

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE

Notice and Agenda

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 Time: 5:15PM Location: One Civic Center Agave Conference Room 7447 E. Indian School Rd Suite 205 Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Call to Order

Lee Kauftheil, Chair, Transportation Commission
Kerry Wilxocon, Vice-Chair, Transportation Commission
Susan McGarry, Commissioner, Parks and Recreation Commission
Kyle Davis, Subcommittee Member
Bradley Adame, Subcommittee Member

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- 2. <u>Los Alisos Trails Follow Up Discussion</u>......Information, Discussion and Action Overview of the trails in the Los Alisos community and a request from the homeowner's association to release the public easements – Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
- 4. <u>Projects and Programs Update</u>......Information Update on current projects and programs – Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner, Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner and Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager
- 5. <u>Subcommittee Identification of Future Agenda Items</u>......Discussion Subcommittee members may identify items or topics of interest for future Subcommittee meetings
- 6. Adjournment

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SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

ONE CIVIC CENTER AGAVE CONFERENCE ROOM 7447 E. INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD, SUITE 205 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Paths & Trails Subcommittee was called to order at 5:18 p.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of subcommittee members as noted below.

ROLL CALL

- **PRESENT:** Lee Kauftheil, Chair -- Transportation Commission Kerry Wilcoxon, Vice-Chair -- Transportation Commission (TEAMS) Susan McGarry, Commissioner – Parks and Recreation Commission Kyle Davis, Subcommittee Member
- ABSENT: Bradley Adame, Subcommittee Member
- **STAFF:** Mark Melnychenko, Transportation & Streets Director Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager Kyle Lofgren, Staff Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to speak on public comment. There were 4 requests to speak on agenda item 2.

1. <u>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</u>

Chair Kauftheil called for modifications and approval of the minutes.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024 MEETING. VICE-CHAIR WILCOXON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR KAUFTHEIL, VICE-CHAIR WILCOXON, COMMISSIONER MCGARRY AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ADAME WAS ABSENT.

2. LOS ALISOS TRAILS DISCUSSION

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, presented an overview of the trails system in Scottsdale and reviewed a request from the Los Alisos Homeowner's Association (HOA) to release the public easements in their community. The unpaved trail system was created to provide a citywide interconnected trail network for recreation and transportation. It provides a safe space for pedestrians and bicyclists in areas with no sidewalks and the trails are common in scenic corridors. An overview of the history of the Scottsdale Trails Master Plan development from when it was first adopted by City Council in 2004 to the most recent 2022 Transportation Action Plan was provided. Ms. Conklu noted the culmination of all those past planning efforts included the planned network for trails as well as design standards and some of the policies in the trail element including trail access, obstruction, abandonment, and easements as well as development of the Paths and Trails Subcommittee. Citywide, there are 161 miles of existing trails outside of the preserve and 132 miles of proposed or planned trails.

The Los Alisos' development history was reviewed, including the denial of the original development request by the City Council and the proposed rezoning from R1-43 to R1-10 ESL (single-family residential in Environmentally Sensitive Lands), requesting 96 homes instead of the original 120 homes. The amended application addressed General Plan and CityShape Guiding Principles, including circulation, preservation of meaningful open space and advancement of transportation. City Council ultimately approved the amended application and a plan that included linear open space corridors, protection and replacement of disturbed vegetation, and creation of more viable trail connections to Cave Creek School Campus and the planned community college. Additionally on April 23, 1998, the Development Review Board approved project design elements that did not change things related to trails.

In summer of 2022, Transportation Planning staff received a request from a Los Alisos HOA board member to release public easements in the Los Alisos community. Concerns included high school students and people from other neighborhoods entering the HOA at night or during school events, people walking their dogs off leashes, and retail crime. These concerns have since been presented to the City Council. Ms. Conklu, Mr. Davies, and the Crime Prevention Officer met with the HOA member and discussed what is public versus what is private, how someone would know the difference and when to use

emergency services. New or supplemental trail signage was provided to the neighborhood. The Police Department reported only four reported incidents in the neighborhood in the past year, and they were all non-trail related.

Proposed next steps include:

- Maintaining public easements for trails.
- Installing supplemental trail signage at the access points along the Los Alisos trails noting that it is a private community and to stay on trails.
- Adding unlocked pedestrian gates to any fencing or gates in the future. It was noted this would require working and gaining approval through Planning and Development Services.
- Monitoring and evaluating by staff the planned network around the community for effectiveness.
- Continuing to work with the community as things develop and change.

Chair Kauftheil opened public comments.

Michael Vaccarella discussed nonresidents accessing the Los Alisos community mainly to bring their dogs to run off their leash and play in the green space, which is private property. The trail system that enters this community goes nowhere and the residents are concerned about safety. He also noted the impact of the proposed changes to Carefree Highway and offered suggestions for alternative trails that do not extend through Los Alisos.

Frank Kiekner discussed how nonresidents are unclear on what is public versus private property, and he believes most people who enter the community are coming there to use the private park with their dog. People become belligerent when told they are trespassing on private property. What they would like to do is install gates and fences.

Karen Arndt discussed the new signs which have been installed and how they do not make a difference. They would like to keep the community safe, looking good, and not have people who do not live in the neighborhood there. The only way to do this is by fencing the neighborhood off. She also left handouts for the subcommittee members and staff to review.

Susan Bixler shared the statement she read to the City Council, noting that the HOA's request is to be released from the Paths and Trails System. Signs have been updated but there continues to be numerous amounts of traffic coming into the open desert park area, which has increased concerns about safety.

Chair Kauftheil closed public comments.

In response to questions from the Subcommittee Member Davis, Ms. Conklu noted in order to make any improvements to their community, whether the easement is there or not, they would have to work with the planning department on what would be required for fencing a natural area open space. Scottsdale has other communities with trails that use

a mixture of gates, fencing, and signage. More research is needed to determine the community similarities and what the planning department set for requirements. This is a request for release of easement, which is land rights over private property. There have been similar past requests, such as Hidden Hills Neighborhood requested to be released from the pedestrian bicycle public easement that was fully across their road and sidewalks. Only the tracks have easements; the rest is private property.

In response to questions from Vice-Chair Wilcoxon, Ms. Conklu noted the easements would be stipulated, planned, and connected for each development. Presently, the plat requires the property owner to maintain the trails and the City would be releasing the rights on the easements. Mr. Domme stated, depending on the action, they would not ask for money when releasing the easement, but they will consult with Legal to confirm that. The City would rely on the opinions of the residents of the Los Alisos community on what is or has been occurring to necessitate easement release. Should the release occur, it would be up to the community to seek permission from the planning department to construct a fence or whatever they would allow.

In response to questions from Chair Kauftheil, Ms. Conklu explained the community would be responsible for installing gates after receiving approval from the planning department; this can be done whether the easement is in place or not. A discussion ensued regarding the tract and accessing the park within the neighborhood. Mr. Domme clarified that the Police Department's recommendation was strictly based on crime. Ms. Conklu will follow up to see if any trends were looked at further than the past year.

CHAIR KAUFTHEIL MOVED TO CONTINUE THIS DISCUSSION TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REQUIREMENTS AND WHAT DESIGN WOULD BE NEEDED, HISTORY OF ACTIVITIES, AND ADVICE AND/OR QUESTIONS FROM LEGAL REVIEW IF RELEASED. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR KAUFTHEIL, VICE-CHAIR WILCOXON, COMMISSIONER MCGARRY AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER DAVIS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ADAME WAS ABSENT.

3. FEDERALLY AND REGIONALLY FUNDED STUDIES AND PLANS

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed the MAG Design Assistance Program and the Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All.

Background on the MAG Design Assistance Program was provided, noting Scottsdale currently has three programs funded which were discussed.

- 64th Street Crossing Study at Thomas and Indian School Roads, which looks at the intersections and the challenges they present.
 - When people walking or biking the canal wish to stay on the canal, they have to cross two major roads.

- The next steps are for the consultants to complete a draft report, hold a second open house in May to show alternatives, and present a final report that includes recommendations.
- Central Arizona Project Canal/100th Street Path Study, which is looking at two path alignments in the 100th Street corridor between 92nd Street and Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard.
 - There is a missing path in the area which is part of the primary path system in the TAP and part of the Central Arizona Project Canal Regional Path System Citywide.
 - This area connects to planned and existing sections as well as two pedestrian bridges.
 - The next steps are for the consultants to complete a draft report, hold a second open house in May to show alternatives, and present a final report that includes recommendations.
- 2nd Street Neighborhood Bikeway Study, which will look at the western portion of 2nd Street Neighborhood Bikeway from the TAP through Old Town from Indian Bend Wash to the Arizona Canal, specifically the .8-mile segment from Goldwater Street to Indian School Road.
 - $\circ~$ The results of the 64th Street Crossing study will be integrated into this study.
 - The next steps are for staff to request approval of the MAG Agreement from City Council on April 16, 2024, and to kick off the study upon approval.

Ms. Conklu noted generally, upon completion of the Design Assistance Study, staff looks at opportunities for how to implement recommendations and follows normal processes for CIP requests and seeking federal funding for improvements.

In response to questions, Ms. Conklu confirmed this is an annual program. Anything that can make an application score better, such as a background and feasibility study, can also demonstrate a city is committed to the project. Camelback and Scottsdale Road will not be part of this study.

Ms. Conklu provided an overview of the Safe Streets and Roads for All that is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law where \$5 billion was appropriated in federal funds for FY 2022-2026 for initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The two grants are Planning and Demonstration and Implementation. An agency must have an eligible action plan in place to be considered for the implementation grant. Scottsdale received an Action Plan Grant on February 1, 2023.

City Council approved the funding agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for \$288,000 on September 19, 2023. This is a reimbursement funding plan and there are already matching funds budged in the current operating budget. This grant will be used for consultant services to prepare the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. The plan will build off existing safety measures and studies to establish a safety culture tailored to Scottsdale and will demonstrate commitments to

safety and to reduce the likelihood of traffic crashes resulting in fatal or serious injuries. Next steps are to:

- Request proposals for consulting services, a 12–18-month process.
- Incorporate public involvement, including the Police Department, in plan development.
- Have staff apply for implementation funding.

In response to questions, Ms. Conklu clarified development of the safety plan will include an engineering component and a webpage will be developed. Mr. Domme noted regular returns are scheduled for the safety plan to be reviewed by the Paths and Trails Subcommittee and the Transportation Commission. A brief discussion ensued related to the data points for the number of crashes and fatalities in Scottsdale.

4. PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS UPDATE

Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on projects and programs, including:

- 76th Street Trail Rehabilitation and New Build.
- Mountain View Trail Rehabilitation.
- Pinnacle Peak Trail Rehabilitation.
- Dynamite Road Trail New Build.

In response to questions, Mr. Davies explained all these projects have been from resident requests, and he provides follow-up to the residents.

Ms. Conklu discussed the April Bike Month events.

5. <u>SUBCOMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>

Vice-Chair Wilcoxon noted ADOT will hold a public open house on April 16, 2024, in Phoenix at the HRDC Building at 1:00 p.m. to present their updated Strategic Highway Safety Plan and the Active Transportation Safety Action Plan. He also suggested having ADOT provide an update on the Active Transportation Safety Action Plan.

Chair Kauftheil discussed safety concerns with items presented at the last City Council meeting, such as southern parks that have been neglected, a bridge that collapsed two storms ago at the skate park, and the ramada that has been closed for 6-8 months. Additionally, there is a safety concern for bicyclists near the dam on McKellips Road as it overflows with heavy rain and spills onto the trail.

6. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Subcommittee Member Davis and seconded by Commissioner McGarry, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

AYES: Chair Kauftheil, Vice-Chair Wilcoxon, Commissioner McGarry, and Subcommittee Member Davis. NAYS: None

SUBMITTED BY: eScribers, LLC

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SCOTTSDALE PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT



To:Paths & Trails SubcommitteeFrom:Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation PlannerSubject:Los Alisos TrailsMeeting Date:June 6, 2024

ITEM IN BRIEF

Action: Information, Discussion and Possible Action

Purpose:

Overview of the trails in the Los Alisos community and a request from the homeowner's association to release the public easements.

Background:

The goal of the Scottsdale unpaved trail program is to provide a citywide interconnecting network of trails for recreation and transportation.

Scottsdale has been preparing plans and building public trails for the past five decades that include the 2004 Scottsdale Trails Master Plan, 2009 Ad Hoc Citizens Trails Task Force Recommendations, 2016 Transportation Master Plan Update, and 2022 Transportation Action Plan (TAP).

The 2022 Transportation Action Plan Trail Element is a culmination of the past planning efforts and aligned with approved policies, network planning and design standards.

The TAP includes policies on trail access, trail obstruction, new trails crossing undeveloped land and requires written authorization from the Transportation Department for Trail Easement abandonment requests.

There are 161 miles of existing and 132 miles of proposed trails in the network.

Los Alisos Development

Case 14-ZN-97 requested R1-7 with amended development standards and 173 lots. This request was denied by the Planning Commission and never taken forward to the City Council.

Then the applicant requested a rezoning from R1-43 ESL (single family residential in Environmentally Sensitive Lands) to R1-10 ESL requesting 96 homes instead of 120 homes. The application included General Plan and CityShape Guiding Principles for:

- Circulation
- Preserve Meaningful Open Space
- Advance Transportation

The amended application also included linear open space corridors enhanced to protect greater concentration of vegetation and create more viable trail connections to the Cave Creek school campus. Discussion included the pedestrian access trails/paths being open to the public, and this intent was confirmed. Planning Commission denied this request on June 22, 1997.

City Council approved the rezoning and stipulations on January 6, 1998. The Development Review Board approved project design elements on April 23, 1998.

Inquiry from Los Alisos HOA

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Transportation Planning staff received a request from the Los Alisos Homeowners Association board member to release the public easements on the trails in summer 2022. Concerns included students from the high school entering the community and park adjacent to the school campus and retail crime in the area. Correspondence over the phone and through email took place periodically. City staff met with the HOA board member for a field walk in October 2023 including Transportation Planning staff and the Crime Prevention Police Officer. We looked at the trails, community park, signage and discussed their concerns. There was also a desire to install community fencing and gates by the HOA.

Staff recommended:

- New trail signage completed
- Supplemental signage regarding Private Property/ Public Trails to discourage nonresidents from walking on private sidewalks
- Unlocked pedestrian gates if fencing and gates are added in the future requires working with Planning and Development Services and their approval process
- Sharing police contacts with residents, including when to call 911 or non-emergency police.

Recent follow-up from the HOA board member included the same concerns and request to release the public easements on the trails as well as a request for information on the Paths and Trails Subcommittee. Transportation and Police staff discussed crime in Los Alisos.

Update

Transportation Planning staff gave a presentation to the Paths & Trails Subcommittee on April 4, 2024. There were four public comments given in the meeting. Staff's recommendation was to retain the public easements with the existing trails in Los Alisos and work with the Los Alisos HOA on necessary improvements such as supplemental signage or gates as discussed previously.

Subcommittee Motion: Do a continuance on this and get more information on the design, previous history and legal involved if we were to do the release, and what would change if we can release the easement. Motion passed 4-0.

Recommended Action

Transportation staff are recommending the city release the public access easements on Tracts A, B, C and D, shown in the yellow areas of the map below. This is due to the requirement for the public to walk across roads or along sidewalks on private tracts in order to stay on the public trails. This is not recommended and cannot be sustained.

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If released by the city, the trails would become private for Los Alisos residents and their guests. Staff will work through the next steps in the process. The HOA must submit an application to Planning and Development Services to start this process. This application will be reviewed based on the previous agreements and rezoning case. The NAOS and drainage easements will remain.

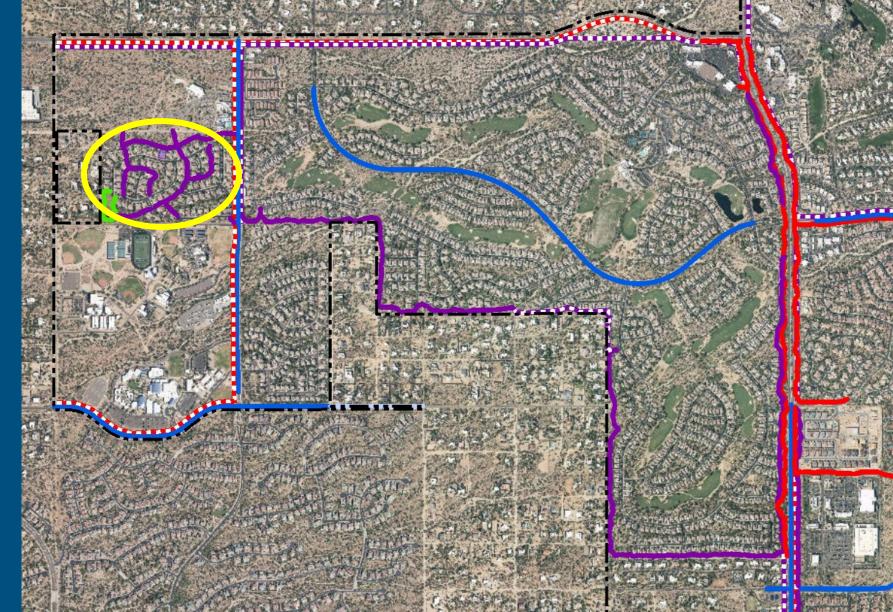
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Los Alisos Trails

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Los Alisos Community and Trails





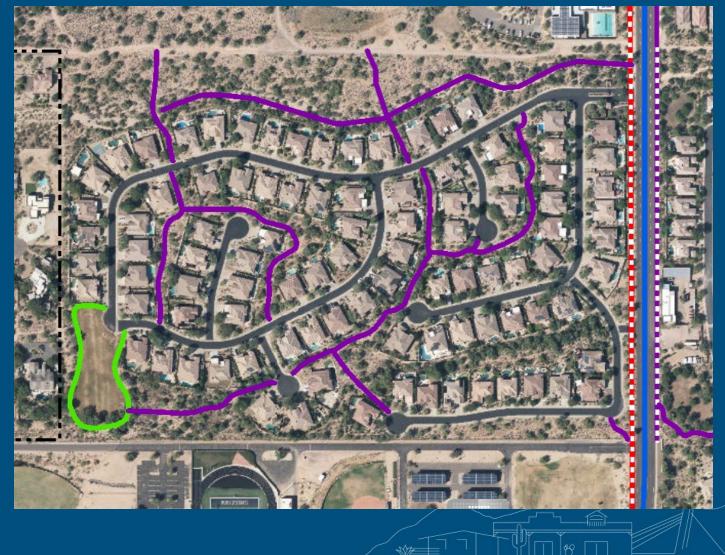
Los Alisos Development History

City Council approved rezoning and stipulations January 6, 1998

96 lots

Linear open space corridors enhanced to protect more vegetation and create more viable trail connections to the Cave Creek school campus.

Development Review Board approved project design elements April 23, 1998





Los Alisos Easements

Yellow Tract Area Easements:

- Natural Area Open Space (NAOS)
- Drainage
- Public Access

Roadways and Sidewalks are on Private Tracts





Los Alisos Inquiry from HOA

City staff received concerns from the HOA board member Conducted field meeting with Transportation, Police staff and HOA board member Added signage HOA requested release of public access easements Desired fencing and gates by the HOA Follow up emails and calls





Paths & Trails Subcommittee

- April 4, 2024 meeting
- Four public comments

Staff recommendation: Retain the public easements with the existing trails in Los Alisos and work with the Los Alisos HOA on necessary improvements such as supplemental signage or gates as discussed previously.

Subcommittee Motion: Do a continuance on this and get more information on the design, previous history and legal involved if we were to do the release, and what would change if we can release the easement. Passed 4-0





Staff Recommendation

- Release the public access easements on Tracts A, B, C and D due to:
 - Crossing the Private Roads
 - Network Connectivity
- If released by the city, the trails would become private for Los Alisos residents and their guests.





Next Steps

- HOA must submit application to Planning and Development Services
- Planning Department reviews based on previous agreements
- NAOS and drainage easements will remain



Requested Action

Recommend to City Council, the release of the public access easements in Los Alisos on Tracts A, B, C and D.



Thank you. Discussion.

SCOTTSDALE PATHS AND TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT



To:Paths and Trails SubcommitteeFrom:Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation PlannerSubject:Bike Month RecapMeeting Date:June 6, 2024

Action: Information and discussion

Purpose:

Information on bike events held in April 2024 and lessons learned

Background:

April is Valley Bike Month. It started as a single Bike to Work Day event in the late 1980s. With support of Valley employers, cities and towns, it soon transformed to a week and, by 2005, it had evolved into a month-long bicycle celebration. Every year, the number of participating cities and events grows. Valley Bike Month is a regional effort of cities, towns, employers, community organizations, and Valley Metro. Private and public partners join to plan events valley-wide. The events are promoted on Valley Metro's Share the Ride webpage and printed materials, individual city webpages, social media, NextDoor, listservs such as Scottsdale Update, and e-blasts.

Scottsdale Cycle the Arts began in 2006 in partnership with city staff, Scottsdale Public Art staff, board members and artists. The event promotes public art and biking to all ages and experience levels. This includes a short, pre-ride safety talk to educate participants on the ride rules and bike handling skills. Helmet use is encouraged. The event features small groups with ride leaders and sweepers keeping a no-drop, casual pace for everyone's comfort. Each year the tour highlights new and notable projects from the extensive public art collection as well as the city Capital Improvement Program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was canceled in 2020. In 2021, a self-guided option was offered in lieu of the regular, in-person event. Over 90 people downloaded the route map throughout the year, so the city continues to offer a self-guided route map each year on the website after the in-person event.

Scottsdale expanded Bike to Work Day in 2018 and 2019 to add four stops around the city, with breakfast snacks and t-shirts. Sponsors included General Dynamics, Workiva, ReGroup Coffee, a local State Farm team, and Transportation staff. The event was canceled 2020-2022, but returned in 2023 with TYLin International as the sponsor.

Update:

During the 2024 Bike Month, the Transportation and Streets Department hosted more robust events than recent years. This included a celebration of our Gold Bicycle Friendly Community recognition. The month kicked off with a Fast Five <u>video</u> and Mayor Proclamation. Transportation and Streets staff attended the Arizona Bicycling Summit on April 5th to collaborate with colleagues and national experts. Tour de Scottsdale returned April 13th and gave Transportation and Streets staff the opportunity to promote the new Active Transportation Map and ongoing events and projects at their expo booth. The April 20th Earth Fest event included a Bike Rodeo and outreach to families for children's bike safety opportunities.

On Sunday, April 21st, Cycle the Arts featured 13 art installations at 10 stops. The 8-mile route included Old Town, the Arizona Canal Path and Indian Bend Wash Path. Artwork was designed by local artist Yazmin Acosta for the t-shirts and stickers. Participants received t-shirts from Scottsdale and Valley Metro, stickers, breakfast snacks and a pocket guide to Scottsdale's public art collection. There were approximately 70 riders and 20 volunteers.

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Scottsdale Bike to Work Day was held on Wednesday, April 24th with more sponsors and volunteers. This included TYLin International, Blue Zones, Bike Saviors, Tempe Bicycle Action Group, and city staff from Transportation & Streets, the Office of Communication, Parks and Recreation, Police Bicycle Unit and Police Park Rangers. There were five stops with free t-shirts, breakfast snacks, Active Transportation Maps, and stickers. Approximately 200 riders celebrated the event, the highest participation in the city so far.

Next Steps:

Transportation staff have already held a debrief meeting with Scottsdale Arts, including lessons learned and ideas for next year. Planning for 2025 Bike Month will begin in October. There is also an opportunity to partner with Scottsdale Arts for an art ride during Canal Convergence in November.

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Bike Month Recap

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Overview

April is Valley Bike Month

Began as single Bike to Work Day in the 1980s Grew to a full month in 2005

Valley Metro partners with cities and Maricopa County

- Event promotion on www.ShareTheRide.com
- Printed materials
- Bike Month Challenge with prizes
- Free t-shirts and stickers designed by artists

City events

Scottsdale Cycle the Arts Bike to Work Day

Promoted on city webpage, press release, social media, Scottsdale Update and e-blasts





Cycle the Arts

Began in 2006

Partner with Scottsdale Public Art staff, board members and artists

Promote public art and biking to all ages and experience levels

- Pre-ride safety talk education on bike skills and Ride Rules Promote helmet use
- Small groups with ride leaders and sweepers for more comfort Ride at a no-drop, casual pace

Highlight new and notable projects

- Percent for Art program and extensive public art collection Capital Improvement Program
- 2020 canceled in-person events

2021 – offered self-guided option, over 90 people downloaded the route map





Bike to Work Day

2018 and 2019 Scottsdale expanded event

- Stops at Vista del Camino Park, ReGroup Coffee, One Civic, Mountain View Park T-shirts, drinks and breakfast snacks Sponsors Bike Selfie Contest
- 2020 canceled in-person events
- 2023 Bike to Work or Wherever Day
 - Stops at Vista del Camino Park, ASU SkySong, One Civic, Crosscut Canal Path at Oak Street







2024 Bike Month

Scottsdale's April Fast Five video

April 2nd Mayor Proclamation for April Bike Month

April 5th Arizona Bicycling Summit

April 13th Tour de Scottsdale returned to Scottsdale

April 20th Earth Fest event – Bike Rodeo

April 21st Cycle the Arts April 24th Bike to Work Day









2024 Cycle the Arts

Featured 13 art installations at 10 stops

8-mile route

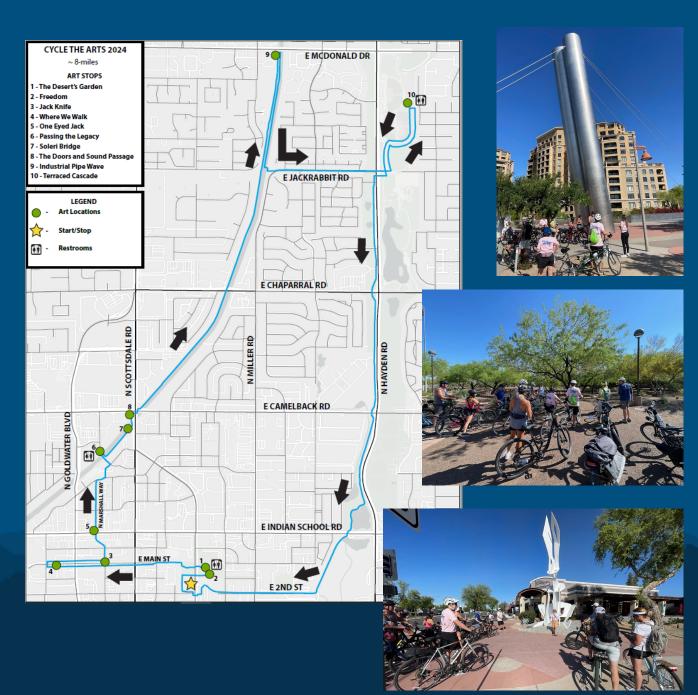
Old Town, Arizona Canal Path and Indian Bend Wash Path

Artwork designed by local artist Yazmin Yarely Acosta Sagastume

T-shirts, stickers, a pocket guide to Scottsdale's public art collection and breakfast snacks

Interactive map online

Approximately 70 riders and 20 volunteers



2024 Bike to Work Day

April 24, 2024 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Five bike stops with t-shirts, breakfast snacks and stickers

Indian Bend Wash Path in Vista del Camino Park, sponsored Transportation & Streets, Bike Saviors and Tempe Bicycle Action Group

ASU SkySong, sponsored by TYLin International

Civic Center, sponsored by Transportation & Streets and Office of Communication

Crosscut Canal Path at Oak, sponsored by Blue Zones and Parks and Recreation

Mountain View Park, sponsored by Parks and Recreation, Police Bike Unit and Police Park Rangers Unit

Approximately 200 riders





Next Steps

Debrief meeting (complete)

Planning for 2025 will begin in October

Opportunity for an art ride during Canal Convergence in November



Discussion and questions

Projects and Programs Update

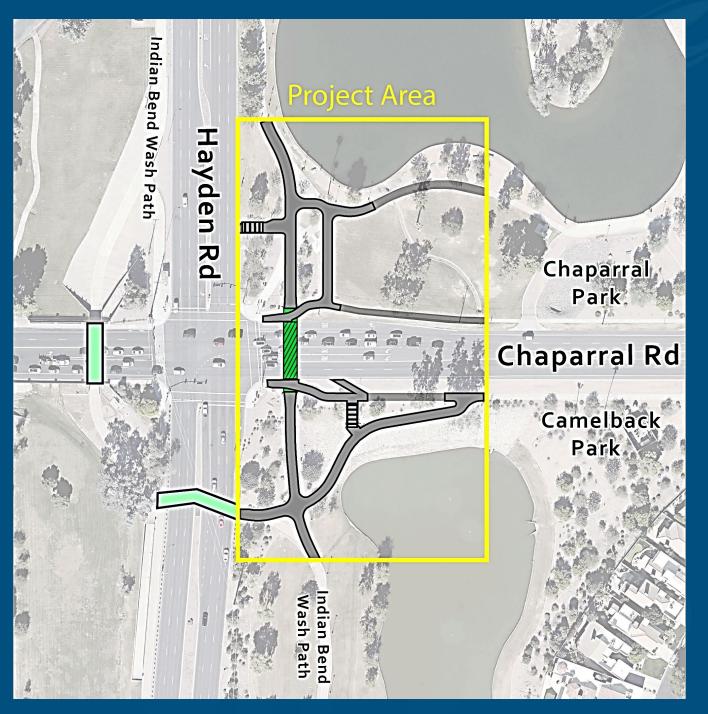
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Chaparral Underpass

- Construction is Underway
- Completed in 8 months
- Road Closure for 3 months





Goldwater Underpass

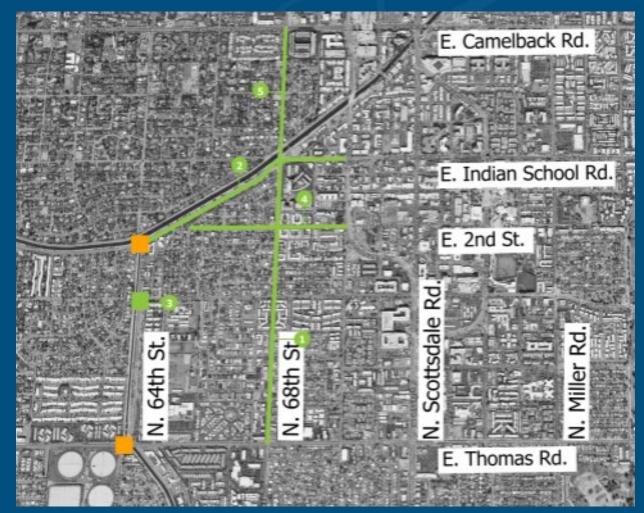
- Raise Grant Application
 - Pedestrian underpass under Goldwater Boulevard along west side of Scottsdale Road: Chaparral to Rancho Vista
 - Sidewalk on east side of Scottsdale Road
 - Low water, native landscaping
 - Wayfinding signage





Indian School/68th St Area Projects

- 1. 68th Street Complete Street: Indian School Rd to Thomas Rd
- 2. Indian School Road Buffered Bike Lanes
- 3. 64th Street and Osborn Traffic Signal
- 4. 2nd Street Neighbor Bikeway Study
- 5. 68th St Sidewalk: Indian School to Camelback Road
- 6. 64th Intersections Study

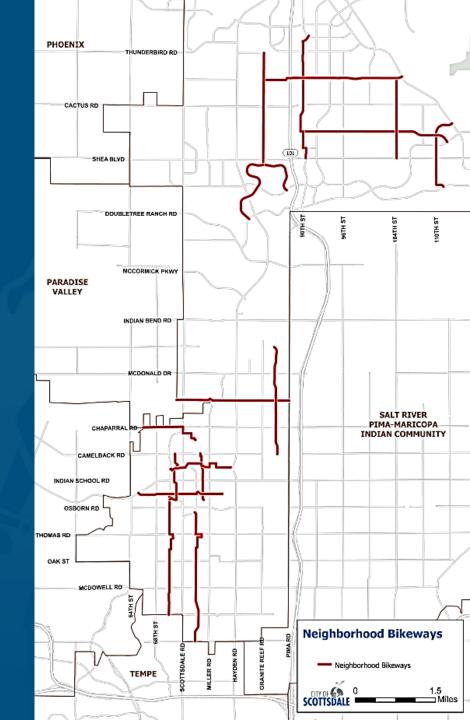




Neighborhood Bikeways Projects

- Glen Rosa Project
- Cholla Project





Pinnacle Peak Trail Reconstruction





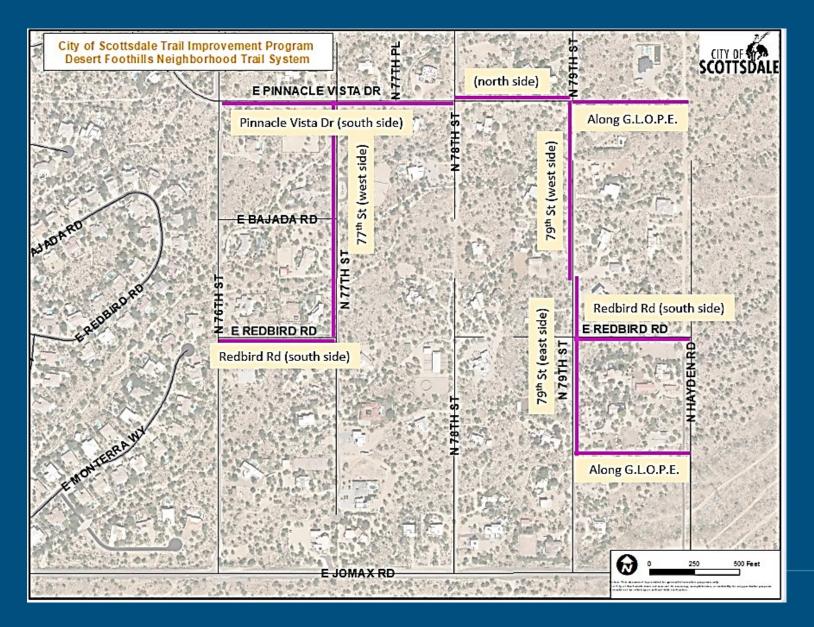
• January 2024 work progress



 Hayden Road to 78th Street: In January 2024 contactor removed vegetation from trail, installed culvert pipe and built trail over culvert pipe at drainage location just west of 78th Street. Resident request is to better delineate the trail between Hayden Road and 78th Street (Scheduled for late June 2024)



Desert Foothills Trail System New Builds



 Construct new 4-foot-wide compacted native soil trails in the Desert Foothills Neighborhood within ROW (General Land Office Plat Easements). Approximately 8,000 total linear feet. (Scheduled for late June 2024).

Trail Maintenance Pilot Program – Commercial Properties/HOAs

This is an example of a trail rehabilitation for a commercial/HOA location. This trail, McDowell Business Park Trail, was reported by a resident through ScottsdaleEZ. The ScottsdaleEZ was submitted on May 1, 2024, and trail rehabilitation was completed on May 24, 2024.









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TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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All Items Subject to Change

PATHS & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: August 1, 2024

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS DUE January 30

- Yearly Programmatic Capital Projects and CIP Update for Nonmotorized Improvements.Information Update on the Nonmotorized Improvements for the Fiscal Year – Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager, Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner & Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner.

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2024

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS DUE January 30

- Path Counter Program Update......Information Update on the Path Counters and data – Devin Rouhani, Planning Specialist

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2024

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS DUE January 30

- **TBD**Information *TBD TBD*
- Year in Review......Information The years accomplishments – Nathan Domme, Transportation Planning Manager

FUTURE ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS

TRANSPORTATION & STREETS DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

- Overview of the Central Arizona Project Canal Trail......Information An overview of the CAP Canal Trail – Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner