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Transportation Enhancement and Scenic Roads Section
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Dear Transportation Enhancement Review Committee:

The Greater Arizona Bicycle Association of Tucson wishes to express its strong support of application for Transportation Enhancement Funds for the Pantano Riverpath Bicycle and Pedestrian Enhancements from Speedway Boulevard to the 5th Street Wash. This project will help Tucson and Pima County cyclist and pedestrians in several ways.

First, the project will provide more encouragement residents to use bicycling as an alternate means of commuting by providing a safe alternative for users in the eastern portion of Tucson. The area around Pantano and Speedway has some of the heaviest traffic congestion in Tucson.

Second, the project will provide another segment of Tucson's 55-mile Urban Loop. The loop will provide a continuous loop around Tucson connecting many of the other on street bike routes and pedestrian sidewalks. Existing segments of the loop are already heavily used for commuting and recreational purposes.

GABA, representing over 800 active members, strongly supports this application for Transportation Enhancement funding to benefit the pedestrian and bicycle and community.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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