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To: Barnes, Jeff

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

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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 -

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