



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, May 14, 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 5:45 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. Call to Order ; Introductions and Approval of April meeting minutes	5 min.
2. Call to Public	10 min.
<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. Individuals are allowed three minutes each. If additional time is needed to address the BAC, it may be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.</p>	
3. Law Enforcement and Enforcement Subcommittee Reports	15 min.
4. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Parliamentarian	25 min.
<p>Chairperson: Brian Beck and Richard Corbett Vice-Chairperson: Martha Lemen and Steve Bressler Secretary: Karen Berchtold Parilmentarian: Steve Bressler, Brian Beck and Richard Corbett</p>	
5. BAC Consent Agenda	5 min.
<p>Items placed on the consent agenda are determined by the subcommittees and submitted by the subcommittee chairs to the Executive Sub-committee.</p>	

Matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by members of the committee, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Letter to U of A regarding bike access during special events

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| 6. BAC Summer Schedule and Retreat | 5 min. |
| Possible dates for annual retreat are June 21 or 28 | |
| 7. Subcommittee Reports | 30 min. |
| a. Executive | |
| b. Education and Outreach | |
| c. Facilities | |
| d. Downtown | |
| f. Platinum Challenge Taskforce | |
| e. Shootout | |
| 8. Action Item Review | 5 min. |
| 9. Staff Reports | 15 min. |
| Tom Thivener, City of Tucson; Matt Zoll, Pima County; Nancy Ellis, Oro Valley; Steve Cheslak, Marana; Gabe Thum, Pima Association of Governments | |
| 10. Announcements | 5 min. |
| Bicycle Friendly Community Celebration-May 15 | |
| Ride of Silence-May 21 | |
| 11. Adjournment | at 8:00 pm |



TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12 Members Necessary for Quorum

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CITY OF TUCSON	Representation	Phone	Fax	Other	E-mail	BAC Term Expires
1 Jean Gorman	Representative for Mayor Bob Walkup	885-5299	885-5299	240-2723	prairiejean@aol.com	August 7, 2008
2 Steve Bresler (Parliamentarian)	Representative for Regina Romero, Ward 1	721-5764	721-5773		Sbresler@msn.com	December 5, 2011
3 Brian Beck (Vice Chair)	Representative for Rodney Glassman, Ward 2	795-3000 x 113		326-9587	coyotes@cox.net	July 7, 2010
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5 Wayne Cullop	Representative for Shirley Scott, Ward 4	290-4321		977-3018	pwcullop@comcast.net	December 5, 2011
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8 Diana Tolton (Chair)	Pima County	440-4663	615-8444		dtolton@cox.net	June 30, 2008
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14 Norm Land	Pima County	870-2555			NormLand1@aol.com	June 30, 2008
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19 (open)	Town of Marana					
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<u>SAHUARITA</u>						
20 Merritt Howard	Town of Sahuarita	393-0935			merrithoward13@cox.net	March 21, 2008
<u>UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA</u>						
21 Charles Franz	University of Arizona	626-7433	621-9898		cf Franz@email.arizona.edu	August 31, 2008
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22 John Thaxton	Davis-Monthan AFB	519-8067		390-0008	Thaxton3@cox.net	December 31, 2008
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For questions or corrections, please contact Tom Thivener at 837-6691 or Matt Zoll at 243-BIKE

Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes of the Wednesday, April 9, 2008 Regular Meeting

Himmel Park Library, 1035 N Treat Avenue

Tucson, AZ

Prepared and Submitted by
Secretary Richard E. Corbett

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of March Meeting Minutes

A quorum being present, Chair Diana Tolton called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Members and guests present then introduced themselves (see the attendance at the end of this document).

Minor corrections to the March meeting minutes were brought up, and noted by Secretary Richard Corbett. Included were two name corrections, and two spelling corrections.

Parliamentarian Steve Bresler then moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting, as corrected, Member Wayne Cullopp seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

2. Call to the Public

Citizen Vern Roberts stated that he rides with the Shootout group, and was riding on Park Avenue with other cyclists, when motorcycle officers pulled alongside, and told them that they needed to ride single file.

Roberts stated he was shocked, as he reads that ARS 28-815 makes it clear that there are several exceptions to the requirement to ride ‘as far to the right as practicable’, including when the lane is too narrow for a bicycle and a motor vehicle to travel safely side-by-side within the lane.

Secretary Richard Corbett (who has 21 years experience as an expert witness) stated that the law is clear on this issue, that Roberts had read the statute correctly, and that it seemed the officers were in error.

Pima County Bicycle Program Manager Matt Zoll referred to the Share the Road Guide, where this is affirmed.

3. Law Enforcement Report from Tucson Police Department, and updates on Enforcement Activities

Sheriff’s Sergeant Jeffrey Copfer (Supervisor of the Traffic Unit) reported that there had been seven bicycle-motor vehicle crashes in March. Five of these were non-injury crashes.

Vice-Chair Brian Beck asked if there is an internal investigation regarding the March Shootout incident? Sgt Copfer stated he is not in the loop, but that he does know internal affairs investigation is not finished yet.

Member Norm Land asked if Sgt Copfer knew anything about a SR 77 crash, that was possibly fatal? Sgt Copfer stated he knows nothing about such an incident.

4. Nomination Subcommittee Report

Nomination Subcommittee Chair Martha Lemen reported that the following have agreed to run for the four offices:

Chair:	Brian Beck, Richard Corbett
Vice-Chair:	Steve Bresler, Martha Lemen
Secretary:	Karen Berchtold
Parliamentarian:	Brian Beck, Steve Bresler, and Richard Corbett

Chair Diana Tolton noted that voting for these Offices would take place at the May 14th regular meeting. According to City and County Attorneys who reviewed the BAC revised bylaws, voting must be public – no written ballots.

5. BAC Consent Agenda

Downtown Sub-committee Chair David Bachman-Williams moved to approve the two consent agenda items, Secretary Richard Corbett seconded the motion.

Facility Sub-committee Chair Bill Adamson asked that a proviso be added regarding both letters – that the wording might have to change slightly, Parliamentarian Steve Bresler said that would be okay, but the intent could not change.

- A. Letter of support for Alvernon and Hughes Access RTA bike lane project
- B. Letter of support for the Velodrome Youth Training Center

The vote on the motion was taken, and passed unanimously.

6. Marana Meeting

Chair Diana Tolton noted that she had spoke with Marana Council member Russ Clanagan, and that he feels September is the best month for the BAC to meet in Marana. She suggested that when we have this meeting, that we strive to carpool.

7. Establish new geographic boundaries for subcommittees

Facility Sub-committee Chair Bill Adamson stated that he feels that both sub-committees need to meet together to work out the best solution to boundaries for the Facilities Subcommittee and the Downtown Subcommittee. He seeks flexibility, and feels that it will be best if both sub-committees agree. The Facilities Subcommittee has suggested that the Downtown Subcommittee expand to encompass the area from Tucson Mountains, to Alvernon, and River Road to Valencia Road.

Downtown Sub-committee Chair David Bachman-Williams stated that the motion that the Downtown Subcommittee passed at their last meeting called for the boundaries being the same as those suggested by the Facilities Subcommittee, except the east boundary would move to Camino Seco.

Member Wayne Cullop agreed that the sub-committees should work the boundaries out. He then offered a motion to let the two Sub-committees work out the boundaries them selves. Vice-Chair Brian Beck seconded the motion.

Downtown Sub-committee Chair David Bachman-Williams stated that he feels that projects are the most important balance element. Parliamentarian Steve Bresler said that densities change over time.

The vote on the motion was taken, and passed unanimously.

8. Sub-committee Reports

Enforcement: BAC Enforcement Chair Eric Post reported that the special meeting held with Shootout riders and the Enforcement Sub-committee was ‘pretty good ‘ meeting.

Shootout Riders Want

- No Permit Requirements
- S.O. to have safe procedure for pull overs
- To be able to use entire lane
- For S.O. to track complaints seriously
- Possible S.O. motorcycle escort

Sheriff’s Office Wants

- Self-policing by Riders
- Eject misbehaving riders
- Total acceptance of ‘car back, stop signs, & traffic signals

Sgt Jeff Copfer agrees with the motorcycle idea, and noted that there were no complaints in the last couple of weeks.

Downtown Sub-committee Chair David Bachman-Williams said he thinks the golf tournament gets free motorcycle escort services. Sgt Copfer responded that all officers who do that are off-duty, and are paid.

Chair Diana Tolton stated that she wants to be sure that complaints are specific. Sgt Copfer stated that he only gets the word on complaints thru BAC e-mails. So then how can complaints be tracked, asked Tolton? Sgt Copfer says it is possible, but not easy, due to different SO districts.

Member Norm Land asked about the possibility of Arizona Rangers as motorcycle escorts? Secretary Richard Corbett mentioned that Arizona rangers have helped with the El Tour start line-ups for several years. Land went on to suggest posting the “10 rules of the Shootout Ride” on a web site.

Enforcement Chair Eric Post added that a pre-ride review of these rules would be good idea too. He then went on to ask TDOT Coordinator Tom Thivener and County Bike Program Manager Matt Zoll if there might be funding capabilities to help support motorcycle escorts.

Zoll responded that County Special Events covers ‘things’ like this. Member Wayne Cullopp asked if maybe there could be an alliance with local Harley-Davidson dealer?

Sgt Copfer said traffic control has to be legitimate laws enforcement officers or certified and trained auxiliary volunteers.

Secretary Richard Corbett mentioned that Arizona rangers could be contacted through PBAA.

Enforcement Chair Eric Post added that due to the shootout issue, the ‘assaults on cyclists’ issue has not yet been dealt with. In closing he mentioned that the May issue of American Bicyclist, the publication of the League of American Bicyclists, mentioned Tucson as a ‘most significant improvement’.

Downtown: Sub-committee Chair David Bachman-Williams stated that the issue of the trolley tracks is still not resolved. They are ‘still working on it’.

Chair Diana Tolton said that the trolley track extension was ‘sold to us’ as ‘bicycle friendly’; and she wonders what happened to this commitment?

Downtown Sub-committee Chair David Bachman-Williams said that the 4th Avenue Underpass design was revised without public input. He went on to say that the City has done additional signing and striping in the last two weeks. He added that the ‘best’ solution for bicycles is still being discussed.

Secretary Richard Corbett mentioned the elastomer filler that he is familiar with, that is supposed to be a lot more bicycle friendly than the traditional flange slot. Enforcement Sub-committee Chair Eric Post said he believes that crossing the tracks is still ‘problematic’.

Facility: Sub-committee Chair Bill Adamson announced that the Pima County Bond Committee will meet at the Manning House to review the Parks and Recreation elements from 9:00 to 11:00 am, on April 25th. He went on to state that there are ‘lots’ of shared-use paths in the proposed bond package.

Education: Sub-committee Chair Brian Beck reported that that they are working on the annual Ride of Silence. The ride will be shorter this year than last, and will be Wednesday May 21st. It will start and end at Sears Park, to the south of Park Mall. He went on to say that Friday (April 11th) is Bike to Work Day, and there will be two locations – the traditional downtown location (Jacome Plaza), and a new eastside location, at the Bristol Coffee Bus, organized and run by the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, Sean Hammond. Then Saturday, April 12th, Mayor Walkup will lead a ride

Executive: Chair Diana Tolton stated that she is nearing the end of two years as Chair, and will be developing a report. She believes the most significant accomplishment in the two years has been the development and functioning of the BAC Sub-Committee.

She believes the BAC has become even more effective in the last few years. The two retreats that have been held have also been very beneficial to the BAC's direction and goals. The Minutes have grown and gotten a lot better. Each Member is on at least one Sub-committee, and when issues arose, such as the motorized bikes issue, the dedication of the members has made a real positive difference. The PAG Platinum Task Force has been effective in preparing this year's application, with Rich Corbett as Chair.

Finally, and not least, Tolton expressed her thanks to the staff – Tom Thivener, Gabe Thum, and Matt Zoll.

Platinum Task Force

PAG Platinum Task Force Chair Richard Corbett reported quickly that the final application was submitted in March, and the League will announce results in late. Corbett went on to recognize and thank again his committee chairs: Donna Lewandowski, Kathryn Skinner, Tom Thivener, Gabe Thum, and Sgt Paul Tosca. The application is SO greatly improved over last time.

9. Action Item Review

No report was given..

10. Staff Reports

Oro Valley Bike-Ped Coordinator Nancy Ellis that the traffic signal at Magee and Northern is being redone to make it bicycle responsive.

Marana staff member Steve Cheslak announced that the new extension of Tangerine Road to Gladden Farms is ready to open soon, and has bicycle accommodation. He went on to mention that a dualathlon will take place in Marana April 20th, and the Tour of the Tucson Mountains will be held (start and Finish at the Marana Town Hall) Sunday, April 27th.

PAG Staff member Gabe Thum mentioned that the Platinum application was submitted March 21st. and the results are due to be announced April 24th. The RTA is accepting letter of intent for projects included in the successful 2006 RTA Vote.

TDOT Bike-Ped Coordinator Tom Thivener said he attended the Bike facility Design Workshop in Phoenix today. He has prepared and submitted a transportation enhancement grant application for bicycle boulevards. He has worked a lot on the annual Bike to Work Day (downtown April 11, 7:00 to 9:00 am, and eastside at Bristol Coffee Bus, same time and date). He asked for help with setting up food for the Mayors' ride, and mentioned the kickoff for Bike Fest – the Bike Fest Movie event at the Fox Theater, with free Bike Valet Parking.

Downtown Sub-committee Chair David Bachman-Williams complimented the Bike Valet Parking – it is really popular and a service to cyclists.

PCDOT Bike Program Manager Matt Zoll reported that the bike diversion program is still pending. Enforcement Chair Eric Post pointed out that the diversion program was on the original Enforcement Sub-committee goals list.

Zoll went on to say that Walk n Roll to School day had a record turnout. The bike lanes on Continental Road will go to construction next week, as will Orange Groove, Sunrise to 1st Avenue. Paved shoulders have been added on Mission, from Drexel to San Xavier Road.

Bike Ed classes are going well, and have been well attended. He said the program is just about out of money, but he may be able to use another source. The Radio PSAs are coming our next week, and there is a school siting seminar at Randolph Recreation Center Friday.

Finally, the Bike Ambassadors Program is getting organized, with six to eight teams, and will be ‘launched’ after Bike Fest, by next fall.

Member Norm Land added that the reconstruction of Oracle Road from Calle Concordia to Tangerine is important to bicyclists. He also noted that growth in the Vail area is ahead of bicycle accommodations in that growth area.

11. Announcements

Member Norm Land mentioned that the driver who hit and killed the 14 year old cyclist on Broadway about two months has a pre-trial conference coming up soon. The time to attend, and be able to speak is at the sentencing, if the driver is found guilty.

Member Jean Gorman says the father is responding with positive steps to memorialize his son.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm

~~~ ATTENDANCE ~~~

**Members**

Bill Adamson, Pima County  
David Bachman-Williams, Pima County  
Brian Beck, Ward 2 (Vice-Chair)  
Karen Berchtold, Pima County  
Steve Bresler, Ward 1 (Parliamentarian)  
Richard Corbett, Ward 5 (Secretary)  
Tony Crosby, Pima County  
Wayne Cullop, Ward 4  
Jean Gorman, Tucson Mayor's Office  
Norm Land, Pima County  
Martha Lemen, Pima County  
Zach MacDonald, Pima County  
Eric Post, Pima County  
Diana Tolton, Pima County (Chair)

**Staff**

Steve Cheslak, Marana  
Sgt Jeff Copfer, Sheriff's Office  
Nancy Ellis, Oro Valley  
Tom Thivener, TDOT  
Matt Zoll, PCDOT

**Members of the Public**

Helen Battiste, citizen  
Collin Forbes, citizen  
Eric Gonnason, citizen  
Bruce Hermes, citizen  
Ben Matiella, citizen  
Vern Roberts, citizen  
Lisa Westerbeck, citizen



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**April 9, 2008**

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

**April 9, 2008**

MEETING NOTICE

The BAC ENFORCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE will conduct a meeting April 9, 2008, 5:00 p.m. to 5:55 p.m., at the Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Law Enforcement Report
3. Call to Public
4. Follow-Up on Shoot Out Meeting
5. Discussion on cyclist assault cases.
6. ADJOURNMENT

From the retreat we had on May 13, 2006, the Enforcement Subcom role was:

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

And the mission statement for the entire BAC was:

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**Special  
Meeting**



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

MEETING NOTICE

The BAC ENFORCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE will conduct a meeting April 8, 2008, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the **Ward VI Office, 3202 East First Street**, Tucson, Arizona.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Introductions
3. Call to Public
4. Call to Shoot-Out Riders. Listen to their concerns. Identify the issues
5. Call to Law Enforcement. Listen to their concerns. Identify the issues
6. Discussion of resolution options.
7. Adjournment

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**Minutes Enforcement Subcommittee Special Meeting  
3-26-08**

Present were all members of the Subcommittee:

Eric Post, Enforcement Committee Chair  
Tony Crosby, member  
Jean Gorman, member  
Donna Aversa, member  
Richard Corbett, member

Additional attendees:

Roy Schoonover, Ex-Officio member of BAC and Facilities Subcommittee member  
Diana Tolton, Chair of BAC  
Norm Land, BAC member and Facilities Subcommittee member

Discussion and brainstorming began regarding the upcoming April 8, 2008 meeting between Enforcement and the Shoot-Out riders. The group briefly discussed the Pima County Special Event Permit Ordinance:

Donna Aversa said she had some experience with the City of Marana regarding special permits for GABA rides and reached a verbal agreement that the GABA rides, though paid by the riders, insured, and organized, were not a "Mass Start" event because each rider checked in on their own and started the rides when ready.

Richard Corbett expressed concern that if a special event permit were required, there would be potential for arbitrary denial of the permits.

Diana Tolton brought up the fact that there are typically few vehicles on Saturday mornings and usually riders let them pass and we need to know what the specific complaints have been in order to address those issues.

Roy Schoonover pointed out that part of the route is on the RTA list. It would most likely take \$25,000,000 to fix the road on Mission Road South which would entail rebuilding to add the requisite shoulders. The project currently is lower on the priority list so one idea is to raise the priority and get the project done sooner. Rich Corbett said that the Platinum Challenge application included a commitment to close the gaps in the urban areas and did not want to see those project diverted. Norm Land suggested that we look into the RTA project and ask the riders to be patient and that a "fix" to the roadway issues should be a priority.

Jean Gorman suggested that law enforcement be patient with the riders because it is soon to be summer and the riders will be riding earlier in the morning plus with the heat there will be fewer riders. She had also done some preliminary investigation on insurance cost if the Shoot Out were to be insured and gave a figure of \$1000 per year.

Key issues brought up during BAC meeting by the Pima County Sheriff's officer, Karl Woolridge were discussed and it was decided that at the April 8 meeting the main objective would be to listen to the proposed solutions from riders and to do as much advanced research about possible proposed solutions in advance of the meeting.

An informal consensus among the members attending was reached that there are three levels

of dealing with the conflict between enforcement and the road users.

1. Participants riding in the Shoot Out Self Police.

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| <p>Road Users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Designate Ride Marshall to assist with self police and traffic control.</li><li>B. Let drivers go by, call carback and honor it. Know that there might be unmarked enforcement vehicles checking out the situation.</li><li>C. Stop at the lights and signs.</li><li>D. No crossing the yellow line.</li><li>E. No public exhibitionism.</li><li>F. Other</li></ul> | <p>Law Enforcement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Let the riders take the lane and group up, easier to pass when in a group than when spread out in two abreast situations.</li><li>B. Be patient, summer is coming and the riders will start earlier and be fewer in numbers.</li><li>C. No mass start - this may be grandfathered since it has been going on for 30 years.</li><li>D. Take the complaints more fairly, track them and see if they are legitimate or not.</li><li>E. Never endanger a road user.</li><li>F. Other</li></ul> |
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2. Privatization of the ride. Obtain an open ended and recurring event permit charge the riders, provide insurance, pay fines if necessary, get full use of the lane in the permit, peleton OK in the permit, have a traffic control group.

3. Official Government Sponsorship - perhaps Tucson / Pima County Parks and Recreation?

It was further suggested that a BAC representative ( Eric Post or Diana Tolton) meet with Lt. Karl Woolridge before April 8 for breakfast or some one on one casual time to discuss further and see who else should be involved from PCSD such as Officer Pratt.

Adjournment.

**Tucson-Pima Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Nominating Committee Report  
May 1, 2008**

Pursuant to Article 3(D)(1)(b) of the By-Laws, the nominating committee presents the following nominations for officers:

Chairperson: Brian Beck and Richard Corbett  
Vice-Chairperson: Martha Lemen and Steve Bressler  
Secretary: Karen Berchtold  
Parilmentarian: Steve Bressler, Brian Beck and Richard Corbett

Respectfully submitted by the nominating committee.

Martha Lemen  
Zach McDonald  
Jean Gorman

May 16, 2008

Mr. Patrick Kass  
Director of Parking and Transportation  
University of Arizona  
1117 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tucson AZ 86721-0181

Dear Mr. Kass,

We are writing to you to share our concern for preserving connectivity bicycle connectivity in and around the University of Arizona.

We have observed that in the past the UA allow various groups and corporations to set up displays on some of the streets on campus. At the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year, for example, a mobile telephone company display totally blocked the street between the Cesar Chavez Building and Engineering Buildings. Because of this display, which stretched 24 feet from curb to curb, bicycles travel along this street was prohibited. We cite this particular display because it blocked a significant bicycle route in and through campus. Commuter bicycle traffic on Mountain Avenue uses this block to connect to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street/University Boulevard Bike Route. Mountain Ave and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street/University Boulevard represent two of our most highly traveled bicycle facilities in Tucson. They are essential links in Tucson's bicycle-system connectivity.

We strongly discourage the University from allowing displays to block bicycle routes within and through the campus. Please refer to the UA's own "Campus Bike Map" to identify these important routes. These routes, marked in green on your map, should never be blocked by special-event displays. In the event that blocking university bike routes and paths cannot be avoided, planners need to understand the importance of bicycle connectivity through the university and work with bicycle advocates to identify and sign alternate routes.

The UA is by far the highest bicycle trafficked area in our metropolitan area, and we would like to make sure that it continues to be a consistently inviting area for cyclists. We would be happy to work with you on any and all bicycling issues. This benefits us all, including the University of Arizona.

Sincerely,

Diana D. Tolton, chair,  
Bicycle Advisory Committee

CC:



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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE and to the general public that the EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE will hold the following meeting, which will be open to the public:



**2008**

**EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TUCSON - PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 30, 2008**

MEETING NOTICE

The **EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE** will conduct a meeting at **6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, April 30, 2008** at 1801 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona. This is at the northwest corner of Campbell and Broadway.

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**AGENDA**

**Projected Duration**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1) Call to Order / Call to Public / Announcements            | 10 min. |
| 2) Discuss agenda items for May 14 TPCBAC meeting            | 30 min. |
| 3) Elections Procedure Review                                | 10 min. |
| 4) Subcommittee updates                                      |         |
| • Enforcement- Shoot Out                                     |         |
| • Facilities- RTA                                            |         |
| • Downtown- Trolley Tracks                                   |         |
| • Education/Outreach- 2008 Objectives                        | 30 min. |
| 5) Bicycle Hall of Fame                                      | 5 min.  |
| 6) Reports/updates from Staff                                | 20 min. |
| 7) Update on Pima County Bond Funding                        | 10 min. |
| 8) Discuss goals and initiatives raised at October's retreat | 5 min.  |
| 9) Adjourn                                                   |         |



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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008**

MEETING NOTICE

The **EDUCATION/OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE** will conduct a meeting at **5:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008** at the **OFFICES OF THE PERIMETER BICYCLING ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**, 2609 E. Broadway, Tucson, Arizona.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
  2. Call to the public
  3. Discussion of Ride of Silence
  4. Discussion of Subcommittee's Planned Goals and Projects for 2008
  5. Discussion of Bicycling Hall of Fame opportunity
  6. Future agenda and action items
  7. Adjournment
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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **DOWNTOWN BICYCLE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TUCSON/PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** and to the general public that the **DOWNTOWN SUBCOMMITTEE** will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public:

**2008**

**DOWNTOWN BICYCLE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
TUCSON/PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, April 21, 2008**

MEETING NOTICE

The **DOWNTOWN BICYCLE SUBCOMMITTEE** will conduct a meeting at **3:30 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008** in the **6TH FLOOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, TDOT CONFERENCE ROOM, 201 N. STONE AVE.**, Tucson, Arizona.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Call to the Audience
  2. Call to Public
  3. Discussion of bike safety at Toole/4<sup>th</sup> Ave/Congress Intersection
  4. Discussion of new geographical boundaries for subcommittee
  5. Letter to U of A regarding bike access during special events
  6. Topics for next meeting
  7. Adjournment
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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **BAC FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE** and to the general public that the **BAC FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

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will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public:

**Tuesday, April 29, 2008**

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

**MEETING NOTICE and AGENDA**

The BAC Facilities Subcommittee (FSC) will conduct a meeting Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 5:30pm, at Perimeter Bicycling Association of America, Inc., 2609 E Broadway Blvd., Tucson, Arizona. Discussion and Subcommittee Action may take place on any of the following agenda items:

1. Call to Order / Roll Call (5 min.)
2. Approval of March 25, 2008 minutes
3. Chair's Report on Current Events (5 min.)
4. FSC Action Item List -update (Norm) (5 min.)
5. Status of informal review of RTA Bike project list (Roy and Norm) (10 min.)
6. FSC geographic boundaries recommendations (Bill and David) (10 min.)
7. Hughes/Alvernon RTA potential project – strategy? (Roy, Wayne, Randy) (10 min.)
8. **UPDATES FOR ONGOING PROJECTS\*\* (30 min.)**
  - a. See project list below. Only new information relevant to the FSC should be discussed.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. Houghton/Tanque Verde region – citizen concerns (Phil Mortello) (10 min.)
  - b. FSC support PC Parks request for RTA funding of Pantano Shared-Use Path (Roy, Norm) (10 min)
  - c. Target Store at Rita Road and I-10 accommodating Bicycles (Roy) (5 min)
  - d. Review of TDOT & PCDOT near term designs, maintenance, and construction of bike facilities (Matt, Tom) (10 min.)
10. Agenda items for future BAC and Facilities Subcommittee meetings (5 min.)
11. Call to the public (5 min.)
12. Adjournment

**\*\*ONGOING PROJECTS:**

- a. Jurisdiction's plans for RTA, RTP, TIP and maintenance projects including repaving and restriping (Matt, Tom and Gabe)
- b. Metro Tucson Bike Route Improvements recommendations
  - Focus on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Street (Robin and Tom)
- c. Kino/22<sup>nd</sup> RTA intersection project (Alicia)
- d. Houghton Rd area (Heather)
- e. Marana general plan (Gabe)
- f. Shared-use paths and 2008 Bond (Norm and Roy) – 4/25 Bond meeting
- g. PC & COT Trails Master Plan Update Status (Norm and Bill)
- h. SR77 (Oracle Road) and area concerns (Hank and Bob)
- i. ADOT liaison (Gabe and Roy) – 4/18 planning meeting
- j. Grant Road reconstruction update (Wayne)
- k. FSC Master Plan – status (Wayne)
- l. Downtown Bicycle Subcommittee Update (David)

- m. RTA Bike/Ped Working Group (Gabe, Roy, Bill)
- n. ADOT I-19 Frontage Rd Study (Bill)



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## FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Perimeter Bicycling Association of America  
2609 E. Broadway Boulevard

April 29, 2008  
**DRAFT MEETING NOTES**  
Kathryn Skinner, PCDOT

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Bill Adamson. Attendees included: Phil Mortello, P. Wayne Cullop, Norm Land, Roy Schoonover, Rich Corbett, Larry Robinson, Bill Adamson, Heather O'Connor, Jean Gorman, Collin Forbes, Alicia Heiserer, David Bachman-Williams, Diana Tolton, Gabe Thum (PAG), Tom Thivener (City of Tucson) and Kathryn Skinner (Pima County).

2. Approval of March meeting notes

There were no March meeting notes.

3. Chair's Report on Current Events

No report.

4. FSC Action Item List update:

Norm Land distributed the list. Norm reported that the current list is a work in progress. He is planning to present a more developed draft of the list at the May meeting. The action item list is intended to be a catch all for items that may not fall in to one of the ongoing project categories.

5. Status of informal review of RTA bike project list

Roy Schoonover distributed a report on meetings with City of Tucson regarding bicycle facilities. Tom Thivener clarified that the 3<sup>rd</sup> & Swan intersection project includes the signalization of the intersection and that the Church & Toole projects are a BAC request not a TDOT request.

6. FSC geographic boundaries recommendations

Bill Adamson noted that the expansion of the boundaries for the Downtown committee has been recommended. David Bachman-Williams reported that at the last Downtown committee meeting the new boundaries were recommended to be Alvernon Way at the east, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street at the south, Silverbell/Congress/Grande/Mission at the west and Grant Road at the north. The committee would be renamed the Downtown/University Committee. A motion to the BAC is not needed, since it has already been decided that the geographic boundaries can be changed as appropriate.

Discussion of trolley tracks downtown. Asphalt has been placed in the tracks as a temporary fix. In a year the trolley will begin running on the tracks and a permanent flange filler that can withstand our weather will have to be found.

7. Hughes/Alvernon RTA potential project – strategy.

Roy presented the letter sent to PAG from Diana Tolton regarding the bike lanes for Hughes Access and Alvernon. Roy has drafted a follow-up indicating that the project is needed but that there are not “faculties” to do project, including money, personnel or contractors. Roy and Matt Zoll reviewed the project, there are no major drainage crossing improvements required, there are a few areas that would require significant grading, 0.6 miles of bike lane already installed, railroad crossing already in place. The cost Matt estimated for the project is \$1.3M. Bill noted that the first step is getting an agreement with the RTA Bike/Ped working group for more money for the project. Gabe updated the group on the RTA process and that new applications will not be accepted until fall. There were questions of what Raytheon’s potential contributions to the project might be.

Discussion of pavement issues with Nogales Highway north of Los Reales. Rich Corbett will be preparing a letter to the Ward 5 office about the deficiencies.

8. Updates for Ongoing Projects

a. Jurisdiction’s plans for RTA, RTP, TIP, and maintenance projects

Gabe reported that the RTA Bike/Ped Working Group meeting will be on April 30, at that meeting the new organizations that have been approved to be added to the Working Group will be announced.

f. Shared-use paths and 2008 Bond

Roy reported that he would be meeting with Steve Anderson, Glen Hicks, Rafael Payan, and Norm Land.

h. SR77 and area concerns

Norm reported that he has a meeting with the SR77 Calle Concordia to Tangerine project engineer and contractor on May 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project and concerns for maintaining safe cycling routes on the road during construction. Norm requests that anyone who has issues or questions about the project let him know prior to his meeting.

j. Grant Road reconstruction update

Wayne reported that at the most recent advisory committee meeting the bike lane width and striping was discussed as well as the proposed use of Michigan Left turns instead of standard left turns at the signalized intersections. There are also many pedestrian crossing treatments being considered.

There were no updates given for items b, c, d, e, g, i, k, l, m and n.

9. New Business

a. Houghton/Tanque Verde Region

Phil Mortello reported on the dangerous conditions on Houghton Rd north of Tanque Verde Road. The bike lane ends in an area with limited visibility where there is also a longitudinal crack at the edge of the bike lane resulting in a potentially dangerous merge with motor vehicles. Phil has sent requests to the City and County that the signage and pavement be improved. This portion of Houghton is owned by COT but maintained by PCDOT, meaning that improvements/changes to signing would be the responsibility of TDOT.

Wayne Cullop motioned "The BAC FSC should review the issue of signage and make recommendations to the full BAC". Diana Tolton seconded.

Phil and Larry Robinson will coordinate with Tom Thivener and Matt Zoll on signing.

b. FSC support PC Parks request for RTA funding of Pantano Shared-Use Path  
Roy reported that Priscilla Cornelio, PCDOT Director, has written a letter of intent for Pantano Path to RTA. No further action by BAC required.

c. Target Store at Rita Road and I-10 accommodating Bicycles  
Roy has sent a letter to TREO requesting that the new Target store should pay for the addition of bike lanes to Rita Road so that the store is accessible to cyclists. No further action by BAC required.

10. Agenda items for future BAC and Facilities Subcommittee meetings

Norm Land would like the next agenda to include a discussion of construction practices and how they can/do accommodate cyclist. Roy recommended that Dan Williams make a presentation on standard construction practices. Diana recommended that they should discuss making a photo log of construction issues.

Alicia will have a report on Kino/22<sup>nd</sup> project next month.

The next meeting will be held May 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm at PBAA.

11. Call to public

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

5/2/08

**FAC MAJOR TASK STATUS (DRAFT)**

| Item # | Priority | DESCRIPTION                           | Assigned To     |             | Status        | Next Step                    | Complete by | Remarks                           |
|--------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
|        |          |                                       | Lead            | Support     |               |                              |             |                                   |
| 1      | A        | RTA Board Request for '09' Projects   | Bill            | Norm,Larry  | In Process    | Rev. 5/28                    |             | Coordinate w/ existing priorities |
| 2      | A        | Wildlife Linkage Funding              | Roy, Norm       | Steve       |               | Mtg Carolyn Campbell & Steve |             | Greg letter rec. 4/30             |
| 3      | A        | BAC/RTA Bike List (Add/Re-Prioritize) | Roy, Norm       | All         | Summer Recess | ?                            | Oct         | Meet w/ all Jurisdictions         |
| 4      | A        | Prioritize Criteria                   | Norm            | Gabe        | In Process    | Draft by June                | Oct         | Copy Portland/Davis               |
| 5      | A        | Action Item List Maintenance          | Norm            | All         | In Process    | FAC 5/19                     | NA          |                                   |
| 6      | B        | BAC Construction Criteria             | Norm            |             | In Process    | FAC 5/19                     |             | Dan Williams on 5/19              |
| 7      | B        | EI Tour on Oracle                     | Norm            |             | In Process    | 5/9 Mtg                      | Nov         |                                   |
| 8      | B        | Letters to City, County, & ADOT       | Roy, Larry      | Bill        |               |                              |             | I-10 Crossings                    |
| 9      | C        | Update "Lists" re:status              | Gabe, Matt, Tom |             |               |                              |             | Many different "lists"            |
| 10     | C        | "Master Plan"                         | Wayne           | GABA        | Proposed      | Set Objectives               |             | "Portland Short List"?            |
| 11     | Monitor  | 2008 Bond (shared-use paths)          | Roy, Bill       | Norm, Steve | In Process    | ?                            |             |                                   |
| 12     | Monitor  | RTA Working Group                     | Roy, Bill       | Gabe, Norm  | In Process    | Mtg 5/28                     | May         | Norm, Larry, JP, Jim              |
| 13     | Monitor  | River Parks & Pathways Task Force     | Steve           | Norm        | In Process    | Early May                    |             | Update Strategic Plan             |
| 14     | Monitor  | Velodrome                             | Brian Beck      | PBAA        |               |                              |             | RDB got full support of comm      |
| 15     | Monitor  | Pima Parks Alliance                   | Norm            |             | In Process    | Mtg 5/8                      |             | Steve's Group                     |
| 16     | Monitor  | Monitor Road Projects                 | Assigned        |             |               |                              |             |                                   |
|        |          | OTHER????????????????                 |                 |             |               |                              |             |                                   |



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April 29, 2008

#### **For immediate release**

Contact: Sheila Storm, 792-1093

## **League of American Bicyclists reaffirms PAG region as a Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community**

Pima Association of Governments learned today that the Tucson/Pima Eastern Region received a reconfirmation of its gold-status as a Bicycle Friendly Community with the League of American Bicyclists (LAB).

The LAB's Bicycle Friendly Communities Campaign is an awards program that recognizes municipalities and regions that actively support bicycling. In May 2006, the Tucson/Pima Eastern Region received gold-status in recognition of the region's ability to provide a bicycle friendly environment, and is proud to remain the only region in the nation to have reached gold-level with the League.

A 68-page application was submitted on March 21. Participants involved in putting together the plan included PAG staff, jurisdictional staff, local law enforcement officials, members from the Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee, and volunteers from the community.

A celebration of the region's recertification as a Bicycle Friendly Community will be held on May 15 from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Copper Room of Randolph Golf Complex.

The event will kick-off with Mayor Walkup leading a celebration ride around the David Bell Pathway at 8 a.m., followed by a keynote address by the Mayor at 9 a.m. in the Copper Room of Randolph Golf Complex.

Bicyclists interested in joining the ride may contact Gabe Thum at 792-1093 or [gthum@pagnet.org](mailto:gthum@pagnet.org).

Draft BAC letter

BAC ltr hd

date 4/9/08

To: Gabe Thum

Subject: RTA Bike Lanes for Hughes Access and Alvernon need to start

Dear Gabe:

The BAC strongly advises that RTA bike lane projects for improved safety and connectivity on Hughes Access and Alvernon need to start this year with adequate funding to support the current costs. These RTA projects are the highest ranked by the BAC in the County that have not yet started. They are also mostly in the County with a small part of Alvernon in the City. Current cost estimates are about double the estimates made by PAG during the formulation of the RTA Bike Lane List. We advise that PAG should update these estimates to reflect more reasonably current cost levels.

The safety of bicyclists and motorists on the Hughes/Alvernon roads has been significantly compromised due to the locally increased residential development and the generally increased traffic in this region. These roads provide connectivity between populations in Tucson via Valencia and other bike routes, and southern Pima County via Nogales Hwy. This is also part of the El Tour de Tucson.

Raytheon, the largest employer in southern Arizona, has contacted the BAC in seeking these cycling safety improvements. When bike lanes were added to Kolb Rd bicycle access was improved to IBM, as well as The University of Arizona Science and Technology Park. Now, this large gap also needs to be addressed.

Please contact our BAC RTA Liaison Representative, Roy Schoonover, 906-0981, or [rschoo2823@aol.com](mailto:rschoo2823@aol.com) with any questions or discussions on this advice described above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Diana

Cc:

Priscilla Cornelio, Director PCDOT

Jim Glock, Director TDOT

Matt Zoll, PCDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager

Tom Thivener, TDOT Bicycle Coordinator



April 9, 2008

Larry Hecker, Chair  
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee  
c/o Nicole Fyffe  
130 W. Congress, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tucson, AZ 85701

The Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee is encouraged that the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee has included funding for a bicycling velodrome, training and safety education facility among the projects to be included in the next Pima County bond election. Due to recent developments, the T-PCBAC urges the subcommittee to give this project a high priority ranking.

Now is a particularly opportune time to proceed with construction funding for this facility. A number of elected City of Tucson and Pima County officials have expressed strong interest in locating it on public land in their jurisdictions, thus eliminating the considerable expense for real estate. Plus, a major Tucson foundation has offered a donation of up to \$250,000 a year for 10 years to operate the facility.

The benefits of such a facility are many:

- it will provide the area's tens of thousands of avid cyclists a new opportunity to improve their physical health and cycling skills;
- with a range of potential education programs for everyone from children to senior citizens, it will promote cycling as a safe recreational and transportation alternative for all ages.
- as the only velodrome in the state of Arizona, it will attract new cyclists from elsewhere, who will add their tourist dollars to the local economy.
- it will build on the area's reputation as a bicycle-friendly community, gain Pima County more positive publicity nationwide and add to the growing number of cyclists from all over the world who choose Tucson as a cycling destination.
- it will be a multi-use facility that will benefit the wider community as a venue for concerts, gem and mineral shows, and other public events.

With its many amenities and the newly pledged public and private support for this facility, the T-PCBAC encourages you to establish Tier 1 funding for this project so it can proceed as quickly as possible. If you have questions or for more information, feel free to contact me (Dtolton@cox.net or 440-4663) or T-PCBAC Vice Chair Brian Beck (coyotes@cox.net or 326-9587).

Sincerely,

Diana Tolton, Chair  
Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee

cc: Gary Davidson, Chair, Parks & Recreation Subcommittee  
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

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Gabriel Thum



April 24, 2008

Mr. Gabe Thum  
Senior Transportation Planner  
Pima Association of Governments  
177 N. Church Avenue, Suite 405  
Tucson, AZ 85701

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This is also an early part of the El Tour de Tucson route, where it is important to have room for the 10,000 cyclists to ride. El Tour de Tucson provides over \$30 million in annual economic benefit to the Tucson community.

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Thank you for your attention herein. If you have any questions about this letter or the request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 440-4663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana T. Tolton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Diana" being more prominent than the last name "Tolton".

Diana T. Tolton, Chair  
Tucson-Pima County  
Bicycle Advisory Committee

cc: Priscilla Cornelio, Director PCDOT  
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## Road Runner by Andrea Kelly: Should cyclists have bike insurance?

### Road Runner by Andrea Kelly

It's a debate that pops up time and again, here and elsewhere: Cars and bikes must share the road but yield to different standards.

Should bicyclists have to get licenses to make sure they know what they're doing when they get behind the handlebars?

Or register, to pay for their share of the roads they use?

Or have insurance, to protect themselves and others in the event of a crash?

Licensing might be the most difficult piece of that debate because no statute exists allowing such a program, said Matt Zoll, Pima County's bicycle and pedestrian program manager.

"A license may only apply to a vehicle, and in Arizona a bicycle is not a vehicle," Zoll said. If anything, he said a licensing program would likely be informal and not required.

Sure, state law could be changed. But, pragmatically, it might not be worth it.

"It would be a challenge to administer a program like that, and I'm not sure which agency would do so," said Tom Thivener, bicycle and pedestrian coordinator for Tucson.

Who pays is another question that comes up in the community conversation about sharing the road.

Some Roadrunner correspondents suggest the never-ending money shortage could be solved by "simply" requiring cyclists to pay for their use of the road.

Is it really that simple?

Other communities, including Madison, Wis., require owners to register their bikes and pay a \$10 fee, good for four years.

But they do it to track down stolen bicycles, not to raise funds or keep track of cyclists.

The University of Arizona, likewise, has a registration program, but again, it's so a stolen bicycle that gets found can get back to its rightful owner.

And local officials say most registration programs wouldn't even bring in enough money to make the program worth it.

How much can you charge for use of such a small piece of the road? Enough to make a difference?

Each mile of bike lanes or shared-use paths costs between \$100,000 and \$250,000, Zoll said. That number can skyrocket to \$1 million per mile if it involves moving utilities, the curb and other more complicated projects, Zoll said.

"It's rare to see it funded unless it's part of a road project," he said.

And to take paying your fair share an extra step, why stop at bikes? How about making pedestrians register to pay their fair share of the sidewalk costs? It just seems silly.

There is something that would let bicyclists pay more of their own way, though. They could carry insurance, if only for their own protection.

Right now, bicyclists in crashes that don't involve an insured motor vehicle have to fall back on their health insurance for their injuries and renter's or homeowner's insurance for their bikes.

But a more formal system of insuring riders and bikes for use on the road could help by making bike-bike, or car-bike crashes more like vehicle crashes. The responsible party's insurance is responsible for repairs.

Insurance companies could include a rider on vehicle policies to cover bike travel, but they'd have to offer bicyclist insurance for those who don't also drive.

At least it's something to think about.

### Road Q

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Answer: In March, Arizona Department of Transportation crews noticed the same error, said spokeswoman Teresa Welborn. A new sign with the correct punctuation should be installed within about 90 days, she said.

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Bike education peddles its way to Green Valley

Photo submitted Matt Zoll reviews bicycle regulations with class participants during last weeks Street Skills for Cyclists program.

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Last Wednesday, almost 20 local bicyclists participated in the classroom session of a Street Skills for Cyclists program.

On Saturday, the same group worked on skill development and then practiced those skills by cycling around Green Valley while purposefully encountering traffic situations meant to reinforce cycling fundamentals.

This reinforced the concept of driving your bicycle as if were a motorized vehicle.

Some time was also spent on bicycle maintenance and adjustments.

The program curriculum is developed by the League of American Bicyclists and the classes are available in most parts of the country. Programs are conducted by qualified LCI personnel (League Cycling Instructors).

Leaders for the classroom session were Matt Zoll, Pima County Department of Transportation, and local resident John Pilger.

Zoll is the Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator and works closely with municipalities and organizations to improve facilities for alternative transportation methods.

Pilger had earlier attended an intensive training program to become qualified as an LCI. Sheila Foraker, Education coordinator for Perimeter Bicycling, led the skills and road riding session on Saturday.

The bike education gives cyclists the confidence they need to ride safely and legally in traffic or on the trail.

The course covers bicycle safety checks, fixing a flat, on-bike skills and crash avoidance techniques and includes a student manual.

Recommended for adults and children above age 14, this fast-paced, nine-hour course prepares cyclists for a full understanding of vehicular cycling. It shows you how to drive your bike when you already know how to ride your bike.

After the Saturday session, one participant commented that he was not previously aware of the various techniques that can be used to assure safety when cycling in traffic and that he will now feel much more comfortable when using his bike in traffic.

For more information and to register for these classes in Tucson or Green Valley, please contact the Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program at 243-BIKE (243-2453) or Pilger at 648-7205.

Also see [www.BikePed.Pima.gov](http://www.BikePed.Pima.gov).

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