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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.

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