

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: May 17, 2022
General Plan Element: *Land Use*
General Plan Goal: *Coordinate Planning to Balance Infrastructure*

ACTION

6750 E Exeter Blvd - Abandonment 2-AB-2022

Request to consider the following:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 12441 to abandon the west 10-feet of the existing 85-foot-wide Public Right-of-Way for N. 68th Street, located along the eastern boundary of parcel 173-44-014C, with Single-family Residential district (R1-35) zoning, at 6750 E. Exeter Boulevard.

Goal/Purpose of Request

This request is to abandon a 10-foot-wide strip of right-of-way, for a distance of +/- 301-feet, along the N. 68th Street frontage of the property located at 6750 E. Exeter Boulevard. The applicant's intent is to realign the right-of-way/property boundary so that existing site walls will be located within their property instead of within the public right-of-way.

Key Items for Consideration

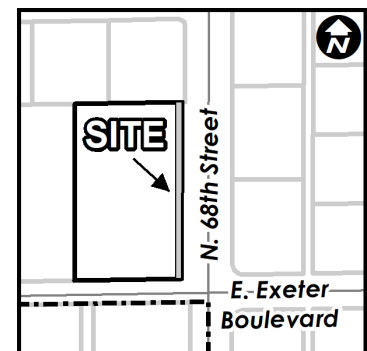
- Access is not impacted by this proposed abandonment.
- Conformance with the Transportation Master Plan.
- A total dedicated width of 75-feet of right-of-way would remain for N. 68th Street.
- Existing private site wall and hedges are currently located within the subject right-of-way area.
- Public comments and petition requesting the installation of a sidewalk along N. 68th Street.
- Earliest timeline for citizen requested funding and installation of a sidewalk and other associated improvements along N. 68th Street is a least two (2) or more years.
- Planning Commission heard this case on April 13, 2022 and recommended approval with a 6-0 vote.

OWNER

Augusta Emerita Partners

APPLICANT CONTACT

Omar Abdallah
Rose Law Group 480-240-5641



LOCATION

6750 E. Exeter Boulevard

BACKGROUND

General Plan

The General Plan Land Use Element designates the property as Suburban Neighborhoods. This category includes medium- to small-lot single-family neighborhoods or subdivisions. Densities in Suburban Neighborhoods are usually more than one dwelling unit per acre, but less than eight dwelling units per acre. This category also includes some townhouses and small-lot single-family homes, such as patio homes. Suburban Neighborhoods may be used as transitions among less intense areas, Urban Neighborhoods, and non-residential uses.

Zoning

The site is zoned Single-family Residential (R1-35). The R1-35 zoning district is intended to promote and preserve residential development. The minimum lot size, although less than one (1) acre, still results in a low density of population. The principal land use is single-family dwellings and uses incidental or accessory thereto, together with required recreational, religious and educational facilities. The surrounding properties are zoned Single-family Residential (R1-35, R1-18, and R1-10) districts.

Context

This site is generally located south of E. Camelback Road and west of N. Goldwater Boulevard, at the northwest corner of the intersection of E. Exeter Boulevard and N. 68th Street. Please refer to context graphics attached.

The subject 10-foot public street right-of-way was dedicated in 1992. That dedication added 15-feet to the previously dedicated 30-feet, for the current width of 45-feet of right-of-way dedicated on the west half of N. 68th Street adjacent to the subject property. The half-street right-of-way dedication widths along N. 68th Street to the north and south of the subject property are 40-feet and 30-feet respectively. This property has provided the widest right-of-way dedication along that segment of N. 68th Street. The total width of right-of-way at this section is 85-feet as currently dedicated.

Related Policies, References:

2008 Scottsdale Transportation Master Plan

APPLICANTS PROPOSAL

Development Information

No new development or improvements are proposed associated to this abandonment application. This is an existing developed residential parcel which has identified that their existing site wall and hedges are located within the subject portion of right-of-way to be abandoned.

IMPACT ANALYSIS

Land Use

With or without this abandonment, this property can continue to function as a single-family residential property. If this abandonment is approved, this property would gain 10-feet of width along its east boundary which shifts the property boundary location where building setbacks are measured but does not change the current function or allowable land uses on this property.

Traffic/Trails

Access to this property and the surrounding area is and will continue to be provided by E. Exeter Boulevard and N. 68th Street. Public outreach responses to this application and a petition submitted raised questions about the possibility of the City installing sidewalk improvements along this stretch of N. 68th Street, from E. Camelback Road to E. Indian School Road. The requested abandonment width of 10-feet of the existing total 85-foot width of right-of-way, for this portion of N. 68th Street is not anticipated to reduce the total width to a dimension that would prevent future sidewalk improvements within the remaining right-of-way along this alignment. There are currently no planned City improvement projects that would install a sidewalk in this area.

There are existing mature oleander hedges in place along both street frontages of this property. Many of those have existed and will continue to exist within or encroaching into the adjacent public rights-of-way, even after the outcome of the requested abandonment. The property owner has been performing periodic maintenance on that vegetation. The City retains the rights to remove or cut back any encroaching vegetation as needed now and in the future. The City may also request the owner fulfill their right-of-way maintenance obligations, per Ch.47 of the Scottsdale Revised Code, to remove or cut back any encroaching vegetation as needed as identified by City staff now or in the future.

Emergency/Municipal Services and Utilities

All existing emergency and municipal access will continue to be provided to the properties surrounding the abandonment area and maintained through existing remaining dedicated public right-of-way along N. 68th Street. No impacts are anticipated.

Public Utilities

The public utility providers have been notified of the applicant's request. The utility companies have indicated that there are no anticipated conflicts with the proposed abandonment. The remaining right-of-way width is anticipated to be sufficient to contain existing and future utility needs.

Community Involvement

With this application the applicant and the City sent out notification to property owners within 750-feet of the subject site. That outreach resulted in questions and concerns over the scope and nature of the abandonment. Staff has received numerous emails and calls expressing a desire for a sidewalk along N. 68th Street connecting from E. Camelback Road (to the north) to the canal improvements and E. Indian School Road (to the south). The majority of correspondence received has been from residents of the Pavoreal residential community located at the southwest corner of E. Camelback Road and N. 68th Street, generally north of the subject site.

Separately submitted at the March 29, 2022 City Council meeting was a Citizen Petition requesting a sidewalk along N. 68th Street connecting between E. Camelback Road and E. Indian School Road. That petition made reference to this application and requested that no right-of-way be abandoned until there is a detailed plan and funding in place for the requested sidewalk improvements. At that meeting the City Council voted to direct staff bring analysis and additional information as a future agenda item for discussion.

Community Impact

No community impacts are anticipated as a result of the requested +/- 3,010 square feet of right-of-way abandonment area within the scope of this application. The applicant agrees to pay \$1,506.00 as compensation to the City for the value of the abandonment area.

OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning Commission

Planning Commission heard this case on April 13, 2022 and recommended approval with a 6-0 vote.

With their recommendation, the Planning Commission suggested that the City Council hear this abandonment request at the same meeting that Council discusses the Citizen Petition submitted on March 29, 2022 requesting a sidewalk along N. 68th Street between E. Camelback Road and E. Indian School Road.

In response to the submittal of the petition and the Planning Commission recommendation, it has been identified that the potential for funding and installation of a sidewalk and associated improvements would not be submitted for consideration until the development of the FY 24-28 CIP budget, beginning in the Fall of 2022. As part of the normal CIP development process, such a request would be evaluated and prioritized against other Transportation CIP requests, and typically not all project requests are able to be funded. If funding is recommended and approved by City Council in June 2023, a project of this nature could anticipate a design and coordination timeframe of approximately twelve (12) months after the approval of funding, consequently the earliest sidewalk improvements would be installed would be two (2) or more years from current date. Given this timeline, staff determined that this abandonment application should continue to be scheduled in its normal sequence following the Planning Commission action that has already occurred thus allowing the applicant to have their abandonment request heard by the City Council in a timely manner. This abandonment decision will not limit being able to install a sidewalk along N. 68th Street as part of future CIP planning.

Staff's Recommendation to Planning Commission

Staff recommended that the Planning Commission make a recommendation to City Council for approval to abandon the subject 10-foot-wide strip of right-of-way, finding that the proposal is consistent with and conforms to the adopted General Plan, subject to the following:

- The property owner pays to the city the combined total amount as determined by City Council as compensation to the city for the abandonment of right-of-way.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommended Approach:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 12441 to abandon the west 10-feet of the existing 85-foot-wide Public Right-of-Way for N. 68th Street, located along the eastern boundary of parcel 173-44-014C, with Single-family Residential district (R1-35) zoning, at 6750 E. Exeter Boulevard.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

Planning and Development Services

Current Planning Services

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APPROVED BY



Jeff Barnes, Report Author

4/25/2022

Date



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Planning Commission Liaison
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4/27/2022

Date



Erin Perreault, AICP, Acting Executive Director Planning,
Economic Development and Tourism
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April 28, 2022

Date

ATTACHMENTS

1. Context Aerial
- 1A. Aerial Close-Up
2. Applicant's Narrative
3. Resolution No. 12441
 - Exhibit A: Legal Description
 - Exhibit B: Legal Graphic
 - Exhibit C: Depiction of subject parcel
4. Zoning Aerial
5. Community Outreach
6. City Notification Map
7. Public Comment
8. April 13, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes



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Close-up Aerial

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ATTACHMENT #1A

RIGHT-OF-WAY ABANDONMENT

PROJECT NARRATIVE

January 5, 2022

Background

On behalf of Augusta Emerita Partners (“Owner”), Rose Law Group (“Applicant”) is requesting the approval of a right-of-way (“ROW”) abandonment along the eastern border of a residential property located at 6750 East Exeter Boulevard, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251 (APN 173-44-014C) (the “Property”). The Property contains an existing single family residential home at the northwest corner of East Exeter Boulevard and North 68th Street and is in the R1-35 zoning district. The surrounding properties are similarly comprised of single-family residential homes in the R1-35 zoning district. The requested abandonment is for a short length of ROW along North 68th Street.

Request

This request is to abandon 10 feet of ROW for a length of approximately 301.27 feet along North 68th Street adjacent to the Property, resulting in a total abandonment of approximately 2,862 square feet (0.0657 acres) (See **Exhibit A – ROW Abandonment Aerial** and **Exhibit B - Legal Description & Graphic**). The requested abandonment is a portion of ROW dedicated to the City of Scottsdale in 1992 for purposes of widening North 68th St (See **Exhibit C – Deed of ROW Dedication**). The City has since decided not to widen North 68th Street. As such, the 10 feet of ROW is no longer needed, and its abandonment is appropriate.

The existing wall on the east side of the Property currently falls within the ROW. The purpose of the requested abandonment is to allow the eastern wall to fall within the Property’s parcel lines. Additionally, the Owner is remodeling the kitchen of the home on the Property and has been advised by the architect that the abandonment would allow for some increased flexibility for the Property.

Importantly, access to the Property or adjacent parcels is not impacted by the proposed abandonment. Additionally, there will be no impact to traffic circulation or to emergency services. The Applicant has informed each of the Utility Company Contacts provided of this proposal and their written authorization is included with this application.

As discussed with City Staff, the Owner proposes to pay the sum of \$0.50 per square foot, for a total of \$1,431, in consideration for the requested abandonment. Additionally, if necessary, the Owner is willing to remove portions of the vegetation on the Property along East Exeter Boulevard in order to facilitate a shoulder and pedestrian space along the edge of the pavement, and intersection sight distance in the southeast corner of the property and in the northwest corner of the intersection of North 68th Street and Exeter Boulevard. Finally, if this request is approved, any underground utility facilities within the abandonment area will have dedicated public easements in order to maintain the rights of existing utilities.

Exhibit A - ROW Abandonment Aerial



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N 68th St

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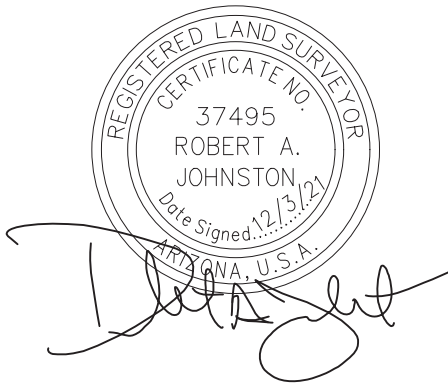
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Exhibit B - Legal Description & Graphic



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION
GAROFONO RESIDENCE
RIGHT-OF-WAY ABANDONMENT**

JOB NO. 21-1061

12/03/2021

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EXCEPT THE WEST 420 FEET AND THE EAST 15 FEET THEREOF;

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SAID PORTION OF LAND CONTAINING 3,012 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.0691 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND/OR RIGHTS-OF-WAYS OF RECORD OR OTHERWISE.

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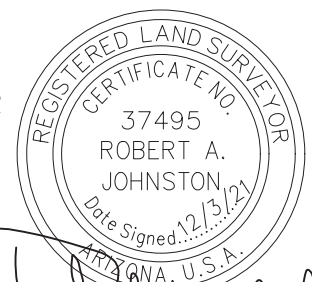
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EXHIBIT



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Exhibit C - Deed of ROW Dedication

return to hawkins & campbell

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WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PLANNING & ZONING
RECORDS DEPARTMENT
3939 CIVIC CENTER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251



DEED OF
RIGHT OF WAY
DEDICATION



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PROJECT: 43-LS-91

QUARTER SECTION NO.: 17-43

CALVIN D. & JUDITH ANN WOLFSWINKEL (owners) Grantor(s),

for a valuable consideration, hereby grant(s) to the CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, a municipal corporation, its successors and assigns, a perpetual right-of-way for the following purpose, namely: The right to enter upon the hereinafter described land and grade, level, fill, drain, pave, construct, operate, maintain, repair, and rebuild a road or highway, together with such bridges, culverts, drainageways, ramps, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and cuts as may be necessary to construct, operate and maintain any public utility lines, pipes or poles, on, over, under, and across the ground embraced within the right-of-way situated in the City of Scottsdale, State of Arizona and described as follows:

The East 15.00 feet of Lots 13 and 14, Block 1, Lombardi Estates,
Recorded in Book 44 of Maps, Page 18, M.C.R.

The said right-of-way to include the right to cut back and trim such portions of branches and tops of trees now growing or may hereafter grow or extend over said right-of-way, so as to prevent the same from interfering with the efficient maintenance and operation of said public highways and public utilities.

And the Grantors hereby covenant that they are lawfully seized and possessed on this aforementioned tract or parcel of land; that they have a good and lawful right to sell and convey it; and that they will warrant the title and quiet possession thereto against the lawful claim of all persons.

DATED this 31 day of March, 1992

STATE OF Arizona)
County of Maricopa) ss

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 31 day of March 19 92 by

Calvin D. & Judith Ann
Wolfswinkel

My commission will expire 3/25/95



OFFICIAL SEAL
ALIX J. GRAHAM
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY
My Comm. Expires March 29, 1995

[Signature]

Notary Public

7447 E. INDIAN SCHOOL RD., SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251 (602) 994-7080

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RESOLUTION NO. 12441

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA ABANDONING, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AND RESERVATIONS, CERTAIN INTERESTS IN A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE EASTERN BORDER OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6750 E EXETER BOULEVARD.

(2-AB-2022)

(6750 E Exeter Blvd – Abandonment)

WHEREAS:

A. A.R.S. Sec. 28-7201, et seq. and A.R.S. §9-500.24 provide that a city may dispose of a public roadway or portion thereof that is no longer necessary for public use.

B. Scottsdale Revised Code §2-221 and other applicable laws provide that the City may dispose of other real property interests.

C. After notice to the public, the City of Scottsdale Planning Commission and City Council have held hearings on the proposed abandonment of a certain portion of the street right-of-way and other interests (collectively the "Abandonment Rights-of-way").

D. The Abandonment Rights-of-way are legally described on **Exhibit "A"** and depicted on **Exhibit "B"** attached hereto, and comprise an area of approximately 3,012 square-feet.

E. The Abandonment Rights-of-way fall within, serve, affect or are near a parcel comprising approximately 1.23 acres ("Owner's Parcel"), as depicted on **Exhibit "C"** attached hereto.

F. The Council finds that, subject to the conditions, requirements, reservations and limitations of this resolution, the Abandonment Rights-of-way are no longer necessary for public use.

G. The Council has considered the City expenditure, if any, authorized by this resolution and the direct consideration that City will receive and finds that there is a clearly identified public purpose for City's expenditure, if any, and that City will receive direct consideration substantially equal to its expenditure.

H. The Council finds that consideration and other public benefit commensurate with the value of the interests in the Abandonment Right-of-way being abandoned, giving due consideration to its degree of fragmentation and marketability, will be provided to City by the owners of the abutting property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the City of Scottsdale, Arizona, as follows:

1. Abandonment. Subject to the reservations and conditions below, City's interests comprising the Abandonment Rights-of-way are hereby abandoned.

2. Reservations. City reserves to itself and excludes from this abandonment all of the following cumulative, perpetual interests:

2.1 Any and all interests in the Abandonment Rights-of-way that any related application, zoning case, plat, lot split, use permit, or other land use regulatory process or requirements may require to be dedicated to City.

2.2 Any of the following in favor of City that may already have been imposed on the Abandonment Rights-of-way prior to this resolution, if any:

2.2.1 Any V.N.A.E. or other vehicular non-access easement or covenant.

2.2.2 Any open space or similar easement or covenant.

2.2.3 Any scenic corridor, setback or similar easement or covenant.

2.3 An easement for all existing utilities, if any.

2.4 Such rights and interests, if any, as are required to be reserved by A.R.S. Sec. 28-7210 and A.R.S. Sec. 28-7215.

3. Effective Date. This resolution shall not be recorded or become effective until the Zoning Administrator determines that all of the following conditions (the "Conditions") are satisfied in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and policies and at no expense to City:

3.1 Payment. The owner shall pay to City the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred and Six Dollars (\$1,506.00) as consideration for the abandonment Right-of-Way, in addition to any application fees or other amounts related to this Resolution and in addition to any other amounts payable to the City.

3.2 If determined to be necessary by the Zoning Administrator, the owner shall remove specified vegetation within the right-of-way along both street frontages of the parcel.

3.3. As proof of satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 3, The Zoning Administrator shall execute the certificate at the bottom of this resolution indicating that the Conditions have been satisfied.

4. Administration of Conditions. If the foregoing Conditions are not all satisfied prior to the second annual anniversary of this resolution, the Zoning Administrator shall report the same to the City Clerk and then the City Clerk shall mark this resolution to indicate that this resolution is void.

5. Exhibit Labeling. The text of this resolution controls any conflict with the exhibits as to the nature of the interests created, reserved or otherwise affected by this resolution. For example, if the text of this resolution indicates that City is reserving a particular type of easement, but the exhibit text or labels indicate a different type of real estate interest, then the text controls.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale this _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an Arizona municipal corporation

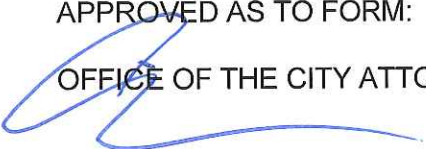
David D. Ortega, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Ben Lane, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY



Sherry R. Scott, City Attorney

By: Eric C. Anderson, Senior Asst. City Attorney

CERTIFICATE

I am the zoning administrator of the City of Scottsdale. I certify that I have confirmed that the conditions stated in paragraph 3 of the abandonment resolution above have been fulfilled and the resolution is ready to be recorded and become effective.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature

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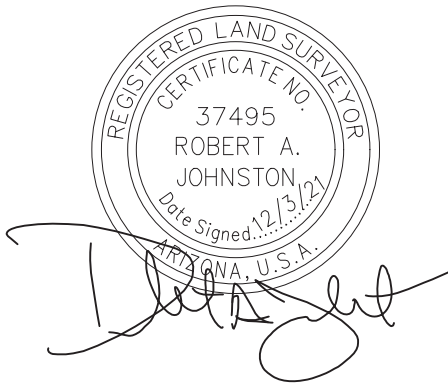


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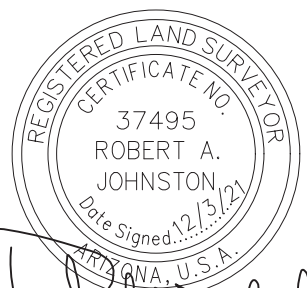
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RIGHT-OF-WAY ABANDONMENT

EXHIBIT B



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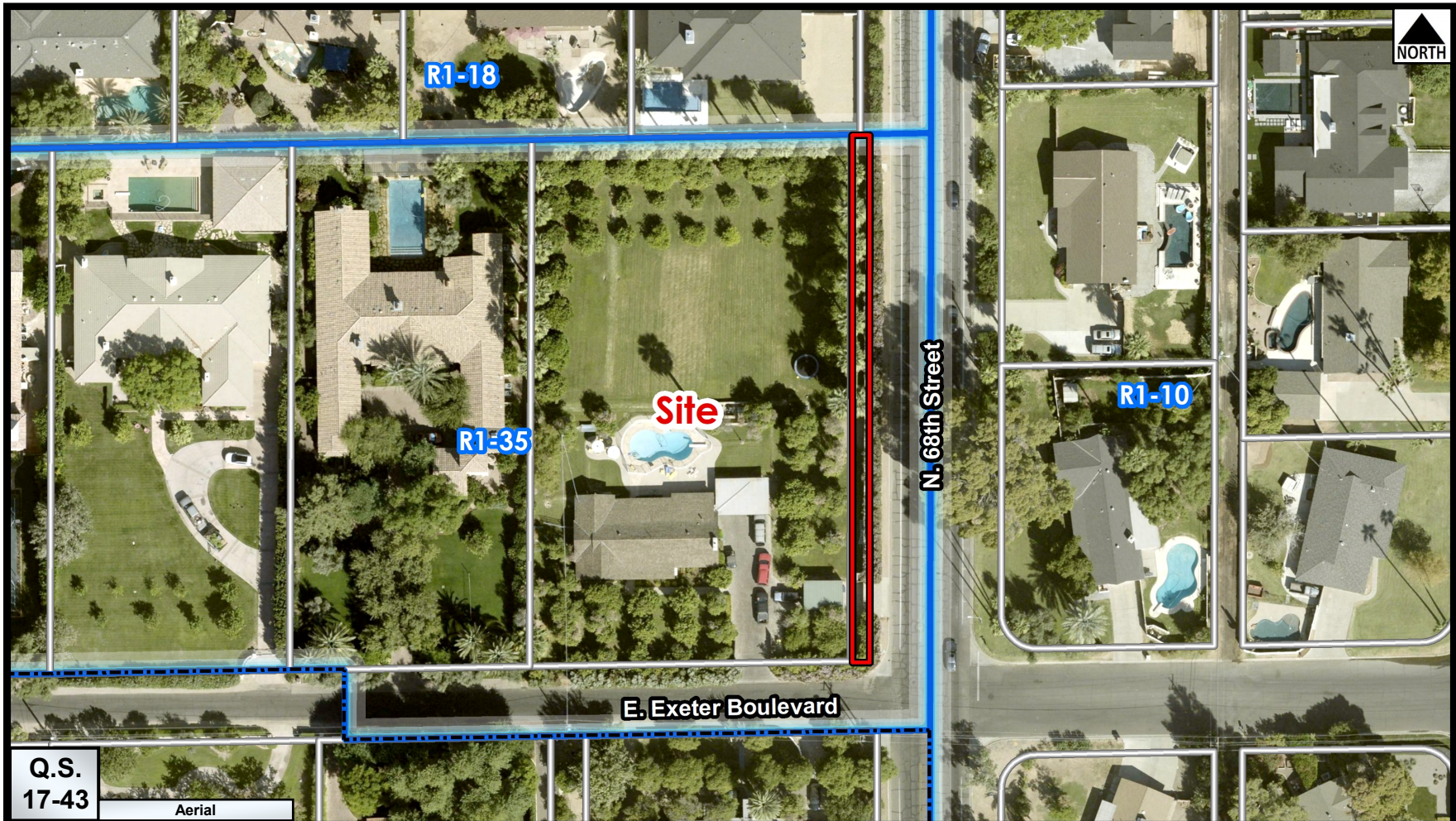
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Zoning Aerial

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ATTACHMENT #4

Community Outreach Summary
Application No. 799-PA-2021 – 6750 E. Exeter Blvd.
Abandonment
January 18, 2022

Background

August Emerita Partners (the “Owner”) intends to make certain improvements to the residential property at 6750 East Exeter Boulevard, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251 (APN 173-44-014C) (the “Property”). To satisfy City setback requirements, the Owner was advised by his architect to abandon some of the extra right-of-way (“ROW”) along the east side of the Property at 68th Street that was dedicated to the City previously. For context, the Owner’s family dedicated 15 feet of ROW to the city for ROW purposes in 1992. The City has since determined that the 15 feet of ROW is no longer necessary. As such, Rose Law Group (the “Applicant”), on behalf of the Owner, is requesting the approval of the abandonment of 10 feet of ROW along 68th Street, adjacent to the eastern side of the Property.

Notification Letter

On December 27, 2021, the Applicant mailed 253 letters to surrounding property owners and HOAs located within 750 feet, along with the City’s standard interested parties list, informing them of the application and providing the Applicant’s and City’s contact information should they have any questions. The letter is included with this application.

Neighbor Correspondence

As stated in the notification letter, the Applicant welcomed neighbor questions or comments. As of January 18, 2022, the Applicant was contacted by five nearby neighbors, all of whom were generally curious and did not oppose the proposal.

City staff, however, received twelve letters of opposition, all of which appear to be from residents of the Village of Pavoreal community at the southwest corner of Camelback Road and 68th Street. The neighbor’s primary concerns pertain to their desire for the installation of a sidewalk along the remainder of 68th Street. The neighbors would like to have a sidewalk to improve safety and walkability of the area. Many of the neighbors believe that the proposed ROW abandonment will prohibit the installation of a sidewalk along 68th Street. The Applicant confirmed with City transportation staff that the proposed ROW abandonment would not impact the feasibility of a future sidewalk here, should the City choose to construct one.

Even though the Applicant wasn’t contacted by any individuals opposed to the proposal, the Applicant reached out to all of the neighbors that contacted the City with concerns to inform them that the proposal would not impact the feasibility of a future sidewalk. Neighbors that provided e-

mails were contacted by e-mail, while neighbors that provided phone numbers were given a call. The Applicant was able to discuss the proposal with three individuals that opposed the proposal, two of which are no longer opposed now that they understand the proposal is irrelevant to their desire for a sidewalk. While the third individual now understands that the proposal will not prohibit a future sidewalk, he maintains his opposition because he wants the Owner to make certain improvements to 68th Street in favor of a future sidewalk, and to put pressure on the City to install one. The remaining neighbors did not respond.

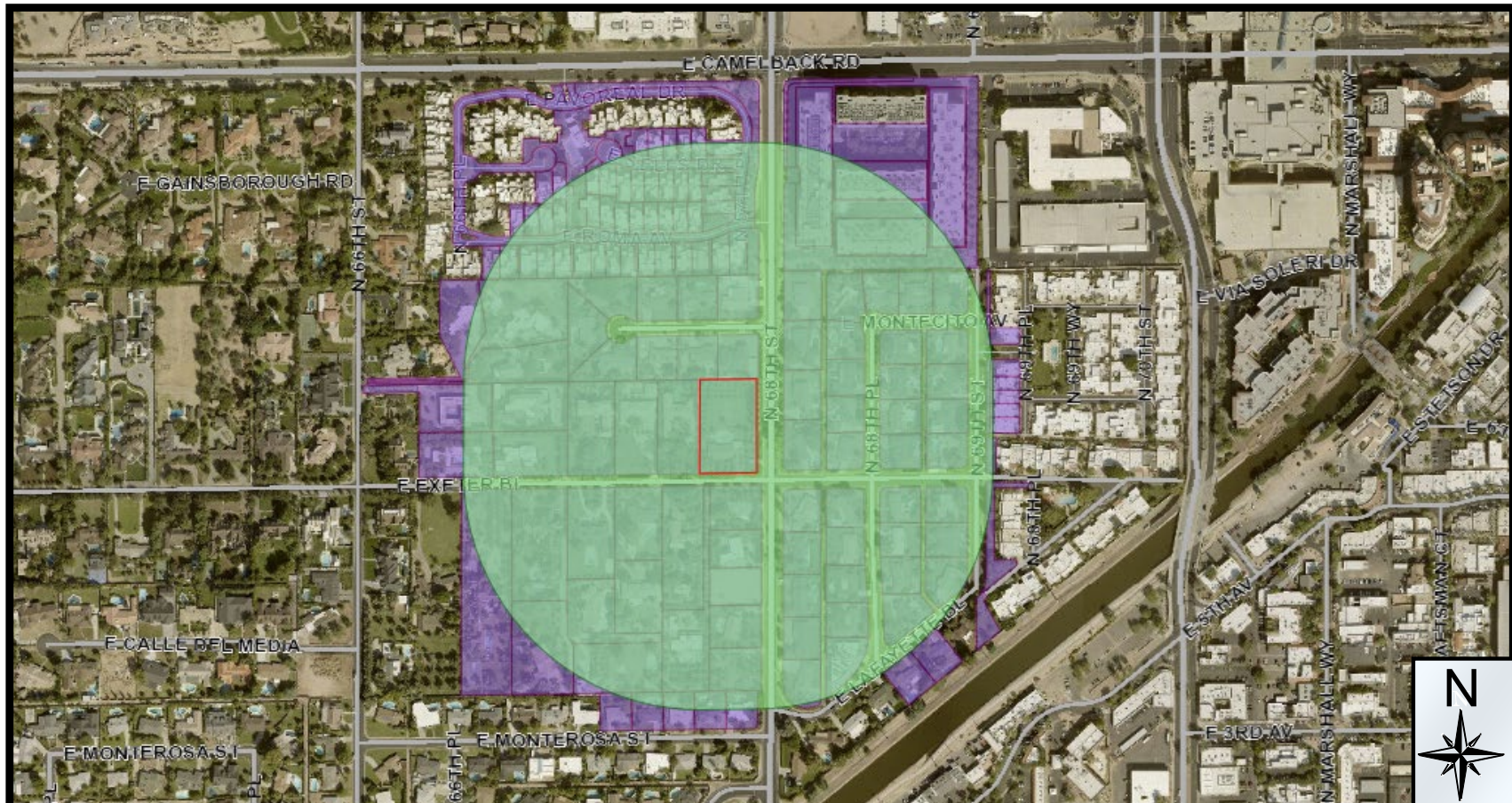
DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	INITIALLY CONTACTED	NOTES
1/3/22	Mary Benoist	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed - Would like sidewalk and believes proposal will prevent it.
1/3/22	Harold Back	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed - Would like sidewalk (safety, walkability) and proposal will prevent it.
1/3/22	Michael and Rose Hawman	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like sidewalk (safety and walkability) and proposal will prevent it.
1/4/22	Christine Sheppard	6746 E. Montecito Ave.	Applicant	Wanted to know what the application was for. Not opposed.
1/4/22	Doreen and Don Myles	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed - Would like sidewalk and speed limits enforced.
1/4/22	Jim Berson	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like sidewalk and proposal will prevent it.
1/4/22	Michael P. Prescott and Earline Jones	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Originally opposed due to sidewalk. No longer opposed after speaking with applicant.
1/4/22	Bonnie Lang and Gary Breshears	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – City made a promise to make the area more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.
1/4/22	Marsha and John French	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like a sidewalk.

1/5/22	Teresa Roberts	Freeport McMoran	Applicant	Wanted to know what the application was for – likely received notice by mistake. Not opposed.
1/6/22	Wally Powell	Whitwood Neighborhood	Applicant	Wanted to know what the application was for. Not opposed. Feels this is good for the neighborhood.
1/7/22	Robert Carey	Unknown	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like sidewalk and proposal will prevent it.
1/7/22	John and Debbie Mulholland	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like sidewalk and proposal will prevent it.
1/9/22	Ruth Strauss	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Opposed – Would like sidewalk and proposal will prevent it.
1/9/22	Patrick J. O’Leary and Karen M. Yamasaki	Village of Pavoreal	City of Scottsdale	Originally opposed – Would like sidewalk and proposal will prevent it. No longer opposed after speaking with applicant.
1/10/22	Cheryl Ellegard	Unknown	Applicant	Wanted to know what the application was for. Not opposed.
1/14/22	Caniglia Development LLC	6737 E. Exeter Blvd.	Applicant	Wanted to know what the application was for. Not opposed.

Conclusion

The Applicant and Owner are committed to continued open communication with the surrounding community and informing them of all details for the proposal. The Applicant believes it has reasonably addressed all opposition against the proposal by informing them that the request would not prevent a future sidewalk, which was the root of their concern. The Applicant will continue to address all questions and concerns from neighbors.

City Notifications – 6750 E Exeter Blvd - Abandonment



Additional Notifications:

<p>Interested Parties List</p> <p>Adjacent HOA's</p> <p>P&Z E-Newsletter</p> <p>Facebook</p> <p>Nextdoor.com</p> <p>City Website-Projects in the hearing process</p>	<p>January 25, 2022</p>
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Pulled Labels
January 25, 2022

Map Legend:

Site Boundary

Properties within 750-feet

Postcards: 131

2-AB-2022

From: [Harold Back](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Projectinput](#); [Barnes, Jeff](#); [Kercher, Phillip](#); [Meinhart, David](#)
Subject: 68th Street Sidewalk Association/ 2AB 2022
Date: Wednesday, February 02, 2022 3:50:24 PM
Attachments: [68th Street Association Template.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

We are deeply concerned about the advancing of the proposal to vacate a portion of the Right of Way referenced as 2 AB 2022, 6750 Exeter Blvd. Most importantly our concerns are driven by the fact that there is a desperate need for a sidewalk on 68th Street between Camelback Road and Indian School.

We request that any decision to vacate ROW is not in the public interest since it may impede any future development of the much needed sidewalk in the area. Accordingly, we are asking that any changes be deferred until such time that there is a fully developed plan for the sidewalk which would be consistent with the City Master Plan and the safety of all pedestrians who traverse this area.

Our concerns are more fully expressed in the attached memorandum, we would appreciate your attention to our concerns.

The 68th Street Sidewalk Association
H.S.Back

Sent from my iPad

The 68th Street Sidewalk **Association**

% H.S.Back
6711 East Camelback Road, #29
Scottsdale AZX 85251
480 490 5742

February 1, 2022

The Honorable Mayor David D Ortega
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2AB 2022 6750 East Exeter

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amenity of the canal trail at Indian School or to walk to Old Town is dangerous and we need this matter to be addressed with some urgency.

Our primary concern is that staff and the City Council might approve the vacation of the ROW(right of way) requested in the above application without regard for the impact in impeding sidewalk development along 68th Street.

Given the extent of encroachment in the Right of Way along the full extent of the area in question, we need the City to clear the area of any impediments so as to enable relatively safe movement while we wait for this sidewalk to be installed.

It would provide us with significant comfort as to the City's intent were we to see a fully developed plan together with a calendar for implementation. Until such time, we respectfully request that the City deny any requested changes too the status quo, most significantly by denying the above referenced request, **2 AB 2022**.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,
The 68th Street Sidewalk Association

H. S. Back

From: [Wendy Weinberg](#)
To: [Projectinput](#)
Subject: Case #2-AB-2022
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 3:59:43 PM

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My understanding so far is that the city currently owns the right of way to the 10 ft. in question. If that is true, I would like the city to exercise that right and make improvements that benefit residents in the area who would benefit from improved pedestrian/bike access from Camelback to Indian School. If the city is not currently prepared to make such improvements, then *preserve that right until such time* as there are viable plans for improvements to our city.

Hope my comments are well received.

Wendy Weinberg
6711 E. Camelback Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

From: sallen215@cox.net
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Cc: corefinancial@me.com
Subject: 2-AB-2022
Date: Saturday, January 29, 2022 12:00:36 PM

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Dear Sirs/Madame,

I am writing to you concerning the application to vacate a portion of the right of way along 68th Street referenced by the above number and street address.

I am concerned and deeply troubled that staff may recommend ceding a part of the right of way without a clear understanding by the community impacted by doing so and the long term impact on the development of sidewalks along the east and west side of 68th street between Camelback and Indian School. Furthermore giving up any area without adequate consideration does not respect the public interest.

The urgent need to focus on the pedestrian right of way has only increased as the density of development of housing at the corner of 68th street and Camelback Road. has occurred. Increased vehicular traffic has dramatically exposed pedestrians to heightened danger and ignoring the sidewalk need will ensure that it is only a matter of time before there will be injuries or fatalities resulting from the lack of a safe way for pedestrians to traverse the area safely.

The amenity provided by the canal path and Old Town are not easily reached and neighborhood walkability is adversely affected. The public interest of our community at 6711 east Camelback and the neighboring Optima and The Mall, not considering the pending development of a hotel is a concern to all of us.

I strongly object to any conceding of any of the PUBLIC Right Of Way without a complete plan for the area that demonstrates any concession would not adversely affect the future sidewalk development and also give me an understanding of a calendar under which that development would be undertaken and completed.

I need your help to protect our collective interest and advance the ideas expressed above. Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Allen
The Village of Pavoreal #26
602-525-6811

From: [Harold Back](#)
To: [Meinhart, David](#)
Cc: [Barnes, Jeff](#); [Kercher, Phillip](#)
Subject: 799-PA-2021
Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:18:21 PM

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Dear Mr. Meinhart,

we received notice of an impending application to vacate the Right of Way on the west side of 68th Street (6750 East Exeter), and have communicated with both Jeff Barnes and Phil Kercher at the city concerning our strong objection to any approval for such a vacation.

As a separate email, I will send you a copy of our letter objecting which was sent to Jeff Barnes and I understand is in the appropriate file. It is important that there be no consideration of vacating the ROW which will compromise future development of sidewalk and streetscape in the area under review. No consideration to vacating should be entertained until such time as a fully developed sidewalk development plan is completed and adopted by the city so as not to impede or add unneeded costs to completing the sidewalk.

It is crucial that appropriate effort be made to completing a sidewalk along the west side of 68th Street for both safety and pedestrian access to old Town and also to the mall as well as providing the walkability expressed in the City master plan.

I have been led to understand that your department is responsible for side walk development and would like to speak with you as a matter of urgency.

My phone number is 4780 490 5742.

I look forward to discussing this further at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance,
Harold Back
Village of Pavoreal

Sent from my iPad

From: [Harold Back](#)
To: [Kercher, Phillip](#)
Cc: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: Thank you
Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:51:57 PM

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Dear Phil,

Thank you for discussing the pending request to vacate the ROW located at 6750 East Exeter. It is important to the whole community and the viability of the neighborhood safety and walkability that it not be approved, certainly it should not be given consideration without a simultaneous undertaking to complete the sidewalk in that area.

We would appreciate any assistance you can provide to advancing the more important element, the sidewalk.

Again thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Harold Back
Village of Pavoreal

Sent from my iPad

From: [Harold Back](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#); [Kercher, Phillip](#); [Conklu, Susan](#); [Meinhart, David](#); oabdallah@roselawgroup.com
Cc: [Marsha French](#); [Barbara Gower](#); [Bonnie Lang](#); [Mike Hawman](#); [Rose Hawman](#); [David Grossman](#); marilynbresnahan@gmail.com; [ruth strauss](#); [Trudy Serlin](#); [Doreen Myles](#); [DON MYLES](#); [Judy Ackerman](#); [Joel Levitz](#); [Jim Berson](#); [Tony Dennis](#); [Michael Black](#); [Patrick O'Leary](#); [Karen And Patrick](#); [Randy Schoch](#); [anne Madigan](#); [Cathie Allen](#); [Mike & Earlene Prescott](#); [John Mulholland](#); [Rhonda McCormack](#); [Connie Dahlgren](#)
Subject: Public Interest Pre Application 799-PA-2021
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 10:18:48 AM

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Dear Mr. Barnes,

Given the contrary nature of the application to concede an area of the right of way designated for either the widening of 68th street and/or the placing of sidewalks along 68th Street between Camelback and Indian School, we are collectively concerned that the public interest may be ignored affecting the pace with which sidewalks are put in place and also the costs being increased to eventually do so. It is not in the Public Interest to approve this change without a full understanding of its implications.

Regardless, we are not trying to be obstructive and would be able to support a plan which in consideration of the City conceding a portion of the right of way, not further east then the block wall, the property owner agrees to remove the hedge and metal fence, clearing the area east of the block wall, while grading the area to then be level. This compromise would achieve the interests of all concerned, and serve the Public Interest of not impeding future changes along 68th street, while making the sidewalk area accessible today.

We would like to make sure that staff do not agree to or recommend the contemplated change without considering our collective interest, and would like to be notified of the pending date that this may come before the City Commission.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Harold Back

Sent from my iPad

From: [Harold Back](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Projectinput](#); [Barnes, Jeff](#); [Kercher, Phillip](#); [Meinhart, David](#)
Subject: 68th Street Sidewalk Association/ 2AB 2022
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 3:50:23 PM
Attachments: [68th Street Association Template.pdf](#)

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H.S.Back

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Yours sincerely,
The 68th Street Sidewalk Association

H. S. Back

From: [Harold Back](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Kercher, Phillip](#); [Meinhart, David](#); [Conklu, Susan](#); [Schilling, Bethany](#); [Janik, Betty](#); [Barnes, Jeff](#); [Projectinput](#)
Subject: Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Rosa Mroz dies after being hit by car in Phoenix
Date: Saturday, February 5, 2022 4:55:49 PM

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2 AB 2022

The 68th Street Sidewalk Association

Dear Mayor and City Councillors
The City of Scottsdale

Today Judge Rosa Mroz, a retired Maricopa Judge died from injuries sustained when struck by a vehicle along Camelback Road at 56th Street. There is no way to overstate the terrible loss suffered by her family and Maricopa County citizens then the loss caused by this avoidable tragedy.

As profound as this loss is, our city has an opportunity to celebrate her memory and her contribution to civiv life in Maricopa County by dedicating the future sidewalk to be built on 68th Street between Camelback and Indian School Road. In doing so, not only will her memory be preserved, but future generations will be able to safely traverse the dangerous area between these two intersections.

It will be better for our community if our political leadership is cutting a ribbon to unveil the “Judge Rosa Mroz Memorial sidewalk” then making a condolence call to a family whose life would be shattered by a terrible avoidable tragedy, all because there was not a sidewalk on 68th Street.

We join in extending our condolences to the Mroz family, may her memory be a blessing.

Yours sincerely,
The 68th Street Sidewalk Association

H.S.Back

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix-breaking/2022/02/05/maricopa-county-judge-rosa-mroz-dies-after-hit-car/6676555001/>

Sent from my iPad

From: [Harold Back](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: Pre-application #799-PA-2021. North 68th Street
Date: Monday, January 3, 2022 10:29:28 AM

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Dear Mr Barnes,

We are in receipt of the application to abandon the West side of 68th street on the east perimeter of 6750 East Exeter referenced by the number above.

We object to the abandonment of the Right of Way for the following reasons:

The density at the intersection of Camelback and 68th Street has increased significantly and will increase further with the contemplated opening of a hotel property on the north east corner of that same intersection. Furthermore traffic has dramatically increased both north and south bound, and will continue to do so as the urban character of the area changes.

The City completed a major renovation of the bridge and access to the walk path at the canal at the 68th and Indian School intersection. However it is neither easy or safe to access those amenities as a pedestrian from the dense concentration of homes at Camelback Road.

All of this has occurred during a period when increased walkability is a crucial component of urban life. Our community, The Village of Pavoreal and also our adjacent neighbor at Sonora Village are the northwest boundry of Old Town Scottsdale. And yet, walking southbound on 68th Street is to take ones life in one's hand, there is no sidewalk. The lines painted on the side of the road to provide a faux sidewalk are inadequate to provide safety for a pedestrian.

In addition there are bus stops at both the Camelback and Indian School intersections with 68th Street and a major draw at the mall for workers who use the public transport options, all take their life in their hand when traversing 68th Street in either direction.

For the City to consider abandoning a Right of Way that should be being developed as a sidewalk would undermine the future ability to complete an integrated sidewalk along the western side of 68th street between Camelback and Indian School severely impacting negatively all the residents of the area.

We strongly urge the City to fully develop the ROW and enhance the neighborhood for all who live or visit the area.

We restate our objection to any consideration of abandonment of the Right Of Way referenced as 299-PA-2021.

Harold S Back & Family
6711 East Camelback Rd
Scottsdale AZ 85251
480-490-5742

Yours sincerely,
Harold Back

Sent from my iPad

From: mkbenoist@gmail.com
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: Pre-Application #799-PA—2021
Date: Monday, January 3, 2022 3:55:12 PM

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I am writing to request that the ROW located on the East side of 6750 East Exeter Blvd not be abandoned as presented by the Rose Law Group. I would like to see a sidewalk built on this property to connect the Pavoreal side walk to the new bridge & canal walkways. It is currently extremely dangerous to walk or ride a bicycle along 68th street, and this makes the 'walkable Scottsdale' a complete sham. The sidewalk should have been done long ago & the abandonment of this ROW will dash all hopes of one. Please do not approve this proposal. Sincerely, Mary Benoist, Pavoreal.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jim Berson](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: File reference # 799-PA-2021
Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:27:09 AM

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Dear Mr. Barnes,

I received notification to abandon the right of way along North 68th street at the property address of 6750 East Exeter Blvd. I am requesting that the City of Scottsdale reject the abandonment of the right of way application because it would prevent the city from providing a desperately needed sidewalk for pedestrian safety.

The area in question, which runs along 68th street from Indian School Rd. to East Camelback, is a major pedestrian walking route to Old Town, but it has become congested with traffic and it is only a matter of time before a pedestrian fatality occurs due to the lack of a sidewalk.

Abandoning this right of way is also a direct contradiction to the Scottsdale master plan that prioritizes making Old Town a walkable community; therefore, I request that the city not only reject this application for abandoning the right of way, but that it also begins the process of constructing a sidewalk along this corridor.

Sincerely,
Jim Berson
6711 E. Camelback Rd. #52
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
M: 602 421 6065

From: [Kristine Buckles](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: Re: 2-AB-2022
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:35:42 AM

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Thank you very much. Were you aware of what happened at Camelback and 68th this weekend? Traffic is such a concern here. I can't believe we are considering giving up an INCH of a right of way. Seriously, I feel safer walking in Chicago.

From: Barnes, Jeff <JBarnes@Scottsdaleaz.gov>
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 8:33 AM
To: baysideagency@outlook.com <baysideagency@outlook.com>
Cc: Kercher, Phillip <pker@scottsdaleaz.gov>
Subject: RE: 2-AB-2022

Kris,

I understand you have been in contact with our Transportation staff as layout in the email chain below. I believe the last update provided indicated we had not yet determined a hearing scheduling, but I wanted to let you know we are now anticipating this will go to our Planning Commission at their 4/13 meeting. Updated information as it is available will be listed on the case information page: <https://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/bldgresources/Cases/Details/53079>, and closer to the date the meeting agenda will be posted on the Planning Commission page: <https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/boards/planning-commission>

Jeff Barnes
Senior Planner
City of Scottsdale
Planning & Development Services
jbarnes@scottsdaleaz.gov
(480) 312-2376

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From: Kristine Buckles <baysideagency@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 9:34 AM
To: Meinhart, David <DMeinhart@Scottsdaleaz.gov>; Kercher, Phillip <pker@scottsdaleaz.gov>
Subject: Re: 2-AB-2022

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Morning, Phil. Any word on a hearing date?

From: Kristine Buckles <baysideagency@outlook.com>

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 11:38 AM

To: dmeinhardt@scottsdaleaz.gov <dmeinhardt@scottsdaleaz.gov>, pkercher@scottsdaleaz.gov <pkercher@scottsdaleaz.gov>

Subject: 2-AB-2022

Gentlemen:

My name is Kris Dickson, and my husband and I purchased a unit in Pavoreal over a year ago. We've made almost a two million dollar investment here on a location selected largely for its proximity to Old Town.

Given that, imagine how dismayed I was to realize the walking path to Old Town consisted of a very narrow path, if any at all, separated from speeding vehicles literally by inches and a white line? I was nervous enough about this, but then I heard about Judge Mroz, simultaneous with this abandonment request.

Please tell me you are not going to consider the financial gain of one owner or developer over the public health, safety and general welfare of the many communities whose pedestrians rely on this path.

Instead perhaps you should consider taking a hard look at that CURRENT right of way and devising a means of keeping the pedestrians who rely on it safe. As it is, people have put mailboxes and plantings that almost force pedestrians into traffic to avoid.

I appreciate your attention to this. I fully intend on appealing this with the Transportation Director should the abandonment win staff approval, in addition to seeking media attention on the matter.

Regards,

Kris Dickson
6711 E Camelback Rd, Lot 41
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
8475870282

From: [Ruenger, Jeffrey](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: FW: Case No. 2-AB-2022
Date: Friday, February 4, 2022 5:45:06 PM

From: Kristine Buckles <baysideagency@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 5:28 PM
To: Projectinput <Projectinput@Scottsdaleaz.gov>
Subject: Case No. 2-AB-2022

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I am writing to ask that you not allow the abandonment of this right-of-way and that you instead put a sidewalk along 68th from Camelback to Indian School.

My husband and I purchased our home a little over a year ago for its proximity to Old Town and the amenities there. I was extremely disappointed to realize the lack of sidewalk on 68th and the peril that that creates trying to walk down the road to get to Old Town or the canal path. Someone is going to get killed.

Please don't forsake our community's safety for the benefit of one developer.

Thanks for allowing my input.

Kristine Buckles Dickson
6711 E. Camelback Road, Unit 41
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

From: [Robert Carey](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: 6750 E Exeter
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 8:02:16 PM

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I was advised you are the city contact for the request for abandonment of a right of way associated with 6750 E Exeter Blvd. The right of way is on the east side, abutting 68th Street it seems. Why is the city not keeping the right of way? There is nothing to be gained by abandonment, and it seems that in future there might be a need for a sidewalk, which could be more easily accomplished with a ROW. 68th Street, with all of the foot traffic going to the canal and arts and entertainment district from high-density residential on Camelback, should have a sidewalk or some more appropriate pedestrian friendly approach. Moreover, that particular property has large bushes that impede a view of the oncoming (southbound 68th Street) traffic, making it dangerous to turn either way. Please advise why the City is simply acceding to the request and the logic behind that.

RB carey

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From: [Michael Culbert](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: Pre-application #799-PA-2021 North 68th Street
Date: Saturday, January 15, 2022 9:08:20 AM

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Dear Mr. Barnes,

It has come to my attention that an application to abandon the City's right-of-way easement on the west side of 68th Street adjacent to the property at 6750 E. Exeter has been filed with the City of Scottsdale.

As a homeowner I oppose the City abandoning the existing right of way.

As a homeowner in the surrounding community (Unit 81 in Pavoreal), 68th Street is an important pedestrian connector that currently lacks proper sidewalks making it a dangerous undertaking for residents to traverse. As the community becomes more urban and walking and bike riding become the choice for residents and visitors the city will need to respond with appropriate infrastructure to meet the needs. To abandon an important public right away for private purposes seems to be counter productive and totally irresponsible to the public. The city should be planning how to develop bike / pedestrian friendly infrastructure instead of abandoning a much valued right away for everyone,

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience regarding this issue.

Regards

Michael Culbert

6711 E. Camelback Rd
Unit 81
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
michaelculbert@gmail.com
4803817474

From: [Marsha & John French](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: 68th St. and Exeter ROW abandonment; Pre-application #799-PA-2021 North 68th Street
Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 11:55:01 AM

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We have received notice of this application and oppose it.

As a homeowner in the surrounding community, we used to walk 68th Street south to access the canal path and the Old Town area. I significantly limited walking this stretch several years ago because of the lack of a sidewalk on this section of 68th Street. Ease of access to these amenities was a major benefit to us. I have always hoped that the City of Scottsdale would put in a sidewalk to make walking easier with the addition of the Optima apartments, which have increased traffic and congestion. Now I see that an individual homeowner is asking for ROW abandonment and yet there is no published plan of which I am aware that improves safety for a larger population of taxpayers to enjoy Scottsdale's amenities.

The volume and speed of traffic has increased substantially over the years on the stretch of 68th street between Camelback and Indian School. I walk the Camelback/68th St. sidewalk twice/week from Optima to my back gate. In addition to speeding, I frequently see drivers looking down at cell phones as they drive, not to mention making right turns on red without an apparent glance for pedestrians. I could support a ROW abandonment if the City would install a sidewalk to create a safer environment for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please feel free to contact us regarding this issue.

Marsha and John French

#83 Pavoreal

From: [Michael Hawman](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Cc: [Hawman Rose](#)
Subject: File reference # 799-PA-2021
Date: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:31:27 PM

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I received notification of the subject application to abandon the right of way along North 68th street at the property address of 6750 East Exeter Blvd.

I am requesting that the City of Scottsdale reject the right of way abandonment application.

The Scottsdale master plan continually prioritizes making Old Town a walkable community. However, 68th street from Indian School Rd. to East Camelback is in desperate need of a sidewalk for pedestrian safety. This is a major pedestrian walking corridor to Old Town and it is quite dangerous due to the lack of a sidewalk.

Abandoning the right of way would prevent the city from providing a sidewalk for pedestrian safety.

Therefore, I request that the city not only reject this application for abandoning the right of way, but also to prioritize the installation of sidewalks along this corridor.

Sincerely,

Michael and Rose Hawman
6711 East Camelback Rd, Unit 80
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
mhawman@gmail.com

From: [Bonnie Lang](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: Right of Way Abandonment Notification
Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:54:43 AM

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Dear Mr. Barnes,

We are writing to you today in regards to the resent notification - file reference #799-PA-2021. Why would the City of Scottsdale give up any land let alone a stretch along 68th street between Camelback and Indian School Roads? It was only a few years ago the City of Scottsdale made a promise to the community to make this exact stretch of road more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. What happened to that commitment?

My husband and I, residents at Camelback and 68th Street, object to the abandonment of the right of way referenced above.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Lang and Gary Breshears
6711 East Camelback Road, #82
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

From: [Janis Lassner](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: Application 799-PA-2021
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 1:37:08 PM

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From: Janis Lassner
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 12:29 PM
To: jbarnes@scottsdalaz.gov <jbarnes@scottsdalaz.gov>
Subject: Application 799-PA-2021

Greetings Mr. Barnes: We understand that many of our neighbors within the Village of Pavoreal, located at 6711 E. Camelback Rd. in Scottsdale, have written you about the above referenced application for a right of way concession along 68th Street, between Camelback Rd. and Indian School Rd. We would like to add our voices of concern over this issue, particularly if said concession interferes with possible sidewalk construction along this increasingly busy surface street. We desperately need a sidewalk along 68th Street, both to facilitate foot traffic into the various commercial establishments in the Old Town area and to provide a safer corridor for pedestrian use in general. Please advise us on Scottsdale's plans for the much-needed sidewalk along this busy corridor.

Best Regards,

Dale & Janis Lassner
6711 E. Camelback Rd. Unit 9
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

From: [john.mulholland](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Cc: [Meinhart, David](#); [Kercher, Phillip](#)
Subject: Pre-application #799-PA-2021. North 68th St
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:23:05 PM

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Dr Mr. Barnes,

Our household is in receipt of the subject application to abandon the West side of 68th St on the east perimeter of 6750 East Exeter referenced by the number above.

My wife and I object to the abandonment of the Right of Way as described in the subject application.

68th St has become a major north/south thoroughfare between Camelback and Indian School Roads and the traffic has become horrific. We are in desperate need of a sidewalk on the west side of 68th St from the Village of Pavoreal to the newly renovated Canal and bridge. We believe that the Right of Way should not be vacated because it will compromise future development of the sidewalk and streetscape already under review. We feel that this application will either impede or add unneeded costs to the desperately needed sidewalk.

The lack of a sidewalk on this section of the highly traveled 68th St is abominable! We thought increased walkability was a crucial part of urban life here on the outskirts of Old Town Scottsdale.

Once again, we object strongly to the subject application.

Yours sincerely,
John and Debbie Mulholland
6711 E Camelback Rd #35
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Doreen@diqi-law.com
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: Pre-application #799-PA-2021 North 68th Street
Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:47:14 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

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Dear Mr. Barnes –

It has come to our attention that an application to abandon the City's right of way easement on the west side of 68th Street adjacent to the property at 6750 E. Exeter has been filed with the City of Scottsdale. We oppose the City abandoning the existing right of way for several reasons.

As a homeowner in the surrounding community, we often walk 68th Street south to access the canal path and the Old Town area. Even in its current state, walking on 68th Street can be a dangerous endeavor for pedestrians not to mention motorists and cyclists due to the lack of a proper sidewalk. One of the primary reasons we purchased a home in this area is the ease of access to these amenities. Further limiting safe options for pedestrians by eliminating the dirt shoulder area to walk on would create a greater hazard for everyone. It's clear that 68th Street has become a major artery in the Old Town, despite being primarily a neighborhood street in the area between Indian School and Camelback Road. The volume of traffic has increased exponentially over the years and speeding motorists present a real danger. Instead of further restricting pedestrian options on this stretch of 68th Street, we request the City install a sidewalk and more strictly enforce the speed limit through better signage and police monitoring to create a safer environment for everyone.

Please feel free to contact us regarding this issue.

Best –
Doreen and Don Myles

6711 E. Camelback Rd
Unit 64
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
P: 602.743.3700





January 9, 2022

Mr. Jeff Barnes
City of Scottsdale

Dear Mr. Barnes:

By E-Mail

Ref: Pre-Application Number 799-PA-2021

We have received notice of this application with a request to comment.

We own 4 properties in The Village of Pavo Real at the southwest corner of Camelback Road and 68th Street – Units 11,12,13, and 46.

We are writing to petition the City to **decline** the request to approve the abandonment of a 10ft right of way on 68th street.

Our comments are as follows:

1. The Old Town Scottsdale Urban Design & Architectural Guidelines adopted in 2019 commit to enhance the pedestrian environment by creating an interconnected, walkable downtown. 68th Street is right on the perimeter of Old Town.
2. Granting a release of the right of way directly contradicts the approved walking access strategy of the City.
3. The applicant does not elaborate on a reason for the request or indicate whether the application is a precursor to additional development plans nor deny any such development intentions.

4. We do not believe the City should transfer economic benefit to individual property owners at the expense of multiple neighboring property owners.
5. From the GIS there appears to be 2 fences and some building structures already in and adjacent to the right of way. It is unclear whether the request has been made to correct non-compliant development.
6. The residential density and traffic on 68th Street have increased in the last few years. The expansion of Sonoran Village and the renovation of the Scottsdale Fashion Square have of course contributed to this. The City has benefited from these improvements and should be willing to invest in sidewalks to support the additional foot traffic accordingly. We believe that this is the appropriate use of the City's right of way on 68th Street and it should be retained for such.
7. The average age of the residents in The Village of Pavo Real is well above the average age of the City. Safe sidewalk access to Old Scottsdale should be a priority for elderly City residents.
8. 68th Street is crying out for sidewalks! The danger to pedestrians, dog-walkers and cyclists is increasing each year. **Please** consider 68th street sidewalks in your paving budget plans. The City's Right of Way on 68th Street should be preserved.

We urge you to decline the request of Pre-Application 799-PA-2021.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

We can be contacted by phone at **704-756-1276** or by e-mail at pjkoleary@gmail.com

Sincerely,



Patrick J. O'Leary



Karen M. Yamasaki

January 4, 2022

Mr. Jeff Barnes
Planning & Development
City of Scottsdale
jbarnes@scottsdaleaz.gov

Re: File Reference #709-PA-2021
Address: 6750 East Exeter Blvd. 85251

Mr. Barnes,

We oppose the abandonment of 10 feet of ROW.

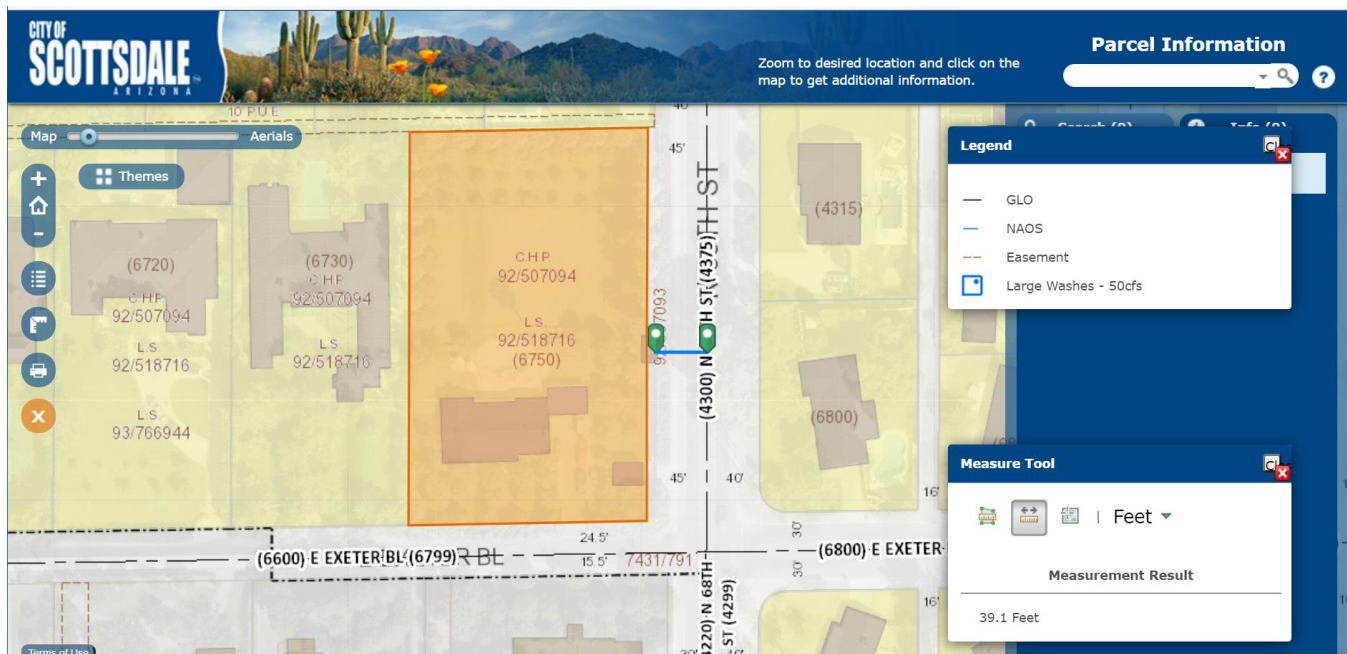
The primary reason is the need for a safe sidewalk linking the communities of The Village of Pavoreal and Optima Sonoran Village to the Arizona Canal Walkways.

Heavy traffic on 68th Street between Camelback Rd. and the 68th Street bridge is dangerous for pedestrians walking. Access to the Arizona Canal Walkway is not safe.

An apparent existing encroachment of over 5-feet into the 45-foot half street easement along 68th Street is supported by City of Scottsdale Parcel Maps as well as Google Earth Pro imagery.

Please consider the "Easement Land Use" such as a contiguous sidewalk as a greater good for the community.

Michael P. Prescott and Earline Jones
6711 E. Camelback Rd. Unit 30
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
(713 703-3689



From: [Ruth Strauss](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Cc: [Conklu, Susan](#); Pkerchner@scottsdaleaz.gov; [Harold Back](#)
Subject: Pre-Application-799-PA-2021
Date: Sunday, January 9, 2022 2:21:54 PM

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It is my belief this proposal should be rejected. I am sure most, if not all, of the people owning property in the Village of Pavoreal would agree.

For a long time we have struggled with the lack of a sidewalk along the West side of North 68th Street. Adding more buildings and bike paths have made this a much busier street and far more hazardous. It is also my understanding that further building has been approved in this area.

Since the city is promoting the surrounding area as a tourist attraction, we feel there is a definite need for a sidewalk on the West side of North 68th Street between Indian School and Camelback Road to accommodate the increase in automobiles, bikes and Pedestrians.

It does not seem the desires of one homeowner should outweigh the needs of an entire community. Hopefully, you will look at the large picture, deny Pre-Application-799-PA-2021 and give consideration to the recommended sidewalk on North 68th Street.

Ruth Strauss
6711 East Camelback Rd, #75
Scottsdale, Az 85251

From: [Castro, Lorraine](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: FW: Case #2-AB-2022
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 2:01:59 PM

From: Wendy Weinberg <wwein3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 4:00 PM
To: Projectinput <Projectinput@Scottsdaleaz.gov>
Subject: Case #2-AB-2022

My understanding so far is that the city currently owns the right of way to the 10 ft. in question. If that is true, I would like the city to exercise that right and make improvements that benefit residents in the area who would benefit from improved pedestrian/bike access from Camelback to Indian School. If the city is not currently prepared to make such improvements, then *preserve that right until such time* as there are viable plans for improvements to our city.

Hope my comments are well received.

Wendy Weinberg
6711 E. Camelback Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

From: [Dale Zeitlin](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: Pre-Application 799-PA-2021
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 2:06:13 PM

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Dear Mr. Barnes:

We live at 6629 E. Exeter and received in the mail a request to abandon 10 feet of ROW along North 68th street.

We oppose the abandonment.

68th Street is used as a high speed connector between Camelback and Indian School Road. 68th street in its current condition is unsafe for pedestrians and bicycles even though it has a bike lane.

Your letter dated December 27, 2021 misidentifies the location of the parcel. APN 173-44-014C is located on the north side of Exeter and the west side of 68th Street.

The subject home has tall oleanders that block visibility from the right turn movement on 68th into Exeter, and also block visibility for the left turn movement from Exeter onto 68th Street.

The current situation is very unsafe.

The proposed abandonment would make an unsafe situation substantially worse. The ROW is necessary for safety and health reasons.

Regards,

Dale Zeitlin

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2-AB-2022
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From: [Laura Schwartz](#)
To: [Barnes, Jeff](#)
Subject: Incomplete PC Report for case 2-AB-2022
Date: Monday, April 11, 2022 2:14:33 PM

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Jeff,

On March 29, 2022 the City Council received a citizen petition asking the City of Scottsdale to build a sidewalk on 68th Street between Camelback and Indian School Rds. This petition was signed by over 200 people who use this transportation corridor including neighbors, pedestrians, bicyclists, employees of area businesses, and people who use the bus routes on Camelback and Indian School Rds.

The City Council responded to this citizen petition with an unanimous vote to have the City Manager agendize the petition request at an upcoming City Council meeting.

This citizen petition for a 68th Street Sidewalk and the City Council's vote to agendize the petition should be included in the planning commission report for the April 13, 2022 meeting when the case will be discussed and voted on.

Anyone walking on this section of 68th Street with no sidewalk is in danger of being hit by vehicles and bicycles because pedestrians must walk on the street. The land requested for abandonment (case 2-AB-2022) is a strip of land that could be used for the building of a sidewalk.

I believe the abandonment land request (2-AB-2022) needs to be denied or suspended until the City of Scottsdale can fully review and develop a 68th street sidewalk transportation plan.

A detailed transportation plan for a 68th Street Sidewalk should clearly demonstrate that the right-of-way abandonment is not in conflict with public safety before approval is granted to case 2-AB-2022.

My hope is that all interests can be addressed, including those of the property owner requesting the land abandonment, and that a safe pedestrian corridor is built soon before someone is injured.

Thank you for your attention to this safety concern and your consideration that a sidewalk plan should be developed for 68th Street before the abandonment of a city right-of-way in the area where a sidewalk should be built.

Laura Norton Schwartz

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Laura Schwartz
602-881-7539

From: [Harold Back](#)
To: [Projectinput](#)
Cc: [Barnes, Jeff](#); [Kercher, Phillip](#); [Meinhart, David](#); [Conklu, Susan](#); [Curtis, Tim](#); oabdallah@roselawgroup.com
Subject: 2-AB-2022 Application to abandon 6750 Exeter
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 7:10:44 PM
Attachments: [Planning Commission objection Letter.pdf](#)

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To Whom it may concern,

Attached below please find a letter of objection to the application to be presented on Weds 4/13/22 at 5pm.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned,

Thank you for your consideration
The 68th Street Sidewalk Association
Harold Back. 480 490 5742
Laura Schwartz

Sent from my iPad

68th Street Sidewalk Association
Presentation to the City of Scottsdale
Planning Commission Meeting

April 13, 2022

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The 68th Street Sidewalk Association

April 13th 2022

To the City of Scottsdale Planning Commission

Dear Sir/Madame, **RE: Case # 2-AB-2022**
Abandonment of Public Right of Way
6750 East Exeter

The property owner of 6750 East Exeter has requested an abandonment of a portion of the Public Right of Way located on the east side of this property. We strongly object to any consideration by the City to do so, based on the following reasons:

- 1) When a property owner encroaches upon a public right of way, and then applies to have that Right of Way vacated and abandoned by the city, any granting of such a request by the Planning Commission or the City Council would be compromising the public interest. The result would be to adversely impact any possible future development of a sidewalk that would connect Camelback Road with Indian School Road along the very right of way being considered in this application today.
- 2) On March 29th, the Scottsdale City Council unanimously passed a resolution directing the City Manager to agendize this matter as expressed in a petition presented by the **68th Street Sidewalk Association**, requesting that no consideration of abandoning any Public Right Of Way (along 68th Street) be entertained until a complete plan for a future sidewalk in this area is completed. Any conceding of the Public Right Of Way in this application will have the affect of compromising any such future design.
- 3) On April 26th, The Scottsdale City Council is scheduled to consider approval of the Transportation Action Plan (TAP), Included in that plan is the development of sidewalk along 68th Street.
- 4) Any granting of this abandonment of Right of Way will reduce options for the design team working on implementation of sidewalk to be developed under the future TAP.

We respectfully ask that any consideration of the abandonment of Right of Way by the property owner at 6750 East Exeter be either denied or continued until such time that an actionable plan is approved and then to the extent this portion of the Right of Way is not needed, then and only then should it be abandoned.

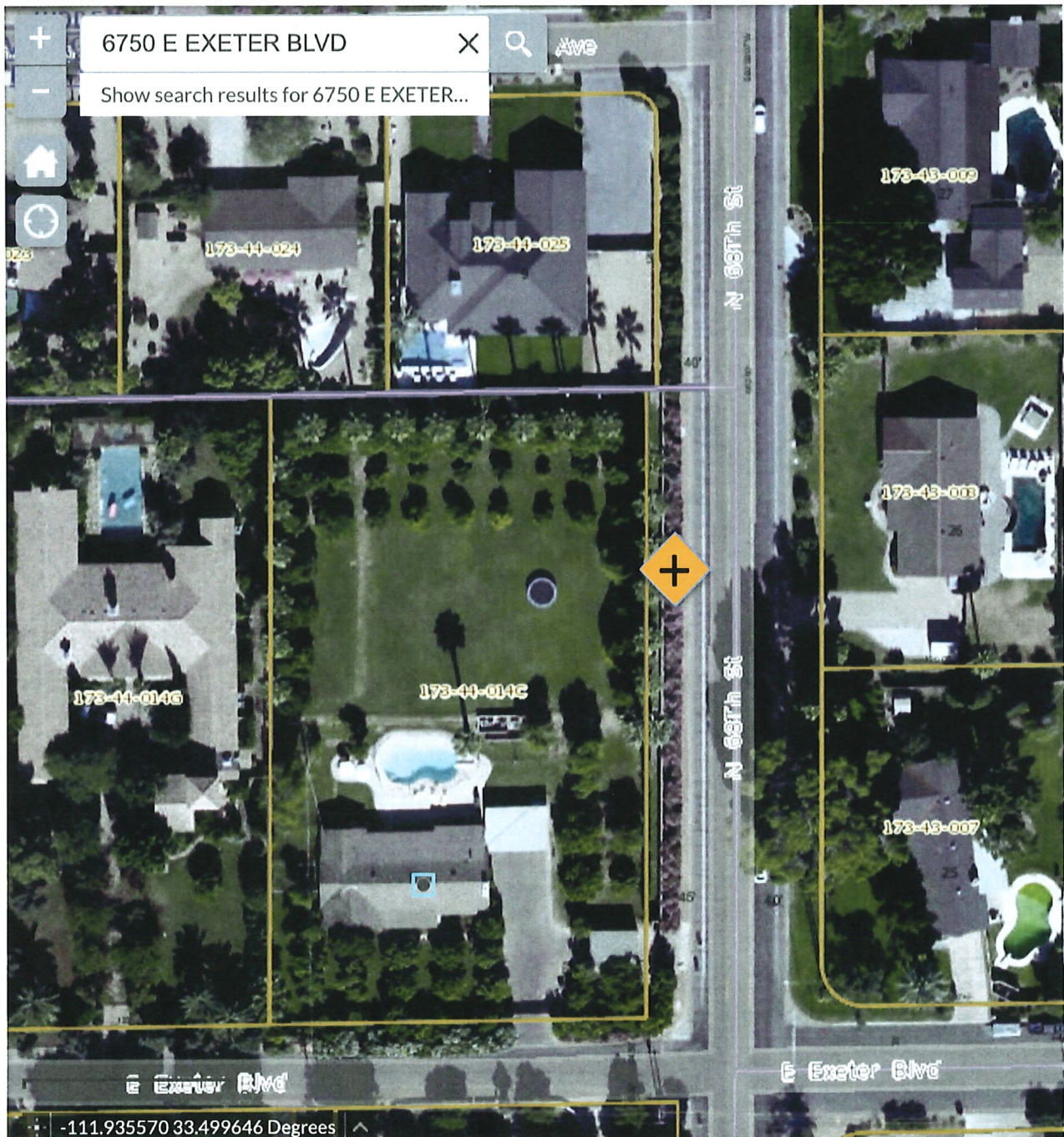
In the alternative, we would be willing to support the abandonment if in consideration for the City of Scottsdale abandoning the western portion of this right of way (with the property's block wall as its new boundary), provided however that the property owner will within ninety days (90), remove all metal fencing and plant material between the road and the block wall plus level the ground so that it can be safely traversed by pedestrians pending the actual construction of the contemplated sidewalk. We also require that the city remove an intersection sign that requires pedestrians to walk into the street. With these conditions met by the property owner and the city we would be prepared to support this abandonment application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,
The 68th Street Sidewalk Association

Aerial View of Property at 6750 E Exeter Blvd

Case 2-AB-2022

Maricopa County Assessor's Office
Parcel Viewer



- Property owner's brick wall, chain link fence, and oleander hedge encroach on the city's right-of-way.
- Location of large intersection sign that blocks the dirt path is shown with an orange diamond.

68th Street Sidewalk
Association

Citizen Petition
Presented to Scottsdale City Council
March 29, 2022
by the 68th Street Sidewalk Association

Petition Purpose: We, the undersigned residents of the City of Scottsdale and neighbors who use North 68th Street, **request that the City of Scottsdale build sidewalks on North 68th Street** to connect with the sidewalks on East Camelback Road and on East Indian School Road. Additionally, we **oppose the abandonment case 2-AB-2022** at 6750 East Exeter Boulevard that would surrender an essential right-of-way needed to complete the sidewalk path on North 68th Street. Building a sidewalk along N 68th St will improve the safety and quality of life for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles along this transportation corridor.

Citizen Petition Signatures

68th Street Sidewalk

Presented March 29, 2022 to Scottsdale City Council

Citizen Petition Build Sidewalk on North 68th Street and Maintain City Right-of-Ways for Sidewalk Construction

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George Tamara		6711 E Camelback Rd Unit 28	3/16/22

Petition Signatures Collected by Harold Back Phone 480 490 5742

Citizen Petition
 Build Sidewalk on North 68th Street and
 Maintain City Right-of-Ways for Sidewalk Construction

Petition Purpose: We, the undersigned residents of the City of Scottsdale and neighbors who use North 68th Street, request that the City of Scottsdale build sidewalks on North 68th Street to connect with the sidewalks on East Camelback Road and on East Indian School Road. Additionally, we oppose the abandonment case 2-AB-2022 at 6750 East Exeter Boulevard that would surrender an essential right-of-way needed to complete the sidewalk path on North 68th Street. Building a sidewalk along N 68th St will improve the safety and quality of life for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles along this transportation corridor.

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 (802) 881-7539

Additional Signer Information

Printed Name	Signature	Residential Address	Date
Tracy M Sediv		6711 E Camelback Rd Unit 28	3/16/22
Michael Backstrom		6711 E Camelback Rd Unit 28	3/16/22
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Tracy M Sediv		6711 E Camelback Rd Unit 28	3/16/22
Constantine Sutton		6711 E Camelback Rd Unit 28	3/16/22
Robert Sutton		6711 E Camelback Rd Unit 28	3/16/22
Patrick Christy		6711 E Camelback Rd Unit 28	3/16/22
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**Unfinished Business:
Complete the Sidewalk along N 68th St**

Dear Mayor and City Councilpersons,

The City of Scottsdale in 2019 rebuilt the bridge over the canal at 68th Street and Indian School to repair damage and also to improve the traffic flow for all who pass through that area. This rebuilt intersection smoothly and efficiently accommodates vehicles and safely connects pedestrians and bicyclists to the canal path and sidewalks. However, there is no sidewalk along 68th Street travelling north of the bridge and pedestrians are forced to walk on 68th Street between the 68th St canal-bridge and Camelback Rd.

In recent years there has been increased traffic pressure on our city roads with the building of high-density apartment buildings and other development in South Scottsdale. For example, in 2019 the construction of Optima Sonora Village, on the corner of 68th St and Camelback Rd, was completed bringing 768 residential units and a similar number of vehicles. These residents, neighbors, visitors, and workers have wanted to connect with the amenities of the canal-walking path, Old Town, Fashion Square and The Valley Ho. In addition, citizens who use the public bus system should be able to walk safely between the canal-bridge and Camelback Rd. Yet there is no way for a pedestrian to safely walk along 0.3 miles of 68th St between Camelback and Indian School Rds; the sidewalk on 68th Street needs to be completed.

In the midst of this background, Scottsdale City staff has advanced an application (case 2-AB-2022) to the Planning Commission, a request by a resident at 6750 East Exeter Blvd for the city to abandon a portion of its right-of-way along 68th Street where a sidewalk could be built. The Planning Commission will hear this abandonment case on April 13, 2022.

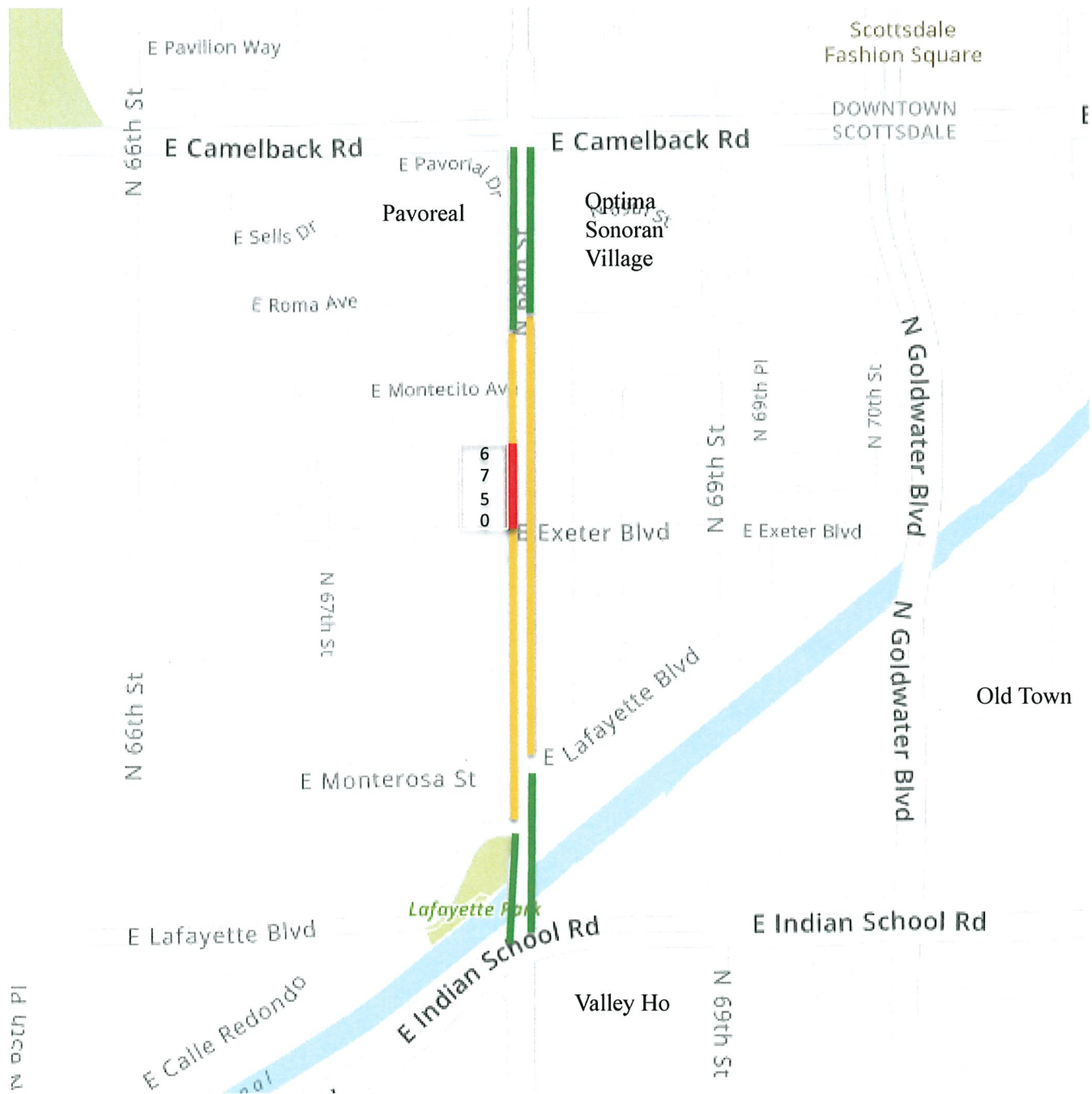
Our concern is that there is no plan or funding allocated for the development of sidewalks along 68th Street between Camelback Rd and Indian School Rd. To consider granting this abandonment request before the development of a sidewalk plan potentially forecloses future sidewalk development and risks increasing the cost of a sidewalk.

We respectfully request that the City Council along with the Planning Commission immediately put on hold any consideration of this application (2-AB-2022) and direct staff to complete a plan with funding for the construction of a sidewalk along 68th Street.

The dynamic situation along this stretch of road suggests that motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic will increase. It is crucial that the City Council considers as a matter of some urgency this citizen petition, with over 200 interested citizens' signatures, and provides the leadership to mitigate the current and growing pressure on North 68th Street.

Thank you, The 68th Street Sidewalk Association

Map of North 68th Street Sidewalk Areas



Existing sidewalks are marked in **GREEN**

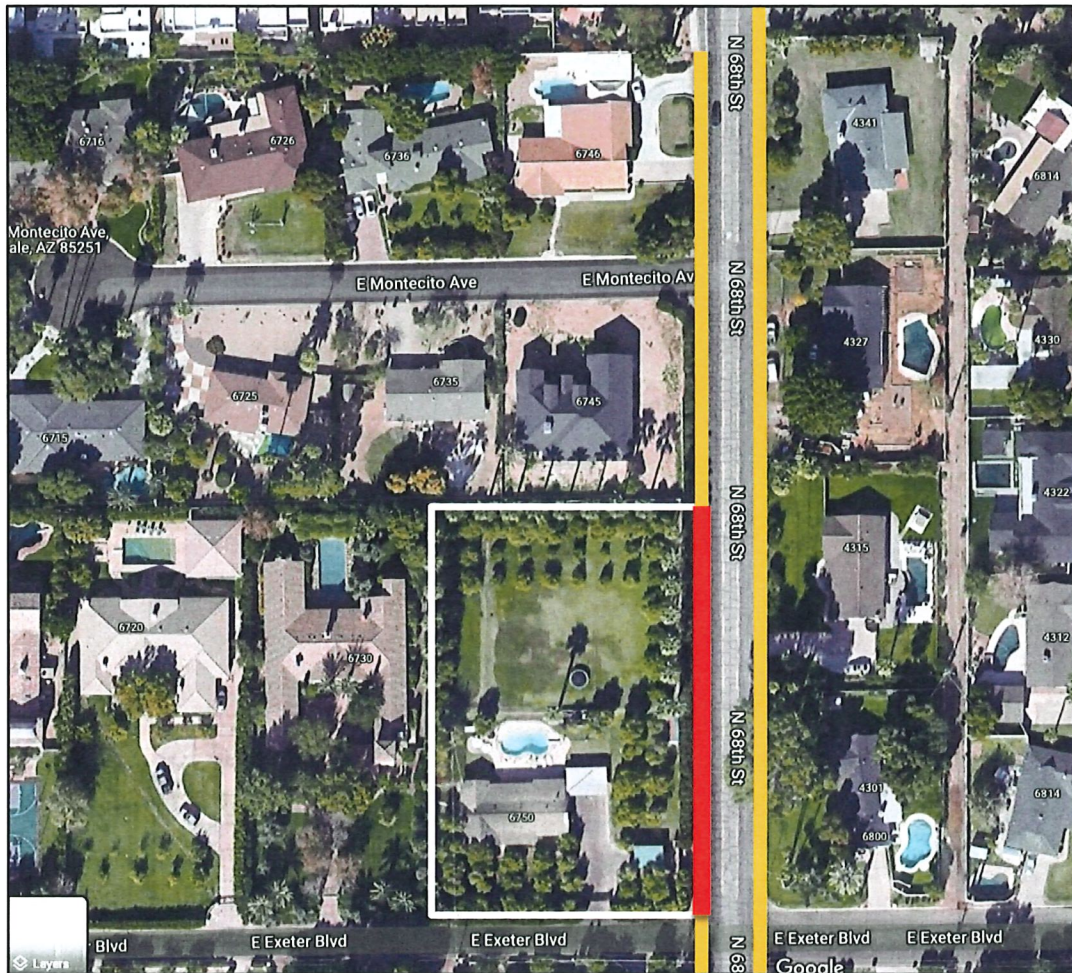
No sidewalks exist in areas marked in **YELLOW**

Land requested for abandonment is marked in **RED**
(case 2-AB-2022 at 6750 East Exeter Blvd)

Abandonment Requested along North 68th Street

Case 2-AB-2022

6750 East Exeter Blvd



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

REQUEST: by owner for approval of an Abandonment of the west 10-feet of the existing 85-foot-wide Public Right-of-Way for N. 68th Street, located along the eastern boundary of parcel 173-44-014C, with Single-family Residential district (R1-35) zoning, at 6750 E. Exeter Boulevard.

CASE#: 2-AB-2022

ADDRESS/APN: 6750 E Exeter Boulevard

DATE: April 13, 2022

HEARING DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION

LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE BY
REVIEWING THE CASE FILE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTICED, ALL
PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE HELD AT:
BY PHONE ELECTRONICALLY
PLEASE CALL 480-312-7767
WITH QUESTIONS

YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS REQUEST
CAN BE MADE PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING AT:
PLANNING COMMISSION/SCOTTSDALE PLANNING DEPARTMENT
AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE
MEETING



**480-312-7767**
5:00 P.M.
PLANNING COMMISSION

POSTING DATE March 22, 2022 <https://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/bldresources/Cases>

Photo Examples of Hazards to Pedestrians on North 68th Street



Irrigation berms and walls leave pedestrians no option but to walk in the street. Vehicles often move into the center turn lane to avoid hitting pedestrians.



Dirt areas along the street are uneven and have debris that are tripping hazards especially when walking in the dark.



This intersection sign for Exeter Blvd requires pedestrians to step off the dirt and walk in the street to get around the sign.



View of eastern edge of 6750 E Exeter Blvd along N 68th St that is proposed for abandonment. (case 2-AB-2022)

SCOTTSDALE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AMENDED MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

[REWORDED ITEM No. 19]



COUNCIL

David D. Ortega, Mayor

Tammy Caputi

Tom Durham

Betty Janik

Kathleen S. Littlefield

Linda Milhaven

Solange Whitehead

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

City Council meetings are also televised on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed online at ScottsdaleAZ.gov (search "live stream") to listen/view the meeting in progress. Unless an exception is made, or unless otherwise noted, the Council will not begin discussion on any new items after 10:00 p.m. Items that are not heard will be continued to the next scheduled Council meeting (April 5, 2022).

In-person spoken public comment is being accepted on Items 1 through 20. To sign up to speak on these items, please click [here](#).

In-Person spoken public comment is also being accepted on non-agendized items that are within the Council's jurisdiction. Scottsdale citizens may speak on items that are within the Council's jurisdiction but are not on the agenda, with a total of 15 minutes at the beginning and 15 minutes at the end of the meeting dedicated to comment on non-agendized items. To sign up to speak in-person on a non-agendized item that is within the Council's jurisdiction, please click [here](#).

Registration for In-Person public comment is available online by completing a Request to Speak form. In-Person Public Comment Request to Speak forms for Consent, Regular, and Non-Agendized items must be submitted no later than 90 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Written public comment may be submitted in-person by completing a yellow written public comment card or electronically by completing a Written Public Comment form. Written public comment received during the meeting will be shared with the Council. Written comments that are submitted electronically at least 90 minutes before the meeting will be emailed to the Council and posted online prior to the meeting. A written public comment may be submitted electronically by clicking [here](#).

5:00 P.M.

Marked Agenda

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall Kiva Forum, 3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard



PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY MAY REQUEST A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION BY CONTACTING THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (480-312-2412). REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE, OR AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW TIME TO ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION. FOR TTY USERS, THE ARIZONA RELAY SERVICE (1-800-367-8939) MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (480-312-2412).

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Call to Order – 5:01 P.M.

Roll Call – All present

One or more members of the Council may be attending the Council Meeting by telephone, video, or Internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4).

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilwoman Whitehead

Mayor's Report – Mayor Ortega asked for a moment of silence to pray for the safety and peace for the Ukrainian people. Mayor Ortega recognized the passing of two notable members of the Scottsdale community. Joseph Coatsworth was the Chairman of the Board for the Neighborhood Outreach for Access to Healthcare (NOAH) and previously served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Arizona Association of Community Health Centers. Darlene Petersen was a retired nurse who was a frequent visitor to City Hall to express her opinion and knew the beauty of Scottsdale. Ms. Petersen was a past president of the Scottsdale Historical Society and was responsible for many of the actions they supported to create historic buildings in Scottsdale. Mayor Ortega noted that the McDowell Sonoran Preserve's Fraesfield and Granite Mountain trailheads were awarded with two environmental excellence Crescordia awards from Arizona Forward. Mayor Ortega reminded everyone that next week is National Library Week. He invited everyone to celebrate and participate in the bookmark design contest. Please visit any of the City's libraries for more information.

Presentations/Information Updates

- **Arizona Public Service (APS) Peak Solutions Rebate**

Presenter(s): Brian Biesemeyer, Water Resources Executive Director and Patricia McLaughlin, Arizona Public Service

– Water Resources Executive Director Brian Biesemeyer gave the presentation. Arizona Public Service (APS) Greater Phoenix Area Key Account Manager Patricia McLaughlin and CPower Energy Management Account Executive Matt Pool presented the City with an APS Peak Solutions rebate check in the amount of \$137,926.80.

Public Comment

Public Comment time is reserved for Scottsdale citizens to comment on non-agendized items that are within the Council's jurisdiction. No official Council action can be taken on these items. Public Comment time is also the designated time for presenting a citizen petition. There is no limit on the number of petitions a citizen may present; however, each citizen is limited to a total time of three minutes to present and speak to the petition(s). A Request to Speak [form](#) must be submitted together with the petition(s) before the Mayor announces the second Public Comment period.

Speakers may address the Council once under Public Comment at the beginning or the end of the meeting, but not both. Public Comment is limited to a total of 15 minutes at the beginning and 15 minutes at the end of the meeting. **Speakers are limited to three minutes to address the Council during "Public Comment."**

– Laura Norton Schwartz presented a citizen petition asking the City to build sidewalks on North 68th Street to connect with the sidewalks on East Camelback Road and on East Indian School Road. Howard Back spoke in support of the citizen petition to build sidewalks on North 68th Street. Steve Judge presented a citizen petition asking the City to enact an ordinance requiring all building permit drawings to be prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed Arizona architect to bring the City into compliance with Arizona state law. Louise Lamb noted the City Charter and State law require municipal elections to be nonpartisan. She asked each Scottsdale City Council candidate to remain nonpartisan by not referencing party representation information on signs, flyers, political signs, social media, and speeches.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

ITEM 21

Citizen Petitions: This portion of the agenda is reserved for the submission and/or consideration of citizen petitions. There is no limit on the number of petitions a citizen may submit; however, **each citizen is limited to a total time of three minutes to speak to his/her petition(s)**. A Request to Speak [form](#) must be submitted, together with the petition(s), **before** the second Public Comment period begins.

21. Receipt of Citizen Petitions

Request: Accept and acknowledge receipt of citizen petitions. Any member of the Council may make a motion, to be voted on by the Council, to: (1) Direct the City Manager to agendize the petition for further discussion; (2) direct the City Manager to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner; or (3) take no action.

Staff Contact(s): Ben Lane, City Clerk, 480-312-2411, blane@scottsdaleaz.gov

– Councilmember Milhaven made an alternate motion to direct the City Manager to investigate the matter related to the citizen petition requesting the City build sidewalks on North 68th Street between Indian School and Camelback Roads and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner. The motion died for lack of a second.

– Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to direct the City Manager to agendize the citizen petition requesting the City build sidewalks on North 68th Street between Indian School and Camelback Roads for further discussion. Councilwoman Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Caputi; and Councilmembers Durham, Janik, Littlefield, Milhaven, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

– Mayor Ortega made a motion to direct the City Manager to investigate the matter related to the citizen petition requesting the City enact an ordinance requiring all building permit drawings to be prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed Arizona architect and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Caputi; and Councilmembers Durham, Janik, Littlefield, Milhaven, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

Mayor and Council Items – None

Adjourn the regular portion of the Meeting and Convene the City Council Work Study Session

– The City Council recessed at 5:41 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL WORK STUDY SESSION

– The City Council reconvened at 5:42 P.M.

Work Study Sessions: Work study sessions provide a less formal setting for the Mayor and Council to discuss specific topics, at length, with each other and City staff. Work study sessions provide an opportunity for staff to receive direction from the Council and for the public to observe these discussions.



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68th Street sidewalk petition moves forward

City of Scottsdale staff to tackle in future meetings



The 68th Street Sidewalk Association's petition for a new sidewalk will be addressed by the city manager in the coming weeks.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Posted Wednesday, April 6, 2022 10:16 am



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Sidewalk safety is not everyone's priority; but for one Scottsdale neighborhood, a group of impassioned residents has identified a safety concern within their community at the corner of 68th Street and East Exeter Boulevard.

Unlike the 68th Street bridge over the Arizona Canal, just north of there lies a section where no sidewalks exist, making it difficult and dangerous for pedestrians to attempt to cross the road and access attractions across the way.

After a notice was sent out regarding a homeowner's request for the city to abandon this land, residents Laura Schwartz and Harold Back who live near the crossing point joined forces to make a formal push for a sidewalk to be added.

"I've lived here 17 years," Schwartz said. "We moved here with two little kids — three and six years old — and at that point, we would never let them walk down 68th Street."

For as long as she's lived in the neighborhood, Schwartz has been well-aware of the dangers of crossing at that point, noting that she always drives her children across the way and chooses to take a Lyft or Uber ride to Old Town.

From living in the area for many years, they've noticed that the intersection is typically quieter in the summer, getting busier during the school year and even busier during the winter months.

"When I got that postcard, I immediately realized that we need to build a coalition in the community to address this because it's a serious threat to all of our community's access," said Back, director of the 68th Street Sidewalk Association.

Having lived in the area and previously attempted to cross at the intersection on many occasions, Back initially reached out to city officials with little response. The notice of abandonment is what really spurred him to take serious action to ensure a sidewalk could be built for the community.



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Submitted Photo

The abandonment case, located on the block of 68th Street and East Exeter Boulevard, will be discussed at a planning commission meeting set for April 13.

If the abandonment were to go through, it would make it almost impossible to have a sidewalk installed for residents to use. The homeowner who made the request has been working with a lawyer for corresponding with the city as well as Back about the abandonment case. It is still unclear why the homeowner is taking this action.

“When a homeowner puts in an application for the city to abandon the right of way, essentially, the city would not have any right to build a sidewalk in that space that they give up to the abandonment of the right of way,” Back said.

This is why the 68th Street Sidewalk Association brought their petition of around 200 signatures to a March 29 meeting for the mayor and city council members to consider. If no city action were to be taken, there leaves little possibility for a sidewalk to be added.

According to Schwartz, after learning about the abandonment case, the next move was to formally ask the city to install a sidewalk on that stretch.

“We don’t want the sidewalk to cost more,” she said. “We want it to be integrated, that the plan for the sidewalk to be integrated into what the property owner wants and needs along that corridor and make it a more livable city for everybody.”

Moving it forward

At the March 29 council meeting, Schwartz and Back presented the citizen’s petition to be addressed either through being agendized for further discussion by the city manager or to be investigated further by the city manager, who would then prepare a response for the council to consider.

Going into the meeting, Schwartz was hopeful for proper action to be taken after researching earlier work the city had completed that was similar to what the association is pushing for.

“The transportation department, just in 2019, reworked the bridge over the canal at Indian School and 68th Street,” she said. “There was some degradation of the structure and they rebuilt that bridge, and when they rebuilt it, they put in a new traffic flow in that area.”

Seeing the past projects completed to increase the number of safe crosswalk points in the city, and specifically along the canal, instilled an optimistic feeling in Schwartz, which proved to be correct.

In discussing the petition, Councilwoman Solange Whitehead made the initial motion to agendize the petition following Mayor David Ortega’s introduction to the petition and call for a motion from the council members.

“I think for the public safety and the complications of the different departments, I think it should be on an agenda item, so I will make a motion to direct the city manager to research with the departments and agendize,” Whitehead said at the meeting.



The 68th Street Sidewalk Association hopes to come to a solution with the city and establish a safe walking point in this area.

Submitted Photos

Other council members, like Councilwomen Kathy Littlefield and Linda Milhaven, agreed that the 68th Street Petition required further discussion and that it should be addressed in a coming city meeting after the city manager completes more research into the problem.

After deciding to agendize the petition for further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with the city acknowledging the petition and looking to move forward to come up with a solution for the stretch of land.

“I was truly impressed,” Back said. “The city council passed a unanimous resolution to what they call the ‘agendize’ this, which essentially moves it into the hands of the city manager to come up with an appropriate solution and find a way forward.”

Now that the city has formally recognized the issue, the 68th Street Association will continue to work with city staff on coming up with a feasible solution to the issue by resolving the issue of the abandonment case.

The abandonment is set to be discussed at the April 13 planning commission meeting and the association plans to meet with the city manager in the coming week to discuss the issue in more detail.

“It was very gratifying, actually, to be there,” Back said. “They took what we did seriously and I think they recognize what is going on and what needs to be done.”



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Laura Schwartz <lschwartz27@gmail.com>

Fwd: 68th Street between Indian School and Camelback

2 messages

Harold Back <corefinancial@me.com>
To: Laura Schwartz <lschwartz27@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 4:08 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Meinhart, David" <DMeinhart@scottsdaleaz.gov>
Date: April 11, 2022 at 3:40:54 PM MST
To: corefinancial@me.com
Cc: "Kercher, Phillip" <pker@scottsdaleaz.gov>, "Conklu, Susan" <SConklu@scottsdaleaz.gov>
Subject: 68th Street between Indian School and Camelback

Mr. Back,

Phil Kercher asked me to forward the section of the city's proposed Transportation Action Plan (TAP) that identifies a pedestrian improvement project in the 68th Street corridor. Attached is the Implementation Program section. The TAP is currently scheduled for final consideration and adoption by the City Council on April 26th.

At the bottom of Page I-10 of the attachment is a project listed as: 68th Street Active Transportation Corridor. While it covers the full 68th Street corridor, Transportation staff would recommend prioritizing segments where sidewalks are currently missing. This situation occurs in your vicinity and in the portion of the corridor a little north of Fashion Square Mall.

Please contact Susan Conklu from my Transportation Planning team, if you have additional questions.

Dave Meinhart

Transportation Planning Manager

 **Implementation Program 4-8-22.pdf**
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Harold Back <corefinancial@me.com>
To: "Meinhart, David" <DMeinhart@scottsdaleaz.gov>
Cc: "Kercher, Phillip" <pker@scottsdaleaz.gov>, "Conklu, Susan" <SConklu@scottsdaleaz.gov>

Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 4:41 PM

Dear Mr. Meinhart,

Thank you for sending me the proposed TAP, I appreciate your doing so.

I would like to discuss further with Ms. Conklu prior to the Planning Commission meeting on Weds evening.

Thank you in advance,
Harold Back
68th Street Sidewalk Association

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IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

There will always be a finite level of resources available to meet current and future transportation system needs. Therefore, a program to prioritize new transportation infrastructure projects, programs and services must also consider the requirements necessary to preserve, maintain and operate/optimize the existing transportation system. Goal 2 in the Street Element of this Transportation Action Plan (TAP) provides a good example of this concept:

“Develop and manage the street network in a manner that places reliance on maintaining existing infrastructure and improving the efficiency of the existing system before adding new roadway capacity.”

The major recurring revenue sources available for transportation are the city’s annual share of the State Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) at \$17.9 million in 2020-21, which is primarily generated through per gallon taxes on fuel and the 0.2% Transportation privilege (sales) tax at \$23.6 million in 2020-21. HURF revenue is shared with cities based on population. When looking at new 2020 census data, HURF revenue is forecast to drop by approximately \$1.1 million per year, versus pre-census 5-year estimates, and will be less in 2025-2026 than was collected in 2020-21. The forecasted 0.2% sales tax revenue is expected to average 3% growth annually through 2025-26.

Both revenue sources have restrictions on their use. HURF expenditures must be tied to the operation, maintenance and improvement of the street system, including traffic signals. However, HURF revenues provide less than 80% of the city’s actual costs to preserve, maintain and operate the street system. Up to one-half of the 0.2% sales tax can be used for planning and operations-related transportation costs. The remaining half of the 0.2% sales tax is programmed for capital improvements.

A much smaller recurring revenue source is the state’s Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF), which is also shared based on population. Annual LTAF revenue totals approximately \$650,000 per year, less than 2% of the total generated by HURF and the 0.2% Transportation sales tax. LTAF can only be used for transit-related expenses.

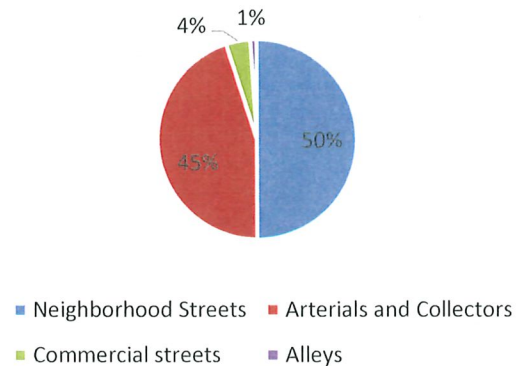
Other revenue sources are reliant on voter-approved sales tax extensions, competitive grants and federal funding levels. These include the city’s 0.1% temporary Transportation sales tax (expires 1/31/29) at \$12.4 million in 2020-21. Proposition 400 regional transportation sales tax (expires 12/31/25) will provide a total of \$240.4 million and federal one-time grants and federal transit preventative maintenance grants will provide of total of \$30.7 million through 2025-26.

EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (2021)

Pavement/Striping/Signage/Concrete

The city maintains 207 million square feet (3,380 lane miles) of street and alley pavement. The street system also includes striping and signage that must be maintained and renovated/replaced on an ongoing basis. Sidewalk maintenance issues are funded out of the pavement-related operating budget, while new ramps that meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements are funded from the pavement overlay capital program.

207 Million Square Feet of Pavement Maintenance



Intelligent Transportation/Traffic Signals/Streetlights

Many intersections in Scottsdale are fully signalized, and a large portion of these are connected to the city's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). In addition, most streets in areas not covered by Natural Area Open Space development requirements, generally south of the Thompson Peak Parkway east/west alignment, have a street lighting system. The city is responsible for operation and maintenance of 318 traffic signals, 175 ITS cameras and 8,966 Streetlights.

Grading & Drainage/Bridges & Culverts/Sweeping/Dust Control

Due to the city's topography, drainage management is another critical requirement within the transportation system. The city is responsible for 232 bridges and large culverts that are part of the Arizona Department of Transportation's Bridge Inspection Program. The city also maintains 95 washes and drainage channels comprising 160 acres and including 9000 grates, catch basins, handrails and guardrails.

To address airborne particulates, a major concern in the Phoenix region, and stormwater quality, the city operates a program that sweeps major streets twice per month, the Old Town/Entertainment District five times per week, residential streets once per month and shared use paths (57 miles) twice per month. The city also provides additional sweeping service and maintenance when requested. Over 20,000 miles of sweeping occurs annually. The city also has a comprehensive dust control program on unpaved roads and shoulders that includes dust palliative roads (29 miles), shoulders (76 miles), alleys (95 miles) and lots. Maintenance grading is also required on 8 miles of roads and 28 miles of shoulders that do not have dust palliative treatment due to lower traffic volumes.

Medians and Right of Way

The city is responsible for 27 million square feet (620 acres) of median and back of curb (right of way) landscaping, which is part of the city's standard cross section requirements for roadway projects. Medians are typically 16-24' wide, depending on the street classification, and the landscaping often includes irrigation systems that also require maintenance. In some master planned communities, the homeowner's association takes on primary responsibility for maintaining median and right of way landscaping.

Transit

The city owns and maintains a fleet of twenty-one buses for use on trolley routes. The city also maintains 593 bus stops, 197 of which include bus shelters. The buses, which cost more than \$500,000 each, have been purchased with a combination of federal grants and regional Proposition 400 funding and therefore have not impacted the city's transportation budget. If no replacement for Proposition 400 is enacted, however, the city will likely be responsible for at least 20% of bus purchase costs beginning in 2026. Additionally, bus routes in Scottsdale and associated paratransit service, which receive approximately \$12 million in regional funding per year from Proposition 400, would not be available beginning in 2026.

Paths and Trails

Maintenance or sweeping costs for Scottsdale's 129 miles of concrete shared use paths, including side paths in roadway corridors, are absorbed in operating budgets discussed previously. The city does not program dedicated funds for maintaining its 150 miles of trails, the majority of which are the responsibility of adjacent property owners or homeowner associations.

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

The following list of ranked priorities will be used to guide transportation system investments:

- 1) Preserve/Maintain/Optimize existing infrastructure.
- 2) Meet Americans with Disabilities Act, Air Quality, Water Quality and other regulatory requirements.
- 3) Enhance safety and test new concepts/technology.
- 4) Provide transit service with minimum 30-minute frequency.
- 5) Develop capital projects with funding from outside sources.
- 6) Develop capital projects that are funded only by the city and prioritize non-motorized access.

The following factors, in addition to cost, will guide transportation investment in specific Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects and programs:

- Condition and maintenance cost of existing assets

- Safety and/or regulatory compliance requirements
- Citizen input
- Expected usage levels (current and projected)
- Connection to regional networks
- Completion of a network gap
- Coordination with new development
- Connection to transit service
- Recommendation in a regional plan
- Expansion of non-auto options

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) – POTENTIAL PROJECT AND PROGRAM LIST

Taking into consideration the investment priorities and project review factors described in the previous section, the table below provides the recommended list of potential CIP projects. Projects that are currently included in the draft Proposition 400 Extension regional plan (as of July 2022) are highlighted in green. The projects included in the CIP list all remain subject to the city's annual budget development and prioritization process. Projects with authorized funding will continue to follow the public review process that occurs during design and prior to construction.

Category	Project/Program Name	Description
New Roadway Capacity	Legacy Boulevard Bridge	Construct the second bridge and approaches on Legacy Boulevard over the Reata Pass Wash. The bridge is approximately 250' long x 40' to accommodate 2 travel lanes, bike lane and sidewalk.
	Dynamite Boulevard - 56th to Pima	Construct a complete street from 56th Street to Pima Road (4 miles). Depending on volume forecasts, the project will be widened to either 3 or 5 lanes. A 5-lane roadway is more likely east of Scottsdale Road. Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lanes, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, 8-10' side path and 6-8' trail. The project crosses the Rawhide Wash (100-year discharge of 9,000 cfs) approximately 1/2 mile west of Pima Road. A bridge span of approximately 300' is anticipated. Additional turn bay capacity and signal modifications are planned at Scottsdale Road and Pima Road. A new major intersection at the Hayden Road alignment is also planned.
	Pinnacle Peak Road - Scottsdale Road to Pima Road	Construct a 4-lane complete street between Scottsdale and Pima roads (2 miles). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, an 8-10' side path and 6-8' multi-use trail. Additional turn bay capacity and signal modifications at key intersections may be required. Right-of-way acquisition will be necessary in some locations.
	Miller Road - Princess Drive to Legacy Boulevard	Construct a 4-lane complete street between Princess Drive and Legacy Boulevard (1 mile). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median and 8' sidewalks. The project will cross the Loop 101 using the new underpass completed in 2021. The majority of this project is expected to be constructed by private development.

	Scottsdale Road - Loop 101 to Jomax Road	Construct a 4- to 6-lane complete street (4.7 miles). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, 8-10' shared use path and 6-8' trail. A new bridge, using Scottsdale and Proposition 400 ALCP funds, has already been constructed over the Rawhide Wash (100-year discharge of 9,000 cfs) approximately 1,200' south of Pinnacle Peak Road.
	Happy Valley Road - Scottsdale Road to Pima Road	Construct a 4-lane complete street between Scottsdale and Pima roads (2 miles). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, 8-10' shared use path and 6-8' trail. The project crosses the Rawhide Wash (100-year discharge of 9,000 cfs) approximately 250' west of existing Hayden Road. A bridge span of approximately 300' is anticipated. Additional turn bay capacity and signal modifications are planned at Scottsdale Road and Pima Road. A new major intersection at the Miller Road alignment is also planned.
	Jomax Road - 56th Street to 94th Street	Construct a new 3-lane complete street between 56th and 94th streets (4.5 miles). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, a 10' shared use path and 6-8' multi-use trail. Traffic signals and additional turn bay capacity at Hayden Road may also be included. Right-of-way acquisition will be necessary in some locations.
	Lone Mountain Road - 68th Street to Pima	Construct a new 3-lane complete street between 68th Street and Pima Road (2.5 miles). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, 8-10' side path and 6-8' multi-use trail. Right of way acquisition may be required in some locations.

	56th Street - Jomax to Dynamite	Construct a new 5-lane collector complete street between Jomax Road and Dynamite Boulevard (1 mile). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, 8-10' side path and 6-8' multi-use trail. Traffic signals and additional turn bay capacity at Jomax Road and Dynamite Boulevard may also be included, and a roundabout is planned at the Pinnacle Vista Drive intersection. Right-of-way acquisition will be necessary in some locations.
	Mountain View Road - 92nd to 96th	Provide creative solutions to improve traffic, pedestrian, and bicycling mobility. Any addition of travel lanes would require reclassification of the roadway by City Council.
	Shea Boulevard/Loop 101 Bypass	Construct roundabouts at up to three locations to facilitate travel on the Mountain View Road corridor between Loop 101 and 96th Street as an east/west alternative to Shea Boulevard, which is at or over capacity in this area. The intersections include Mt. View/90th, Mt. View/92nd, and Mt. View/96th.
	Hayden Road - Jomax to Dynamite	Construct a new 3-lane complete street between Jomax Road and Dynamite Boulevard (1 mile). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, 8-10' side path and 6-8' multi-use trail. Traffic signals and additional turn bay capacity at Jomax Road and Dynamite Boulevard may also be included. Right-of-way acquisition will be necessary in some locations. The majority of this project is expected to be constructed by private development.
	North Old Town Intersection Improvements	Add capacity and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety at up to eight intersections in the vicinity of Scottsdale Fashion Square and the Scottsdale Waterfront high activity areas. The intersections are Scottsdale/Camelback, Scottsdale/Fashion Square, Scottsdale/Highland, Scottsdale/Rancho Vista, Scottsdale/Chaparral, Goldwater/Highland, Goldwater/Camelback and Camelback/Marshall Way. A roundabout is planned at the Goldwater/Highland location.

	Alma School Road - Happy Valley to Dynamite	Complete the missing 1/2-mile gap in the minor arterial roadway near Jomax Road, realign and improve the Alma School Parkway and Jomax Road intersection to a roundabout, add 8-10' shared use path and 6'-8' shared use trail on west side, add missing sections of 6' sidewalk on east side and improve roadside and cross drainage.
	Stagecoach Pass Road - Pima to 97th	Widen Stagecoach Pass Road for 1.1 miles to accommodate bike lanes, construct a 6' sidewalk on the north side and improve cross drainage. The majority of this project is expected to be constructed by private development.
	Scottsdale Road Intersection Improvements - Mountain View to Greenway	Construct additional turn lane capacity and/or pedestrian crossing improvements at up to 11 signalized intersections and new right turn bays at up to 15 locations. Major intersections include Shea Boulevard, Cactus Road, Thunderbird Road and Greenway Parkway.
	Dixileta Drive - 66th Street to Pima	Construct a new 3-lane complete street between 66th Street Road and Pima Road (2.75 miles). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, 8-10' side path and 6-8' multi-use trail. Right-of-way acquisition may be required in some locations.
	Rio Verde Drive - 118th to 144th	Construct a 4-lane complete street between 118th and 144th streets (3.25 miles). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, 8-10' side path and 6-8' trail on north side. A wildlife underpass or overpass may be installed in the vicinity of the 124th Street alignment. A roundabout or traffic signal may be installed at 136th Street.
	136th Street - Rio Verde to Lone Mountain	Construct a new 3-lane complete street between Rio Verde Drive and Lone Mountain Road (2 miles). Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane, 6-8' sidewalk or trail on the east side. Right of way acquisition will be required in some locations.

Transit	Scottsdale Road BRT - Roosevelt Street to Camelback Road	Design and construct infrastructure and operate a bus rapid transit system on Scottsdale Road that would connect to Tempe and Chandler. The project is proposed in the new Regional Transportation Plan that is being prepared by MAG.
Complete Street Renovations	Hayden Road Complete Street - McKellips Road to Indian School Road	Reconfigure the existing 6-lane Hayden Road between McKellips Road and Indian School Road as a 4-lane complete street with additional intersection turn lane capacity, increased access management (raised medians), on-street bike lanes and accessible 8' minimum width sidewalks.
	Via Linda Active Transportation Corridor	Reconfigure the Via Linda corridor between 90th Street and Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard (3.7 miles) to meet arterial complete street standards. Improvements include continuous sidewalks that meet current arterial standards for setback from curb (other than near transit stops), accessibility and freedom from obstructions. The project will also create continuous 4-6' bike lanes through modifications to existing curbs and/or median edges. 1/4-mile pedestrian crossings will also be considered. An existing pedestrian overpass near the 102nd Street alignment that was constructed over 30 years ago may also need modifications by the time this project is scheduled. The city operates local bus service, with approximately ¼-mile stop spacing, on the entire project length.
	Scottsdale Road Active Transportation Corridor - Highland to Frank Lloyd Wright	Reconfigure the Scottsdale Road corridor between Highland Avenue and Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard to meet arterial complete street standards. Improvements include continuous sidewalks that meet current arterial standards for width (8' minimum), accessibility and freedom from obstructions. The project will also create continuous 5-6' bike lanes. Three miles of frontage in this regional corridor is in Paradise Valley and 2.8 miles of frontage is in Phoenix.

	92nd/94th Street Active Transportation Corridor	Reconfigure the 92nd/94th Street corridor between Shea Boulevard and Thunderbird Road (2.2 miles) to meet arterial complete street standards. Improvements include continuous sidewalks that meet current arterial standards for setback from curb (other than near transit stops), accessibility and freedom from obstructions. The project will also create continuous 4-6' bike lanes through modifications to existing curbs and/or median edges. Intersection improvements at Cactus Road and 1/4-mile pedestrian crossings will also be considered. The city operates local bus service, with approximately ¼-mile stop spacing, on the entire project length.
	Scottsdale Road Active Transportation Corridor - McKellips to Roosevelt	Reconfigure the Scottsdale Road corridor between McKellips Road and Roosevelt Street to meet arterial complete street standards. Improvements include continuous sidewalks that meet current arterial standards for setback from curb (other than near transit stops), accessibility and freedom from obstructions. The project will also create continuous 5-6' bike lanes. The western frontage in this regional corridor is in Tempe.
	Miller Road Active Transportation Corridor - Marigold Lane to Jackrabbit Road	Reconfigure the Miller Road corridor between Marigold Lane and Jackrabbit Road to provide sidewalks that meet current standards for width (6' minimum), accessibility and freedom from obstructions. Pedestrian crossing treatments may also be necessary at several ¼-mile locations. The majority of this 5-mile corridor has been in its current configuration for more than 40 years. For 3 miles, Miller Road is used for local bus service that connects to 3 east/west regional bus routes.
	68th Street Active Transportation Corridor	Reconfigure the 68th Street corridor between Continental Drive and Jackrabbit Road (4 miles) to provide sidewalks that meet current standards for width (6' minimum), accessibility and freedom from obstructions. The section north of Chaparral Road will require widening to provide space for bike lanes. Pedestrian crossing treatments may also be necessary at several ¼-mile locations. The southern 2.5 miles of the project corridor is used as a local bus route. The corridor also connects to regional bus routes at four east/west streets and to Tempe's local circulator at Continental Drive. Approximately 0.8 miles of frontage on the northern end of the project corridor are in Paradise Valley.

	Oak Street Active Transportation Corridor - 56th Street to Pima Road	Reconfigure the Oak Street corridor between 56th Street and Pima Road to provide sidewalks that meet current standards for width (6' minimum), accessibility and freedom from obstructions. Pedestrian crossing treatments may also be necessary at several ¼-mile locations. The majority of this 4-mile corridor has been in its current configuration for more than 40 years. Oak Street has 1 mile of transit service and intersects with two regional bus routes and 2 local routes.
	Downtown Couplet Active Transportation Improvements	Provide continuous 6-8' sidewalks and bike lanes on the City's 3-mile downtown couplet roadway. The project will include reducing the roadways (Goldwater Boulevard and Drinkwater Boulevard) to 2 lanes in each direction and adjusting median and curb locations to allow for bike lanes and sidewalks in both directions. An improved crossing treatment will be necessary on Drinkwater Boulevard north of Earll Drive
	Roosevelt Street/Continental Drive Active Transportation Corridor	Reconfigure the Roosevelt Street/Continental Drive corridor between 66th Street and Latham Street (3 miles) to provide bike lanes or shared lanes and sidewalks that meet current standards for width (6' minimum), accessibility and freedom from obstructions. Pedestrian crossing treatments may also be necessary at several ¼-mile locations, as well as at Scottsdale Road and Hayden Road. Single lane roundabouts may be considered at the 68th Street, Miller Road and Granite Reef Road intersections. Two miles of the corridor are on local bus routes operated by Scottsdale and/or Tempe. It also intersects with two regional bus routes. The southern frontage west of Scottsdale Road (0.75 miles) is in Tempe.
	Granite Reef Road Active Transportation Corridor	Reconfigure the Granite Reef Road corridor between Roosevelt Street and Lincoln Drive to provide sidewalks that meet current standards for width (6' minimum), accessibility and freedom from obstructions. Pedestrian crossing treatments may also be necessary at several 1/4 mile locations. Granite Reef Road between Roosevelt Street and Camelback Road (3 miles) has been designated by MAG as an Active Transportation Grid Tier 1 and Tier 2 corridor. One mile of the corridor has transit service, and the entire corridor intersects 3 east/west bus routes.

	Chaparral Road Active Transportation Corridor	Reconfigure and realign Chaparral Road between 66th Street and 69th Place (0.5 miles) to provide two 11' travel lanes, 5' buffered bike lanes and setback sidewalks that meet current standards for width (6' minimum), accessibility and freedom from obstructions. Single lane roundabouts may be constructed at the 66th Street and 68th Street intersections.
	Westland Road - Hayden to Pima	Widen/reconstruct/realign Westland Road between Hayden and Pima roads (1 mile) as a 3-lane complete street. Other project elements will include 5-6' bike lanes, curb/gutter, catch basins, storm drains/culverts, center turn lane/raised median, 6-8' sidewalk on one side, 8-10' side path and 6-8' multi-use trail. A roundabout will be considered at the Westland/Hayden intersection. Right-of-way acquisition will be necessary in some locations.
	Cactus Road Active Transportation Corridor - 60th to Loop 101	Modify curb lanes as necessary to allow for 5' bike lanes, construct approximately 1.5 miles of missing sidewalk (6-8') and reconstruct approximately 4 miles of sidewalk that is too narrow and sits mostly back of curb. An 8' side path exists on the north side from Scottsdale Road to 84th Street. Frontage on the north side of the road between 60th Street and Scottsdale Road is in Phoenix.
Shared Use Paths	Indian Bend Wash Shared Use Path Expansion - McKellips Road to Shea Boulevard	Redesign and widening/reconstruction of the Indian Bend Wash shared use path system between McKellips Road and Shea Boulevard (approximately 10 miles). The improvements will meet current design standards for width, slope and accessibility that were not in place when most of the pathway was built in the 1970s and 1980s. Impacts to the usability of the path due to adjacent irrigation and ponded stormwater will be addressed and a new bridge will be required at the Osborn Road crossing. Improved accommodations for cyclists at the two remaining signalized roadway crossings, Indian Bend Road and McCormick Parkway are also needed. Phase I is funded in the FY 22-26 CIP.
	Pima Shared Use Path - Roosevelt to McDowell	Reconstruct and widen approximately 0.7 miles of existing 8' path that is in poor repair. The new width will be 10'. It is expected that the path will continue south when the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community extends Pima Road to the Curry Road alignment.

	CAP Path and Trail	Complete the CAP Trail shared-use path between Scottsdale Road and 124th Street. The project will include an 8-10' concrete path and grade-separated crossings at Thompson Peak Parkway, Via Linda and Shea Boulevard. Approximately 2.3 miles of the 8.3-mile corridor have been constructed by the city or adjacent landowners. The 3 grade separated crossings will pass under existing bridges. A separate proposal for a Loop 101 overpass bridge has also been developed.
	WestWorld Area Path and Trail Connections	Construct approximately 5.5 miles of 10' shared use path and 6-8' trail that link the upper Indian Bend Wash Path System to the McDowell Mountain Preserve, the north Pima Road Path and Thompson Peak Park. Grade-separated crossings will connect to existing drainage structures at Thompson Peak Parkway and Bell Road and to buried tunnels at Pima Road and Hayden Road.
	Shea Boulevard Shared Use Path - 142nd Street to Eagle Mountain Parkway	Construct a 10' wide shared use concrete path, handrail, and new guardrail along curb on the south side of Shea Boulevard from the existing section of shared use path at 142nd Street east to Eagle Mountain Parkway in Fountain Hills. Partnership with Fountain Hills is required.
	Shea Boulevard Shared Use Path Gap Connections	Complete approximately 4.6 miles of 8-10' shared use path gaps along the south side of Shea Boulevard between 64th Street and 142nd Street. Approximately 4.4 miles of 8' shared use path separated from back of curb has been constructed over the past several decades by adjacent development and/or the city. There is not sufficient space on street to add bike lanes by narrowing travel lanes.
	CAP/Loop 101 Bike and Pedestrian Bridge	A concept for the Loop 101 overpass bridge was developed using a MAG design assistance grant in 2014. This structure, including approaches, is approximately 2000 feet long and is separate from the CAP Path & Trail project.
	Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge at Loop 101 and Union Hills	Construct a new bicycle/pedestrian bridge across the Loop 101 on the former Union Hills Road alignment and approximately 0.6 miles of 10' shared use path from Loop 101 to Pima Road. An underpass at Pima Road to connect to the Indian Bend Wash Path extension may also be constructed.

	Indian Bend Wash Northwest Branch - Scottsdale Road to Indian Bend Road	Construct a new 10' shared use path connecting Scottsdale's Indian Bend Wash Path to an existing bridge where Scottsdale Road crosses the northwest branch of Indian Bend Wash (approximately 1.1 miles). This connection is part of a proposed Regional Conduit identified in MAG's 2020 <i>Active Transportation Plan</i> .
Street Reconfigurations and Enhanced Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossings	Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing Enhancements	Improve the ability for pedestrians and bicyclists to safely cross busy streets. Improvements may include hybrid pedestrian beacons, rectangular rapid flash beacons, pedestrian refuges, pedestrian median barriers, crosswalk treatments, sidewalk gap removals and improved lighting or other approved technologies.
	Buffered Bike Lanes (Striping)	Repurpose underutilized curb lanes and/or unnecessary two-way center turn lanes by striping buffered bike lanes
	Neighborhood Greenways (Bicycle Boulevards)	Design and construct improvements to support Neighborhood Bikeways. Typical features of these corridors include restriping, traffic calming, wayfinding signage and enhanced crossings of major roadways.
	Grade Separated Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossings	Install new grade separated crossings for pedestrians and cyclists across major streets with strong active transportation use. The new connections would support connections from paths to parks/schools/employment across arterial roadways. Targeted corridors would include Scottsdale Road, Hayden Road and Shea Boulevard.
	Separated Bike Lanes	Repurpose underutilized curb lanes and/or unnecessary two-way center turn lanes by constructing physical buffers for bike lanes or constructing new side paths.
	Roadway Right Sizing	Repurpose underutilized curb lanes and/or unnecessary two-way center turn lanes by narrowing roadway footprints (moving curbs).

Preservation/Maintenance/Optimization	Pavement Management	Complete ongoing street and alley pavement overlays and all associated improvements, which may include milling and surface treatments on the existing roadway; traffic control; new pavement thickness; water valve and manhole lowering and raising; signal detection upgrades from loops to video; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades for concrete ramps and signal push buttons; concrete repairs to curbs and sidewalks; new striping plans; new thermoplastic striping; and new signage for bike lanes and sidewalks.
	ADA Improvements	Scottsdale has developed an ADA Transition plan for improved pedestrian accessibility through the provision of improved sidewalk ramps, improved transit stops, modifications to driveway cross slopes and the elimination of sidewalk gaps. Improvements to corner ramps are also federally required for pavement overlay projects.
	Signal System and ITS Replacements and Upgrades	Scottsdale currently operates 318 traffic signals and 175 ITS cameras, all with limited lifespans for equipment and structures. Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) communications equipment and traffic control room requirements must also be upgraded over time. In addition, changes in technology, design standards and citizen expectations (including bicycle detection and emergency vehicle preemption) can affect how the signal system is managed and maintained.
	Streetlight Replacement and Maintenance	Scottsdale is responsible for close to 9,000 streetlights, all with limited lifespans for equipment and structures.
	Traffic Signals	Install new signals that have met warrants or perform major signal renovations at up to four intersections per year.
	Intersection and Roadway Corridor Safety Improvements	Scottsdale prepares a citywide collision report every two years, and the data is used to prioritize locations to conduct roadway safety assessments. The assessments often identify long-term capital improvement recommendations. Only a small number of these intersection improvements qualify for federal grants.
	Transit Stop Improvements	Construct new or renovate existing transit shelters and bus stop pads and furnishings. There are currently close to 600 bus stops in the city, of which 197 have shelters.

	Sidewalks	Install missing gaps and/or renovate short segments in the sidewalk system. Particular focus is given to locations near schools and/or along transit routes.
	Bikeways	Install missing gaps and/or renovate short segments in the shared use path network. Install, update or renovate path or bike-lane striping.
	Trails	Construct new trails or install missing gaps in the trail network. Update or renovate existing trail surfaces and signage.
	Neighborhood Traffic Management	The city works with neighborhoods to remediate traffic speed and cut-through concerns using an adopted policy.
	LED Conversion for Streetlights	Complete a citywide conversion of nearly 10,000 high pressure sodium streetlights to energy efficient LED lights. The project will also evaluate smart lighting management systems to provide insights into power usage and remote diagnostic and dimming capabilities.



Pedestrian Element

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Implementation

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Goals & Values

- 1 Prioritize people, safety and livability over motor vehicles and travel speed.
- 2 Improve accessibility for all types of transportation and transportation users.
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- 8 Ensure flexibility that can respond to economic development, changing technology and shifting priorities.
- 9 Continually evaluate technology to innovate and implement safer, greener and more accessible transportation solutions.
- 10 Improve environmental sustainability with decisions, programs and policies that preserve open space, reduce traffic congestion and consume less non-renewable resources.

COORDINATION WITH SCOTTSDALE'S GENERAL PLAN

The TAP 2022 goals and values align with those of the Scottsdale General Plan 2035, which aims for a city with Exceptional Experience, Outstanding Livability, Community Prosperity and Distinctive Character.



Promote active and healthy living

What are you looking for?

Intro ▾

Support sustainability and cost savings by preserving and maintaining existing infrastructure.

Coordinate intradepartmental and interdepartmental projects and leverage funding to plan efficiently and economically.

Close system gaps and improve local and regional connectivity with path systems, trail corridors and transit routes.

Provide transportation options that support economic vitality.



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3939 DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

***DRAFT SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES ***

PRESENT: Renee Higgs, Chair
Vice Chair Young
Barney Gonzales, Commissioner
George Ertel, Commissioner
William Scarbrough, Commissioner
Christian Serena, Commissioner

STAFF: Tim Curtis
Eric Anderson
Jeff Barnes
Desirae Mayo
Ben Moriarty
Ryan Garofalo
Alexis Hartley
Caitlyn Gulsvig
Rebecca Cox

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Higgs called the regular session of the Scottsdale Planning Commission to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A formal roll call was conducted confirming members present as stated above.

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MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

1. Approval of the March 9, 2022 [Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

Commissioner Serena moved to approve the March 9, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Ertel, the motion carried unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) by Chair Higgs, Vice Chair Young, Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Ertel, Commissioner Scarbrough, and Commissioner Serena.

CONTINUANCES

2. [13-UP-2021 \(Birdcall - Live Music\)](#)

Request by owner for a Conditional Use Permit for live entertainment in a restaurant located at 7204 E Shea Boulevard, with Highway Commercial (C-3) zoning district designation. Staff contact person is Jesus Murillo, 480-312-7849.

Applicant contact person is Kelley Kiesling, (720) 252-8459.

Item No. 2; Vice Chair Young moved to continue case 13-UP-2021 to a Planning Commission hearing date to be determined per request by the applicant. Seconded by Commissioner Scarbrough, the motion carried unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) by Chair Higgs, Vice Chair Young, Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Ertel, Commissioner Scarbrough, and Commissioner Serena.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [7-AB-2021 \(Carder Abandonment\)](#)

Request by owner to abandon the 33-foot-wide GLO roadway easement along the north property line and the east 13 feet of the 33 foot GLO roadway easement along the west property line for a parcel located at 26795 N 77th St with Single-family Residential zoning (R1-70 ESL FO). Staff contact person is Desirae Mayo, 480-312-4218.

Applicant contact person is Michele Hammond, 480-385-2753.

Item No. 3; Commissioner Serena moved to make a recommendation to City Council for approval of case 7-AB-2021, per the staff recommended stipulations, based upon the finding that the Abandonment is consistent and conforms with the adopted General Plan. Seconded by Vice Chair Young, the motion carried with a vote of five (5) to one (1) with Commissioner Gonzales dissenting and Chair Higgs, Vice Chair Young, Commissioner Ertel, Commissioner Scarbrough, and Commissioner Serena all voting in favor.

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4. [12-AB-2021 \(Harbut Residence\)](#)

Request by owner to abandon the eastern eight (8) feet of the General Land Office Patent Easement (GLO), and portion of the half cul-de-sac, fee-simple, right-of-way located along the western boundary (N. 78th Street), and the northern fifteen (15) feet (E. Dynamite Boulevard) located along the southern boundary of parcel 216-69-156A, with Single-family Residential District, Environmentally Sensitive Lands, Foothills Overlay (R1-70/ESL/FO) zoning located 28247 N. 78th Street. Staff contact person is Jesus Murillo, 480-312-7849.

Applicant contact person is John T. Oliver, (602) 452-2733.

Item No. 4; Vice Chair Young moved to make a recommendation to City Council for approval of case 12-AB-2021, per the staff recommended stipulations, based upon the finding that the Abandonment is consistent and conforms with the adopted General Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Ertel, the motion carried with a vote of five (5) to one (1) with Commissioner Gonzales dissenting and Chair Higgs, Vice Chair Young, Commissioner Ertel, Commissioner Scarbrough, and Commissioner Serena all voting in favor.

5. [5-GP-2020#2 \(Hawkins General Plan 2035 Amendment\)](#)

Request for a minor General Plan amendment to the City of Scottsdale General Plan 2035 from Office to Commercial land use designation on the northern +/- 1.97 acres of an approximately +/- 3.53 gross acre site, located at the southwest corner of N. 114th Street and E. Shea Boulevard. Amending the 2035 General Plan land use map pursuant to [Resolution 12255](#). All approved entitlements and stipulations on the property will remain as previously approved with case [8-ZN-2020](#) by Council. Staff contact person is Ben Moriarity, 480-312-2836.

Item No. 5; Commissioner Serena moved to make a recommendation to City Council for approval of case 5-GP-2020#2. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzales, the motion carried unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) by Chair Higgs, Vice Chair Young, Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Ertel, Commissioner Scarbrough, and Commissioner Serena.

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6. [4-GP-2021#2 \(Pima McDowell General Plan 2035 Amendment\)](#)

Request for a minor General Plan Amendment to the City of Scottsdale General Plan 2035 to change the land use designation from Mixed-Use Neighborhoods to Commercial on a +/- 7.22-acre site located 8705 E. McDowell Road. Amending the 2035 General Plan land use map pursuant to [Resolution 12287](#). All approved entitlements and stipulations on the property will remain as previously approved with case [11-ZN-2021](#) by Council. Staff contact person is Ben Moriarity, 480-312-2836. **Applicant contact person is Ben Moriarity, 480-312-2836.**

Item No. 6; Vice Chair Young moved to make a recommendation to City Council for approval of case 4-GP-2021#2. Seconded by Commissioner Serena, the motion carried unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) by Chair Higgs, Vice Chair Young, Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Ertel, Commissioner Scarbrough, and Commissioner Serena.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. [2-AB-2022 \(6750 E Exeter Blvd - Abandonment\)](#)

Request by owner for approval of an Abandonment of the west 10-feet of the existing 85-foot-wide Public Right-of-Way for N. 68th Street, located along the eastern boundary of parcel 173-44-014C, with Single-family Residential district (R1-35) zoning, at 6750 E. Exeter Boulevard. Staff contact person is Jeff Barnes, 480-312-2376. **Applicant contact person is Omar Abdallah, 480-240-5641.**

Item No. 7; Commissioner Serena moved to make a recommendation to City Council for approval of case 2-AB-2022, along with the citizen petition, per the staff recommended stipulations, based upon the finding that the Abandonment is consistent and conforms with the adopted General Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Ertel the motion carried unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0) by Chair Higgs, Vice Chair Young, Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Ertel, Commissioner Scarbrough, and Commissioner Serena.

REQUEST TO SPEAK CARDS:

Leslie Alvarez, Harold Back, Laura Norton Schwartz.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the regular session of the Planning Commission adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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