

Willo Neighborhood Association Special Meeting:
Bicycle Lanes on 5th Avenue between Thomas and McDowell
July 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Brad Brauer, President.

Board members present: Brad Brauer, President; Aaron Searles, Vice President; Nicole Armstrong, Secretary; Linda Doescher, Treasurer; Wylie Carhartt; Dan Childers; Eric Gilmore; Sandra Lefcovich; Jonathan Roberts; Lara Sands; Jeremy Schachter

Board members absent: Patrice Wappel

Other attendees: Robert Cannon, President Emeritus/Chair 3.5 Traffic & Safety Action Committee; 19 others

Guests: Rubben Lolly and C. Ashley Couch from the City of Phoenix' Street Transportation Department

Bob Cannon reviewed the slide presentation shared by the City with details of the proposed bike lane protection on 5th Avenue between Thomas and McDowell. Rubben Lolly responded to questions about the design, including:

- Why is there an 8-10 foot separation between the concrete protectors? According to the City's research, other cities separate the protectors this way, and it assists with drainage. The protectors will be anchored in place with rebar.
- Why are the "Tuff Kurbs" flexible instead of solid? The City found that once Tuff Kurbs were placed near the cycle track along 3rd Avenue south of McDowell as a visual deterrent for drivers, the number of cars attempting to enter the cycle track decreased. The Tuff Kurbs will make the potential vehicle entry area of the bike lane narrower and act as a visual deterrent in Willo.

Doescher made a motion to accept the City's plan as it was presented; Carhartt seconded; the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. following a motion by Doescher and seconded by Schachter.

Nicole Armstrong, Secretary