

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024**



**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David D. Ortega called to order a Regular Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ortega asked City Clerk Ben Lane to conduct the roll call.

Present: Mayor David D. Ortega; Vice Mayor Barry Graham; and Councilmembers Tammy Caputi, Tom Durham, Betty Janik, Kathy Littlefield, and Solange Whitehead (participated electronically)

Also Present: City Manager Jim Thompson, City Attorney Sherry Scott, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff, and City Clerk Ben Lane

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Littlefield.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ortega called attention to the ongoing wars in foreign countries as they fight to protect their democracy and freedom and asked for a moment of silent reflection for these war-torn countries and for the safety of our military personnel.

Mayor Ortega announced that applications are being accepted until November 1st for openings on various Scottsdale boards and commissions, including the Historic Preservation Commission, Loss Trust Fund Board, Neighborhood Advisory Commission, and a recently vacated position on the Library Board. Residents interested in volunteering their time and instituting a positive change in their community are invited to submit an application for consideration. To view a complete list of current and future opening or to apply, visit Scottsdaleaz.gov/boards or ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "Boards and Commissions".

NOTE: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK STUDY SESSIONS ARE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES. THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF ACTION TAKEN AND DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND ARE NOT VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS. DIGITAL RECORDINGS AND CLOSED CAPTION TRANSCRIPTS OF SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ARE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Mayor Ortega declared October 2024 as Code Enforcement Appreciation Month and presented a proclamation to the City of Scottsdale Code Enforcement team.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Steven Sutton thanked City departments for their assistance and discussed an act of civil disobedience. Barney Gonzales spoke on behalf of the Greater Phoenix United Chinese Association and discussed possibly holding the 2025 All Asian Festival for the Valley in either January or February of next year.

MINUTES

Request: Approve the following Council meeting minutes from September 2024:

- a. **Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2024**
- b. **Special Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024**
- c. **Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024**

MOTION AND VOTE - MINUTES

Councilwoman Janik made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2024; Special Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024; and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024. Councilwoman Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Elvira's: Cocina, Tequila, Vino Liquor License (62-LL-2024)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 20825 N. Pima Road, Suite H110

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

2. Montauk Liquor License (63-LL-2024)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 4360 N. Scottsdale Road

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

3. El Camino Liquor License (64-LL-2024)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for a new location and owner.

Location: 7133 E. Stetson Drive, Suite 5

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

4. Coconuts Fish Cafe Liquor License (65-LL-2024)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 7366 E. Shea Boulevard, Unit 110

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

5. Rubio's Baja Grill #152 Liquor License (66-LL-2024)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 32415 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite B

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

6. Hotel Adeline Liquor License (67-LL-2024)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 11 (hotel/motel with restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 5101 N. Scottsdale Road

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

7. Residence Inn Scottsdale North Liquor License (68-LL-2024)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Series 11 (hotel/motel with restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 17011 N. Scottsdale Road

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210, tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

8. Brakes Plus Vehicle Repair Facility Conditional Use Permit (4-UP-2024)

Request: Find that the conditional use permit criteria have been met and adopt

Resolution No. 13246 approving a conditional use permit for a vehicle repair facility on a ±0.6 acre site with Highway Commercial (C-3) zoning.

Location: 1215 N. Scottsdale Road

Staff Contact(s): Erin Perreault, Planning and Development Services Director, 480-312-7093, eperreault@scottsdaleaz.gov

9. Crossroads East Zoning Adoption – Legacy North (19-ZN-2002#12)

Request: Adopt **Ordinance No. 4655** affirming the zoning classification approved as part of Case No. 19-ZN-2002#6 and finalizing the zoning district boundary for the ±20 acre Legacy North property as Planned Community District (PCD) with the P-C comparable Multi-Family Residential District (P-C R-5) zoning.

Location: 7550 E. Legacy Boulevard

Staff Contact(s): Erin Perreault, Planning and Development Services Director, 480-312-7093, eperreault@scottsdaleaz.gov

(Moved to Regular Agenda, see page 7)

10. Care Homes Text Amendment (1-TA-2022)

Request: Adopt **Ordinance No. 4657** to amend the City of Scottsdale Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 455), Article I, Section 1.806 (Disability Accommodation); Article I, Section 1.920 (Request for Disability Accommodation); Article III, Section 3.100 (Definitions); Article V, Section 5.012 (Single-Family Residential, R1-190 – Use Regulations); and Article V, Section 5.102 (Single-Family Residential, R1-43 – Use Regulations) to clarify what constitutes a care home and modify the process and criteria for obtaining a Disability Accommodation.

Staff Contact(s): Erin Perreault, Planning and Development Services Director, 480-312-7093, eperreault@scottsdaleaz.gov

Principal Planner Greg Bloemberg gave a presentation on the proposed Care Homes Text Amendment (1-TA-2022).

11. Nonexclusive Utility Easement Agreement for Fire Station 612 and Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well 160

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13238** authorizing Contract No. 2024-169-COS with Arizona Public Service, granting and conveying a nonexclusive utility easement upon, under, and across City property to provide power to the City Fire Station 612 and Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well 160.

Location: 18455 N. Hayden Road

Staff Contact(s): Dan Worth, Public Works Director, 480-312-5555, daworth@scottsdaleaz.gov

12. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Grant for the Scottsdale Road Signal Detection System Upgrade Capital Project

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13251** to authorize:

1. Acceptance of a congestion mitigation and air quality improvement grant award from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, in the amount of \$3,222,995 with a \$204,815 local match, to support the procurement and installation of upgraded vehicle detection systems and traffic signal controller cabinets in connection with the Scottsdale Road Signal Detection System Upgrade capital project (TJ04).
2. The City Manager, or designee, to execute a grant agreement and any other documents and to take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Mark Melnychenko, Transportation and Streets Director, 480-312-7651, mmelnynchenko@scottsdaleaz.gov

13. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Grant for the Goldwater Boulevard Pedestrian and Bicycle Underpass at Scottsdale Road Project

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13258** to authorize:

1. Acceptance of a congestion mitigation and air quality improvement grant award from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, in the amount of \$2,352,421 with a \$142,193 local match, to construct a bicycle and pedestrian underpass in connection with the Goldwater Boulevard Pedestrian and Bicycle Underpass at Scottsdale Road project (SI03).
2. The City Manager, or designee, to execute a grant agreement and any other documents and to take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Mark Melnychenko, Transportation and Streets Director, 480-312-7651, mmelnynchenko@scottsdaleaz.gov

Transportation and Streets Director Mark Melnychenko gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the proposed Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Grant for the Goldwater Boulevard Pedestrian and Bicycle Underpass at Scottsdale Road Project.

14. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Grant for the Central Arizona Project (CAP) Canal Path Project

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13259** to authorize:

1. Acceptance of a congestion mitigation and air quality improvement grant award from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, in the amount of \$2,372,025 with a \$207,378 local match, to construct a shared-use path along the southern side of the CAP canal in connection with the Central Arizona Project (CAP) Canal Path project (TJ01).
2. The City Manager, or designee, to execute a grant agreement and any other documents and to take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Mark Melnychenko, Transportation and Streets Director, 480-312-7651, mmelnychenko@scottsdaleaz.gov

15. Scottsdale Airport Kilo Apron Rehabilitation Project Construction Bid

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13235** authorizing Construction Bid Award No. IFB-042024-162 with Sunland Asphalt and Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$697,594.29, for construction services in connection with the Airport Kilo Apron Rehabilitation project.

Location: 15000 N. Airport Drive

Staff Contact(s): Gary Mascaro, Aviation Director, 480-312-7735, gmascaro@scottsdaleaz.gov

16. Scottsdale ArtWalk Gold Palette Event Funding

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13250** to authorize:

1. Funding, not to exceed \$75,000, from the portion of the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Tourism Development Fund that is allocated toward event retention and development for the Scottsdale ArtWalk Gold Palette Event.
2. Event Funding Agreement No. 2024-172-COS with the Scottsdale Gallery Association.

Staff Contact(s): Rachel Smetana, Tourism & Events Director, 480-312-2890, rsmetana@scottsdaleaz.gov

17. Rassner Memorial Scottsdale Library Endowment Allocation for Fiscal Year 2024/25 –

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13221** approving the distribution of up to \$18,600 in interest income from the Rassner Memorial Scottsdale Library Endowment Fund for Fiscal Year 2024/25 and authorizing the allocation of funds for the purchase of books and literary materials.

Staff Contact(s): Judy Doyle, Community Services Assistant Executive Director, 480-312-2691, jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov

18. HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Funding Intergovernmental Agreement

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13231** to authorize:

1. Agreement No. 2022-026-COS-A2, the second amendment to the agreement with Maricopa County for funds from the Home Investment Partnership Program, American Rescue Plan Act, and Program Year 23 HOME Investment Partnership Program, in the amount of \$355,614, for a new total of \$2,851,429, to continue the administration of the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program.

2. The Community Services Assistant Executive Director to execute any other documents or take other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution and Agreement.

Staff Contact(s): Judy Doyle, Community Services Assistant Executive Director, 480-312-2691, jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov

19. Audit Services Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13261** to authorize:

1. Agreement No. 2021-023-COS-A3, the third amendment to the agreement with the Scottsdale Unified School District No. 48, for defined audit services.
2. The City Auditor to execute future amendments for additional audit services.
3. The City Auditor, or designee, to execute any such documents and take any such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Staff Contact(s): Lai Cluff, Acting City Auditor, 480-312-7851, lcluff@scottsdaleaz.gov

20. Reduction of Human Exploitation and Trafficking Grant

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13260** to authorize, if awarded:

1. Acceptance of a grant from the Arizona Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$370,500, to reimburse the City for overtime, equipment, supplies, and training costs related to the reduction of human exploitation and trafficking.
2. The City Manager, or designee(s), to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant.
3. A Budget Transfer, of up to \$370,500, from the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Future Grants Budget and/or Grant Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.

Staff Contact(s): Jeff Walther, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jwalther@scottsdaleaz.gov

21. Monthly Financial Report

Request: Accept the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Monthly Financial Report as of August 2024.

Staff Contact(s): Ana Lia Johnson, Acting Budget Director, 480-312-7893, anjohanson@scottsdaleaz.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONSENT AGENDA

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

MOTION AND VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ortega noted Councilwoman Janik requested Item 9 (Crossroads East Zoning Adoption – Legacy North (19-ZN-2002#12)) be considered as part of the Regular Agenda.

Vice Mayor Graham requested additional information on Item 10 [Care Homes Text Amendment (1-TA-2022)] and Item 13 [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Grant for the Goldwater Boulevard Pedestrian and Bicycle Underpass at Scottsdale Road Project].

Mayor Ortega made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 8 and 10 through 21, noting that Item 9 (Crossroads East Zoning Adoption – Legacy North (19-ZN-2002#12)) would be considered as part of the Regular Agenda and Item 16 [Scottsdale ArtWalk Gold Palette Event Funding] was submitted for approval as revised. Councilwoman Janik seconded the

motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Crossroads East Zoning Adoption – Legacy North (19-ZN-2002#12)

Request: Adopt **Ordinance No. 4655** affirming the zoning classification approved as part of Case No. 19-ZN-2002#6 and finalizing the zoning district boundary for the ±20 acre Legacy North property as Planned Community District (PCD) with the P-C comparable Multi-Family Residential District (P-C R-5) zoning.

Location: 7550 E. Legacy Boulevard

Staff Contact(s): Erin Perreault, Planning and Development Services Director, 480-312-7093, eperreault@scottsdaleaz.gov

Principal Planner Greg Bloemberg gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the proposed zoning adoption for Crossroads East – Legacy North (19-ZN-2002#12).

Applicant Representative Jessica Cassolato, with The Dinerstein Companies, gave a presentation on the proposed zoning adoption for Crossroads East – Legacy North (19-ZN-2002#12).

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 9

Mayor Ortega opened public comment on this item.

Richard Szawara, Scottsdale resident, spoke in opposition to this item and requested the City enforce the stipulations related to a 25-foot easement.

Mayor Ortega closed public comment on this item.

MOTION NO. 1– ITEM 9

Councilwoman Janik made a motion to continue Item 9 [Crossroads East Zoning Adoption – Legacy North (19-ZN-2002#12)] to the first City Council Meeting in November 2024. Mayor Ortega *seconded the motion*. Councilwoman Janik later withdrew her motion and Mayor Ortega withdrew his second.

MOTION NO.2 AND VOTE – ITEM 9

Mayor Ortega made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 4655 affirming the zoning classification approved as part of Case No. 19-ZN-2002#6 and finalizing the zoning district boundary for the ±20 acre Legacy North property as Planned Community District (PCD) with the P-C comparable Multi-Family Residential District (P-C R-5) zoning. Councilmember Durham seconded the motion, which carried 6/1, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Councilwoman Janik dissenting.

22. National Forest Foundation Agreement

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13207** to authorize:

1. Agreement No. 2024-147-COS with the National Forest Foundation to provide funds and support toward improving the forest watersheds that are critical to the City's water supply.

2. The Water Resources Executive Director, or designee, to execute any such documents and take any such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Presenter(s): Gretchen Baumgardner, Water Policy Manager

Staff Contact(s): Kevin Rose, Interim Water Resources Executive Director, 480-312-5621, krrose@scottsdaleaz.gov

Water Policy Manager Gretchen Baumgardner and National Forest Foundation Senior Director of Conservation Programs Rebecca Davidson gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the proposed National Forest Foundation Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 22

There was no public comment on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 22

Councilwoman Littlefield made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13207 authorizing:

1. Agreement No. 2024-147-COS with the National Forest Foundation to provide funds and support toward improving the forest watersheds that are critical to the City's water supply.
2. The Water Resources Executive Director, or designee, to execute any such documents and take any such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Mayor Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

23. Receipt of Citizen Petitions

Request: Accept and acknowledge receipt of citizen petitions. Any member of the Council may make a motion, to be voted on by the Council, to: (1) Direct the City Manager to agendize the petition for further discussion; (2) direct the City Manager to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner; or (3) take no action.

Staff Contact(s): Ben Lane, City Clerk, 480-312-2411, blane@scottsdaleaz.gov

No citizen petitions were received.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Janik made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Durham seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ortega adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:16 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ben Lane, City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on November 19, 2024

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 22nd day of October 2024.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 19th day of November 2024.



Ben Lane, City Clerk

Item #13 : Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Grant for the Goldwater Boulevard Pedestrian and Bicycle Underpass at Scottsdale Road Project

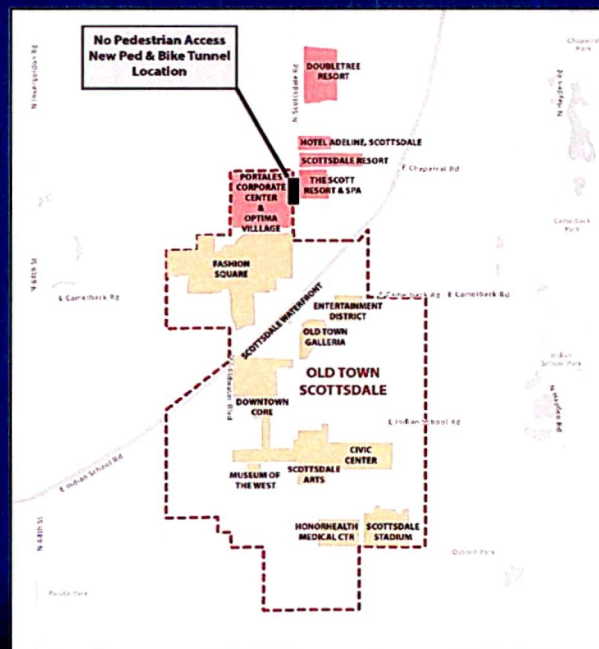
Adopt Resolution No. 13258 to authorize:

- 1) Acceptance of a congestion mitigation and air quality improvement grant award from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, in the amount of \$2,352,421 with a \$142,193 local match, to construct a bicycle and pedestrian underpass in connection with the Goldwater Boulevard Pedestrian and Bicycle Underpass at Scottsdale Road project (SI03).
- 2) The City Manager, or designee, to execute a grant agreement and any other documents and to take such other actions as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.



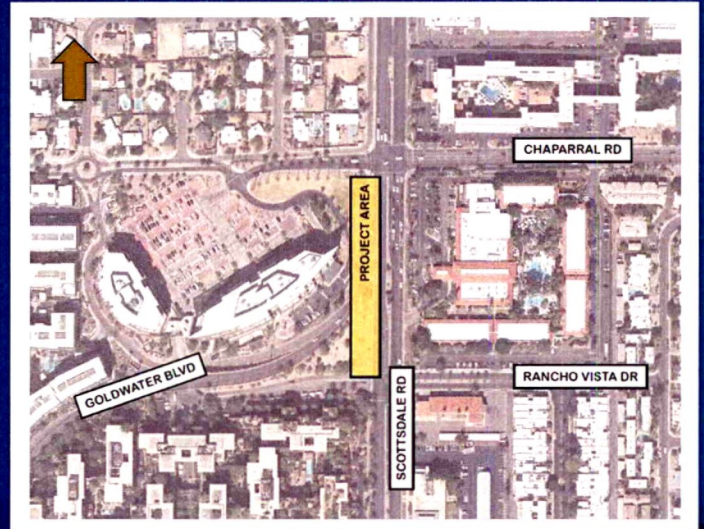
Location

- Under Goldwater Boulevard
- West side of Scottsdale Road between Chaparral Road and Rancho Vista Drive in Old Town.



Issue and Purpose

- The west side of the Scottsdale Road corridor is blocked by dead-end sidewalks, limited visibility, and rough landscaped terrain, resulting in no pedestrian access.
- The Goldwater Underpass will reestablish a safe connection under Goldwater Blvd where the sidewalk currently ends abruptly.



Planned Outcome

- The project is south of Chaparral Road, in an area with high pedestrian activity. The project will provide pedestrians along the corridor a safe location to walk along the street.

The project will include:

- Construction of an underpass box structure and associated access ramps, retaining walls, drainage facilities, sidewalk improvements, lighting, signing and marking, landscape restoration, and related utility relocations.



Budget for Construction

Funding Source	Adopted Budget
Federal Grant	\$2,352,421
Transportation 0.2% Sales Tax	\$142,193
Total	\$2,352,421

Required budget appropriation exists in the adopted FY 2024/25 budget for the Goldwater Boulevard Pedestrian and Bicycle Underpass at Scottsdale Road (SI03) capital project.

\$2,352,421 of that is to be funded by the acceptance of the CMAQ grant. The rest is funded by Transportation 0.2% Sales Tax.



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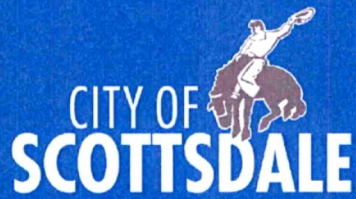
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Thank You





Crossroads East Zoning- Legacy North

19-ZN-2002#12

City Council
October 22, 2024
Coordinator: Greg Bloemberg



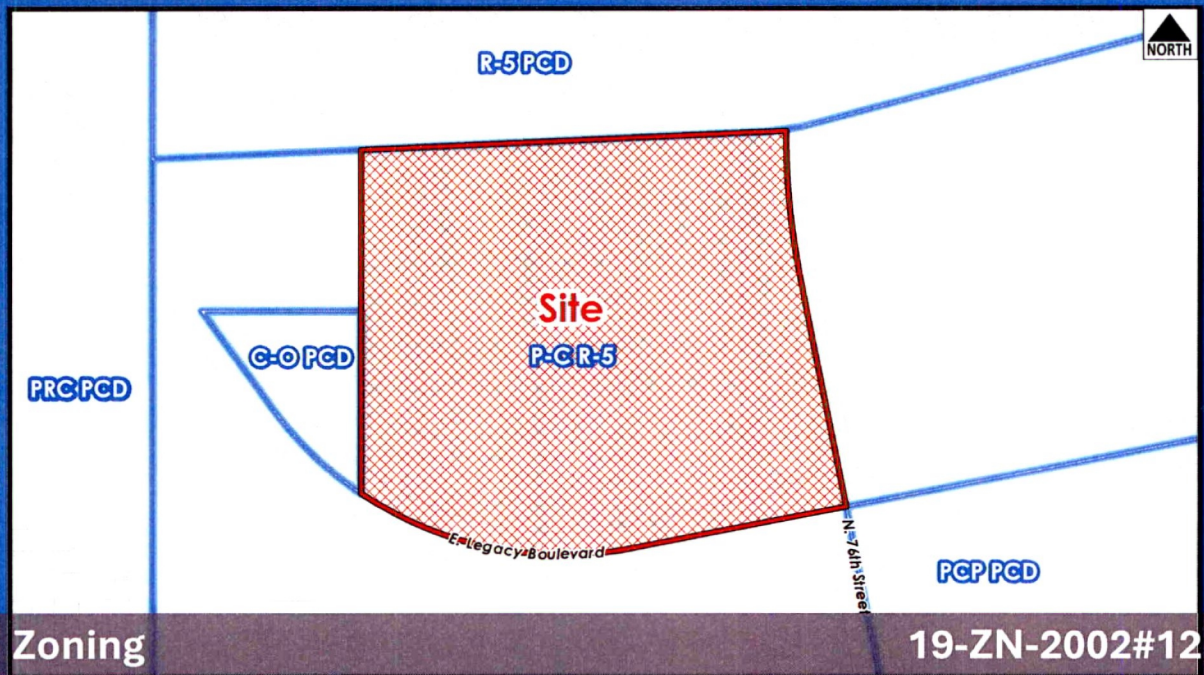
Context Aerial

19-ZN-2002#12



Request: Affirmation and finalization of the zoning district boundary for the subject site (P-C R-5)

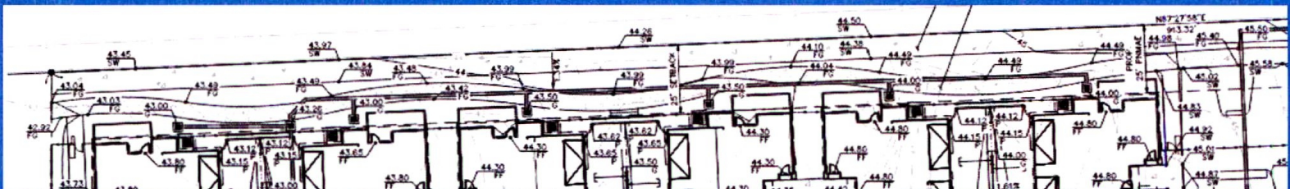
- No zoning change requested; fulfills the zoning adoption required for the zoning district assigned to this site
- Project received DRB approval on 1/18/2024 (18-DR-2023)



CITY OF
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**Crossroads East Zoning - Legacy
North**
19-ZN-2002#12

City Council
October 22, 2024
Coordinator: Greg Bloemberg

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Forest and Watershed Health Initiative: Item 22 Northern Arizona Forest Fund (NAFF)

Gretchen Baumgardner, Water Policy Manager, Scottsdale Water
Rebecca Davidson, Senior Director, Conservation Programs



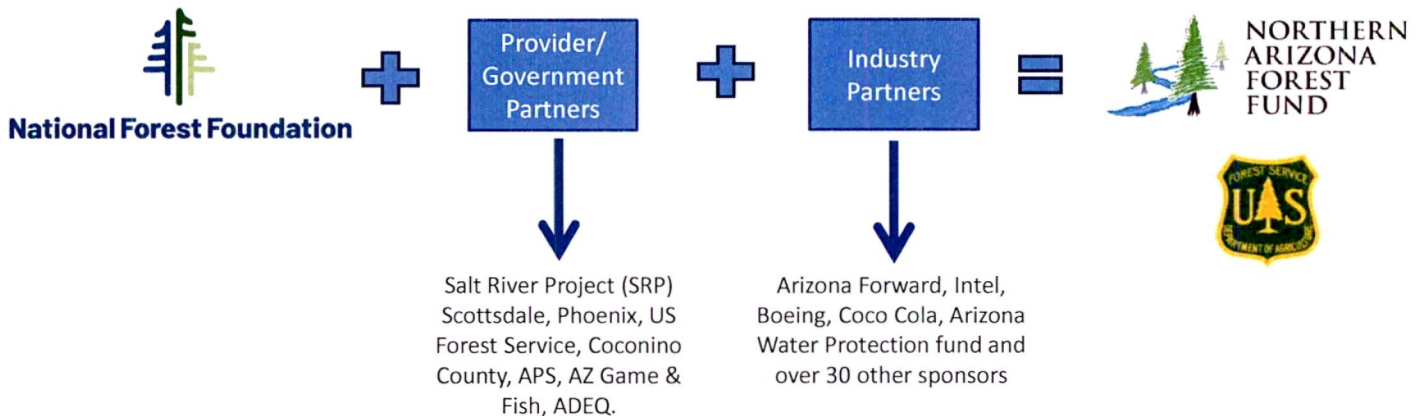
Salt and Verde River Watersheds



Impaired watershed runoff translates into larger challenges

1. Increased organic loading requires more Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) material to control Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs)
2. Increased capital required for new infrastructure and technology
3. Added sediment forces premature replacement of pumps, strainers, and filters
4. Sedimentation accumulation on the downstream watershed has shown to be a challenge to the system including loss of capacity in SRP reservoir systems.

Success through Partnership



NAFF Cumulative Investment Impacts

Since 2016, NAFF Projects continue to:

- Reduce wildfire and post-fire flood risks
- Minimize erosion and sedimentation in streams and reservoirs
- Improve water flows and restore damaged water ways
- Restore and regenerate native trees and vegetation along wetlands, rivers, streams, and springs

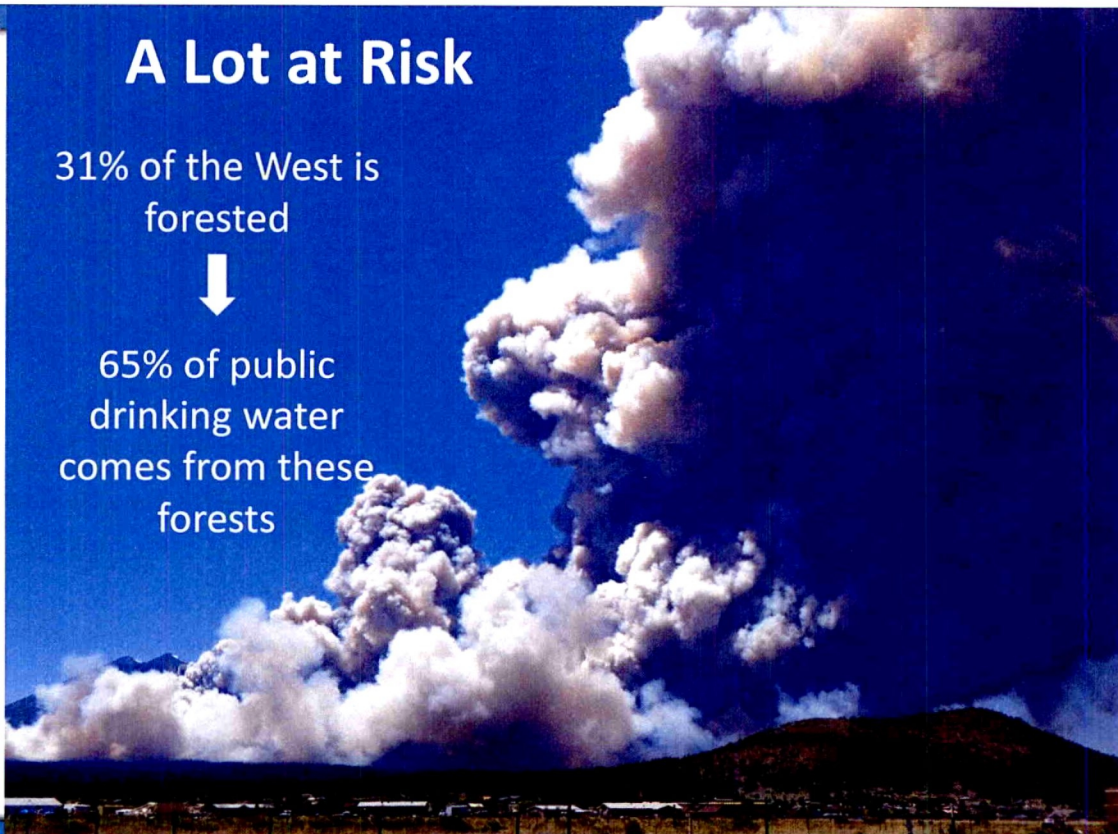


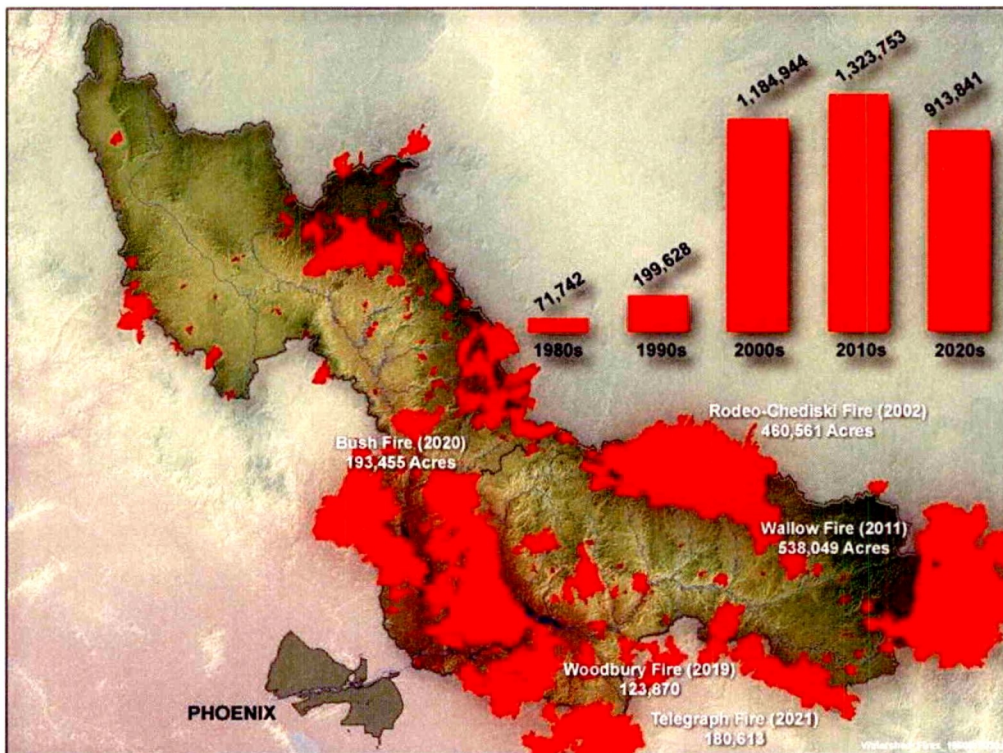
A Lot at Risk

31% of the West is
forested



65% of public
drinking water
comes from these
forests





Northern Arizona Forest Fund



- Reducing extreme fire and flood risk, reducing volume of sediment moving downstream, replenishing water into meadows, springs and wetlands, improving trails across the Salt and Verde Watersheds
- Partnering with over **100 donors** to support projects on 5 National Forests.
- Investing over **\$20 million**.
- Completing **11 restoration projects** with the City of Scottsdale.

Northern Arizona Forest Fund

Cumulative Results (2015-2023)



21,700 Acres
Fuel Reduction

325 Miles
Trail/Erosion
Restoration

3,020 Acres
Riparian
Restoration

Over 203,000
Trees Planted

Over 157 Tons
of Sediment
Reduced per
Year

Over 80
Million
Gallons of
Water
Replenished
each Year

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2023 Results

\$10.4 Million 
invested in the health of our communities & forests

Restored forest health on
1,903 acres
across Arizona watersheds.

Reduced the risk of
high-severity fire
on 1,890 acres by **30-60%** 

100  Cacti planted
to restore Sonoran
Desert habitat in the
Bush Fire burn scar

40 acres
Treated for Invasive Species 

210 Volunteers • 1601 Volunteer Hours

5,703 acres of
pre-implementation support
These sites surveyed, designed, and prepared for
restoration in 2024.
That's the size of 4,320 Arizona Cardinals football fields!

1,427
Cords of wood shared
through Wood For Life
That's enough to heat about 300
homes for a winter season!

Removed
1,300
pounds of trash
from Oak Creek watershed
That's the same weight
as 2 snack vending machines!

17,000 
Number of people reached through Sonoran leaders
with responsible recreation and conservation messaging

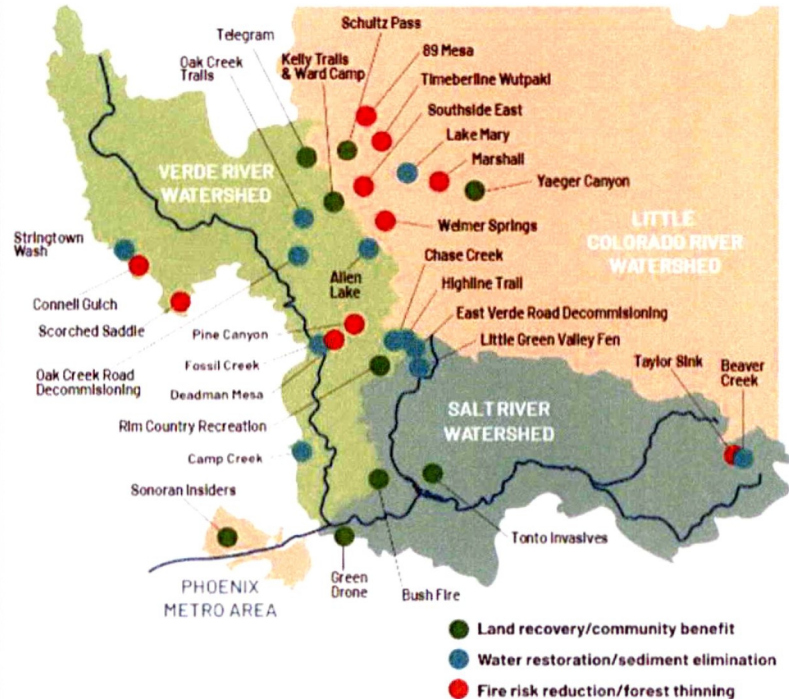
860 Youth
Engaged

5.14 miles
of trail improved or
rehabilitated

Reduced sediment
transport into the Salt
and Verde watersheds
by more
than **40 tons**
That's the average weight of a
humpback whale!



2024-2025 Projects



Wetland and stream restoration

Restored streams, wetlands, aquatic and riparian areas extend perennial flows and replenish groundwater, reduce erosion, and improve habitat

NFF's low-tech process-based restoration initiative scales up restoration of essential ecological services throughout Colorado River Basin

Project Highlight

- Little Green Valley fen is part of the Salt River watershed
- Unique groundwater-fed system
- Heavily incised, with a major head cut
- Restoring **80 acres** of riparian habitat
- Replenishing groundwater and extending Green Valley Creek's flow
- Partners: Scottsdale, Tonto National Forest, Coca-Cola, AZ Water Protection Fund, Phoenix

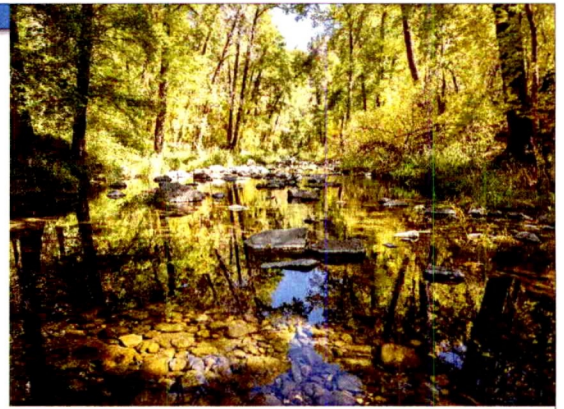


Sediment and erosion reduction

Road and trails are a major contributor of sediment from FS lands to waterways. Restoration activities protect water quality, supply sustainability, and reduce treatment and delivery concerns

Project Highlight

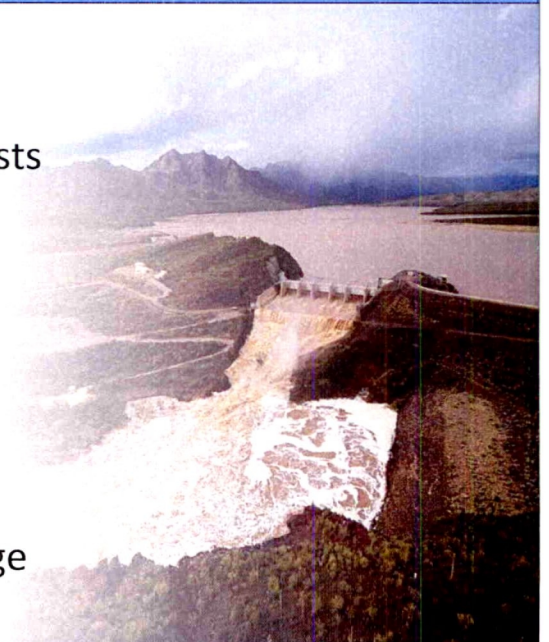
- Oak creek is a major tributary to the Verde
- Intensity of increasing use, unsafe parking and unauthorized trails increases erosion and sedimentation posing significant water quality concerns like E. coli
- Working to reduce sediment, improve trail management and restoration, improve visitor experience, and increase trash pick-up
- About **38.5 tons** of sediment reduced annually which is about **99%** reduction post-treatment
- Approximately **300** unauthorized social trails rehabilitated and another **40** improved
- Partners: Scottsdale, DEQ, Coconino NF, REI, AZ Community Foundation, Pink Jeep Tours



Summary

Proactive, comprehensive management of our forests and watersheds benefits the City by:

- Promoting innovative 'green infrastructure' solutions
- Protecting the quality and reliability of water supplies
- Reducing water treatment and delivery costs
- Minimizing the risk of costly infrastructure damage caused by fire and flooding





Agreement between the National Forest Foundation and the City of Scottsdale

Staff Recommends:

Adopt Resolution No. 13207 approving Contract No. 2024-147-COS, between the National Forest Foundation and Scottsdale Water which will authorize the implementation of the conservation program investment in an annual amount of \$70,000 the City will be making in the Northern Arizona Forest Fund over the next Five (5) years.



Questions?

