

Purpose of the TRRG Transportation Planning Group

The purpose of this TRRG working group is to facilitate the development and implementation of changes to City of Tucson's transportation planning processes in order to routinely incorporate more meaningful public participation.

Meaningful public participation means that planning processes move forward, from their beginning, through collaboration, learning and respect among members of the public, staff, consultants and elected officials. Both transparency and accountability are essential features of meaningful public participation. We will pursue working with the City of Tucson toward putting into place standard policies and procedures designed to accomplish this purpose.

For us, collaboration means that concerns, questions, and other contributions from the public are fairly and transparently incorporated into planning processes from the very beginning and throughout planning stages, until project completion. Special effort must be evident in any planning process to identify, welcome and incorporate the participation of stakeholders, especially those most affected by the particular project.

TRRG's actions have as their main purpose the improvement of the quality of life for Tucson residents. The TRRG Transportation Planning Group believes that to improve the quality of life in Tucson, transportation planning processes should address the following principles:

- Clear, demonstrated consideration and support for all forms of transportation, incorporating this support into project design;
- Obvious relationship to and support of the goals of Plan Tucson;
- A vigorous search for design elements and other features being used in other parts of the world that could bring new and creative approaches to the transportation-land use nexus, with an intent to incorporate these elements and features into the City's fabric.
- Transportation projects are planned not only for their physical aspects as a facility serving specific transportation objectives, but also for their effects on the aesthetic, social, economic and environmental values, needs, constraints and opportunities in a larger community setting, particularly in the project area itself.

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