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Subject: Pre-application #799-PA-2021. North 68th Street
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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.

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Yours sincerely,
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