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Item 3

Date: May 5, 2026
To: Honorably Mayor Lisa Borowsky and Members of the City Council
From: Scott Selin, Budget Director
Subject: Updated Presentation for Agenda Item #3

The accompanying presentation addresses provides information regarding the Proposed FY 2026/27 Budget. Slides 33 and 50 have been updated to correct minor scrivener's errors.

Please direct any questions regarding this presentation or the Proposed FY 2026/27 Budget to Scott Selin, Budget Director, at 480-312-2603 or sselin@scottsdaleaz.gov.

FY 2026/27 Proposed Budget and 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

City Council Meeting
May 5, 2026

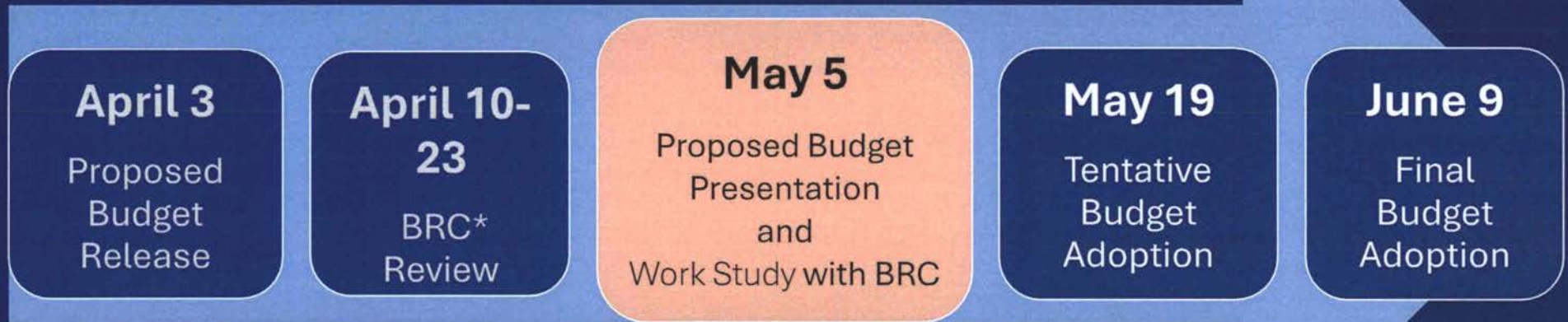


Thank You



- Budget Team
- Department Staff
- Budget Review Commission
- City Council

FY26/27 Budget and 5-Yr CIP Adoption Timeline



* Budget Review Commission (BRC)

FY 2026/27 Proposed Budget

\$2,118.9 M



Note: Amounts do not include internal transfers

-3.8% Overall Net Decrease from Prior Year Budget

(in millions)	FY 24/25 Adopted	FY 25/26 Adopted	FY 26/27 Proposed	\$ Chng from P/Y	% Chng from P/Y
Operating Budget	762	835	836	1	0.1%
PSPRS additional payment		50	2	(48)	
Total Operating Budget	762	885	838	(47)	-5.3%
Capital Improvements	1,068	948	882	(66)	-7.0%
Reserves and Contingencies	465	371	399	28	7.5%
Total Budget	\$2,295	\$2,204	\$2,119	(\$85)	-3.8%

Budget Highlights

Ensuring
Financial
Sustainability
With Slower
Revenue Growth
and Cost
Pressures

- Departments tasked with identifying up to 10% reduction in base budgets and 2% reduction in vacant positions
- Budget reductions to offset strategic investments and cost inflation pressures
- Minimize use of reserve to ensure sufficient rainy day funds

Investing in Public Safety

- \$4.8M additional compensation for Police and Fire recruitment and retention
- \$8.6M increase in Fire Department Budget for Phase III Ambulance, staffing and workforce development
- \$2.0M in additional PSPRS contribution for Fire
- \$69.0M in public safety capital improvements (includes \$48.3M in carryforwards)



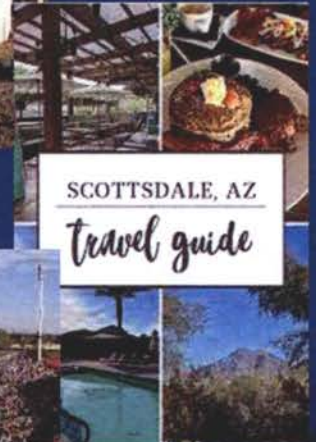
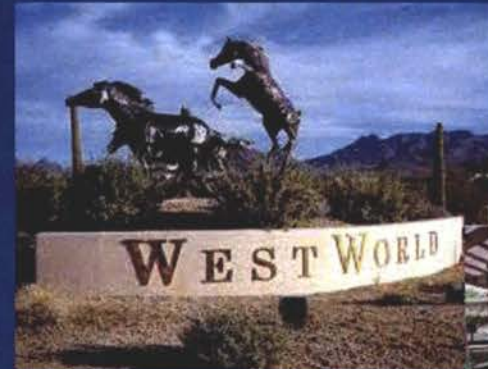
Prioritizing Roads and Water

- \$45.9M for pavement overlay and \$212.2M in other transportation projects (includes \$142.2M in carryforwards)
- \$4.7 increase in water and water reclamation budget for operating costs increases
- \$330.5M budget for water and water reclamation capital improvements (includes \$177.1M of carryforwards)



Supporting Economic Drivers

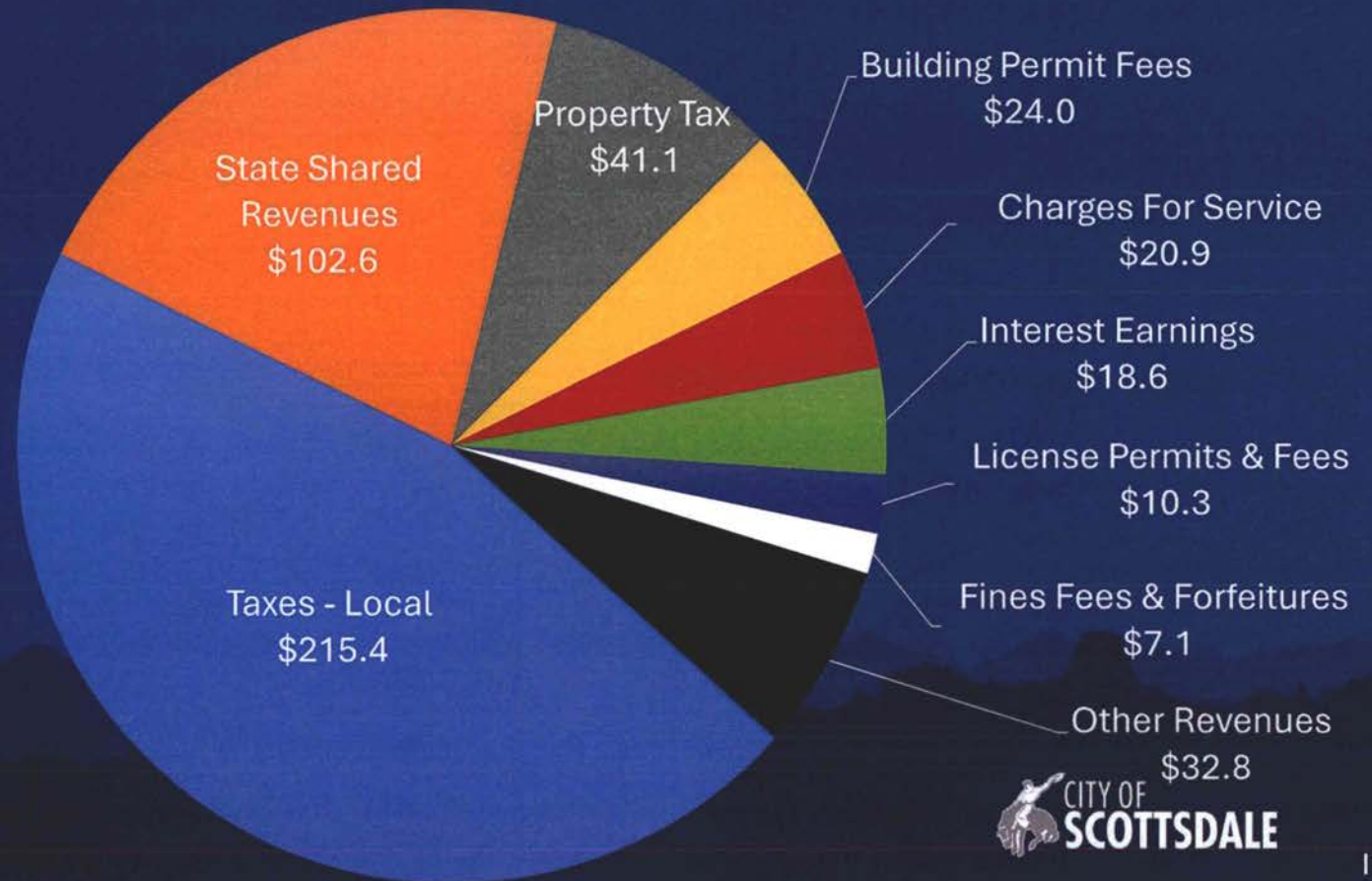
- \$ 8.7M budget for West World
- \$32.1M budget for Tourism and Events
- \$3.2M budget for improvements at Scottsdale Stadium



General Fund Revenues

FY26/27 Projected General Fund Sources (in millions)

Total Revenues and Transfers In \$472.8M

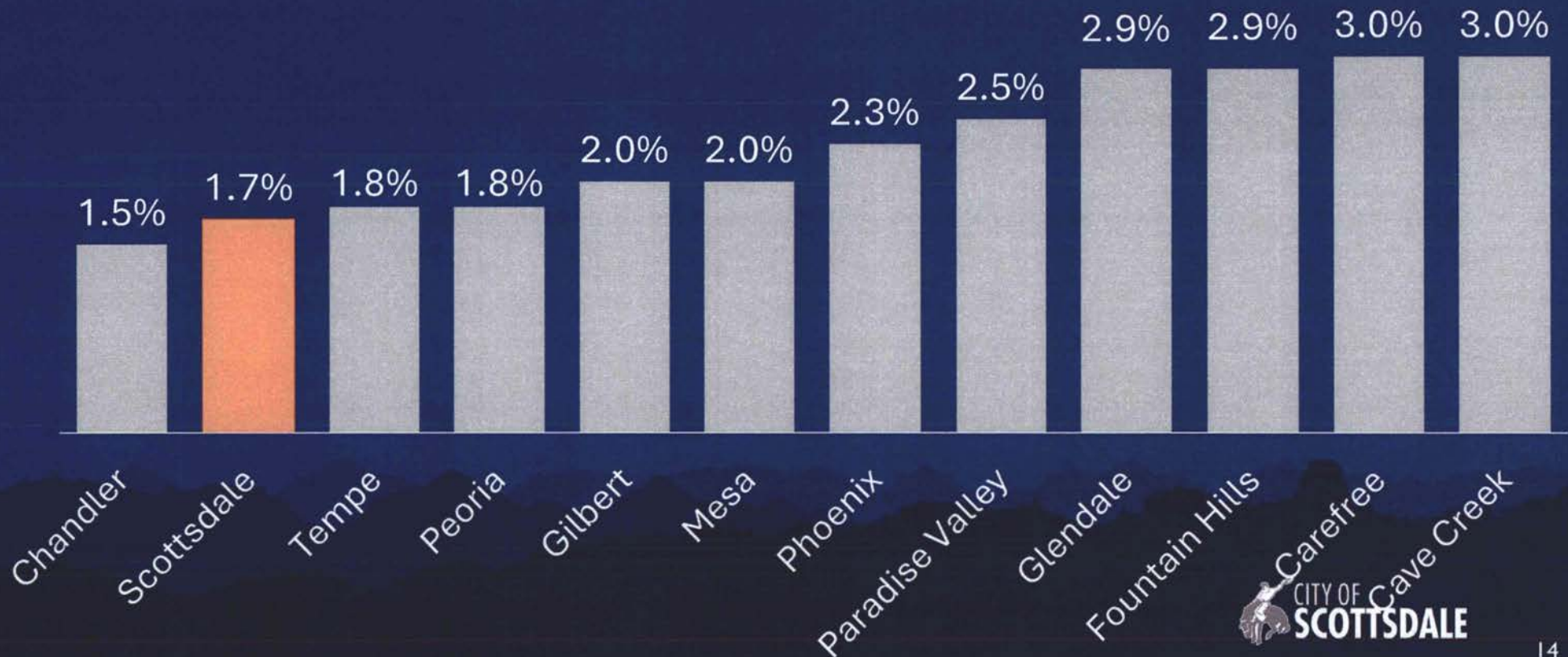


Sales Tax – Slower Growth in FY27 and FY28

General Fund 1.0% Sales Tax Revenues (in millions)



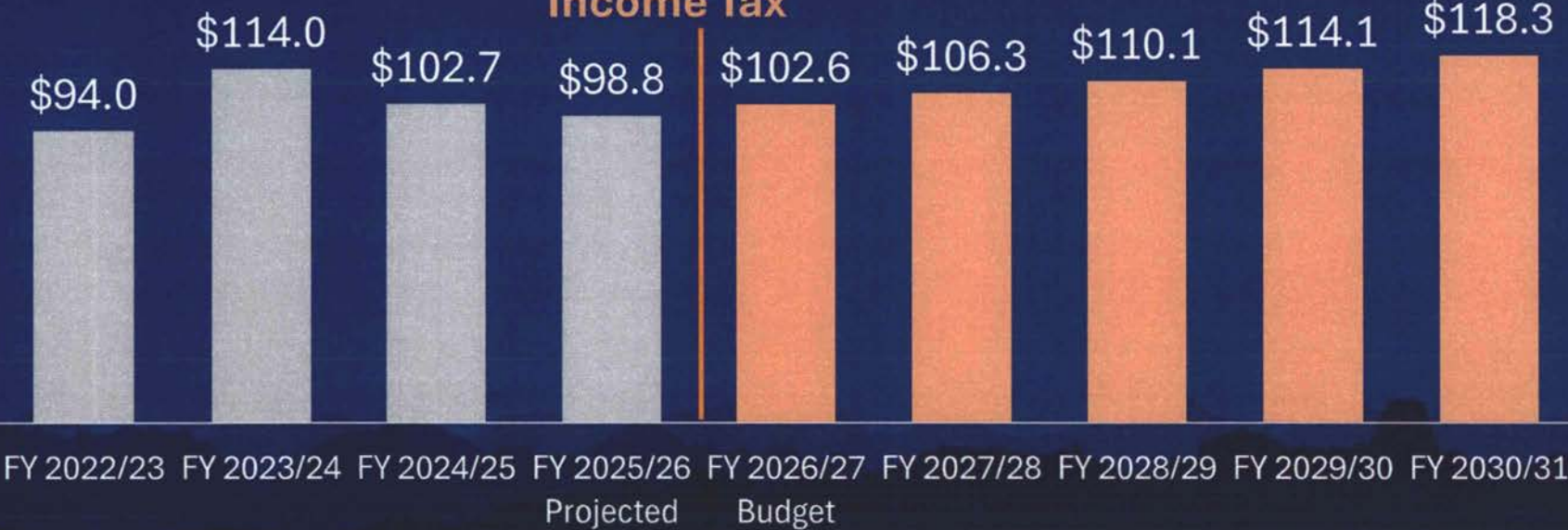
Scottsdale Maintains One of the Lowest Local Sales Tax Rate in the Valley



General Fund State Shared Revenues

(in millions)

Steady modest growth in
State Sales Tax and
Income Tax



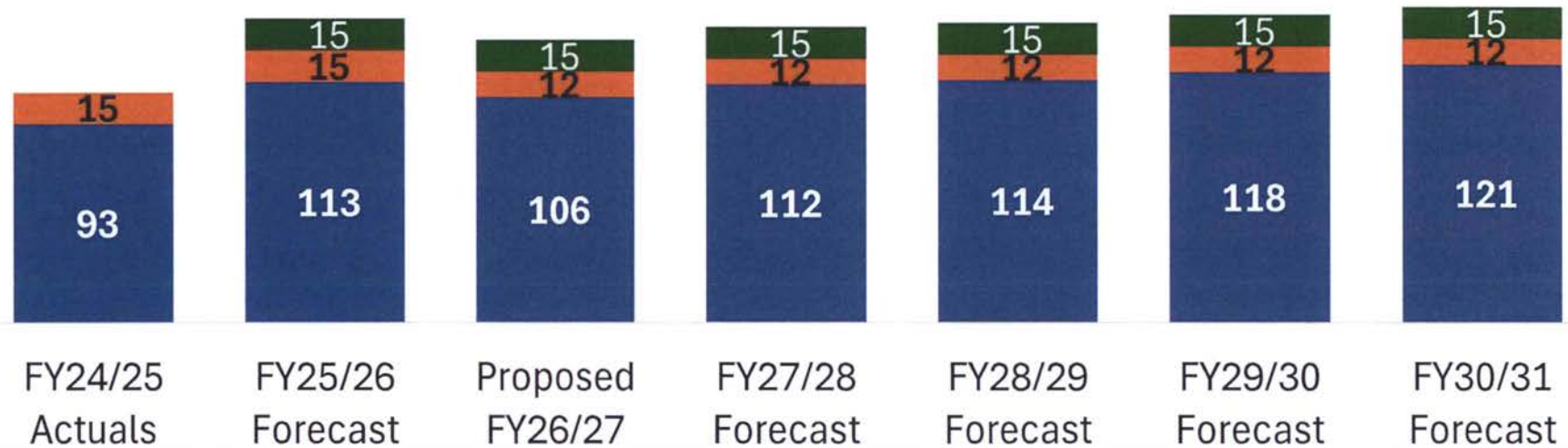
Note: Potential future impact due to conformity with federal tax law not included in projections



General Fund Rainy Day Funds Remain Intact

(in millions)

■ Emergency & Operating Reserves ■ Contingencies ■ Revenue Loss Reserves



Note: Amounts do not include designated fund balances and other designated reserves

Proposed FY 2026/27 Budget Operating Budget

FY 2026/27 Proposed Budget

\$2,118.9 M



Note: Amounts do not include internal transfers

Operating Budget is Structurally Balanced

(in millions)	Proposed Expenditures	FY26/27 Projected Revenues
General Fund	\$ 424	\$ 451
Water and Sewer	164	239
Other Enterprise Funds	40	51
Transportation Fund	37	57
Tourism Fund	26	40
0.15% Park and Preserve Tax	12	27
Other Funds	136	150
Total	\$ 838	\$ 1,015

Note: Does not include Transfers Out. Excess operating revenues are used for Capital Improvements or reserved for future use

Reduced Total FTE Count

FY 25/26 Adopted FTEs	2,796.9
Phase III Ambulance (funded by ambulance billings and general fund support)	22.0
Parks and Recreation (funded by 0.15% Park and Preserve Tax)	6.0
Other city-wide staffing additions	12.5
Vacant Positions Eliminated	(48.83)
Net Change in FTEs	(8.33)
FY26/27 Proposed FTEs	2,788.57

Full-Time Benefitted Positions Eliminated

- Departments were instructed to review vacant positions to realign staffing resources
- Goal to eliminate approximately 2% of total position count without impacting service levels
- A total of 33.0 full-time, vacant benefitted positions were identified for elimination

Department Eliminations

Police Department	-6.0
Water Resources	-6.0
Parks and Recreation	-4.0
Charter Officers	-4.0
Human Services and Libraries	-3.0
Communications, Fleet, IT, Solid Waste, Planning and Development	-10.0
Full Time Benefitted Positions Eliminated in Proposed Budget	-33.0

Full-Time Benefitted Positions Additions

- A total of 33 full-time regular benefitted positions are recommended to be added in the Proposed FY 2026/27 budget

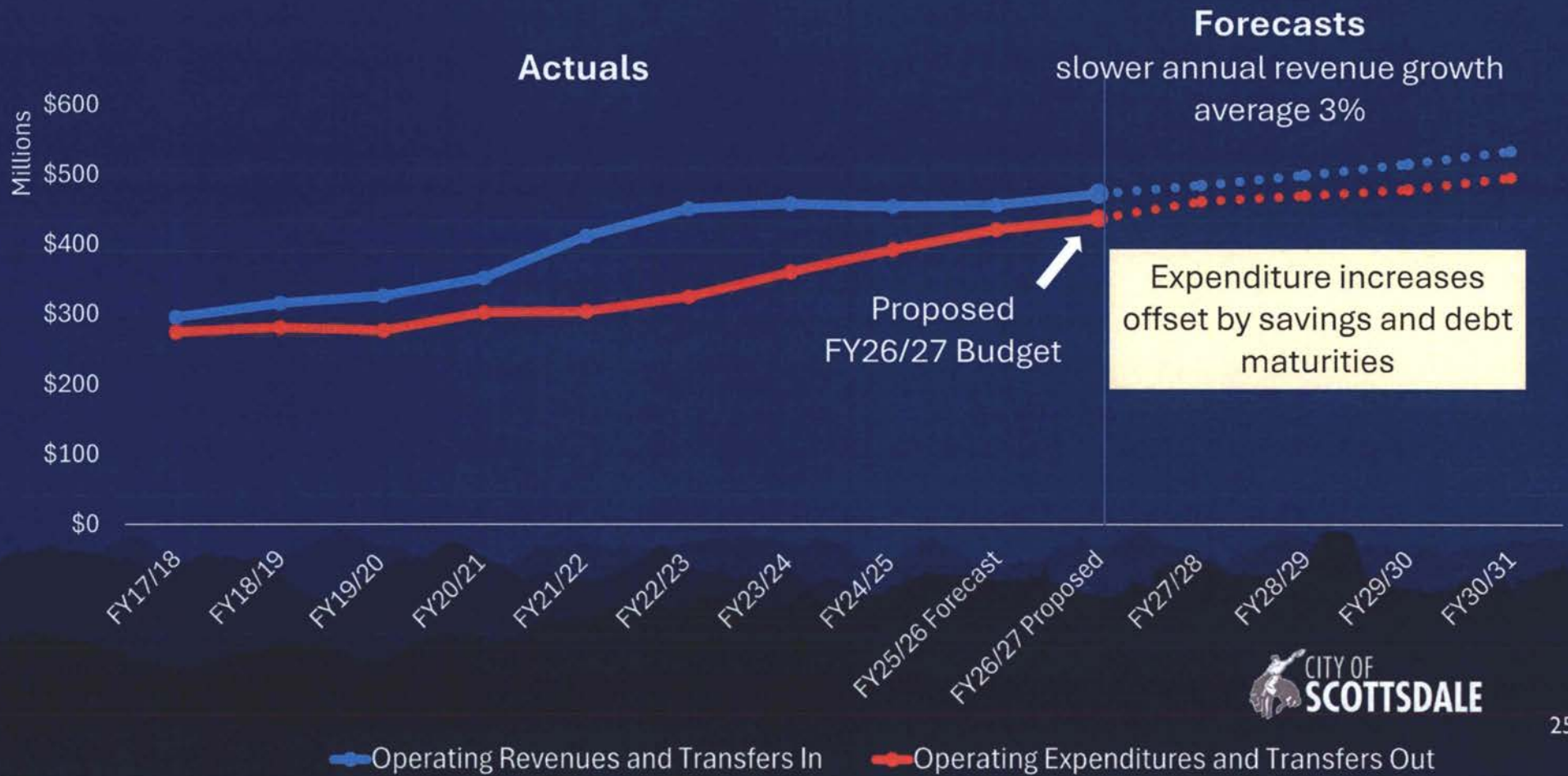
Department Additions	
Fire Department (Ambulance)	22.0
Parks & Recreation	6.0
City Attorney's Office	2.0
Enterprise Operations	1.0
City Treasurer's Office	1.0
WestWorld	1.0
Full Time Benefitted Positions Added in Proposed Budget	33.0

General Fund Operating Budget

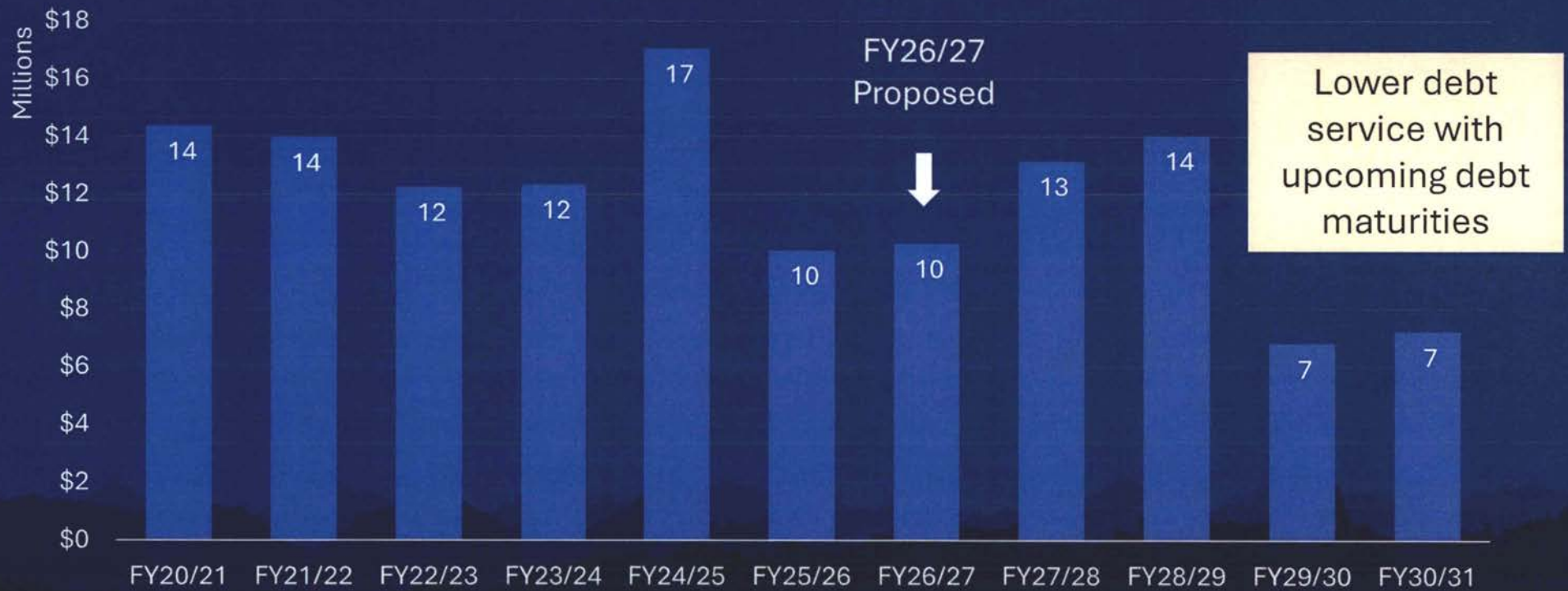
General Fund Uses (in millions)

	FY 25/26 Adopted	FY 26/27 Proposed	\$ Chg	% Chg
Base Operating Expenditures	409.8	422.1	12.3	3.0%
PSPRS additional payment	50.0	2.0	-48.0	
Total Operating Budget	459.8	424.1	-35.7	-7.8%
Transfers Out: Ambulance Fund Subsidy	2.5	4.6	2.1	
Debt Service	10.0	10.3	0.3	
Capital Projects	48.8	33.7	-15.1	-30.9%
Total Uses	\$521.1	\$472.7	-48.4	-9.3%

General Fund – On-Going Operating Sources and Uses (excludes PSPRS Additional Payments and Transfers to CIP)



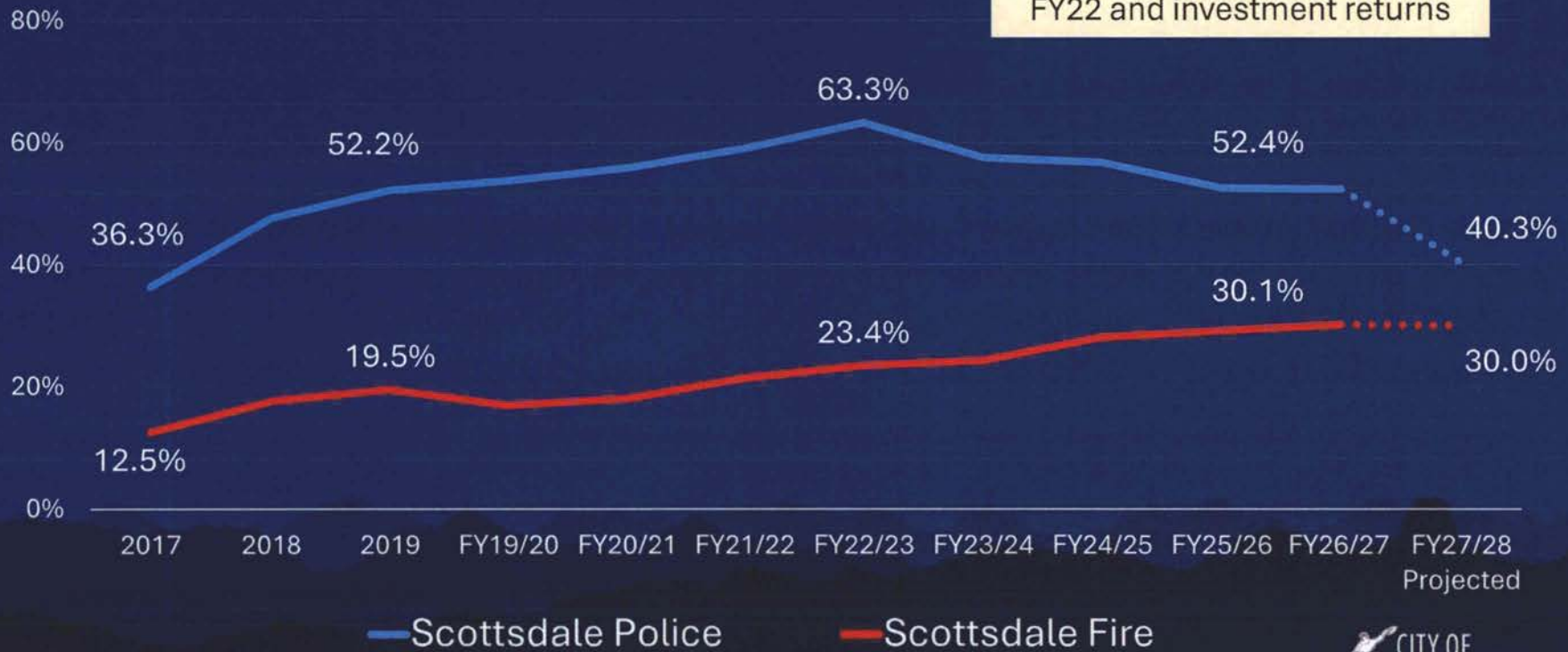
General Fund Transfers to Debt Service



Scottsdale's PSPRS Contribution Rate for T1/T2

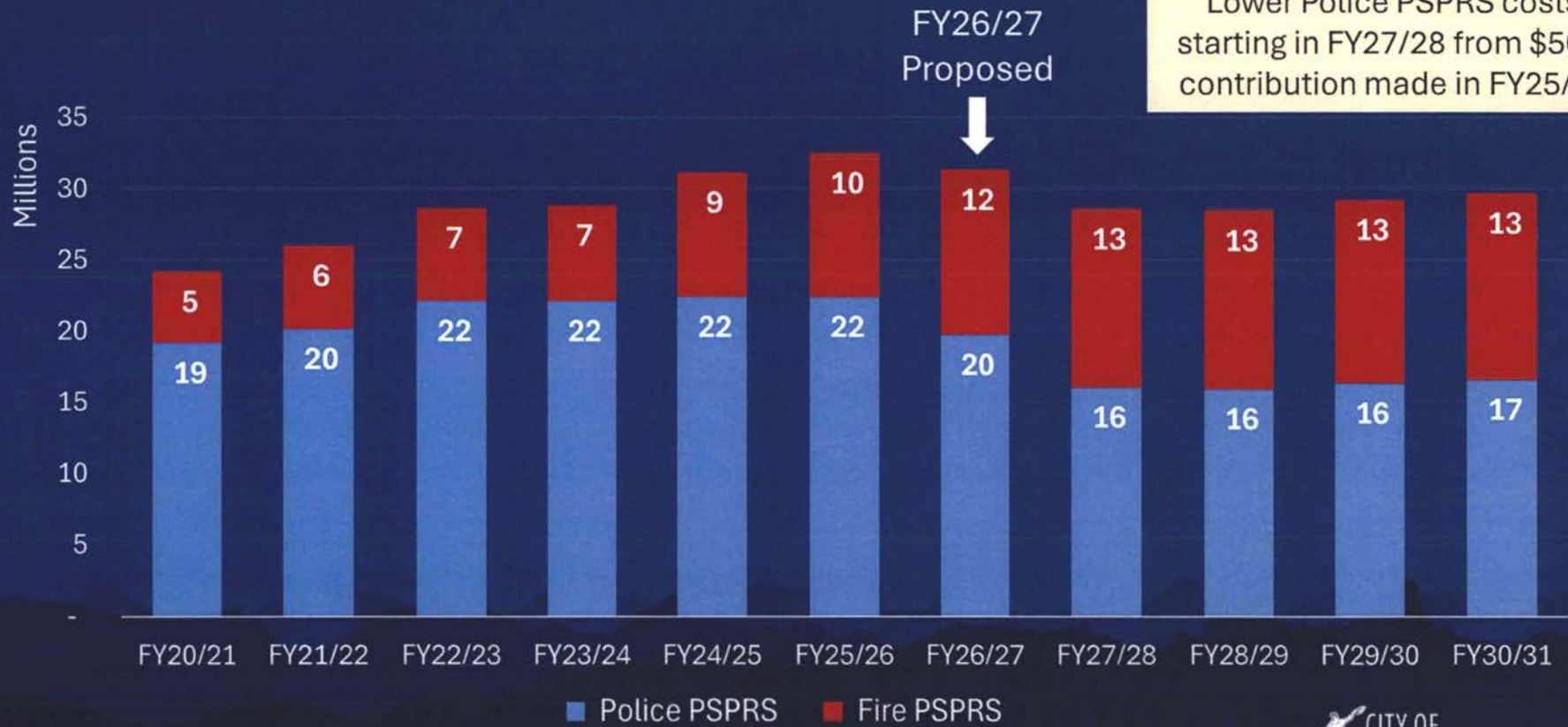
(Contribution rate as a percent of salaries)

Lower Police rates from additional contributions since FY22 and investment returns



PSPRS Historical Costs and Projected Savings

Lower Police PSPRS costs starting in FY27/28 from \$50M contribution made in FY25/26



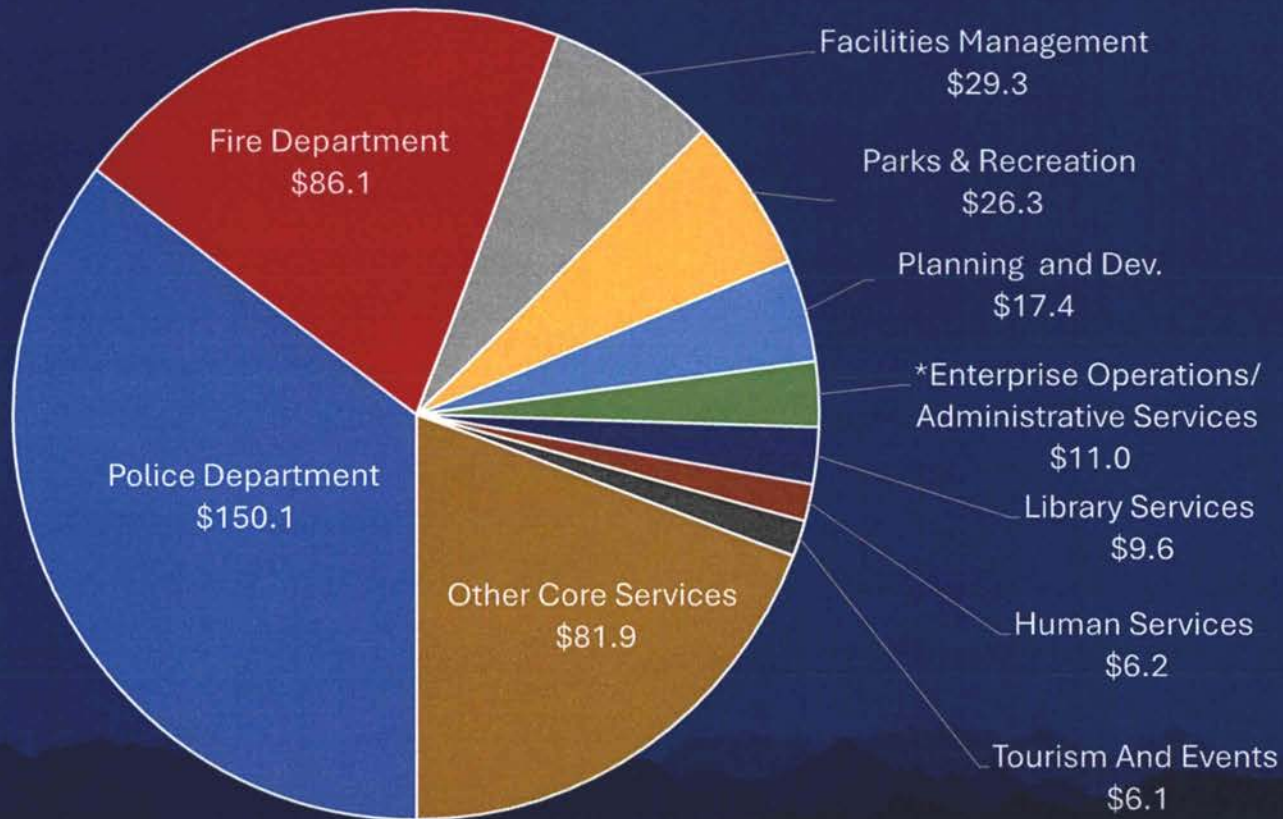
General Fund

\$424.1M

FY26/27

Operating Budget

(excludes contingencies and reserves)



* Includes non-enterprise fund commercial operations (e.g. WestWorld, Scottsdale Arts, etc)

Additional Personnel Budget Proposed

In Addition to the City-Wide 1% market, up to 3% Merit and 5% Step for Sworn, the Proposed FY 26/27 includes the following:

- Additional Sworn Personnel Compensation Adjustments \$4.8M
- Focused Classification and Compensation Study Projects \$1.5M
- One-time Adjustment for Employees at Range Maximum \$0.6M
- Vacation Trade & Payouts \$4.1M

Proposed FY 2026/27 Budget Capital Budget and 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

FY 2026/27 Proposed Budget

\$2,118.9 M



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Proposed FY25/26 Capital Budget \$882M + \$74M in contingencies

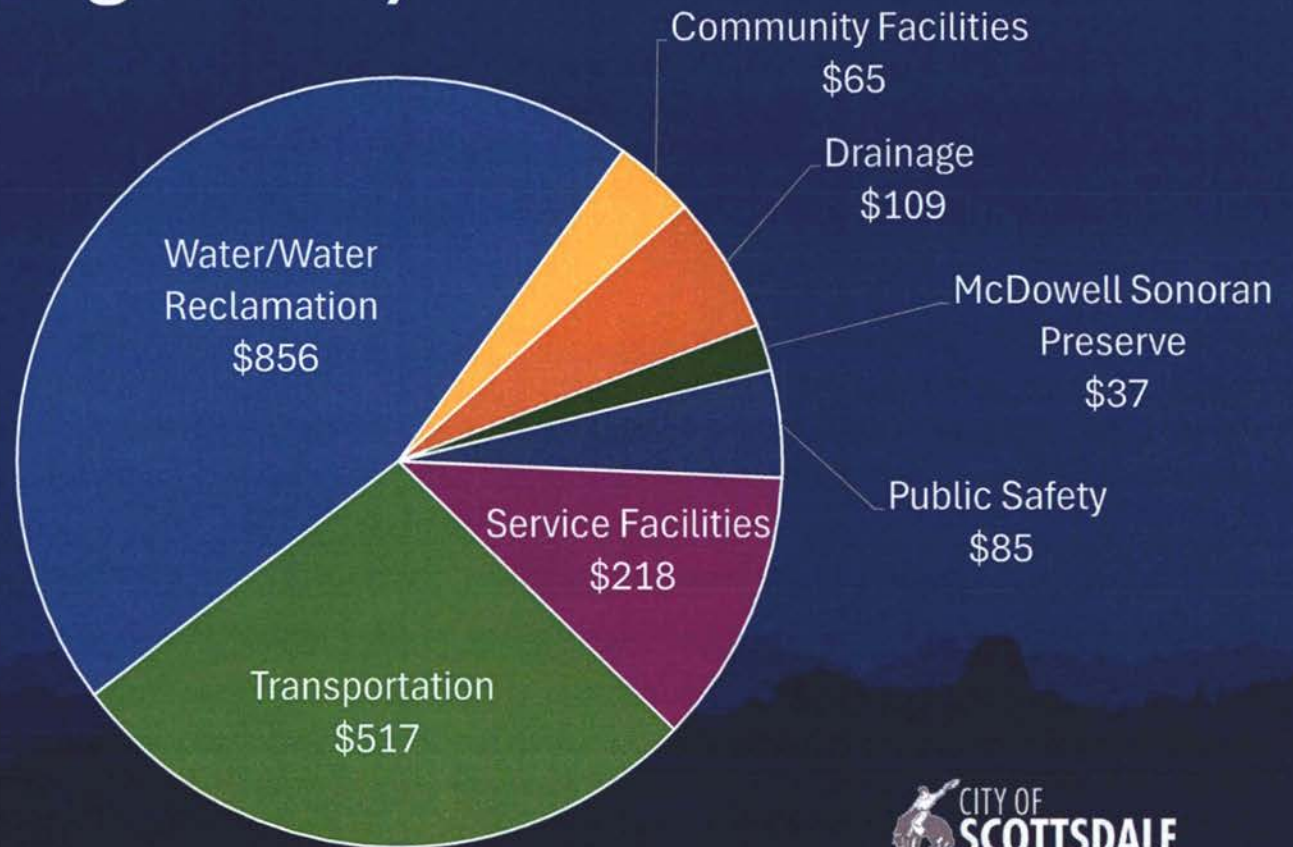
(in millions)	FY25/26 Adopted	Carry-forwards	FY26/27 Requests	Proposed FY26/27*
Community Facilities	\$93	\$28	\$18	\$47
Drainage/ Flood Control	38	36	34	70
McDowell Sonoran Preserve	12	2	-	2
Public Safety	78	48	21	69
Service Facilities	159	115	65	180
Transportation	262	142	116	258
Water and Water Reclamation	331	177	153	331
Total Capital Budget *	\$974	\$549	\$407	\$956

* Amounts may not total due to rounding

Proposed 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (includes contingencies)

**FY26/27 to
FY30/31**

\$1,886.6M



Department Operating Budgets and CIP Projects

Fire Department

Fire and Ambulance Operating



- Ambulance Phase III (22 FTE)
 - \$5.2M in FY 26/27
- Skills Replacement & Development
 - \$3.4M in FY 26/27
- Additional PSPRS Investment
 - \$2M in FY 26/27

Fire Department Budget

FY 2025/26 Adopted - \$93.3M

FY 2026/27 Proposed - \$103.8M

Fire - Ambulance Phase III

- Scottsdale Fire Department is providing ambulance services to citizens in a phased approach
- Phases I and II (currently live)
 - Phase I - Fire stations 602, 608, and 615
 - Phase II - Fire stations 601, 605, and 614
- Phase III (scheduled in 12/2026)
 - Fire Stations 603, 611, 618 (Ambulance Annex)



0.15% Park and Preserve Tax **(Allocation to Fire Mitigation and Technical Rescue)**

- The Proposed Budget funds the following with the Park and Preserve Fire Mitigation and Technical Rescue Fund:
 - 3 Community Risk Reduction Captains
 - 1 Wildland Urban Interface position
 - Specialty pay, equipment and enhanced capabilities to Technical Rescue
 - Fuel mitigation
- Total funding from the Fire Mitigation and Technical Rescue Fund of \$1.7 million in Proposed Budget

Build New Fire Station at 90th St. and Via Linda (PB2502)

(2019 Bond, General Fund)

- Bond 2019 Project
- Addresses explosive growth in the 90th Street and Via Linda area
- Will allow response times to improve and ensure Fire Department capabilities keep pace with Scottsdale's continued growth

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$0.1 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$10.3 million
FY 2027/28 Budget	\$3.8 million
FY 2028/29 Budget	
FY 2029/30 Budget	
FY 2030/31 Budget	
Total Project Budget	\$14.2 million

Ambulance Annex 618 (PB2603)

(General Fund)

- Strategic investment in Scottsdale's medical services infrastructure
- Provides a dedicated facility to efficiently house and deploy ambulance resources
- Will reduce response times and improve care for residents by positioning life-saving equipment and personnel where they are most needed

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$0.5 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$9.0 million
Total Project Budget	\$9.5 million



Police Department

Police Department Operating



- Wellness Initiatives
- Additional Security Footprint at WestWorld
- Additional 0.5 FTE Polygrapher Position

Police Budget

FY 2025/26 Adopted - *\$160.4M

FY 2026/27 Proposed - \$156.3M

*(excludes \$50M PSPRS)

Note: Other funds include grants, Park and Preserve Tax Funds and other restricted special revenue funds

0.15% Park and Preserve Tax **(Allocation to Police Park Ranger Program)**

- The Proposed Budget funds the following from Police Park Ranger Fund:
 - \$1.4 million in total expenditures in FY 2026/27
 - 6 sworn Police Park Rangers, a Sergeant, and a Real Time Crime Center Technician
 - Additional support for Park and Preserve enhanced safety

40 - Renovate and Expand the Civic Center Jail and Downtown Police Facility to Meet Demand (PB2204)

(2019 Bond, General Fund)

- Bond 2019 Project
- Adds capacity and bolsters security
- Brings facility up to ADA standards

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$1.8 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$18.0 million
Total Project Budget	\$19.8 million



33 - Renovate the Via Linda Police Station to Increase Efficiency (PB2203)

(2019 Bond, General Fund)

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$5.2 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$11.4 million
Total Project Budget	\$16.6 million

- Bond 2019 Project
- Modernize infrastructure and provide adequate infrastructure to support critical functions



Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Operating



- McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park moving to Parks and Recreation
- 6 new FTE (Park and Preserve Tax Funding)

Parks and Recreation

FY 2025/26 Adopted - \$34.1M

FY 2026/27 Proposed - \$39.3M

(includes 0.15% Park and Preserve Tax Funding for Preserve)



0.15% Park and Preserve Tax (Allocation to Park Maintenance)

- The Proposed Budget funds the following from Park Maintenance Fund:
 - \$3.3 million in total funding and 11.8 FTE positions in FY 2026/27
 - 6.8 new FTE positions in FY 2026/27 to support park maintenance
 - \$0.3 million for five new vehicles for park maintenance

0.15% Park and Preserve Tax (Allocation to Park Improvements)

- The Proposed Budget funds the following from Park Improvements Fund:
 - \$6.8 million in operating budget and Transfers to CIP for park improvements
 - \$0.3 million for replacement of park furnishings
 - Transfers to CIP include funding for Sport Court replacement, Eldorado Aquatic and Fitness Center, design for improvements at Chaparral Park, Agua Linda Park, Paiute Park, and Indian Bend Wash Master Plan

0.15% Park and Preserve Tax

(Allocation to McDowell Sonoran Preserve Maintenance)

- The Proposed Budget funds the following from Preserve Maintenance Fund:
 - \$3.4 million in total expenditures and 10.2 FTE positions in FY 2026/27
 - \$2.0 million for Preserve Planning and Administration
 - \$1.4 million for various Preserve initiatives and programs
 - Sonoran Desert Preservation
 - Wildland Fire Mitigation
 - Invasive Plant Management
 - Sonoran Desert Education

23 - Repair Lakes and Irrigation at Vista del Camino Park in the Indian Bend Wash (PP2103)

(2019 Bond, General Fund)

- Bond 2019 Project
- Repair failing lakes and irrigation in the Indian Bend Wash
- Enhances water conservation and quality, resolves lake edge erosion

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$13.4 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$21.2 million
Total Project Budget	\$34.6 million



42 - Add a Dog Park to Thompson Peak Park (PP2206)

(2019 Bond, General Fund)

- Bond 2019 Project
- Build a 3.5 acre dog park, a footbridge and additional parking at Thompson Peak Park

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$1.8 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$4.6 million
Total Project Budget	\$6.4 million



Water Resources

Water and Sewer Operations

Water and Water Reclamation Fund

	FY 25/26 Adopted Budget	FY 26/27 Proposed Budget	% Change
Operating Expenditures	\$124.8M	\$131.9M	5.7%
Debt Service	\$34.2M	\$32.5M	-5.0%
Transfers Out	\$99.0M	\$69.1M	-30.2%
Total	\$258.0M	\$233.5M	-9.5%

- 4.5% water rate increase
 - 3.5% O&M
 - 1.0% New Source and Supply
- 3.5% sewer rate increase
- \$4.1M additional for utilities
- \$0.9M additional for water purchase costs and chemicals
- Bartlett Dam Feasibility – Moved from Capital to Operating

Water Source and Supply (New Capital Project 44)

(Water Revenue Bonds)

- To obtain and facilitate water sources and supply

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$0
FY 2026/27 Budget	
FY 2027/28 Budget	\$100.0 million
Total Project Budget	\$100.0 million



Wastewater System Improvements (PV1906)

(Sewer Rates, Sewer Development Fee)

- Design and construct sewer lines
- Complete treatment plant work
- Rehabilitate sewer manholes

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$46.6 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$28.0 million
FY 2027/28 Budget	\$24.7 million
FY 2028/29 Budget	\$14.0 million
FY 2029/30 Budget	\$13.4 million
FY 2030/31 Budget	\$24.1 million
Total Project Budget	\$150.8 million

Crossroads East - Water System Improvements (PW1906)

(Water Rates, Water Development Fee, Bond Proceeds)

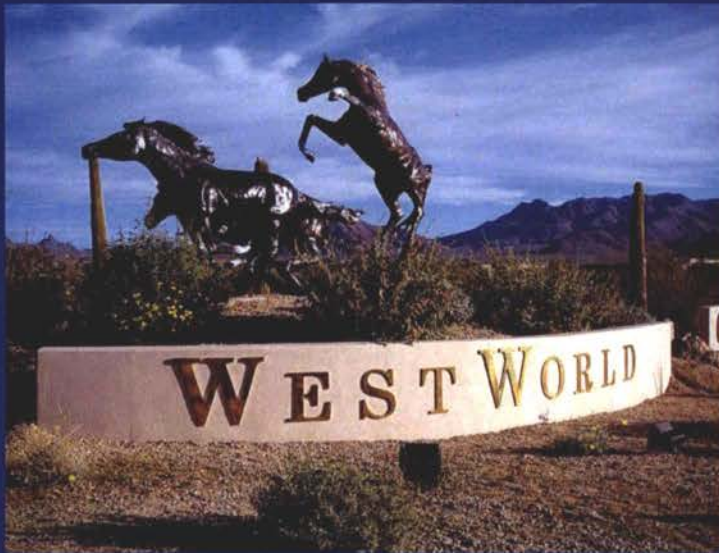
- Increase site 55A booster pumping capacity
- Install approximately 4,200 linear feet of 30-inch transmission main to serve current and future connections

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$3.4 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$27.5 million
Total Project Budget	\$30.9 million



WestWorld

WestWorld Operating



WestWorld

FY 2025/26 Adopted - \$8.1M

FY 2026/27 Proposed - \$8.7M

- Net Increase of 5.0 FTE positions
 - 1 Event Director
 - 8 Part-time Maintenance Workers
- Reduction in Contractual Services
- Additional funding for equipment needs
 - Equipment \$162,700
 - Software \$47,500

WestWorld Drainage Projects (PD2201, PD2601, PD2602, PD2603)

(WIFA Debt, General Fund)

- Drainage improvements designed to manage stormwater flowing into the facility from offsite areas
- Significantly reduces risk of flooding and operational disruptions
- Enhances public safety, protects city assets, and improves facility resilience

Incurring to Date (2/26)	\$0
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$16.9 million
FY 2027/28 Budget	\$9.2 million
FY 2028/29 Budget	\$3.7 million
Total Project Budget	\$29.8 million

WestWorld Comprehensive Wayfinding & Signage System

(New Capital Project 8)

(Tourism Development Fund)

- Design a modern, coherent, and intuitive wayfinding system to address onsite signage deficiencies at WestWorld

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$0
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$0.2 million
Total 5-Year Project Budget	\$0.2 million



WestWorld Cover Arena 7 (New Capital Project 2)

(General Fund)

- Design a cover over Arena 7, including architectural and engineering services to develop final plans, cost estimates, and construction phasing

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$0
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$0.1 million
Total 5-Year Project Budget	\$0.1 million



Transportation and Infrastructure CIP Projects

Pavement Overlay Program (New Capital Project 43)

(0.2% Transportation Sales Tax, General Fund)

- Yearly program to complete ongoing street pavement improvements
- May include milling and surface treatments, fog seals, crack fill treatment, concrete work
- \$10M from General Fund in FY 2026/27

*Incurred to Date (2/26)

FY 2026/27 Budget	\$45.9 million
FY 2027/28 Budget	\$26.7 million
FY 2028/29 Budget	\$27.5 million
FY 2029/30 Budget	\$26.5 million
FY 2030/31 Budget	\$10.0 million
Total Project Budget	\$136.5 million

- *Does not include previous years of funding pavement overlay

62 - Build a Bridge on Thompson Peak Parkway over Reata Wash to Improve Safety (PS2501)

(2019 Bond, 0.2% Transportation Sales Tax)

- Bond 2019 project to construct a second bridge
- Scope is to design and construct the westbound bridge and realign the roadway

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$0.6 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$13.6 million
Total Project Budget	\$14.2 million

Flood Control/Drainage CIP Projects

Granite Reef Wash Phases 2A (PF2201)

(Flood Control IGA, Stormwater Utility Bill Fee)

- Construct storm drain improvements along Pima Road and Granite Reef Wash
- Project includes funding from outside agencies (FCDMC & SRPMIC)

Incurring to Date (2/26)	\$0.0 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$13.9 million
Total Project Budget	\$13.9 million

68th Street Storm Drain South of Camelback Rd (PF2401)

(Stormwater Utility Bill Fee, Flood Control IGA)

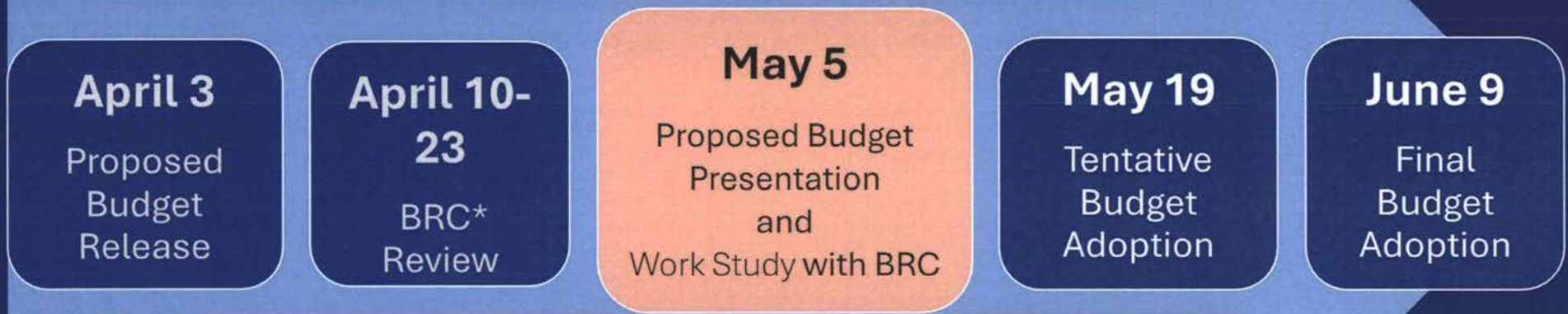
- Construct a storm drain along 68th St. north of the Arizona Canal and south of Camelback Rd.
- Provides 100-year flood protection to four structures
- Project includes funding from an outside agency (FCDMC)

Incurred to Date (2/26)	\$0.1 million
FY 2026/27 Budget	\$3.1 million
Total Project Budget	\$3.2 million



Budget Next Steps

FY26/27 Budget and 5-Yr CIP Adoption Timeline



* Budget Review Commission (BRC)



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Lane, Benjamin

From: Mike McConnell <pmmcc@umich.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 4:46 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Water

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I understand that previously approved infrastructure projects intended to improve Scottsdale's long-term viability regarding water have been, or are being, canceled.

This makes no sense to me. Everything I read indicates that Scottsdale is rapidly approaching a water crisis and it appears to me that the current proposed solutions sound a lot like "hope for rain". On the off chance that hoping for rain doesn't work, I would request that Scottsdale take every possible action toward water conservation, including recycling. That alone is probably not sufficient but it is a reasonable step.

I have no problem drinking recycled water, since I'm already doing it.

Thanks for your attention.

Paul Michael McConnell
11651 N 1114th Place
Scottsdale, AZ.85259

Lane, Benjamin

From: Shari McConnell <scmcco@umich.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 5:26 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Save our water

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Honorable Scottsdale Council Members and Honorable Mayor Borowsky,

I am concerned with both the obvious water crisis and the possible defunding of infrastructure projects that could help cover some of the CAP water losses.

Our hoping that just letting nature take its course does not seem to be realistic as a solution. Since we aren't getting rain, because we are living in a tourist area, and golf courses and pools are rapidly using our water supply, City Council needs to take action. Not defunding water conservation plans should be first. Reducing our outdoor water usage and recycling our water whenever possible should be immediate actions or we just aren't going to be able to have the Scottsdale we know anymore. Maybe we aren't even going to be able to continue living here!

Respectfully,
Sharyn C. McConnell
11651 N 114th Place
Scottsdale 85259

Lane, Benjamin

From: Becky Jandrey <beckyjandreyphd@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2026 4:42 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Scottsdale's water issues - 5/5 meeting

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I am a Scottsdale resident who is very concerned about the City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 – "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

I am writing to express my objection to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects. This is not the area where we need to cut funding. Instead I strongly urge the City Council to reinstate funding in the budget to accomplish the following:

- 1) Increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam
- 2) Expand the Advanced Purified Recycled Water program which has proven its effectiveness (this is NO time to be squeamish!)
- 3) Rehire the staff necessary to manage these programs.

These issues are critical to our long term survival in Scottsdale. I will be paying attention to your choices in this matter as I cast my November 3rd vote.

Regards,

*Becky Jandrey, Ph.D.
9483 E Whitewing Dr
Scottsdale, AZ 85262*

*"Rise like Lions after slumber
In unvanquishable number
Shake your chains to earth like dew
Which in sleep had fallen on you
Ye are many--they are few".
--Shelley, 1819*

Lane, Benjamin

From: feldex@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2026 7:45 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Gilbert farm battles drought, diesel costs and the pressures of growth

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Gilbert farm battles drought, diesel costs and the pressures of growth <https://share.google/tqOP3RU65t2IEI5F>

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

Water or the lack of is having an impact on farming, crops you can raise.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Audrey Holmes <audreyholmes1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2026 9:17 AM
To: LBorowsky@Scottsdaleaz.com; City Council
Subject: Scottsdale Water Crisis

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My name is Audrey Holmes. I am Scottsdale resident and property owner.

I am writing in regard to the City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 – "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

I am aware of the water crisis Scottsdale is facing. I am also aware that there are viable, long-term solutions to reduce the impact of this crisis.

I object to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects and I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the Budget to 1) expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, 2) increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and 3) restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.

I appreciate your consideration and will certainly consider your action (or inaction) when I cast my vote on November 3rd.

***Thank you,
Audrey Holmes***

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
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Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 10:06 AM
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Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Larry Bernosky

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Agenda Item

MEETING DATE 5/5/2026

WHICH AGENDA ITEM WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON? 03. Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

Name

FULL NAME Larry Bernosky

Contact Information

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EMAIL larrybernosky@gmail.com

ADDRESS 19700 N 76th Street, #1193

CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

My name is Larry Bernosky. I am Scottsdale resident and property owner.

I am writing regarding the City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 – "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)."

We all are or should be very concerned about the water crisis Scottsdale is facing. I am also aware that there are viable, long-term options to reduce the impact of this crisis.

To that end I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the Budget and the CIP to:

- 1) expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program
- 2) increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam
- 3) restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.

I appreciate your attention to this vital matter and will certainly consider your position when casting my vote on November 3rd.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Larry Bernosky <larrybernosky@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 10:07 AM
To: City Council; LBorowsky@scottsdaleaz.com
Subject: Scottsdale Water Issue

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Dear Scottsdale Mayor & City Council Members -

My name is Larry Bernosky. I am Scottsdale resident and property owner. I am writing regarding the City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 – "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)."

We all are or should be very concerned about the water crisis Scottsdale is facing. I am also aware that there are viable, long-term options to reduce the impact of this crisis.

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Respectfully,

**Larry Bernosky
19700 N 76th St. #1193
Scottsdale, AZ 85255**

Lane, Benjamin

From: Lois Sugar <loshug@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 11:49 AM
To: City Council; Borowsky, Lisa
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As residents of Scottsdale for more than 30 years we are well aware of the impending water crisis we are facing.

We strongly object to the City Manager's proposed cuts to the city budget regarding water related projects.

Please reinstate funding to expand the Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and to restore staff to oversee these projects.

Thank you for your immediate attention to these budget changes.

We will be watching and remembering in November.

Sincerely,

Lois and Paul Sugar

Lane, Benjamin

From: Ben Kauffman <benjamin.r.kauffman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 1:34 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Solid Waste Budget and Fees

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Good Afternoon,

In March, I spoke during the public comment section for the 2026/2027 proposed solid waste fees. I wanted to reiterate that I appreciate the city's hard work and the effort to ensure timely pick-up and bulk trash. City staff and employees do a great job over the past few years.

As I mentioned, I was pleasantly surprised to see a 2% (\$671K) proposed rate increase for residential solid waste. Many probably are questioning and rightfully so, why raise this as an issue when it's only 2% for a household. It is primarily driven by what has occurred since July 2017 and the current state of the solid waste enterprise fund.

Why have Scottsdale's rates since July 2017 have gone up 102% (\$16.00 to \$32.42) with the population growth of only 3% and solid waste FTE count increasing only 15% during the same time. To put the 102% rate change in prospective relative to other metro cities:

1. Gilbert- 76%.
2. Phoenix- 61% including their upcoming proposal.
3. Tempe- 38%
4. Chandler- 28%
5. Mesa- 22%

With most of the cost being the same across municipalities (except for how trash/recycling is disposed), I'm still left questioning how other municipalities have maintained to limit rate increases over the same period. If the answer is that these cities' operations are not comparable (as I heard on the water side), then the annual presentation to justify the proposed rates relative to these cities needs to be removed. We should be focusing the annual presentation on discussing the Scottsdale solid waste budget rather than non-comparable city benchmarks.

Even with everything said above, the main issue I hope the council left during my discussion was- How can the public and the council justify a rate increase or decrease for an enterprise fund without presenting and discussing the associated budget at the same time?

The question brings me to the reason I'm following up on my concern from last month. The proposed budget was released in April and is being presented on Tuesday with the finalization of the proposed fees and budget in May/June. In reviewing the solid waste budget information, my concern for increasing the fees for residential rates are confirmed:

2026/2027 Budget

1. Revenues are projected to be \$38.8M with expenses being \$36.7M resulting in a fund balance of \$2.1M.
 - a. **Why is an enterprise fund collecting \$2.1M more in revenue than expenditures? With a reduction of the \$671K that would be received for the residential rate increase, the fund still would produce \$1.5M in excess revenue.**
 - b. **I could potential argue that a rate reduction should occur this year even if it's a one-time reduction.**
2. The budget assumes \$1M for two vehicles which I support this inclusion and I am surprised there isn't additional budget in future years for this type of purchase since refreshing the fleet should be a normal activity.

I would anticipate the pushback on maintaining the rates in 2026/2027 will be that the 5-year forecast would result in a structure deficit in 2029/2030 and 2030/2031. To that point, I would note a few comments:

1. If the rates are maintained, the budget will still be structurally sound through the 2028/2029 (3 years) budget period per the budget documents.
2. Nobody knows what the future will be in 2029/2030 and to require a rate increase because of projections 3 years from now is not reasonable.
3. The budget assumes a 0.5% rate increase for residential services for the four future years. The lowest annual rate increase in Scottsdale since July 2017 was a 5.0% increase in 2021 and 2025. The point is that the future has been unpredictable and to enact a rate increase due to uncertain revenue and budget projections is not beneficial to residents.
 - a. To the above points, the forecast could maintain rates this year, 0.5% the next two years, 2.5% in 29/30 and 3.5% 30/31 and be structurally sound if there is a concern about the budget. As I've said, nobody knows that the environment will be in 4 to 5 years so for all the budgets, the enterprise funds should have a limited window to assess rate increases.
4. In the 2027/2028 forecast, the personnel services increase from \$12.2M to \$13.7M, resulting in a 12% increase in salaries and/or benefits. If you look out to 2030/2031, this line item would increase to \$15.2M or 25% increase compared to the proposed 2026/2027 levels. I would like to understand what would be driving this adjustment and if this is what is occurring across the board in Scottsdale. A 12% increase in 2027/2028 for wages and benefits is significant.
5. The Solid Waste Fund enacted an "Operating Contingency" in 2023/2024 at 600K and has grown to \$1M. This is beyond the required operating reserve of 15% (\$5.1M) required in the comprehensive financial policies.

I have two request for council to consider as part of the annual rate and budget process this year:

1. Maintain the existing solid waste rates for residential customers and update the budget documentation to reflect this slightly lower revenue target for the current year and adjustments as needed for future years.
2. Eliminate the Operating Contingency of \$1,000,000 as the Solid Waste Fund already has a 15% operating reserve as required by the comprehensive financial policies. There does not appear to be authorization for the solid waste contingency within the financial policies and if the city believes the 15% operating reserve is not sufficient for solid waste, they should go through the

proper changes to adjust the policies with public comment as opposed to developing a “ad-hoc” reserve.

Happy to have additional constructive conversations on this topic or other topics and look forward to potential actions to limit rate increases to residents

Thanks
Ben Kauffman

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jane <janeburtnett@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 5:23 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Scottsdale's water

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Hello!

I'm emailing in regard to the City Council's May 5 meeting regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget.

I strongly object to the proposed cuts to water-related projects and I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding to expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and restore staff positions to manage these programs.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Jane S. Burtnett
Scottsdale resident and property owner
Scottsdale Leadership Class 14

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
<notifications@cognitofrms.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 7:23 PM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Laraine Rodgers

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WHICH AGENDA ITEM WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON?	03. Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

Name

FULL NAME	Laraine Rodgers
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Contact Information

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CITY	Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

Please include funding in the 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget specifically for :

1. Advanced Purified Recycled Water Project
2. The Bartlett Dam capacity and improvements
3. And, reinstate water conservation and operations staff eliminated in the preliminary budget

and,

4. Please follow the Scottsdale Water Strategic Plan.

Thank you.

Lane, Benjamin

From: S. White <lhw631101@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 8:02 PM
To: LBorowsky@scottsdaleaz.com; City Council
Subject: Strongly object to cuts in water related projects in the proposed 2026-27 Capital Improvement Budget

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My name is Lisa White. I am a Scottsdale resident and property owner in McDowell Mountain Ranch.

I'm writing regarding the May 5th Council meeting where City Manager Caton's proposed 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget will be considered.

It's my understanding that City Manager Caton's budget proposes to ELIMINATE funding for critical initiatives needed to develop alternative and sustainable water sources for our city.

I am furious and in a state of complete disbelief that actions such as this are actually being proposed at a time when Arizona is facing imminent, massive cuts to our Colorado River water allocation which currently supplies 70% of Scottsdale's tap water.

It is utterly irresponsible and unconscionable that you would cut the budget for anything related to securing a sustainable water supply for our city's future!

I strongly urge City Council members to REINSTATE FUNDING in the 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget to expand the Advanced Purified Recycled Water program; to increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam; and to restore previously eliminated staff positions to manage these needed programs.

My 85 year old father, currently suffering with severe Alzheimer's disease, spent his entire career as a civil engineer working with municipalities in the Midwest to ensure their water resources were secure and well managed.

I'm making it my personal mission, as a tribute to him, to make certain everyone in my circle of influence in Scottsdale is aware of any Council member who votes in favor of eliminating funding for these critical water resource initiatives. You can be certain that any Council member who votes in favor of eliminating water resource funding will NOT BE RECEIVING my vote in the upcoming July primary, nor in the November election. I am certain that no one I personally know in Scottsdale would vote for them either as it would be morally reprehensible and utterly irresponsible to do so at a time when we are already facing an impending water supply crisis!

Sincerely,
Lisa White

Lane, Benjamin

From: Barrie Stachel <bestachel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 9:14 PM
To: City Council; LBorowsky@Scottsdaleaz.com
Subject: May 5 Meeting Agenda Item 3 - Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

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To the Scottsdale City Council and Mayor,

I am a Scottsdale resident and property owner in Scottsdale.

I'm writing about the City Council's May 5, 2026 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 – "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

As a result of the 27-year drought, Arizona is facing imminent and likely massive cuts to our Colorado River water allocation which currently provides over 70% of Scottsdale's tap water. I'm aware of the water crisis Scottsdale and its residents (like myself) are facing. There are viable, long-term solutions to reduce the impact of this crisis and deal with this crisis head on.

But the preliminary **2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget** proposed by City Manager Greg Caton **eliminates funding** for critical initiatives needed to develop alternative sources and secure a sustainable water supply for our community. I strongly object to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects and I strongly urge Scottsdale City Council members and Mayor to reinstate funding in the Budget to:

- 1) expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program,
- 2) increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and
- 3) restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.

I appreciate your consideration and will certainly consider your action (or inaction) when I cast my vote on November 3rd. I also will share the council/mayor's vote on this with my Scottsdale neighbors, friends and family.

Sincerely,

Barrie Stachel
7382 East San Jacinto Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Lane, Benjamin

From: Liz Gerron <liz.gerron@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:58 AM
To: City Council; LBorowsky@Scottsdaleaz.com
Subject: Water cuts

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My name Elizabeth Gerron, and I am a property owner and soon-to-be Scottsdale resident.

I am writing about the City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3: "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

I object to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects, and I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the budget to expand the successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and restore the previously eliminated staff positions associated with these programs.

Scottsdale— and the whole southwest— is facing a water crisis. The proposed cuts are to programs that promise viable, long-term solutions to reduce the impact of this crisis.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will be considering how this matter is handled when I cast my vote on November 3rd.

Elizabeth Gerron

Lane, Benjamin

From: S. White <lhw631101@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:49 AM
To: City Council
Subject: May 5th council meeting water resources funding in Capital Improvements Budget

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My name is Lisa White. I am a Scottsdale resident and property owner in McDowell Mountain Ranch.

I'm writing regarding the May 5th Council meeting where City Manager Caton's proposed 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget will be considered.

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Sincerely,
Lisa White

Lane, Benjamin

From: Mike <mmdeadrick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:10 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Upcoming City Council Vote on Water Funding

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Dear Members of the Scottsdale City Council:

I am a long time Scottsdale resident and property owner writing to address the City's 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. My understanding is that the City Manager proposes cuts to water related projects in the upcoming budget. We are facing a water crisis and need to take action to minimize the impact. These proposed cuts are not only irresponsible, but also negligent. Our leaders need to be leaning forward on such an important issue, and not shrinking from it. I strongly encourage the City Council to reinstate budget funding to address the impending water crisis and protect Scottsdale's future. As an active voter and engaged constituent, I will certainly consider this topic heavily in the next election.

Respectfully,
Mike Deadrick
8150 East del Barquero Dr.
Scottsdale, 85258

Lane, Benjamin

From: Mayy Deadrick <msdeadrick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:12 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Funding for Scottsdale water related projects

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Dear Members of the Scottsdale City Council:

I am a long time Scottsdale resident and property owner writing to address the City's 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. My understanding is that the City Manager proposes cuts to water related projects in the upcoming budget. We are facing a water crisis and need to take action to minimize the impact. These proposed cuts are irresponsible and negligent. Our leaders need to lean forward on such an important issue and not shrink from them. I strongly encourage the City Council to reinstate budget funding to address the impending water crisis and protect Scottsdale's future. As an active voter and engaged constituent, I will certainly consider this topic heavily in the next election.

Respectfully,
Mayy Deadrick M.D.
8150 East del Barquero Drive
Scottsdale AZ

Lane, Benjamin

From: Gary Rostan <whisper945@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:41 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

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Gary A. Rostan, D.O.

13300 E. Via Linda, Unit #1043

Scottsdale, AZ. 85259

May 4, 2026

I am a Scottsdale resident and property owner.

This letter is in regards to the City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 - "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

As we all well aware, Scottsdale is in the midst of water shortage; ipso facto, a water crisis. There are viable, long-term solutions but the implementation requires the courage to place the public's welfare above financial interests and corporate considerations.

The answer is not within the conception, perception or coffers of developers or special interest groups. It is within the scope, and within reach, of the public, our fellow citizens to express their will and desire to remedy the problem with solutions, not exacerbate the problem by further over-development, greed and personal aggrandizement.

I strongly object to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects and I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the Budget to

- 1) Expand the Advanced Purified Recycled Water program,
- 2) Increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and
- 3) Restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.

These solutions are as much for the benefit of future generations, as well as current residents.

Your attention to this matter is of critical importance. I will remember the action (or inaction) you take when I cast my vote on November 3rd. Make no mistake, the eyes of your constituents, and all registered voters, are upon you.

Urgently yours,

Gary A. Rostan, D.O.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Peggy Klein <peggyhklein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 8:00 AM
To: City Council; LBorowsky@scottsdaleaz.com
Cc: Jared Klein
Subject: City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda: Item 3 -

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Dear City Council and Mayor Borosky:

As a residents of Scottsdale and a property owner, we are opposed to City Manger Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related project. Please reinstate funding to the budget and expand the Advanced Purified Recycled Water Programs, increase water storage capacity at the Bartlett Dam, and restore adequate staff positions to manage these programs.

Thanks you for your attention to this matter.

Jared and Peggy Klein
85251

Lane, Benjamin

From: Madalyn Friedman <mlfmrktng@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 8:38 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Fund Our Water Supply Programs!!!

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Dear City Council:

"My name is Madalyn Friedman. I am a Scottsdale resident and property owner.

I'm writing in regard to the City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 – "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

I know that Scottsdale - like many parts of Arizona and the Southwest faces a water crisis. I'm also know that - with proper planning - we can mitigate much of the supply problem.

I object to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects and I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the Budget to

- 1) expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program,
- 2) increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and
- 3) restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will certainly consider your action (or inaction) when I cast my vote on November 3rd."

Madalyn Friedman
8231 East Hazelwood St, 85251
(650) 270-7724

Lane, Benjamin

From: Shirley Wagner <slw63khs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 8:57 AM
To: City Council
Subject: SCOTTSDALE WATER ISSUES - REINSTATE FUNDING

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Dear City Council Members,

As a Scottsdale resident and property owner, I am writing to address the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget scheduled for discussion at the May 5 meeting.

I strongly object to the proposed funding cuts for water-related projects. I urge the City Council to reinstate funding to expand the Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and restore the staff positions necessary to manage these critical initiatives.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I will be following the Council's actions closely as I prepare to vote this November.

Sincerely,

Shirley Wagner
slw63khs@gmail.com

Lane, Benjamin

From: Eileen Rogers <eileen@thinkpixa.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:06 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Capital Improvements Budget

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My name is Eileen Rogers.

I am a 40+ year Scottsdale resident (and both residential and commercial property owner). I'm contacting you about tomorrow's City Council's May 5 Meeting regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget.

I **strongly object** to the proposed cuts to water-related projects and I **strongly urge** City Council members to reinstate funding to expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and restore staff positions to manage these programs.

We cannot be behind the curve on water issues in Arizona. Scottsdale used to be a forward thinking and planning community. Don't ruin it.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will consider your actions when I cast my vote this November.

Eileen Rogers
3213 N 81st Place
Scottsdale
602-531-4963

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From: K C <Kate@myniceplace.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:13 AM
To: City Council; LBorowsky@scottsdaleaz.com
Subject: Proposed Budget - Agenda Item 3

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Katie Conway. I am a resident and property owner in Scottsdale.

I am reaching out regarding Item 3 on the City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda: the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026–27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

I understand the seriousness of the water challenges facing Scottsdale, and I also recognize that there are practical, long-term solutions available to help mitigate these issues. For that reason, I strongly oppose City Manager Greg Caton's proposed reductions to water-related initiatives. I respectfully urge the City Council to restore funding in the budget to expand the proven Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, increase storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and reinstate the staff positions needed to effectively manage and implement these essential initiatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will be paying close attention to how this issue is addressed as I make my voting decisions on November 3.

Katie Conway

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Lane, Benjamin

Subject:

RE: City Council's cuts to water-related projects

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Hello. We are resident's and property owner's in Scottsdale.

Recently, we've become aware of the City Council's May 5th meeting agenda, Item 3 — "Proposed FY 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

The water crisis in Arizona, including Scottsdale has us very concerned. I'm relieved to know there are viable, long-term solutions to reduce the effects of our water crisis.

Therefore, I strongly oppose to City Manager Greg Canton's proposed cuts to water-related projects and I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the Budget to

- 1) expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program,*
- 2) increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and*
- 3) restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.*

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will certainly consider your action (or inaction) when I cast my vote on November 3rd."

Thank you,

Jason & Kimberly Briedis

37187 N 102nd Street

Scottsdale, AZ 85262

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Lane, Benjamin

From: Laura Schwartz <lschwartz27@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:46 AM
To: City Council; Borowsky, Lisa
Subject: restore critically needed water infrastructure projects and staff to 2026/27 budget

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I urge you all to acknowledge the water crisis that Scottsdale is facing with the upcoming cuts to the city's water supply of Colorado River water.

The 2026/27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (Item 3 on May 5, 2026 agenda) must include investments in long-term solutions to protect our residents and city economy as our city faces a major water shortage. Those solutions must include the following:

- 1) expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program,
- 2) increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and
- 3) restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.

City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects are foolish and short sighted. I strongly urge you, City Council members, to reinstate funding for water infrastructure and staff in the 2026/27 Budget.

Laura Norton

Lane, Benjamin

From: Robert Ransom <robertransom3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:29 AM
To: City Council; Borowsky, Lisa; Littlefield, Kathy; Graham, Barry; Kwasman, Adam; McAllen, Maryann; Whitehead, Solange; Dubauskas, Jan
Subject: Regarding the Integrity and Security of Scottsdale's Water Supply

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Dear Scottsdale City Council Members,

My name is Robert Ransom. I am a Scottsdale resident and property owner. I'm writing in regard to the City Council's May 5 Meeting regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget.

These are days in which we have many, many issues that divide us, and we as citizens are navigating uncharted territory in so many subjects - one could say we are in uncharted waters (do you see where I am going here?) Development, traffic, housing, education, safety - these all affect people in different ways and are all great subjects for open public debate and discourse. But one subject is not - one subject is so universally existential that there should be no debate - WATER. It seems to me that a vote to self restrict the protection, integrity and availability of a secure and safe water supply is a display of abdication of whatever oath taken was upon election of a City official to act in the best interests of Scottsdale and its citizenry.

I strongly object to the proposed cuts to water-related projects and I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding to expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and restore staff positions to manage these programs.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will certainly consider your action when I cast my vote this November.

ROBERT RANSOM
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5474 N 77th Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85250



Lane, Benjamin

From: Rhonda H. <rjhostetler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:46 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Protect Scottsdale's Water Future / Agenda Item 3 for May 5th Mtg

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Hello,

I am a Scottsdale resident and property owner who is concerned regarding the planned Arizona [CAP reductions](#) given Scottsdale's 70% reliance on CAP for its water. The recent WRRC conference and its water experts made it very clear that immediate action is needed at all levels to increase water conservation and recycling like the Advanced Purified program.

Regarding the City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 – "**Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.**", I strongly object to any cuts to water related projects.

Please reinstate funding to:

- 1) Expand the Advanced Purified Recycled Water program,
- 2) Increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and
- 3) Restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.

Thank you,
Rhonda Hostetler

Lane, Benjamin

From: Karen Guinn <kagguinn@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:23 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Water issues in Scottsdale

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Hello City Council:

My name is Karen Guinn and I am a nearly 20 year resident and homeowner in North Scottsdale.

I am reaching out regarding the Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 - "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

I know we are dealing with a water crisis Scottsdale due to climate change and I understand that there are viable, long-term solutions to reduce the impact of this issue. This is NOT the time to start cutting those IMPROVEMENTS from the budget.

I am writing because I object to Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects and I *strongly* urge City Council members to reinstate funding to expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program.

I also suggest we increase water storage where possible, perhaps Bartlett Dam... and also restore the staff positions to manage these programs with competition personnel.

Your decisions on the May 5th meeting will be a big part of my decision making when I cast my vote on November 3rd.

In good health,

Karen Guinn
503-449-8997
Quality Travel Solutions
karen@qualitytravelsolutions.com

Lane, Benjamin

From: Mary Enos <mtenos33@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:39 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Water Emergency Status

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I am Mary T. Enos, resident of Scottsdale, Az for over 40 yrs and property owner here in Scottsdale and this email is in regard to your upcoming City Council May 5, 2026 meeting regarding the proposed Fiscal 2026-27 Capital improvement Budget.

I strongly object to the proposed cuts to water related projects and strongly urge the City Council members to reinstate funding to expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program; increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and restore staff positions to manage these programs. This is a rather important matter and if not met with the proper management may become devastation for Scottsdale.

Your attention to this important matter is appreciated and will seriously consider your action when I cast my vote in November.

Respectfully,
Mary T. Enos

Lane, Benjamin

From: keekee gee <keekeegee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:22 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.
City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3

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Re:
Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.
City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3

I'm writing to object to the proposed budget cuts that affect our Scottsdale water projects.

The use of water, its processing, and access is a critical matter, and needs to be invested in to keep Scottsdale and associated AZ water management practices adequate for our future. The continued population growth puts additional burden on our water resources, requiring responsible water use planning and funding. I support the funding for expanded APRW program, Bartlett Dam water storage, and restoration of staff positions that manage these important programs.

Short term savings, and short sighted planning do not serve our residents responsibly. I object to Manager Caton's proposed water project cuts.
As a resident of Scottsdale, I intend to vote and support candidates who prioritize programs to protect our future resources.

K. Gowans
4813 N 78th St
Scottsdale AZ 85251

Lane, Benjamin

From: David Ortega <scottsdalearchitect@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:55 PM
To: City Council; City Manager Mailbox; John Graber; Tom Scanlon
Subject: URGENT Scottsdale Water Crisis & Op-ed

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Dear Mayor & Council,

(I am in Brazil and unable to be at the Kiva)

Barely one week into my mayoral term, I sat with the Director Brian Biesmmeyer and City Manager Jim Thompson to review the consequences of Tier 1 CAP Cororado River water reductions, due to the megadrought.

Council had been given the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) matrix which listed Tier 1 through Tier 4 restrictions. I took immediate (long overdue) action to sever the Rio Verde Foothills trucker sales, which had depleted our water resources by nearly one billion gallons over a 14-year period.

Council agreed and unanimously terminated water losses to unincorporated areas, as prohibited by BOR at Tier 1. The RVFH saga was a side show, because Council in 2022, was bracing for Tier 2 shortages.

Today Scottsdale is staring at Tier 3 or worse.

At every State of the City address, I called for municipal and communitywide conservation. My councils moved forward with our multifaceted Water Resources Strategic Plan. Today, apparently three lawyers and an accountant on Council are endangering our water security, by 20- times worse than the Rio Verde Foothills saga.

Since 2019, with the approval and supervision of US EPA and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Scottsdale Water has lead the nation with a pilot program which recovers, filters, UV treats and ultra purifiys recycled water. AFTER, the recycled water has exited the wastewater treatment process.

Typically, municipalities purge wastewater which meets minimum EPA standards downstream, or may launch the non-potable , that is undrinkable water, through a 200 foot fountain, or golf course.

For seven years, Scottsdale Water has lead the nation, while reporting to EPA and ADEQ our ultra-purification success. The entire western United States now relies on Scottsdale Water data. All major municipalities are trying to catchup to our sophisticated waterworks infrastructure.

I served with Councilwomen Littlefield and Whitehead who know that Scottsdale water infrastructure should not be defunded.

For seven years our ultra purification facilities have taken pure drinkable water and injected it into the aquifers which store our CAP water, as the Colorado River shrinks.

Yes, we have prepared a strategic water reserve, which otherwise would have required above-ground tanks approximately 4- miles square by 30- feet high, just to store the our reclaimed purified water.

Recharging purified water directly into our known Scottsdale aquaphers stabilizes them, preventing subsidence. Ask cities such as Buckeye, Town of Gilbert, Santan or Casa Grande about foundation cracks and land fissures.

In less than ninety days, severe CAP water cuts will be announced by the Bureau of Reclamation. CAP water provides NINETY percent of raw water which Scottsdale Water delivers to all residences and businesses from Via Linda northward to Desert Mountain.

The Salt River Project delivers Arizona basin BOR managed SRP water, BUT , only to water users south of the Arizona Canal.

Raw CAP water delivery began in 1987 at the Scottsdale Water facilities; and the 2019 ultra-purified water relamation/recharge operation are the backbone of Scottsdale water sustainability.

Residents in Desert Mountain, DC Ranch, McDowell Mountain Ranch, and southward, be very concerned that an accountant and three lawyers on council are threatening to abandon our sustainability.

Should the Cty Council fail to fully fund our Scottsdale Water Strategic resources and purification facilities, the crisis will multiply.

- 1) Other municipalities will eagerly sweep Scottsdale orders for Reverse Osmosis, UV, chemicals, and technical equipment. Scottsdale gos to back of the line-, on back order.
- 2) Major engineering teams and contractors will drop Scottsdale and scurry to other muni clients. Scottsdale innovation ends.
- 3) Scottsdale Water will no longer be able to resupply and conserve aquaphers. Our strategic underground reserve will collapse, and crush water sustainability.

Remember that the Upper and Lower Colorado Basin raw water travels 800 miles to finally reach Lake Havasau and the CAP inlet canal, headed for Scottsdale.

Precious, raw Colorado water encountered toxic algae poisoning, outboard motor contamination, discarded plastics, spring breaks and weekend binges at Lakes Powell, Mead and Havasau; with occasional animal and human remains. Yet, the water molecule itself remains H₂O.

Scottsdale Water facilities purifies and delivers H₂O in the purest science-proven, regulated state. Because we are so far down stream, for survival our innovation and investments must confront scarcity, conservation and reclamation challenges.

Finally, the City Council should not derail our economic future due to suspicion or superstition. Some residents choose to add in-house water purification or even purchase their drinking water. One way or another, we rely on the provider. I trust Scottsdale Water to deliver, so should you all.

David D. Ortega
12th Mayor of Scottsdale

(Written on / via cell mobile device

Lane, Benjamin

From: Joan Jones <jrjones5949@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:51 PM
To: City Council
Subject: WATER CRISES

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My name is Joan Jones and I have been a property owner/resident of Scottsdale for about 12 years. We must face the fact that there is a strong possibility of a water crises in our beautiful city. We are about to have cuts to our Colorado River water allocation which now gives us 70% of our water. There are solutions to reduce the impact of the crises. We could:

Dear [Recipient Name],

My name is Joan Jones, and I have been a resident and property owner in Scottsdale for 12 years. I am writing to express my concern regarding the potential water crisis facing our city.

With impending cuts to our Colorado River water allocation, which currently provides 70% of our water supply, it is essential that we take action. To reduce the impact of this crisis, I suggest the following solutions:

- [Solution 1] we could increase water storage capacity at the Bartlett Dam
- [Solution 2] expand the very successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water
- [Solution 3] restore the eliminated staff positions to manage this

I do not agree with Greg Caton's proposal to reinstate funding into our water budget. Thank you for your time and for considering these measures to protect our community.

Best regards,

Joan Jones

Lane, Benjamin

From: kellyrostan1024 <kellyrostan1024@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:28 PM
To: Borowsky, Lisa
Cc: City Council
Subject: Water Emergency

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My name is Kelly Rostan, I am a Scottsdale resident and property owner for 30 years.

I am writing in regard to the City Councils May 5 Meeting regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Capital Improvements Budget.

I strongly object to the proposed cuts to water related projects. This makes absolutely no sense at a time when our long term water outlook is grim. If you are trying to drive out Scottsdale residents, or deter visitors from visiting Scottsdale, you're doing a great job.....NOT!!!

I strongly urge City Council members to reinsistate funding to expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam and restore staff positions to manage these programs.

At a time when our water is exceptionally precious, and we are looking at water rationing, we all need to be on the same page.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, because this affects all Scottsdale residents!

I will definitely consider your action when I vote this November!

Kelly Rostan

Lane, Benjamin

From: Victor Assad <victorassad6@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:19 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Do NOT proceed with cuts to water-related projects and reinstate funding to expand the Advanced Purified Recycle Water program

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Dear Mayor and City Council Member,

I am Victor Assad, a Scottsdale resident and property owner. I am writing in regard to the May 5 City Council meeting and the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-27 Capital Improvement Budget.

I strongly object to the proposed cuts to water-related projects, and I strongly urge the City Council members to reinstate funding to:

1. The highly successful Advanced Purification Recycled Water program
2. Increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam
3. Restore staff positions to manage these programs.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will certainly consider your action when I cast my vote this November.

Kind regards,

Victor Assad
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Scottsdale Az 85251
707-331-6740

Lane, Benjamin

From: Erin Dahl <eedahl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:51 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Reinstate funding for water programs

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To the Esteemed Scottsdale City Council:

My name is Erin Dahl. I am a Scottsdale native and current Scottsdale resident and property owner.

I am writing to you all in regard to the city council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3- "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan".

As someone who has lived her entire life here in Arizona and primarily living in Scottsdale, I am keenly aware of the water crisis Scottsdale is facing. I also am aware that viable, long-term solutions to reduce the devastating impact of this crisis exist.

I object to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects. I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the Budget to help accomplish the following:

1. Increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam
2. Expand the highly successful *Advanced Purified Recycled Water program*
3. Restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs

I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I will definitely consider your action (or there the lack of) when casting my vote on November 3.

Sincerely,
Erin Dahl
6121 N. Granite Reef Rd.
85250

Lane, Benjamin

From: Andrea Bakall <andrea**n**bakall@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:50 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Crosswalk at 66th St and Shea

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Good afternoon,

Thank you listening to the community proposal on May 5th regarding adding a crosswalk at 66th and Shea. I moved to the area to be close to my synagogue two years ago. Each Saturday, my family (husband, myself, and my 10 year old daughter) walk (or run) across Shea to get there. I asked police officers if it is legal to cross there, even though there isn't a crosswalk, and they said it was, just to be careful. I have multiple sclerosis and it can be very challenging to cross Shea with busy traffic. I cannot physically make it to 64th and Shea in the summer to use that crosswalk as the temperature gets too high and my body gives out in the heat. Please consider adding a crosswalk at 66th and Shea. It would mean the world to me, to know that I can safely cross the street. I live on 66th street. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I worry about crossing the street as my walking can be dangerous on such a busy street. It feels dangerous and I would love to have a safer alternative. My name is Andrea Bakall, my number is 928-607-3453, and I am 38 years old. I have lived in Az my entire life and am proud of our community and its attention to safety. Thank you for listening to me regarding this issue. I wish that I didn't have Multiple Sclerosis, but I see others struggling to cross Shea everyday, with children. Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for supporting Arizonans who have disabilities. I have seen people run across Shea and almost be hit by a car who is going way above thenspeed limit, and I would be devastated to know that my disability prevented me from getting across the street. It can be unpredictable at times. I also genuinely worry about the safety of my 10 year old. Thank you again for all that you do for us.

Sincerely,
Andrea Bakall

Lane, Benjamin

From: Judith Shapiro <judithtshapiro57@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Crosswalk at 66th and Shea

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Dear council members:

I am writing in support of the Hawk-style crosswalk proposed for the intersection at 66th and Shea, which will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting on May 5.

I am a Sabbath-observant person who walks to the synagogue at that location every Saturday, and I know firsthand the dangers of crossing a busy street like Shea Blvd. without a light: the traffic flies by at 50 MPH!

Please approve the request for a pedestrian activated light at 66th and Shea, for the safety of the community.

Thank you so much,
Judith Shapiro
7525 E. Gainey Ranch Road #127,
Scottsdale, AZ 85258.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Marina Sominsky <msominsk@asu.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:02 PM
To: City Council
Cc: adam@adamkwasman.com; rabbi@bethtefillahaz.org
Subject: A HAWK-style crosswalk at N. 66th st and Shea

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Honorable members of the Scottsdale City Council,

As you meet on May 5th to discuss the budget (agenda item #3), please consider approving the critical infrastructure that would benefit both Beth Tefillah and Chaparral Christian Community Church: a **HAWK-style crosswalk at N. 66th st and Shea.**

This infrastructure is critical to Beth Tefillah members' safety, especially on Shabbat and holidays. Note that other synagogues, like Chabad of Phoenix, have city-provided infrastructure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Respectfully,
Sominsky Family



Marina Sominsky
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Phoenix, AZ 85012

Lane, Benjamin

From: Glenn Taubman <glennmtaubman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:14 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Hawk crosswalk at Shea and 66th Street

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Dear Council members: My family and I are members of Congregation Beth Tefillah and we support the proposed HAWK crosswalk on Shea in front of the synagogue at 66th Street. Some of our congregants walk to services on Friday night and Saturday and Shea is a rather dangerous road, with speeders to avoid and 6 lanes of traffic to navigate and cross. Crossing Shea at that spot is fraught with danger. We wholeheartedly support the Hawk crosswalk there, which will only be used by infrequent pedestrians one or two days per week, and which will not impede traffic 99.9% of the time. Thank you. Glenn Taubman, Scottsdale, AZ

Lane, Benjamin

From: Geraldine Lane <adine5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:17 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Crossroad at 66th and Shea

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Hi,

I have been a member of Congregation Beth Tefillah since its inception and has seen it grow exponentially since then. I am for the building of a crossroad to be able to cross the street when I attend temple weekly at 66th and Shea. I will not be able to attend the meeting this week but wanted to make sure you receive my vote prior.

If I need to do anything else please let me know and I will be happy to.

Thank you

Geraldine Lane
602-400-6028

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Heidi Bernstein <heidi.bernstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for HAWK Crosswalk at N. 66th St & Shea Blvd

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Dear Scottsdale City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for installing a HAWK-style crosswalk at the intersection of North 66th Street and Shea Boulevard.

As you may know, this location serves both Chaparral Christian Community Church and a neighboring synagogue, with many families, children, and elderly individuals regularly crossing this busy roadway. The current conditions make it difficult and, at times, unsafe for pedestrians to cross safely.

A HAWK crosswalk would provide a critical safety improvement by creating a clear, controlled crossing point. It would significantly reduce risk for congregants and community members who walk between parking areas and places of worship, particularly during high-traffic times such as weekends and holidays.

This is an important opportunity for the City of Scottsdale to proactively enhance pedestrian safety and demonstrate its commitment to protecting all members of our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important safety measure.

Sincerely,

Heidi Bernstein

Lane, Benjamin

From: Janet Blinder <blinderart@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:53 PM
To: City Council
Subject: City Council meeting May 5, 2026

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Dear council members,

Unfortunately I'm unable to attend the meeting on May 5th.

I am in support of the planned HAWK-style crosswalk at N. 66th st and Shea.

Thank you very much.

Janet Blinder

Lane, Benjamin

From: Michele Gmail <mwhomedesign@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:18 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please approve a Hawk Style cross walk on Shea blvd and 66th St

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I am a devoted member of Congregation Beth Tefillah and I am requesting that the city of Scottsdale approves a **a HAWK-style crosswalk at N. 66th st and Shea** for our congregation and the church next door.

We thank you for valuing our safety and security!

With much appreciation,

Michele and Mark Wiltchik

Lane, Benjamin

From: Keryn Bickman <kerynbickman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:26 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Eric Solomon
Subject: Support for Hawk cross walk 66th Street and Shea

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Dear Members of the Scottsdale City Council,

As residents of Scottsdale, we are writing to express our strong support for the proposed HAWK-style crosswalk at N. 66th Street and Shea Boulevard in Scottsdale.

This crosswalk represents a critical safety improvement for pedestrians in the area, particularly for members of nearby congregations and families who regularly cross this busy intersection. With continued community growth and increased foot traffic during weekends, holidays, and religious observances, safe and reliable pedestrian infrastructure is essential.

Other communities in the area have benefited from similar city-supported safety measures, and it is important that this area receives the same level of consideration and protection. The installation of a HAWK crosswalk would significantly reduce risk and improve accessibility for all residents.

I respectfully urge you to support the inclusion and funding of this project in the city's budget and to ensure that it moves forward without delay.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to our community.

Thank you,
Keryn and Eric Solomon
480-290-6092

Lane, Benjamin

From: Diane Mocerf <dmoerf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Beth Tefilah Congregation

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I am writing to support this popular Jewish congregation and its neighbor congregation in their request for support of the border infrastructure that would help safeguard the people who worship in these vital institutions. As you know, at these difficult and unusual times, local governments have stepped up to provide personnel and resources to keep houses of worship safer so incidents such as those in Pennsylvania and Virginia among others are not repeated. Both houses of worship and other religious institutions are at risk, especially in the Jewel community. A relatively small investment by the government to build out added support structures is so crucial. Please consider supporting this request. Thank you.

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Lane, Benjamin

From: judith rosenthal <jrosenthal14@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Agenda item 3

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I have made Scottsdale my home for soon to be 14 years. I would like it to remain my home for all my remaining years. Water is the one resource that could prevent that. Water retention/storage should be the City Council's first priority. Nothing else matters if we do not plan our water usage with utmost care.

I urge you to reinstate all the programs that protect our water. Why you would do anything else is unconscionable.

Thank you. Judith Rosenthal

Resident of Villa Monterey Unit 5

7801 E. Northland Dr.

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Marjorie Robinow <margierobinow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:46 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Jay Robinow
Subject: Crosswalk Request on Shea and 66th

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Dear Council Members:

We live at 6702 E.Shea Blvd. between 66th and 68th street. There are several points of concern.

- 1.The interest in a crosswalk and light arose from our synagogue community across the street, Congregation Beth Tefillah. 50-75 members walk to the synagogue every Saturday from our neighborhood, Shea to 68 place, to 65th, north to Cactus. Many are crossing at 66th with no light, with babies and children to go to services.The ones that concern me the most are the teens who are wonderful people, but willing to take more risks. Needless to say, this is dangerous.
- 2.As I have lived here for 2 years, I have noticed changes in the neighborhood. Many old houses are sold to developers for \$1M and torn down with beautiful multimillion dollar homes replacing them. More and more traffic in the neighborhood is lining up on 66th and 68th at Shea to turn both right and left. Line ups down the streets are now common as the left turn with no light takes many minutes depending on the time of day. The large trucks and work vehicles have added traffic, too.
- 3.Cocopah Middle School sits at Cholla and 66th. Every school day between 2:20-3:30pm,children are picked up. Many of the cars head south on 66th or on 68th streets. The lineup for cars turning left can be 10 -15 minutes if you get caught. At times, it takes me 15 minutes to get to my house as they block our access entrance from both sides.
4. Speeding. Shea from 70th to 64th is a raceway much of the evenings. We have a digital speed gun and have clocked vehicles 80-90 mph. I have not seen any traffic speed control since I've been here.
5. I think the developers in the neighborhood would have interest in solving this lineup issue, too. One day, this area will be like PV2! We have spoken to our neighbors and they are very supportive of this effort to create a safe crossing place. Many people walk their dogs and struggle to cross to visit friends and family just across the street.

best,

Margie and Jay Robinow
9132690920

Lane, Benjamin

Subject: FW: City Council's cuts to water-related projects

From: Kimberly Briedis <kajw2@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:46 AM

To: Borowsky, Lisa <LBorowsky@scottsdaleaz.gov>; City Council <Citycouncil@scottsdaleaz.gov>

Subject: City Council's cuts to water-related projects

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Hello. We are resident's and property owner's in Scottsdale.

Recently, we've become aware of the City Council's May 5th meeting agenda, Item 3 — "Proposed FY 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

The water crisis in Arizona, including Scottsdale has us very concerned. I'm relieved to know there are viable, long-term solutions to reduce the effects of our water crisis.

Therefore, I strongly oppose to City Manager Greg Canton's proposed cuts to water-related projects and I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the Budget to

1) expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program,

2) increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and

3) restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will certainly consider your action (or inaction) when I cast my vote on November 3rd."

Thank you,

Jason & Kimberly Briedis

37187 N 102nd Street

Scottsdale, AZ 85262

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Lane, Benjamin

From: Linda Milhaven <l_milhaven@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:55 PM
To: Borowsky, Lisa; City Council; Caton, Greg
Cc: Andrews, Sonia; Bruce Hallin; Rudy Fischer
Subject: Water in the Proposed Budget

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Greetings Mayor, Councilmembers, City Manager,

c: City Treasurer

Thank you to those of you who were able to find the time to meet with three Scottsdale residents: Bruce Hallin, recently retired Salt River Project Director of Water Supplies, Rudy Fischer, Central Arizona Project (CAP) Board Member and Linda Milhaven, former City Councilwoman and Banking Executive.

Together, this group brings a wealth of experience and knowledge about water resource management and development, an understanding of the challenges of the drought, the options that will help Scottsdale secure needed additional water supplies, as well as an understanding of city management.

For those of you who were not able to find a mutually agreeable time for us to meet, each of us is available and willing to serve as a resource to you.

As Scottsdale residents, our concerns rise out of the proposed budget reductions to the water related Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects, the rates and fees proposed, and the impacts these changes will have on Scottsdale's preparedness in ensuring a resilient, affordable and reliable water supply for Scottsdale's residents and businesses.

Outlined here are some of our thoughts about Scottsdale's future water security and the proposed budget.

A sustainable water supply is foundational to Scottsdale's economic health and stability. In our arid desert environment, the need and effort required to maintain that health and stability is even more acute and challenging, requiring the city to make informed, timely and proactive strategic long-term investments in water projects and infrastructure.

Scottsdale benefits today from past leaders that made decisions decades – if not over a century ago – to invest in water projects and infrastructure. With impending reductions in Colorado River water supply, Scottsdale is again at the crossroads to make needed investments for the benefit of existing and future generations of Scottsdale residents.

As we have learned from past water resource investments, costs incurred today for water projects are much less expensive than costs delayed into the future. Timely investments provide certainty to existing and future businesses and residents looking to locate and invest in Scottsdale. Investments made today avoid higher costs in the future and display the preparedness and certainty needed to maintain and enhance the attraction of living, recreating and working in Scottsdale.

Consequently, securing new water supplies for Scottsdale, and ensuring the funding resources are available to develop and secure this water is imperative to the city's well-being. Delayed investment results not only in future higher costs due to lost opportunity for Scottsdale but will also open opportunities for other Valley cities to acquire these limited water supplies that Scottsdale is interested in developing and acquiring.

Competition for economic development, and maintaining overall quality of life, will be diminished for Scottsdale while improving for surrounding cities that proactively address and invest in water security.

Scottsdale Water's Strategic Plan - [strategic-plan.pdf](#) - does an excellent job outlining options to replace the impending reduction in our CAP water allocations. The solution must be to pursue all the options outlined in our plan without delay.

There has been talk about buying water credits (potentially in lieu of pursuing other options), but since everyone in the region is looking for new water supplies, the competition for these credits will be fierce and, as a result, increasingly more expensive. Scottsdale needs to move quickly and decisively in securing water credits. But this is just one of several options identified in the strategic plan that need to be pursued to give Scottsdale more control over our water supplies and water security.

Two of the largest projects taken out of the CIP are Advanced Purified Recycled Water (\$67.7M) and Bartlett Dam Modification Feasibility Study (\$25.4M).

Some of you have gone on record expressing concerns about expanding the use of recycled water. All water is recycled. Many upstream communities dump their wastewater into the Colorado (CAP). We treat that water and mix it in our drinking water today. Continuing our investment in our recycle facilities, to meet the state's new requirements, is one of the most reliable, cost-effective and immediate solutions to impending reductions in Colorado River water.

Participating in the Bartlett Dam Modification will give us rights to water from the Verde River, a new source of water that is independent of what happens on the Colorado River, and over the long term an inexpensive renewable water supply for the city.

The initial proposed CIP removed \$287.8M in water projects, 76%, a disproportionate share, of the total \$376.8M removed. Mr. Caton explained to the Budget Review Commission that some of these projects were canceled, and some were moved to the operating budget. It isn't clear which are cancelled and which are moved.

Mr. Caton further explained that he only included projects in the CIP for which he had reliable cost estimates – what he called “hard costs”. We must ensure that all the water projects are included in the CIP even if only as a placeholder with best guess cost estimates to ensure that we are planning appropriately. As you know, you have final approval (or denial) on actual costs when you are asked to approve the contract to fund the improvements.

Changes to existing projects took another \$94M away from water projects, 62% of the total removed.

All of this suggests that important projects are being stalled, downsized or eliminated without broader discussion.

Since the initial proposed budget, \$123M has been returned to the budget in future years (not for the current year) including a new category called "Sources and Supplies" for \$100M and \$23M in Water Distribution System Improvements.

While we are pleased to see "Sources and Supplies" added back in, it is important that we are clear about how we plan to make up for cuts to our CAP allocation and that we are moving forward now to implement those solutions.

Net, net \$261M has been removed from the 5-Year CIP for water projects.

Removing investments in water projects when 70% of Scottsdale's water supply is at risk is sending a contradictory and confusing message to Scottsdale's residents and businesses about the city's response to a reduction in its water supply.

Mr. Caton also explained that Council has not decided on water policy, suggesting Council wants to revisit the strategic plan. If this is the case, we urge you to do so as soon as possible and, if appropriate, seek input from this group on the revised plan.

Scottsdale's message needs to assure residents and businesses of the city's commitment to proactively respond to any reductions in the Colorado River water supply by investing in infrastructure, water supply and new technologies to protect and ensure the city's water supply is reliable, secure and adequate.

Included with this message should be the additional investment the city is making in reducing water demand through conservation, including specific actions the city is taking to reduce water demand at city facilities.

Of additional concern is the proposed water and wastewater rates and fees. The proposed operating budget shows operating cost increases of 5.7%, but rates and fees are only increasing by 3.5% to cover operating expenses. In addition, the operating budget shows a reduction in transfers to the CIP of \$30M.

All this suggests that we are not raising rates enough to cover operating costs, secure new water supplies, to maintain and improve existing infrastructure, and to construct new infrastructure.

Experts agree that we will continue to see increasing water costs. Not keeping up will mean that we will not have the resources to cover our operating costs, invest in our infrastructure and will have steeper increases in the future.

This is a critical juncture for the city to display leadership, focus, and commitment to water projects and to developing new supplies that secure the city's future. We urge you to restore the budget resources needed to support water initiatives to make up for impending Colorado River reductions. While we all appreciate a City Council that is cost-conscious, we also appreciate the need for investments to ensure our water security today and in the future.

Thank you for your attention. If you would like to meet with any of us to discuss further, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Bruce Hallin, Resident, Retired Salt River Project Director of Water Supplies

Rudy Fischer, Resident, Board Member, Central Arizona Project

Linda Milhaven, Resident, Former Scottsdale City Councilmember, retired bank executive

Lane, Benjamin

From: Karen Fromkes <kfromkes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:10 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Proposed cuts to water related projects

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I am a Scottsdale resident and property owner at 8417 E Road. I understand at the City Council's May 5 Meeting you will address the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget.

I strongly object to the proposed cuts to water-related projects and I recommend the City Council members reinstate funding to:

- expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program,
- increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and
- restore staff positions to manage these programs.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will certainly consider your action when I cast my vote this November.

Regards,
Karen A Fromkes

Lane, Benjamin

From: Mark Rentz <merlot@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:42 PM
To: City Council; lborowsky@ScottsdaleAZ.gov
Subject: Comments on 2026-27 Scottsdale Capital Improvements Budget

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Dear Mayor Borowsky, City Council members:

My name is Mark Rentz. I have been a Scottsdale resident and homeowner for almost ten years. With its beauty and culture, I am proud to call Scottsdale my home.

I am aware of the water crisis Scottsdale is facing. Last week, I submitted a citizen's petition strongly encouraging the City Council reinstate specific funding in the 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget to expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water (APRW) program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and restore the previously eliminated staff positions necessary to manage these programs. City Manager Greg Canton's preliminary budget proposes to eliminate such specific funding.

As a former Director of Regulatory Affairs for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), I witnessed the impacts severe droughts have on local water agencies. Generally, those agencies with diverse, innovative water portfolios, and a commitment to long-term planning and financial investment, were in the best position to respond to natural calamities such as droughts.

Once again, I encourage the Scottsdale City Council to reinstate funding in the 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget to specifically expand the highly successful APRW program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and restore the previously eliminated staff positions necessary to manage these programs.

I will certainly consider your action (or inaction) when I cast my vote on November 3rd.

Sincerely,
Mark S. Rentz
(916) 719-5822

Lane, Benjamin

From: pirooz Farzanfar <piroozfarzanfar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:54 PM
To: City Council; Benjamin Benson
Subject: Crosswalk

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I am a member of Congregation Beth Tefillah. I'm writing to inform you that I approve of and am requesting the planned crosswalk.

Respectfully,
-Benjamin Benson & Family
646-670-6261

Lane, Benjamin

From: Yaniv Lavy <lavy75@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:30 PM
To: City Council
Cc: adam@adamkwasman.com
Subject: Crosswalk at N. 66th st and Shea

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Dear Member of the Scottsdale City Council,

My name is Yaniv Lavy, and I reside at 10845 N 66th Street.

I am writing to express my strong support for the installation of a crosswalk with a traffic signal near Congregation Beth Tefillah, located at 6529 E Shea Blvd.

Although my home is within walking distance of the synagogue, the lack of streetlights and the high volume of traffic on Shea Blvd make it unsafe for my children and me to walk. The increasing presence of quiet electric vehicles further heightens the danger of crossing this road.

A controlled crosswalk would provide a safe route for my family and many other local residents who attend the synagogue or the neighboring church. Enhancing pedestrian safety in this area would accommodate those who do not drive for religious reasons and would help alleviate local parking congestion.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Best regards,

Yaniv Lavy

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jason Salganick <jaaron747@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:41 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Hawk-Style Crosswalk at 66th St and Shea

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Hello!

I am writing to your committee in support of the Hawk-Style Crosswalk at 66th Street and Shea Blvd. There are many congregants at the synagogue, who for religious restrictions on the many holy days cannot take advantage of electronic buttons on the street furniture/traffic lights to request a safe crossing. Instead a Hawk-Style crosswalk, perhaps programmed to increase it's stopping signals at critical times when there are large numbers of parishioners needing to make the crossing, could serve a great improvement in safety for the community as well as for the drivers passing the neighborhood. This implementation has ben successful in, for example the neighborhood in Phoenix at 5th Ave and Bethany Home.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support,

Best,

Jason Salganick

Lane, Benjamin

From: Patrick Cunningham <patricklaw8713@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:33 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Full funding of Scottsdale Water Programs

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Mayor and Council:

I write to urge you to restore full funding in our FY 2026-27 Budget for these three crucial water projects listed below. The Trump Administration way back in 2018 announced that *"The period from 2000 through 2018 is the driest 19-year period in over 100 years and one of the driest periods in the 1,200-year paleo-record."* <https://www.doi.gov/ocl/colorado-river-drought>

Arizona remains in the worst drought in 1200 years.

Scottsdale faces drastic reductions in our Colorado River allocation, and no deal is in sight to secure our Colorado River water.

Please restore full funding for these programs that protect our Scottsdale water resources:

- Restoring funding not only for the study of raising Bartlett Dam, but also for the construction of additional storage capacity by raising Barlett Dam. Scottsdale needs to help fund the raising of the dam so Scottsdale can share in the "new water" brought to us by increasing the capacity of Bartlett Dam – it will catch and store additional Verde River Water. Partners that fund increasing capacity will share in the "new water" that now flows away from Scottsdale in wet years.
- Restoring the Advanced Water Purification Program (AWP) to full funding. Scottsdale is a proven leader in all of Arizona in providing AWP, and our Scottsdale program returns clean drinking water to our aquifers for future use. Surely in a 1200-year drought, this Arizona-Leading program must be funded in full.
- Restoring full funding for staff positions to manage both of these far-sighted water programs: Bartlett Dam raising and our Advanced Water Purification Program.

Now is the time to invest in water and Scottsdale's Leadership in far-sighted programs that generate water for our future.

Thank you for your service to Scottsdale and your attention to these three water projects.

Patrick Cunningham
8713 E Heatherbrae Dr
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Lane, Benjamin

From: gleemail64@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:54 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Crosswalk on shea

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Hello City Council,

I urge you to approve the crosswalk on Shea. It's a safety issue. That road is a busy street and there are children and adults of all ages crossing the road. This is needed!

Sincerely,
Ms. Glee Nahon
Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Sharon Bader <sharonjo@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 5:26 AM
To: City Council
Subject: New Hawk cross walk 64th and Shea

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Please consider that I support the new crosswalk at 64th street and Shea. This crosswalk is important for public safety because the traffic is busy on Shea Blvd, and the motorists do not obey the speed limit. They bolt down the street like it is a Nascar speedway. Thank you for your service and consideration on this important matter of public safety.
Sharon Bader.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Lane, Benjamin

From: daniel schwartz <daniel.b.schwartz1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 6:18 AM
To: City Council; LBorowsky@Scottsdaleaz.com
Subject: 2027 Capital Improvement Budget

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Dear Mayor and Council.

The past 26 years of drought should be weighing heavily on the city councils especially in light of the response of the member of the Colorado River compact who have cut Scottsdale's supply from the CAP by 80%. In spite of this City Manager Caton sees fit to cut the cities investments in the Advanced Purified Recycled water plan, water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and staff in the water department.

A 3.8% decrease in the operating budget may play well with voters who think only of their wallets today but will be forgotten when draconian cuts in water usage are required to address Scottsdale's shortfall. Indeed, those who approved the cuts can expect to be pilloried. Please restore these investments in Scottsdale's future.

Thanks

Dan Schwartz
daniel.b.schwartz1@gmail.com
+1-602-206-7705

Lane, Benjamin

From: JM N <jmjnahon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 6:57 AM
To: City Council
Subject: crosswalk on Shea

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Dear City Council,

As a local resident, I am writing to express my support for the installation of an additional crosswalk on Shea Boulevard. Given the high volume of regular pedestrian traffic in this area, a new crosswalk is a necessary step to improve public safety. I am confident that a smart technology solution can address any logistical concerns while meeting the needs of the community.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request to make our streets safer.

Sincerely,

Jon Michael Nahon
6842 E Belmont Cir, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Lane, Benjamin

From: Janet Lewis-Weaver <weweavers@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:38 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Sustainable water supply for Scottsdale

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Mayor Borowsky, Councilpersons Whitehead, McAllen, Littlefield, Dubauskas, Kwansman, and Graham:

As a 40 plus year resident of Scottsdale and 30 plus year homeowner, I strongly object to the lack of preparation for this City, by this Council, regarding the diminishing future water supply. The lack of planning for storage and initiatives for alternative sources to sustain our community water; within the City budget to be discussed May 5, is short sighted. The residents of this city deserve better planning and foresight to adjust to the upcoming cuts to our Colorado River water allocation.

I strongly urge the Council to fully fund programs to maximize our opportunities to meet the needs of the city, as well as measures to create initiatives to preserve our community water usage.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will consider your actions when I cast my vote this election cycle.

Janet Lewis-Weaver
10136 E Floriade Dr.
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Lane, Benjamin

From: Michael Kasen <mkasen@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 8:44 AM
To: City Council; LBorowsky@Scottsdaleaz.com
Subject: Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

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Dear City Council and Mayor,

My name is Michael Kasen and I'm a Scottsdale resident and property owner.

I am writing in regards to the City Council's Meeting Agenda Item 3 - "Proposed Fiscal Year Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for tonight's meeting.

There is a water crisis looming for Scottsdale, but there are viable, long-term solutions to reduce the impact of the crisis.

I strongly object to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects, and I strongly urge the City Council members to reinstate funding in the budget to expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, Increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and Restore the staff to manage these programs, which were short-sightedly eliminated..

I appreciate your attention to this matter and that you will consider your action (or inaction). I will base my vote based on what your vote is! Your vote will have an impact on Scottsdale resident's property values.

Best Regards,
Michael Kasen

Lane, Benjamin

From: Carey Cohen <careycohen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 8:44 AM
To: City Council; LBorowsky@scottsdaleaz.com
Subject: URGENT

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My name is Carey Cohen and I am a Scottsdale resident (and property owner).

I'm writing in regard to the City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 – "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

I'm aware of the water crisis Scottsdale is facing. I'm also aware that there are viable, long-term solutions to reduce the impact of this crisis.

*I object to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects and **I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the Budget to***

- 1) expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program,***
- 2) increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and***
- 3) restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.***

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will certainly consider your action (or inaction) when I cast my vote on November 3rd."

Carey Cohen
13033 N. 80th Place

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
<notifications@cognitofrms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 8:54 AM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Michael Kasen

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Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
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Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 9:33 AM
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Name

FULL NAME Lisa Hill Whiye

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My name is Lisa White. I am a Scottsdale resident and property owner in McDowell Mountain Ranch.

I'm writing regarding the May 5th Council meeting where City Manager Caton's proposed 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget will be considered.

It's my understanding that City Manager Caton's budget proposes to ELIMINATE funding for critical initiatives needed to develop alternative and sustainable water sources for our city.

I am furious and in a state of complete disbelief that actions such as this are actually being proposed at a time when Arizona is facing imminent, massive cuts to our Colorado River water allocation which currently supplies 70% of Scottsdale's tap water.

It is utterly irresponsible and unconscionable that you would cut the budget for anything related to securing a sustainable water supply for our city's future!

I strongly urge City Council members to REINSTATE FUNDING in the 2026-27 Capital Improvements Budget to expand the Advanced Purified Recycled Water program; to increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam; and to restore previously eliminated staff positions to manage these needed programs.

My 85 year old father, currently suffering with severe Alzheimer's disease, spent his entire career as a civil engineer working with municipalities in the Midwest to ensure their water resources were secure and well managed.

I'm making it my personal mission, as a tribute to him, to make certain everyone in my circle of influence in Scottsdale is aware of any Council member who votes in favor of eliminating funding for these critical water

resource initiatives. You can be certain that any Council member who votes in favor of eliminating water resource funding will NOT BE RECEIVING my vote in the upcoming July primary, nor in the November election. I am certain that no one I personally know in Scottsdale would vote for them either as it would be morally reprehensible and utterly irresponsible to do so at a time when we are already facing an impending water supply crisis!

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
<notifications@cognitofrms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 9:37 AM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Lisa Hill White

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Name

FULL NAME Lisa Hill White

Contact Information

EMAIL lhw631101@yahoo.com

CITY Scottsdale

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Without water, people's houses are worthless. The current city council is jeopardizing the equity I have in my home.

The cost of the Scottsdale water reclamation plant was \$200 million. But the one Phoenix is talking about investing in now will cost \$1 billion. Maybe Phoenix is bigger, but it illustrates the point that things will only get more expensive, so any money "saved" today by not continuing to investment in this valuable and effective resource, will be lost in the long run.

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
<notifications@cognitofrms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 9:59 AM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Kathy Fishman

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Name

FULL NAME Kathy Fishman

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PHONE (847) 971-5271

EMAIL ohmassnj@gmail.com

ADDRESS 9076 N 117th Way

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I'm aware of the water crisis Scottsdale is facing and that there are viable, long-term solutions to reduce the impact of the crisis. I object to the City Manager's proposed cuts to water-related projects and strongly urge the City Council members to reinstate funding in the budget to expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water Program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and restore the eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.

Without water, Scottsdale will be unlivable and our houses worthless. The solutions at this point will cost less than if they are undertaken in the future. Water prices will be rising based on the lowering of our water allocation from the Colorado River.

Past Scottsdale city governments have been outstanding in their stewardship of Scottsdale's many assets. Now is the time to solve the water issue - and protect our quality of life, our tourism industry and our property values.

I appreciate your attention to this very serious matter, and will take into consideration your action or inaction when November comes.

Lane, Benjamin

From: McFletcher Finance <finance@mcfletcher.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 10:07 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Water-related Projects and Funding Reinstatement

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Dear members of the City Council,

We are Donna and Tomas McIntosh-Fletcher – Scottsdale residents and property owners since early 1980s – and we are so proud to be so. In fact, part of our reason for moving here from Santa Cruz, California was the visionary and wise management of this City.

We are writing in regard to today's City Council's May 5 Meeting Agenda, Item 3 – "Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."

We are aware of the water crisis Scottsdale is facing. And are also aware that there are viable, long-term solutions to reduce the impact of this crisis.

We object to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts to water-related projects and strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the budget to: 1) Expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program – one we have been most proud of and benefit from, 2) Increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and 3) Restore the previously eliminated staff positions to manage these programs.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and wish for you, much wisdom regarding the magnitude and vital importance of our city's water uses and planning.

We so appreciate your dedication to your and our city,

Sincerely Yours,

Donna and Tomas McIntosh-Fletcher

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Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
<notifications@cognitofrms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 10:11 AM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Paul Michael McConnell

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FULL NAME Paul Michael McConnell

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PHONE (734) 657-9538

EMAIL pmmcc@umich.edu

ADDRESS 11651 North 114th Place

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Scottsdale

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I fully realize that we are in the middle of an historic drought. The word drought suggests an unusual condition. My concern is that the lack of water we are experiencing is no longer an exception but our new normal. We need to be addressing this now.

When residents don't have ready access to even moderately affordable water, property values and quality of life will decline dramatically. I have a personal stake in this. The equity in my home represents a significant portion of my net worth. I suspect this is the case for many residents. A substantial reduction in that equity is not going to be received well by the voters.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Mike McConnell <pmmcc@umich.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 10:13 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Agenda Item 3

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Paul Michael McConnell
11651 N 114th Pl
Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Lane, Benjamin

From: robert fishman <lratio@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 10:18 AM
To: City Council
Subject: WATER

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Dear Council Members,

City Council should not consider a proposed Capital Improvements Budget eliminating funding for initiatives providing alternative sources for water and securing and maintaining a sustainable water supply.

Given a multi-decade drought and an unreliable allocation of Colorado River water it is unfathomable that we would not urgently respond to face this shortfall. We should invest all available funds (including reducing funds in other areas) to support the achievement of water sufficiency for the future. There is no time to waste. We cannot hope that allocations and snowfalls miraculously improve and permanently support our water needs.

The personal and economic pain of water reduction to our city and its residents is immeasurable. It will greatly reduce the reputation of Scottsdale as one of the best places to live, eliminate needed programs, and question who we are as a city who strongly supports the citizens of this community.

We have made significant investments in water reclamation in the past. While it has been highly successful and recognized as state of the art, it must not stop there. Future investments to increase the capabilities of this system are necessary as part of the overall solution. We must demonstrate that Scottsdale will be committed and creative to continue our leadership in city services and resolve to address this critical issue.

Robert Fishman

Lane, Benjamin

From: John Banas <johnbanas3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 10:37 AM
To: City Council; LBorowsky@scottsdaleaz.com
Subject: Urgent: Restore Funding for Critical Water Programs in FY 2026–27 Budget

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Dear Members of the Scottsdale City Council,

I am writing ahead of your May 5 meeting regarding Agenda Item 3, the proposed FY 2026–27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

I'm deeply concerned about the proposed elimination of funding for key water initiatives. Scottsdale is already facing serious water supply challenges, and reducing investment in long-term solutions at this moment puts the community at unnecessary risk.

There are practical, forward-looking strategies available to strengthen our water security. Removing support for these efforts now undermines progress and leaves the city less prepared for future demand and drought conditions.

I strongly urge you to restore funding for the following priorities:

- **Expansion of the Advanced Purified Recycled Water program**
- **Increased water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam**
- **Reinstatement of essential staff positions needed to manage and implement these programs**

These are not optional projects—they are foundational to ensuring a reliable and sustainable water supply for Scottsdale residents.

I ask that you reconsider the current proposal and take action to protect the city's long-term water future. This issue is important to me, my family and my employees, and I will be paying close attention to how it is addressed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Banas
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Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
<notifications@cognitofrms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 10:39 AM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Todd R White

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MEETING DATE 5/5/2026

WHICH AGENDA ITEM WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON? 03. Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

Name

FULL NAME Todd R White

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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

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Life as we know it cannot exist without water. God expects humans to steward the amazing, life giving resources we have to support all life.

We live in a tremendously beautiful, desert area. That means WE ALL need to do our part to manage our most precious natural resource, WATER! All the money in the world will not matter if we run out of water.

I support reasonable economic development. There is building going on all around here. This development places additional pressure on our WATER resources. Short-term thinking and cost-cutting will only put us at greater risk of a WATER crisis.

Specifically, I strongly object to the proposed cuts to water-related projects and I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding to expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and restore staff positions to manage these programs.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will certainly consider your action when I cast my vote this November.

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
<notifications@cognitofrms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 11:36 AM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - John Ainlay

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MEETING DATE 5/5/2026

WHICH AGENDA ITEM WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON? 03. Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

Name

FULL NAME John Ainlay

NAME OF GROUP OR ORGANIZATION NA

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CITY

Scottsdale

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I purchased my home and moved to Scottsdale from Illinois in 2000, a time when water was still relatively abundant. At that time, based on observing all the swimming pools, flowing fountains, lush green landscaping and numerous golf courses, I completely bought into the marketing myth that Scottsdale was a desert oasis. In the years since then, I have come to the realization that, in reality, Scottsdale is the city that Colorado River water and the Central Arizona Project (CAP) built.

Now we learn that Scottsdale is facing an imminent and profound Colorado River water crisis that only promises to get worse in the years to come. The urgency of the situation demands bold and immediate action. But in the face of this crisis, what is our City Manager doing? He's proposing a myopic operational budget and capital improvement plan that actually removes investments in our widely admired Advance Purified Recycled Water program and defunds proposed structural changes to increase the storage capacity of Bartlett Dam -- measures that could mitigate the impact of this water crisis -- all in the interest of being able to tout near-term taxpayer savings.

Well, I object to City Manager Greg Caton's proposed cuts. As a Scottsdale property owner who does not want to see the value of my investment evaporate along with Colorado River water, I strongly urge City Council members to reinstate funding in the Budget to: 1) expand the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program, 2) increase water storage capacity at Bartlett Dam, and 3) restore the previously eliminated staff

positions to manage these programs.

If that means my taxes have to increase, so be it. Anyone who expects that we can find free and easy solutions to the current water crisis that do not involve more spending, higher taxes and sacrifices on the part of Scottsdale residents is, simply put, in denial.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Needless to say, I will take your action or inaction into account when I cast my ballot on July 21 and again on November 3.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Wendy Whitman <wlw0223@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 12:50 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Reinstate funding for water improvements

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Dear City Council Members,

I object to the proposed water investment cuts.

I specifically request that the Council follow the Scottsdale Water Strategic Plan and reinstate funding for:

- 1) the highly successful Advanced Purified Recycled Water program and
- 2) structural changes to the Bartlett Dam to increase its water storage capacity.

Regards, Wendy Whitman

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Wendy Whitman

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wlw0223@gmail.com

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jordan Perlow <jhpmfmd@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 1:12 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Crosswalk at 66th St. and Shea

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Hello,

I am writing in SUPPORT of placing a crosswalk at 66th St and Shea. Ideally, a "cross-bridge" should be installed, but in the absence of that, a crosswalk is needed. Although I would not have a personal use for this crosswalk, I have witnessed too many people attempting to cross 6 lanes of traffic that rarely ceases to move, some with strollers and/or little children in tow. The Beth Tefillah synagogue, as an Orthodox synagogue, draws members who honor the Sabbath and Holy Days by not driving, and thus are moving to the area to allow for such observance, which requires walking and crossing Shea in that area. I hope the City Council will approve this most needed crosswalk in the name of community safety.

Sincerely,
Jordan H. Perlow

Jordan H. Perlow MD

Clinical Professor: University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix
Faculty Physician: Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Banner University Medical Center - Phoenix
Associate Director: Phoenix Perinatal Associates: July 1992 - September 2022

Bio at: www.doctorperlow.com

Lane, Benjamin

From: stanley smalewitz <stanleysmalewitz@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 1:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Crosswalk on Shea.

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Thank you for taking the time to read this email!

I want to express my support for the crosswalk item on tonight's agenda. This is straightforward infrastructure issue that will benefit all those who currently need to cross at that location. It will benefit both religious institutions at that location and the residents surrounding the immediate area of the proposed crosswalk, along with the congregants who need to cross Shea to attend services It is NOT a large ticket item that will strain the Capital Improvements Program's budget and in the long run its benefits to the local neighborhood far out weigh its costs!

Thank you in advance for approving the Crosswalk Agenda item!

Respectfully,

Stanley Smalewitz
8551 N. Timberlane
Scottsdale, 85258
Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: KATHRYN WOODWARD <katie_woodward@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:50 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Water management budget

⚠ External Email: Please use caution if opening links or attachments!

Re: 5/5/26 agenda item #3 proposed operating budget

City Manager Greg Caton:

Do not cut the water related project budget and reinstate the funding for the Advanced Purified Recycled Water program as well as the staff positions.

With our drought and decreasing allotment of water, it is common sense to explore and implement every way we can to preserve and protect our water. Do not defund it and damage our ability to provide safe drinking water for our city!

Kathryn Woodward
Scottsdale AZ

Lane, Benjamin

From: Heidi Leverant <bakingwithtlc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:14 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Pro crosswalk at 66th and Shea

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I am a Scottsdale resident and am in favor of putting a crosswalk at 66th and Shea for the safety of people crossing to and from the church or Congregation Beth Tefillah . Please vote YES to install this very important crosswalk.

Thank you.

Heidi Leverant
7740 E Gainey Ranch Rd. #42
Scottsdale, Az 85258

Lane, Benjamin

From: Rebekah Twilley <rtwilley3473@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:17 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for Crosswalk at N. 66th St & Shea – Safety for Families

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Dear Members of the Scottsdale City Council,

My name is Rebekah Mor, and my family attends Congregation Bet Tefillah. I am a mother of four young children, and I'm writing to express my strong support for the proposed crosswalk at North 66th Street and Shea Boulevard.

Each week, I walk with my children to religious services. Due to the current crosswalk layout, what should be a straightforward route becomes an additional twenty minutes of walking. With four small children, this is not just inconvenient—it creates real safety concerns.

In Arizona's extreme heat, when temperatures regularly exceed 100 degrees, those extra minutes significantly increase exposure and physical strain. Just as concerning, much of this extended route requires walking alongside a busy roadway with young children who are naturally less aware of traffic dangers. Every additional stretch without a safe crossing increases risk.

This crosswalk would make a meaningful difference for families like mine and many others in our community. It would provide a safer, more direct way to access religious services—particularly on Shabbat and holidays, when walking is essential.

This is not simply a matter of convenience; it is a matter of safety, accessibility, and supporting families who are actively engaged in their community.

I respectfully urge you to support the addition of this crosswalk and to prioritize infrastructure that protects and serves all residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Mor

Lane, Benjamin

From: ALISA <adomb18@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:40 PM
To: City Council

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Hello, unfortunately, I am unable to join the meeting this evening, but I would like to share my support of agenda item 3 for a crosswalk at Shea.

Thank you, Alisa

Lane, Benjamin

From: Penny Twilley <pjtwilley2019@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:45 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for Crosswalk at N. 66th St and Shea Blvd

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Dear Scottsdale City Council Members,

I am writing to express support for the proposed HAWK-style crosswalk at N. 66th Street and Shea Boulevard.

For many in our community, including my family, walking to Congregation Beth Tefillah from nearby residences such as the Camden Apartments on East Sahuaro Drive is a regular necessity, particularly on Shabbat and Jewish holidays when driving is not permitted. This often includes walking with young children. Under current conditions, crossing Shea Boulevard presents a safety concern due to traffic speed and volume.

A signalized crosswalk at this location would provide a defined and controlled crossing point, improving pedestrian safety and accessibility. For those who rely on walking as part of religious observance, this is not a convenience—it is essential infrastructure.

With continued growth in the surrounding area and increased pedestrian use, this improvement is both reasonable and necessary. I respectfully urge the Council to support this project and prioritize its implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Penny Twilley

Lane, Benjamin

From: Erin Sarah Twilley Failaev <erinfailaev@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:49 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for Crosswalk at N. 66th St and Shea Blvd

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Dear Scottsdale City Council Members,

I am writing to support the proposed HAWK-style crosswalk at N. 66th Street and Shea Boulevard.

To attend services on Shabbat our family will walk from Camden Apartments on East Sahuaro Drive to Congregation Beth Tefillah, often with young children. The current crossing along Shea Boulevard feels unsafe, especially given the traffic volume and speed. A designated, signalized crosswalk at this location would make a meaningful difference in protecting pedestrians like us.

This is particularly important on Shabbat and holidays, when walking is necessary for members of the community. Having a safer, clearly marked crossing would allow families to travel more confidently and reduce the risk of accidents.

This project represents a practical and necessary improvement for a growing area with increasing pedestrian activity. I respectfully ask the Council to support moving forward with this crosswalk.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin Failaev

Lane, Benjamin

From: Sharon Green Leighton <sharonbgreen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Crosswalk at N 66th street at Shea - Agenda item 3 for today's council meeting

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Dear City Council members,

As a resident of Scottsdale and a member of Congregation Beth Tefillah , I am writing to strongly support the proposed HAWK style crosswalk at N 66th street at Shea.

This crosswalk is crucial as it will serve both the Chaparral Christian Community Church and Congregation Beth Tefillah. The crosswalk is critical to the safety of the members of both houses of worship , especially those who use it on the Sabbath and other holidays. Other synagogues, like Chabad of Phoenix have city provided infrastructure so it is imperative that Scottsdale does the same.

Let's work to keep our citizens (especially children) safe when going to their houses of worship.

I appreciate your consideration.

Best Regards,
Sharon Leighton
10546 East Cosmos Circle
Scottsdale AZ 85255

Lane, Benjamin

From: Avraham Failaev <info@apmremd.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:55 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Crosswalk at N. 66 St. and Shea

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Dear Scottsdale City Council Members,

My name is Alex Failaev, and I am writing to support the proposed HAWK-style crosswalk at N. 66th Street and Shea Boulevard.

This location presents a clear safety concern for pedestrians. Families in the area, including those walking from the Camden Apartments on East Sahuaro Drive to Congregation Beth Tefillah, must cross Shea Boulevard under conditions that are not adequately safe—particularly for children.

For members of the Jewish community, this need is amplified on Shabbat and holidays, when walking is required and driving is not an option. Safe pedestrian infrastructure in this area is therefore essential, not optional. A signalized crosswalk would provide a controlled crossing point, reduce risk, and better accommodate the actual patterns of pedestrian movement.

Given the ongoing growth in the area and the presence of multiple congregations nearby, implementing this crosswalk is a practical and necessary step to improve public safety.

I respectfully urge the Council to support and approve this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Alex Failaev

Lane, Benjamin

From: Erin Sarah Twilley Failaev <erinfailaev@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 4:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Crosswalk proposal Shea Blvd

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Dear Scottsdale City Council Members,

I am writing to support the proposed HAWK-style crosswalk at N. 66th Street and Shea Boulevard.

To attend services on Shabbat our family will walk from Camden Apartments on East Sahuaro Drive to Congregation Beth Tefillah, often with young children. The current crossing along Shea Boulevard feels unsafe, especially given the traffic volume and speed. A designated, signalized crosswalk at this location would make a meaningful difference in protecting pedestrians like us.

This is particularly important on Shabbat and holidays, when walking is necessary for members of the community. Having a safer, clearly marked crossing would allow families to travel more confidently and reduce the risk of accidents.

This project represents a practical and necessary improvement for a growing area with increasing pedestrian activity.

I respectfully ask the Council to support moving forward with this crosswalk.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Erin Failaev

P.S.
I'm resending my letter because- being a mother to three young children- I got interrupted and sent first letter without inserting my name. :)

Thank you again.
Erin

Lane, Benjamin

From: Marc Skalla <marc@blackshear13.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 4:50 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Planned crosswalk at Shea & N 66th

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Just want to send my support for Congregation Beth Tefillah and Chaparral Christian Community Church Crosswalk. The Hawk-style crosswalk at N 66th and Shea is a needed addition to support our growing communities with safety.

please take this into serious consideration.

Best,

Marc Skalla
Co-Founder

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Lane, Benjamin

From: eklawson@cox.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 5:42 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Crosswalk at N.66th and Shea - IN FAVOR

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To the City Council of Scottsdale,

I am unable to attend today's City Council meeting, but I wanted to express my strong support for a Crosswalk at N. 66th and Shea.

I have been a member of Congregation Beth Tefillah ("CBT") for many years. It is a beautiful, growing Jewish community with deep faith and love for one another. Its warmth is a strong attraction for its members of all ages, for the elderly and young families alike.

I have personally witnessed numerous times where CBT members have jaywalked across Shea to go to and from synagogue services at CBT, whether it's to take a short cut, to avoid having to walk along Shea to the crosswalks at 64th or at Scottsdale Road, or whether it's to get out of the heat faster during our hot months. I have been frustrated for years that there hasn't been a crosswalk at N. 66th and Shea.

Although CBT does have members who drive to services, many CBT members for religious reasons do not drive on Shabbat (Friday evening and most of Saturday) or on the Jewish Holidays (of which there are many throughout the year), but only walk. Our members walk in nice clothing, often with strollers and young children. The CBT congregants who live North of Shea have a very long walk and a crosswalk at N. 66th and Shea would make their walk so much easier, especially during all of our hot weather, and a crosswalk would certainly make it so much safer for everyone.

Please vote in favor of the crosswalk at N. 66th and Shea.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ellen Lawson
Scottsdale, AZ

Lane, Benjamin

From: Shira Goldberg <shira.goldberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 6:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: I support the planned cross walk at Shea.

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Dear Council Members,

I am a member of the community and support agenda item #3- the planned crosswalk at Shea and 66th.

I am writing to express my strong support for the installation of a marked crosswalk in front of the synagogue located in our community.

This area sees regular foot traffic, particularly during religious services, holidays, and community events. Families with children, elderly congregants, and visitors frequently cross the street, often in conditions where visibility and driver awareness are limited. The absence of a designated crosswalk creates an unnecessary safety risk for pedestrians and motorists alike.

A clearly marked crosswalk would significantly improve safety by alerting drivers to pedestrian activity and providing a designated, predictable crossing point. It would also promote accessibility and inclusivity by making it easier for individuals of all ages and abilities to safely access the synagogue.

Beyond safety, this measure reflects our community's commitment to supporting places of worship and ensuring that all residents can gather without concern for their well-being. Proactive infrastructure improvements like this help prevent accidents before they occur, rather than responding after the fact.

I respectfully urge the council to prioritize this request and take the necessary steps to evaluate and implement a crosswalk at this location. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued service to our community.

Shira Benson

Lane, Benjamin

From: Benjamin Bakall <bbakall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 6:42 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Cross walk

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Regarding proposed crosswalk over Shea at N 66th St.

Our family owns the house at 10836 N 66th St, I strongly encourage the committee to approve the creation of a crosswalk.

Our family crosses that intersection by foot every week.

Best regards,

Benjamin Bakall, MD