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Subject: 68th St. and Exeter ROW abandonment; Pre-application #799-PA-2021 North 68th Street
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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.

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