University, etc., Other green bike lane locations:	-
1. Campbell northbound approaching Grant	T
2. Campbell northbound and southbound over Rillito Bridge (3 ft. wide)	T
3. Kino southbound at I-10 (airport bikeway) both sides (ADOT?)	T
4. Kino northbound at I-10 (airport bikeway) both sides (ADOT)	T
5. Tanque Verde southbound approaching Grant	T
6. Tanque Verde southbound approaching/departing Pantano/Wrightstown	T
7. Tanque Verde northbound approaching/departing Pantano/Wrightstown	T
8. Broadway eastbound approaching/across Aviation right turn lane	T
9. Broadway westbound approaching Country Club	T
10. Mission northbound approaching 22 <sup>nd</sup> St.	T
11. Houghton southbound at Golf Links (both sides)	T
12. 22 <sup>nd</sup> St. eastbound and westbound at bridge over RR tracks (re-stripe over bridge to connects to bike lane both sides)	T
13. southbound Oracle at Drachman/Main St.	T
14. Kolb southbound approaching I-10	T
15. New Alvernon Rd. westbound departing at new River Rd.	T
16. Dodge Blvd bridge northbound and southbound (3 ft. wide)	T
14 "URBAN LOOP" regional multi-use path, any and all remaining gaps and upgrades, as much help as possible	PC/T
15 20 miles of asphalt resurfacing throughout the County DUP system	PC/T
16 Highland-First St. to Helen – bike pedestrian streetscape enhancements	T
17 Olive-Second St to Helen – bike pedestrian streetscape enhancements	T
18 Install bike racks and lockers in various downtown locations	T
19 Install bike racks and lockers at all high schools and other schools throughout pima county	PC/T
20 Install incentives for school teachers to bike to work	PC/T
21 Incentives for local businesses to bike to work	PC/T
22 Downtown and other business/school locations: provide bike stations for commuters/bikes lockers, showers, etc.)	PC/T
23 Bike loan rental program	PC/T
24 T/PC purchase US made street sweepers	PC/T

\* P=Pima County T=Tucson ADOT=AZ Dept. of Transportation

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## Pedaling his patrons

**Entrepreneur powers his one-man horseless carriage during the wee hours Downtown**

**By Valerie Vinyard**

ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Wes Weisheit vigorously pedaled his bike along North Fourth Avenue, pulling a reporter in the "cab" behind. The gentle bumps during the ride seemed to echo the pulsating beats from the Bose stereo attached to his bike.

This open-air taxi burns no gasoline and provides a leisurely ride to your destination.

Otherwise known as pedicabs, rickshaws or bike taxis, you've probably seen them cruising the streets during University of Arizona football games or late night on Fourth Avenue.

The pedicabs are free to ride, but the lively individuals, such as Weisheit, who power them work for tips.

The 46-year-old prefers to call the pedal-powered people-mover a rickshaw.

"It kind of gives it that foreign influence," said Weisheit, who works most weekends on Fourth Avenue starting about midnight.

He's pedaled people during pub crawls, UA football games and some basketball games.

And, of course, there's St. Patrick's Day. "That's the best," said Weisheit, whose usually starts around 3 p.m. on that day.

Riders include anyone from students to bar-goers to senior citizens, depending on the time and where they're riding.

You often can spot a pedicab along Fourth Avenue or Downtown on weekends from midnight to about 3 a.m.

A pedicab usually is a bench seat on wheels enclosed by arm- and backrests. A bicycle — and its operator — serve as the "engine."

Larger cities such as Phoenix and tourist towns like Key West, Fla., have an abundance of pedicabs in their downtowns. Tucson has just a few.

Weisheit first worked for Sean Dile, who bought his \$4,000 pedicab in November 2007 from Colorado-based Main Street Pedicabs. The two met in December 2007, and Weisheit worked for him for about five months before branching out with his own Main Street pedicab in May. His model is tricked out with a \$5,000 Bose stereo and gas-charged Volkswagen shock absorbers.

"The reason I came up with the idea is because I live by The Shanty and I wanted to go to Congress and not have to walk," said Dile, who works at New Empire Food Market on West Ninth Street and commissions out his pedicab.

Weisheit said he's logged about 1,500 miles on his rickshaw and probably carried 2,500 passengers.

"I think they do have a place here," said Matt Zoll, bicycle and pedestrian program manager for the Pima County Department of Transportation. "It would be nice to see a successful one here — they have tremendous capabilities."

Thom Devrie has hitched rides on a pedicab along Fourth Avenue. He said he likes the convenience of it when he's on a date.

"Sometimes she's wearing high heels and it's hard for her to walk very far," said the 22-year-old, who has tipped about \$5 each time he's used one. "It gets us to the next place faster and easier."

Besides the hefty initial investment, owning a pedicab isn't as simple as it seems.

"It's not easy to make money at this," Weisheit said. "A lot of people think that they can do it, but they can't."

Dile agreed.

"You can't just sit on the corner and wait for people to ride," he said.

Though Dile and Weisheit agree that it would be nice to operate the pedicabs during the day, they said demand tends to be low.

"People are on the Avenue in the daytime, but they tend to be sober and don't ride," Weisheit said.

As to how far they'll ride people around, well, that depends.

"Far is relative to how many people you've got," Weisheit said.

He has crammed six "small" students in his cab, which comfortably seats three to four. He said he's carried about 800 pounds before, and he estimated that his cab alone weighs 170 pounds.

Weisheit said the average tip runs about \$10. Of course, some riders don't tip. To velvet-tongued pedicab drivers like Weisheit, non-tippers are few and far between. He usually persuades riders to give him something, even if it's pizza or beer.

The real money is in the advertising on the cab. Dile's rickshaw has had up to eight ads on it, from Nova Home Loans to Bison Witches Bar and Deli.

Weisheit mainly sticks to area advertisers like Brooklyn Pizza Co. and Ordinary Bike Shop. Depending on the placement of the ad — the back is the best spot — revenue varies, but the ads bring in hundreds a month.

David Tang, the 27-year-old owner of Ordinary Bike Shop, is pleased with the attention his ad brings.

"It's great — it gives us lots of local exposure," Tang said. "When members of the community are involved, it's always great. It does a lot of local outreach."

Erik Ryberg, self-described Tucson Bike Lawyer, thinks pedicabs are a great idea.

"I had some friends come into town to take the bar exam," he said. "I wanted to show them old parts of Tucson and El Presidio, so they rode in the back of (Weisheit's) pedicab."

"It was a great way of showing a couple of friends from Maryland what Tucson is like."

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