#### SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REPORT

To: Transportation Commission

From: Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering Director

Meeting Date: January 20, 2011

#### ITEM IN BRIEF

**Action:** Information and Possible Action

**Purpose:** To provide an overview and status update of the proposed implementation of the truck route policy established in the adopted Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Based on community input, staff would like to recommend a minor modification to the adopted policy on truck routes to allow exclusion of some streets which do not need to be included in the truck route inventory.

#### **Key Considerations:**

**Truck Routes** - Commercial truck vehicle traffic is a basic feature of community living. Grocery stores need food deliveries and businesses need their goods delivered or picked up. Most of Scottsdale's arterial streets have residential frontage, making the need for buffering solutions and mitigation imperative. Currently, the City has several truck routes that were designated by ordinance in 1985. These designated routes do not match the current street system and very few routes exist in parts of the city that have developed since then.

It has been recommended in the adopted TMP that all major roadways be considered truck routes. It was also recommended that neighborhood streets and local neighborhood collector routes not be considered for truck route designations. Transportation staff initially drafted a proposed Ordinance revision (copy attached to this report) which identified roadways that would have been considered for truck routes based on the following criteria included in the TMP:

- Connection to a regional freeway
- Reasonable alternative routes for truck traffic
- Historical usage by truck traffic
- Zoning, land uses (commercial, residential, schools) along the route
- Noise mitigation measures such as rubberized pavement

Some examples of streets that are not currently truck routes that would have become truck routes are the four lane segments of 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Cactus Road, and Via Linda.

Additionally, some roads that are not four lanes but are classified as major or minor arterials in the Transportation Master Plan also will become truck routes. Examples of these roads are Dixileta and Lone Mountain.

Scottsdale City Code Chapter 17, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 17-60 currently provides that no person shall operate any commercial vehicle exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds at any time upon any streets or part of a street that is not designated a



truck route, except to pick-up or deliver materials or merchandise. Other stops, for maintenance or gas, are not considered. City vehicles are included as commercial vehicles. City Code Section 17-1004 includes a very outdated list of streets designated as truck routes within Scottsdale.

Under both the current City Code as well as the proposed revision, operators of commercial vehicles may leave an adopted truck route by the nearest route to travel to complete deliveries and pick-ups. At the completion of delivery and/or pick-up, commercial vehicle operators must return by the nearest route, to avoid travel detours that cross another truck route. The proposed revision allows additional stops, but makes enforcement easier by deleting a ¾ mile limit on travel that is difficult to prove. The proposed revision also excludes City vehicles to avoid issues with street sweepers, trash removal, and other citizen services.

**Public Outreach-** In August of 2010, a news release was distributed to the media, resulting in an article published in the *Arizona Republic*. The news release was also posted on the city's home page (<a href="www.scottsdaleaz.gov">www.scottsdaleaz.gov</a>) for approximately ten days. An item also appeared in Scottsdale Update, the city's electronic newsletter distributed to over 4,000 residents weekly, for several weeks. A web page was created explaining the proposed ordinance change with Traffic Engineering staff listed as a contact for additional information.

**Public Comments-** The Scottsdale Ranch Homeowners Association (HOA) sent a letter to the City Manager's office on Nov. 3, 2010 asking for more information on the proposed ordinance and how it could affect Via Linda. Transportation staff worked with the HOA and scheduled a neighborhood meeting on Nov. 30 at Mustang Library. Over 80 residents attended the meeting. Over 150 comments have been received prior to, during, and after the meeting showing little support for this proposed change on Via Linda. A copy of all comments received is attached to this report.

Recommended Ordinance Provisions- The initial draft ordinance that was prepared by staff would have designated all Major Arterials, Minor Arterials and Major Collectors as truck routes in Scottsdale, in accordance with the policy in the TMP. This draft ordinance is attached to this memo and is labeled Ordinance 3908 (draft 8-3-10). Based on the comments received staff believes that certain streets can be eliminated from the truck route system without impacting the safe and efficient distribution and transportation of goods and services. The streets we feel that can be eliminated are:

- Via Linda from 90<sup>th</sup> Street to 136<sup>th</sup> Street
- 96<sup>th</sup> Street from Via Linda to Shea Boulevard
- Cactus Road from Loop 101 to 96<sup>th</sup> Street

A new draft Ordinance which accomplishes this minor revision is also attached to this memo and is labeled Updated Ordinance 3908 (draft 12-16-10). Staff recommends that the Transportation Commission endorse the revised Ordinance language.

#### **Attachments:**

- Ordinance #3908 (draft 8-3-10)
- Updated Ordinance #3908 (draft 12-16-10)
- Map of Existing and Proposed Truck Routes
- News Release of August 2010
- Public Comment Received

#### **Staff Contact:**

Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering Director, 480-312-7651, pporell@scottsdaleaz.gov

## ORDINANCE NO. 3908 Draft 8-3-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLES II, III AND XXI OF THE SCOTTSDALE REVISED CODE, TO UPDATE THE PROCEDURES FOR DESIGNATING ONE-WAY STREETS AND TRUCK ROUTES, AND TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS APPLYING TO TRUCK DRIVERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Scottsdale has grown significantly in the past decades since the ordinance provisions regarding one-way streets and truck routes were passed, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a Transportation Master Plan to guide the designation of truck routes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale as follows:

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#### Sec. 17-60. Commercial vehicles prohibited on certain streets.

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McDowell Road, 64th Street to Pima Road.
Pima Road, McDowell Road to Stage Coach Pass Road.
Scottsdale Road, Roosevelt Street to Carefree Highway.

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#### Shea Boulevard, 64th Street to east city limits. Thomas Road, 56th Street to Pima Road.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale this  $14^{\text{th}}$  day of September, 2010.

ATTEST:	CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an Arizona municipal corporation
By: Carolyn Jagger City Clerk	By: W.J. "Jim" Lane Mayor
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Bruce Washburn, City Attorney	

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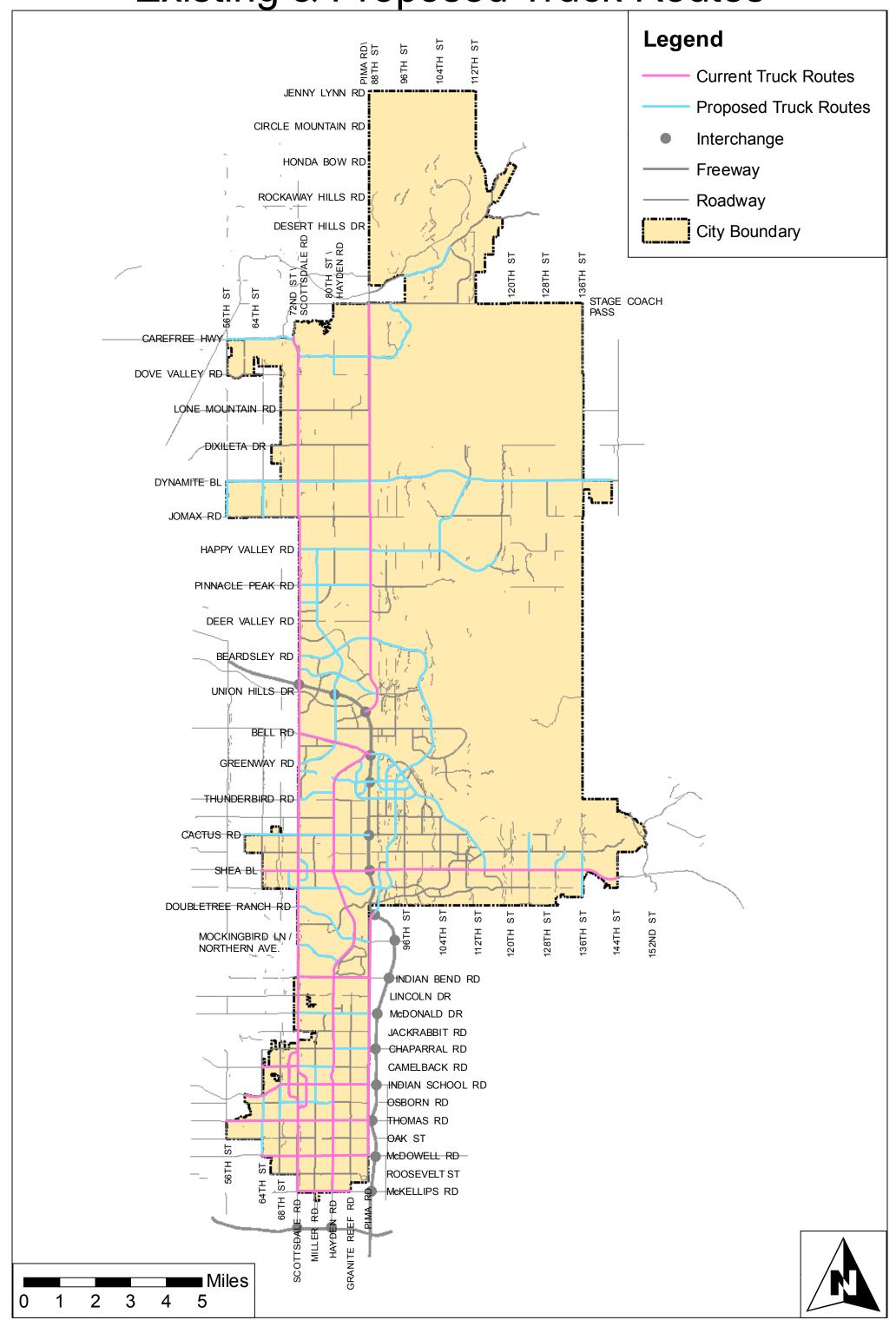
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**Existing & Proposed Truck Routes** 



From: DeChance, Annie

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 4:37 PM

Cc: DeChance, Annie

Subject: Release - Proposed revisions to truck route and one way street ordinance

### City of Scottsdale

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Aug. 24, 2010

Contact: Annie DeChance, Transportation, (480) 312-2526, (480) 406-7153 - cell

#### Proposed revisions to truck route and one way street ordinance

Scottsdale City Council is tentatively schedules to consider an ordinance change on Tuesday, Sept. 14 regarding designated truck routes and the ability to change streets or segments of streets to one way. These revisions would align with the city's adopted Transportation Master Plan approved in 2008.

The proposed changes would designate all of the city's four lane or greater roadways, existing or planned, as truck routes. It also would allow operators of commercial vehicles to leave a designated truck route to make deliveries and pick-ups, but require them to return to the nearest designated truck route to avoid driving on residential streets. The proposed ordinance also identifies new roadways that will be considered truck routes based on the following:

- Connection to a regional freeway
- Reasonable alternative routes for truck traffic
- Historical usage by truck traffic
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- Noise mitigation measures such as rubberized asphalt

The proposed revisions exclude city vehicles to maintain services such as street sweepers, trash removal and other citizen based services.

Proposed revisions to authorize streets or segments of streets as one way would allow city staff to make the designation based on sound engineering analysis instead of being determined city ordinance. All one way streets would be clearly marked with signage.

For more information visit <a href="http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/traffic/truckrt.asp">http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/traffic/truckrt.asp</a>



## **Proposed Truck Route Ordinance**

Scottsdale Ranch HOA TRANSPORTATION DEPT.

DEC 06 2010

PLEASE PRINT NAME LOIS Ann & Parke Killingen
ADDRESS
CITY Scotts date ZIP 85258
DAY TIME PHONE #EMAIL
COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS  Heavy trucks would add to pollution & noise in a residental area. We live plat on Via Linda  Loup Dack patio, yard I pool) & already can't  hear soft radio or be able to talk from already  traffic hoises - School buses the ten cycles,  city buses garbage trucks, city land scape  trucks, fire trucks, others sweepers & caro.
We have spent lots of money on landscaping Linds I have already had over 120 yr, wid squarro cartus right over our wall knocked down I destroyed.
Please reconsider your clearsion a truck poute.
Please note that the city of Scottsdale receives requests from citizens to review comment cards and the city is obligated to

release any information on the cards that is considered a public record.



# Proposed Truck Route Ordinance Scottsdale Ranch HOA

COMMENT/QUESTION FORM

PLEASE PRINT NAME CARLON A. RICHE, JR
ADDRESS
CITYSCOTTSDALE ZIP 85259
DAY TIME PHONE #EMAIL
COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS
JUST WANTED TO ADD MY "AGAINST" JOTE FOR CHANGING VIA LINDA TO A TRUCK ROUTE.
VERY FEW COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ON IT EXCEPT AT BOTH ENDS (90th, MLK) WHICH ARE SERVED BY RESPECTIVE ONDER BUSIER
STREETS. MY FEAR IS THAT VIA LINDA WILL BECOME A SHERT CUT FOR LARGER TRUCICS. (ALREADY IS FOR CARS)
A NICE NETGUBOR HEAD SMOET, "IF IT AIN'T BROKE, PONT FIX IT."
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Scottsdale Ranch HOA COMMENT/QUESTION FORM

PLEASE PRINT NAME Rochelle Brown
ADDRESS
CITY Scottsdale ZIP 85258
DAY TIME PHONE #EMAIL
COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS
I live in Heritage Village IV which borders
on Via Leida Bresently it is difficult to
To make a left onto Shea - with even man
traffic and trucks would reke it impossible
I hope you will take the concern of the people
in Scattsdale Janek into consideration, Olive acros
the street in the back from Jaguina School and
the Boys Shrlstlub-during the day there are many
trying to make a turn on Via Lenda
The Children cross Jea Linda an fact
Blease take all of these concerns into
consideration before putting more truck
traffic on Vin Ginds

#### Dixie Ann Pemberton, Ph.D., Geographer, retired

Scottsdale, AZ 85258-4902

December 7, 2010

Ms. Rose Arballo, Commission Staff Liaison Transportation Commission City of Scottsdale 7447 E. Indian School Rd., Suite 205 Scottsdale, AZ 85251

rarballo@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

Subject: PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CITY'S TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE IMPACTING VIA LINDA AND 96<sup>TH</sup> STREET

Dear Commissioners:

What a lovely community lives on Black Mountain, flanked by Carefree Highway at the corner of Scottsdale-Tom Darlington Road, under the protection of Carefree. When there was Legal action in the lower Court, Appeals Court, and Supreme Court, the victory went to Carefree, not to those seeking changes in zoning to permit a Bread and Breakfast Inn in a residentially zoned area on the edge of Black Mountain. Nor has that two-lane road between Cave Creek Road and Scottsdale-Tom Darlington Road, nor Tom Darlington Road itself, been widened from two lanes! Luckily, Carefree is vigilant in protecting the residential experience of the Black Mountain Community. We expect similar protection from the City of Scottsdale for the quality of life we experience at Scottsdale Ranch (SRCA). ALL 41 NEIGHNORHOODS HERE WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO VIA LINDA AND 96<sup>1H</sup> STREET! It will limit our access to the Ranch Park and Lake Serena, major amenities. Help us, please.

Noise from Shea Blvd already bombards us. However, we knew about Shea when we moved here. My husband and I live in Heritage Village IV (HVIV), far enough by a block or two to mitigate the impact of exhaust from present automobiles and trucks. My husband has had Valley Fever and several heart attacks. Since we are living in HVIV, an OVER 50'S COMMUNITY, there are others herein with heath issues. Such changes as the City proposes will affect our walking to the nearby Via Linda Senior Center, affect the schoolchildren nearby, affect the Girls and Boys Club, and affect the Tennis Clubs on property Scottsdale Ranch Community leases to the City and more. Particularly health, for the young as well as us seniors!

With the 101 and Shea Blvd nearby, why oh why would the City of Scottsdale choose routing traffic through our neighborhoods? Scientific studies speak to the heavy metals from exhausts' potential for affecting health of those nearby. Our health, our peace, our walking will be negatively impacted, should such proposed Ordinance changes be effected! Give us the protection Carefree gives its residents. That is what we are asking.

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#### **Truck Route Comments (3)**

On December 16, the City of Scottsdale Transportation Commission is scheduled to vote on designating Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> Street as "truck routes." My family and I <u>strongly oppose</u> this plan.

If these streets become truck routes, it will:

- 1. Destroy property values.
- 2. Increase noise and pollution in this residential area.
- 3. Increase the danger to children and families who walk, ride bicycles and drive along these already overly congested streets.

The speed limit laws are currently not adequately enforced on these streets. Every hour of every day, vehicles drive on Via Linda at speeds in excess of 60 MPH, despite the fact that the District Three Police Station is located at 9065 East Via Linda. Please do not make this problem worse than it already is.

Please respond to the needs of the public, and not to the demands of uncaring commercial interests!

I request that you take every appropriate action to prevent designating Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> Street as "truck routes." Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue.

Stephen Braun

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Dear Annie,

I have come down with a virus and will be unable to attend tonight. Thank you for keeping me in the loop. In case I can express something in writing to the council, I would offer:

The designating a Truck Ordinance Change to the street of Via Linda, in juxtaposition to the community of Scottsdale Ranch, Stonegate and other communities further to the East, would be disastrous. Via Linda is a 4-lane road which is essentially a feeder for residents to the 101 at the point of the proposed change. It is clear that Shea Road is much condusive to this traffic as a 6 lane road. One can imagine trucks side by side encouraging a pent up feeling among the car drivers that would cause weaving, rapid acceleration, risk taking to get around the trucks and diminished visibility that is not acceptable in a residential area. One can anticipate 18-wheel "cut-thprough" traffic even going through the Communities up Mountain View road - a quiet highly residential area.

When my husband and I settled in this area 12 years ago, we specifically wanted to be away from a heavily trafficked area. We selected our residence in part based on this although the 101 did not exist at that time. Because we were in the heart of a residential community we have had reasonable expectations that we could enjoy certain safety on the surrounding streets.

If you change Via Linda into a commercial thorough face, the relative seclusion of this community will be violated, our investment will be diminished and the safety of our children to go on their bikes to the park and so on will be increased.

I oppose this. I do not believe there is any way to modify this idea so it's workable. Please abandon this idea as soon as you can.

Heartfelt thanks, Anne Gentuso

Hi Annie.

Thank you very much for sending me the information below. I have a concern with the proposed truck route for Via Linda and will forward my objections to your department.

I also have a concern on these proposals for the area to the east of the Airpark between Frank Lloyd Wright/Thunderbird/101. Could you send me a more detailed proposal for this area. From the attachments of your maps it seems that all the roads in this part of the plan will be truck routes, ie. Raintree/Redfield/Thunderbird/90th. street/92nd. street/94th. street/Thompson Peak Parkway/100th. street/ Frank Lloyd Wright. Is this overkill for such a small area?

Have communities in these areas been made aware of your proposals? The majority of these roads are residential areas with communities exiting onto these roads and with schools, parks, nurseries, etc. A lot of these crossroads are 4 way stops. Not the sort that trucks would like to use.

Thank you for reading this note. I do hope that some notice will come of it.

Regards. Rod Belsham.

Ms DeChance,

Thank you for sending the contact information and the meeting schedules. I wanted to take this opportunity to offer comments that I would like you to share with the COS Transportation Commission and City Council.

**COS Transportation Commission and City Council** 

I urge all the members of these groups to reject any Truck Route Ordinance that would designate as "truck route" the section Via Linda between 90th street and Shea or the section of 96th street between Via Linda and Shea. My specific concerns for the Via Linda section include:

- Because of the narrow lanes as well as the lack of full size walkways and bike lanes, having more truck traffic on this section will further reduce visibility of bicyclists and pedestrians which will reduce already compromised safety.
- The sweeping turn between Mountain View and Shea already reduces visibility; the introduction of additional truck traffic, with less maneuverable vehicles will increase the risk of serious collisions with vehicles, bikes and pedestrians.
- This section of road is almost exclusively residential, it is not appropriate to introduce additional truck traffic.
- More appropriate and safer truck routes are located in very close proximity.

Respectfully, Michael Sawicky I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed designation of Via Linda as a truck route.

I have lived close to the intersection of Via Linda and  $100^{th}$  street for over 25 years and have seen Via Linda transformed from a quiet neighborhood street to a raceway connector to Shea. Via Linda is a daily traffic environment waiting for an accident to happen and adding a truck route designation only makes it worse.

Thank you for the opportunity for input. I will be attending the Transportation Commission meeting on December 16.

Louis E. Burgess President/CEO Front Line Advantge

I regret that I am unable to attend the council meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, as my son is in a holiday play that evening. However, I do want to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed ordinance change to the designated truck route which would affect Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> St. in the city of Scottsdale.

We have recently purchased a beautiful home in the Andalusia I Scottsdale Ranch neighborhood, which is off of Via Linda. Our young son attends Laguna Elementary, the Boys and Girls Club and walks along Via Linda to the Scottsdale Ranch Park. He also rides the school bus which travels down this road every day. We are deeply concerned that designating Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> Street as truck routes will undoubtedly increased the number of commercial vehicles that could potentially collide with our son's school bus. This ordinance will make the road much more dangerous than it already is! The road has been meant to be a neighborhood road that runs directly through our community. It is a very windy road with many blind curves and a reduced speed limit school zone. Unless you are a resident, you might not be aware that the speed limit can vary from 15 miles to 40 miles per hour on this road.

In addition, we are concerned about the affect this ordinance will have on the value of our homes. I am a residential realtor and I assure you that more traffic that includes commercial vehicles and noise will be a deterrent to potential buyers; particularly those families with children. Traveling in and out of our developments will become more dangerous since we do not have traffic lights and the medians in the center of the road make it already difficult to see oncoming traffic.

We ask that you seriously consider the negative impact this ordinance will have on our quiet and beautiful neighborhood. The close proximity of Shea Blvd and the 101 is the alternative to this issue.

Sincerely, Leslie A. Harless-Knoll

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

#### Dear Paul,

I am writing this letter as a resident of the Scottsdale Ranch Community Association in regards to the proposed ordinance change to the designated truck routes. I am concerned about the negative impacts that designating Via Linda as an alternate truck route will have on not only myself, but my neighbors and community. I personally own a condo on the corner of Via Linda & Mountain View. I bought this condo in part based on how much I love the location as well as the peacefulness of the community. This area includes lakes, walking paths, a park, elementary school, Boys & Girls Club and Senior Center. Designating Via Linda a truck route will severely decrease the quality of this area by increasing noise and making it less pedestrian friendly. I already find the traffic to be extremely noisy without the added noise of trucks. Also, it is quite difficult at times to exit our neighborhood onto Via Linda and adding a truck route will make it even more difficult. I believe that Shea Blvd is a better suited solution for the truck route and hope you will take this into consideration when making this decision.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Julie Bartelt Resident of Venetian II

Dear Transportation Commission Liaisons,

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the hearing this Thursday concerning the commercial truck route ordinance due to a previous commitment at my son's school. He is performing in a Holiday play. However, I am writing you to let you know that I am against allowing commercial vehicles to travel on Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> from Via Linda to Shea Boulevard because of the negative impact it will have on the safety of those who live in the neighborhoods surrounding those streets along with the fact at home valuations will decrease for those home owners near those streets.

I am deeply saddened that these "residential" street would even be considered to be a commercial truck route! Via Linda is a street that several families and children walk and ride their bikes on every day. How as a parent will I be able to allow my 8 year old son to ride his bike to the nearby Scottsdale Ranch park from our house, which is located on Via Linda, if Via Linda is considered a commercial truck route? The answer is, I won't be able to! I won't be able to let my son ride along or crossover Via Linda any longer if large commercial trucks are allowed to use that route because of the increased safety risk. That is a risk that I would not be willing to take and that is unfortunate because my son would not be able experience a sense of "community" growing up as a result. I remember riding my bike around my neighborhood as a child and those are memories that I still have today. I want my son to have those same type of experiences and memories of his childhood. My son also rides the school bus every day to get to our neighborhood elementary school, Laguna. His school bus, and many others, travel along Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> throughout the day, every day. Why would you want to expose children, which includes my son, to this added risk while riding to and from school? Shouldn't the fact that Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> are regular routes used by the school buses be enough to not approve this ordinance? Let's be smart and safe and do the right thing!

In addition, allowing Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> to be a commercial truck route will also lower the value of homes neighboring those streets. Home prices have been already affected negatively by the down real estate economy so let's not add to that by further pushing home prices down even further and increasing the number of short sales and foreclosures in our community. I am also curious as to why this is even being considered because neither of these streets are a connection to a major freeway which is a requirement for roadways to be considered a truck route.

I implore you to help us Scottsdale Ranch residents by being a voice for our community and stand up for what is the right, safe and economical thing to do and do not pass this ordinance.

Thank you for your time!

Thank You, Kevin Knoll

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

On December 16, the City of Scottsdale Transportation Commission is scheduled to vote on designating Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> Street as "truck routes." My family and I *strongly oppose* this plan.

If these streets become truck routes, it will:

- 1. Destroy property values.
- 2. Increase noise and pollution in this residential area.
- 3. Increase the danger to children and families who walk, ride bicycles and drive along these already overly congested streets.

The speed limit laws are currently not adequately enforced on these streets. Every hour of every day, vehicles drive on Via Linda at speeds in excess of 60 MPH, despite the fact that the District Three Police Station is located at 9065 East Via Linda. Please do not make this problem worse than it already is.

Please respond to the needs of the public, and not to the demands of uncaring commercial interests!

I request that you take every appropriate action to prevent designating Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> Street as "truck routes." Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue.

Stephen Braun

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

#### Rose:

I am a Scottsdale ranch resident and live just east of 96th St. I would love to be at the meeting on 12/16 regarding the proposed truck route but am unable to attend. Wanted to drop you a note with our opinions.

I am apposed to the planned truck route. There is already enough noise on 96th street. We do not need truck noise added to the already noisy 96th street.

Please do not allow this crazy plan to progress.

Thanks.

Dr. Greg@Mary Metz

I will be working during the meeting this week and cannot attend the meeting. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, do NOT designate Via Linda a truck route! My home borders the street; I purchased it last year after evaluating the acceptable level of noise that would be present. Property values have already decreased since then and would without doubt, skid further down if there were trucks using it as a through route. A speaker at the meeting hurriedly planned at the Mustang Library, glibly stated that "we'll put in rubberized pavement so the trucks can't be heard." What patronizing nonsense is that? People here are retired and many of us count on our home values to sustain us financially. It makes no sense to continue to attack the middle class taxpaying citizens to line the pockets of the city and its contracted construction companies or to politically advance the cause of bureaucrats! It is interesting to note that Via Linda between 90th St and Hayden Rd has speed bumps and circles to protect the school, park and homes in McCormick Ranch from speeding traffic and presumably large trucks. The people who voted to change our quiet neighborhood into a potentially deadly traffic nightmare have only to board a nice, city van and come observe the cross traffic onto Via Linda that is present between Mountain View and Shea Blvd. which involves not only home owners from communities who pay hefty dues for the privilege of living in Scottsdale Ranch, but specifically the Boys and Girls Club, elementary school (15 to 25 mph limit), city park and tennis courts and the entry of multiple OLD people every day who leave the Senior Center in their vehicles, which is quite frightening at times. That scene should be enough to convince even politicians of the absurdity of this proposal! Please place my negative vote in absentia. Janis Eaman

#### **Dear Rose**

I cannot be at the meeting on Thursday night, but I would like to share my thoughts.

Has anyone took a look at how thin width Via Linda is. That is not a truck Route. You have people riding bikes and walking. Someone will say that such and such is the same length across, but should we make the same mistake twice.

I believe you will expose Scottsdale to many suits due to this idea. We also have to remember we have a school on Via Linda and a senior center and family area. This is really a horrible idea and I cannot understand how we can even think or talk about it.

Our council is voted into their positions to represent us. How can they even think of bringing this up for a vote. Where is the back bone to say NO! and do the right thing for our community who pays their salary.

Are they asleep at the wheel. I do not understand their logic.

In reference to 96th street I do not like the idea but if we have to do something, I could live with it but I still do not like it and it makes a little more sense. It is also not a community street as Via Linda.

Why not designate 92nd street so the trucks came come off the 101 and head straight towards Shea.

Why are we making all these changes when the trucks can come off 101 and Shea and go directly onto Shea.

#### Michael C. Di Leo

Dear Ms. Arballo,

As a resident of Scottsdale Ranch, I would like to voice my concern over the city's proposal to designate new truck routes through my neighborhood. Specifically, 96th Street and Via Linda are the four- lane roads through my area.

I wish to voice my opposition to designating these streets as truck routes. There is a large amount of pedestrian traffic along those streets, as well as a number of children and senior citizens who use the roads. I feel that the greater amount of heavy traffic along the streets would be detrimental as well. Specifically, with the close proximity of Shea and the 101 freeway, there is no need for additional truck routes through a quiet community such as ours.

Although I cannot attend the meeting on Thursday December 16, please note that I am opposed to the proposition as it stands.

**Jason Carns** 

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Rose Arballo,

I reside at 10645 E. Gold Dust Ave., which is just off Via Linda on Scottsdale Ranch. I am totally opposed to any changes to a city ordinance which would designate Via Linda and 96th Street as truck routes. The volume of transient traffic using Via Linda as a short cut to Shea Blvd. is already prohibitive and very dangerous for residential street with an elementary school and little commercial activity.

Please communicate my concerns to the Scottsdale Transportation Commission.

Thank you.

#### **Kirby Korth**

CSE & Associates Inc

20645 N. Pima Rd., Suite 195

Scottsdale, AZ 85255

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602.315.9616 - Ceii 480.473.4684 - Fax

We are AGAINST making Via Linda a truck route. With Shea Blvd. just two blocks away, a six lane road why do you need to add via Linda as a truck route. There are a great deal of residents living off of via Linda. The Scottsdale Racquet Club with 400 residence has a back exit and entrance on via Linda. It is very difficult to get out of our exit onto via Linda now without additional trucks traveling on this road. With truck traffic traveling on via Linda 24 hours a day, will be a hardship for my wife who is not well. This is a residential area, why do we need to ruin a very nice neighborhood to accommodate trucks for what purpose. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE VIA LINDA TRUCK ROUTE.

MARCIA & RICHARD ADELSHEIM

SCOTTSDALE, AZ. 85258

Scottsdale Ranch is a well established and quiet community. The only source of traffic noise is Shea Blvd on the north. The modification of the truck routes to include 96th street and Via Linda would transform the area from paradise to hell.

A quick look to "google maps" will show clearly what is going to happen to the Scottsdale Ranch community living in that area: North: Shea Blvd, west: 96th st. and south: Via Linda. Do we deserve this, why?

Please :IF IT IS NOT BROKEN DON'T FIX IT

Dr. Giancarlo Zuccaro Labellarte

tsdale 85258

And Theresianumgasse 12-1-4,

As an Owner in the Racquet Club (2428) I have express my objection to making Via Linda & 96th streets Truck accessible. I have experienced this @ my home in Providence, RI first hand - the change was so noisy we had to sell our property.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### Richard G Taylor

Via Linda between 96th Street and Shea should not be a designated truck route. The street passes through a residential neighborhood, with the only exceptions the small neighborhood shopping center, the Parks and Recreation facility, and two schools. The street was designed as a parkway-type, not a commercial route. Due to the curves, there are limited sightlines at most of the entrances from the neighborhood, which would not be safe for increased and heavy-vehicle traffic.

I urge the Transportation Commission to keep Via Linda as it is: not a truck route.

Michael Cummings

Scottsdale AZ 85258

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I urge the Transportation Commission to keep Via Linda as it is: not a truck route.

Kathryn Cummings

Scottsdale AZ 85258

As a resident of scottsdale ranch, I vote NO to making 96th and Via Linda a truck route...I am unable to attend the meeting.....Thank you, Gail Deats....Racquet club

Dear Ms. Arballo,

Attached is a letter addressing our concerns about the redesignation of Via Linda. Hopefully this email will get to you in sufficient time to include it in the packet which the Transportation Committee will receive. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us.

Thanks so much,

Marvin and Florence Covinsky

AZCOVITISKY@aoi.com

#### Dear Rose.

I am writing this email as a resident of the Scottsdale Ranch Community Association in regards to the proposed ordinance change to the designated truck routes. I am concerned about the negative impacts that designating Via Linda as an alternate truck route will have on not only myself, but my neighbors and community. I personally own a condo on the corner of Via Linda & Mountain View. I bought this condo in part based on how much I love the location as well as the peacefulness of the community. This area includes lakes, walking paths, a park, elementary school, Boys & Girls Club and Senior Center. Designating Via Linda a truck route will severely decrease the quality of this area by increasing noise and making it less pedestrian friendly. I already find the traffic to be extremely noisy without the added noise of trucks. Also, it is quite difficult at times to exit our neighborhood onto Via Linda and adding a truck route will make it even more difficult. I believe that Shea Blvd is a better suited solution for the truck route and hope you will take this into consideration when making this decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Julie Bartelt
Resident of Venetian II

ARE YOU KIDDING?? Via Linda is already a bike route and this would be a disaster waiting to happen. The quiet neighborhoods would be totaled. Please do not make Via Linda a truck route! We already hear freeway noise and this will just make things worse.

HOW CAN YOU CREATE A TRUCK ROUTE THROUGH A \*\*\*RESIDENTIAL AREA\*\*? THINK ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE AREA RESIDENTS LET ALONE THE NOISE IT WILL CREATE.

WILL THE TRUCK ROUTE BEGIN AT THE 101 AND GO TO VIA LINDA? TRUCKS WILL\*\* NOT\*\* HAVE ENOUGH SPACE TO MAKE THE RIGHT TURN ONTO VIA LINDA .RESIDENTS ABOUND ALL ALONG THAT ROUTE.

SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS SHOULD BE OF MAIN CONCERN.

SIDNEY J KLEIN 5700 L VIA LINDA SCOTTSDALE AZ

Why in the world would you use 96th street and Via Linda as a truck route???? Right through a residential "ranch" where the traffic is already deplorable and drivers do not heed the speed limit. A truck route to where???? there is a viable route already established on Shea that gets traffic to the freeway and that should be WAY enough for the trucks.... to say Nothing of the noise already in the neighborhood from driving too fast on Via Linda. Im amazed that this is even a THOUGHT. Judy and Doug Nelson, Mission Monterey, Scottsdale Ranch

to rose arballo please be advised that we are opposed to opening via linda and 961h st. to any and all trucks as the commission wants to do it is a detrement to the people who are elderly and handicapped who use these streets

lack Fisher

yankemsner@gman.com

We have a home in Las Brisas, as well as Illinois. We just received notice informing us of the possibility of truck routes on Via Linda and 96th St. WE ARE OPPOSED TO SUCH AN ORDINANCE CHANGE ALLOWING TRUCK TRAFFIC ALONG THIS ROUTE. This would deter from the beauty of our property. Please accept this email stating our concern, in lieu of our attendance at the December 16, 2010 meeting.

Thank you,
Pam and Jim Throm
Las Brisas/Scottsdale Ranch Homeowners

To Whom It May Concern,

I am firmly against the truck route proposed for Via Linda and 96th!!!

One of the most important reason's for choosing to purchase a residence in Scottsdale Ranch was it's quiet and safe roads for biking and walking.

The noise and pollution in addition to decreasing the safety of the community has me thinking of selling my property fast before the proposition passes and the value of my investment decreases.

I have taken great pride in the fact that I own property in the Scottsdale Ranch Community. Please DO NOT designate Via Linda and 96th Street open to truck traffic.

Sincerely,
Sharon Gatlin
The Fountains of Scottsdale

As a resident of the Racquet Club at Scottsdale Ranch, I am against the proposal to change the city ordinance which would designate Via Linda and 96th Street as truck routes.

I cannot be at the 12/16 meeting so I want to vote( or say) NO!

Thank you-Shari Widen

The Racquet Club Scottsdale,AZ 85258

I own in Scottsdale Ranch, Suntree East on Via Linda. I cannot believe that this street would even be considered as a truck route. We have a very busy city park and tennis center, a senior citizens facility, a boys and girls club, a elementary school, apartments, housing developments and a very busy shopping center all within several blocks. The cars pulling in

and out of these facilities cause enough congestion and danger as it is without Via Linda being a truck route. Please take the time to come over and look at what is going on before making your decision. Thank you, Janet Caplicki

There are dozens of reasons to deny the request for truck travel on Via Linda & 96th streets. Besides noise, dust, street blockage and increased traffic there is a problem with us, well over 75, who walk to medical services and don't see too well. There is also a problem getting on to Via Linda from the Racquet Club, where we live. The line of sight from the east is non-existent and more traffic will only make it more dangerous. Please don't allow this.



Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Dear Sirs: Please do not designate 96th street and Via Linda as truck routes. These are residential areas with a large senior population who walk 96th and cross Via Linda at the Senior Citizen center. Not only seniors but many children attend the International School and Laguna. This is a bad idea.

Thank you.

Dr. And Mrs. Cresencio Sarmiento

As residents of Scottsdale Ranch we are opposed to establishing Via Linda as a truck route through our residential community. The noise is already deafening for a residential street. Via Linda cuts right through the middle of our residential community and adding trucks to the existing traffic would be a death sentence for our community. There is a park, school and Boys and Girls club on this street. This is no place for heavy truck traffic.

Please do not allow this truck route to move forward.

Thank you,

Dr. Mark and Terry Abzug

Attn. Transportation Commission,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed designation of Via Linda as a truck route.

I have lived close to the intersection of Via Linda and 100th Street for over 8 years and have seen Via Linda as a raceway connector to Shea. Via Linda is a daily traffic environment waiting for an accident to happen and adding a truck route designation only makes it more dangerous.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my input.

Joanne Rother Scottsdale Rancy resident

Rose,

We are requesting that the following be forwarded to all members of the Scottsdale City Council in advance of the Thursday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting:

As residents of Scottsdale Ranch (SRCA), we must express our strong disagreement with the proposed change of a city ordinance allowing Via Linda to become a truck route.

Our primary objection is that this change is unnecessary. There are currently excellent viable options for trucks, namely Shea Boulevard and the 101. Of course, there is currently some truck traffic now on Via Linda, provisioning vendors at The Mercado in SRCA, but it is minimal and necessary. To turn Via Linda/96<sup>th</sup> Street into a truck route, which passes through the heart of SRCA and is adjacent to a city park, senior center, a school, and Boys and Girls Club, is wrong, we believe.

In addition, this proposed change certainly was kept low key, that is, no one on the Council or Scottsdale Government had the courtesy, let alone the responsibility, to inform anyone at Scottsdale Ranch of this proposed change. Also, most, if not all, of the hearings regarding this change were done immediately AFTER the recent elections. This is not what anyone would call "open government". The residents of the City of Scottsdale deserve and demand better from their elected officials.

We would be most interested to learn the source of this suggested change. We believe it is not from tax-paying residents of communities who want to keep the value of their homes from depreciating due to circumstances beyond their control.

We appreciate your serious consideration of our position.

Vaughn and Marilyn Hill Scottsdale Ranch Residents

Please do not allow Via Linda and 96th to become a truck route. We are a residential area, please protect this.

Nigel Taplin Head of School

Tesseract School

Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

I am strongly opposed to truck traffic on Via Linda. I live at 10508 // I Linda as my street to travel for local shopping and I do not want to fight heavy truck traffic to do so.

Via Linda divides Scottsdale Ranch in half with it's street....keep the truck traffic (noisy) on Shea where it belongs...and not through residential areas. You will be destroying the peaceful aspects of our communities. joanhoey@cox.net.

Greetings!

I am writing to reiterate the fact that Via Linda (Pretty Street) is just that - a street that is beautifully landscaped that curves through a residential and recreational neighborhood. Via Linda is the home of a beautiful city park, a wonderful tennis center, a senior center that is heavily used, a desert garden, a Boys and Girls Club, and a crosswalk for Laguna Elementary School with a lengthy school zone. Via Linda is used by the people of Scottsdale and residents of Scottsdale Ranch as an access to recreational and residential activities, and as such, is inappropriate as a truck route.

Peggy Snarp Champerlain 480-314-7336

Attn: City of Scottsdale Transportation Board

We oppose the Board's proposal to make these streets a viable truck route. This is a nice, quiet, residential area and we would like it to stay that way...that's why we moved here 10 years ago, to get away from the city life. The city just spent a lot of time and money beautifying the streets with trees and Island circles....are you going to tear all of that down? Please reconsider using Shea as your alternative. We see this as just the beginning of an expansion that we do not want.

Thank you,

Mrs. Wick

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

To whom it may concern.

I would like to express my opposition to the vote that would allow truck traffic on Via Linda Ave and 96th Street. I believe this would add an excessive amount of traffic that would create a noise level and added congestion that would make these two arteries too busy. I have to believe that there must be an alternative to this position. I believe that the truck traffic should be contained to Shea and other routes, north and south.

Via Linda especially would be far more hazardous given the proximity of the south entrance of the Racquet Club. It is just to close to the residences to be allowed.

Thank You, Mr. Terry Mehan

9700 L. Via Liliua, Ollic 1994.

Re the proposed truck route for 96th St and Via Linda. I cannot imagine trucks roaring through here. It is already almost impossible to walk along the sidewalks in this entirely residential neighborhood. What reason would trucks other than those who provide service to this area, need to come through here?

We have many other streets nearby, such as 90th, Shea, #101, which can carry this traffic. We are a totally residential neighborhood, that is already overloaded with traffic.

Respectfully,

Joanne Brooks
The Racquet Club

Scottsdale AZ 85258

Why would you even consider a truck route thru a lovely residential area ?? How can you government people be so damm dumb !!!! Try something new----THINK !!!!!!!

To whom it may concern:

The under-signed are the owners of Uracon and School an

Allowing truck traffic on these roads does not make sense; indeed, it contradicts the criteria found on your website (<a href="http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/traffic/truckrt.asp">http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/traffic/truckrt.asp</a>), which states that the Commission considers "reasonable routes for truck traffic." How can Via Linda, which curves and twists, be considered a "reasonable route," when, with the exception of the merchants at the Mercado, the most direct route is obviously 90th Street? In addition, 96th Street runs a very short distance, so how can allowing truck traffic on 96th be a reasonable alternative for access to Shea?

As well, allowing truck traffic on these roads will undoubtedly result in serious accidents. The Racquet Club's south gate exits directly onto Via Linda; however, the pronounced curve on Via Linda produces a blind spot, making this exit difficult to use, particularly during peak hours. Adding truck traffic to Via Linda, therefore, makes the use of this exit extremely hazardous, not just for vehicles accessing the Racquet Club and those travelling on Via Linda, but for cyclists and pedestrians as well.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Elaine Hayes Gary Hayes

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

DO NOT APPROVE THE TRUCK ROUTE ON VIA LINDA!!!!!!!!!!

This decision will adversely affect the residents along East Via Linda, which is primarily a residential street. I already have a hard time entering out onto Via Linda due to all the curves in the road. Additional truck traffic will add significant potential for serious accidents. The left turn traffic from west bound Via Linda onto southbound 90th street will become a night mare. At times now, there is a two block backup of traffic attempting to turn left at this intersection. The same

problem will occur for traffic going northbound on 90th Street attempting to turn right onto Via Linda. The backup will become significant AND trucks will have a difficult maneuvering the turn onto Via Linda due to the design of the intersection.

Kevin Kangas

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Please know that as a resident of the area, I am **very much opposed** to the proposal to make Via Linda a truck route. This street runs through residential neigborhoods throughout including two different school zones between 96th and Frank Lloyd Wright. The additional heavy truck traffic will bring both noise and safety concerns to those of us who live here - **please do not pass this proposal.** 

Thank you. Sheila Schneider

Scottsdale, Az. 85258--

I wish to go on record as OPPOSING THE PROPOSED TRUCK ROUTE along East Via Linda. This is primarily a residential district and this decision would have a NEGATIVE effect on the area by producing additional TRAFFIC NOISE, and add significant SAFETY ISSUES. There are several HIDDEN DRIVEWAYS and CURVES along East Via Linda that would pose significant safety risks for residents entering and leaving the street. I don't think you or any of the city representatives would want to increase the risks of accidents, injuries or death resulting from this decision. Your job is to protect the residents and you need to consider the safety aspects of such a decision.

Debra Kangas

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

As a resident of the Racquet Club at Scottsdale Ranch I vehemently oppose the proposed road designation for Via Linda and 96th

Steven L. Karas Karas Realty Advisors,Inc.

Troy, Michigan 48084

I wish to go on record as OPPOSING the proposed truck East Via Linda. This street primarily runs through a residential district and this decision would have a negative effect on the area producing additional traffic, noise, and increase safety issues. There are several hidden driveways on Via Linda that would pose significant safety issues for residents entering and leaving these driveways. I don't think you or anyone else would want to see an increase in traffic accidents, injuries, or death due to this becoming a new truck route.

John Kangas

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

We have been Scottsdale Ranch residents since 1989 and have seen our streets ruined by through traffic that didn't belong there. Via Linda is now used for those who want to cut their trip from Frank Lloyd Wright to 101; cars whizz by at 50mph from 5am to midnight. Why would Scottsdale even consider adding Via Linda and 96th as a truck route when they run directly through residential areas? This is ridiculous, and would have an even greater impact on our neighbors who live near those streets.

Please do not even consider putting a truck route on these two streets. It's bad enough now!!!

Esther and Peter Zack

Scottsdale, Az 85258

As an owner and resident of Scottsdale Ranch since 1994, I urge you to vote NO to increase truck traffic! We do not need this and this would have a negative economic impact on housing values and quality of life in Scottsdale Ranch.

Sincerely, Alfred & Deborah Peterson

Scottsdale Az 85258

Please know that as a resident of the area, I am very much opposed to the proposal to make Via Linda a truck route. This street runs through residential neigborhoods throughout including two different school zones between 96th and Frank Lloyd Wright. The additional heavy truck traffic will bring both noise and safety concerns to those of us who live here - please do not pass this proposal.

Thank you.

Perry Schneider

Scottsdale, Az. 85258

#### Rose,

I would like to express my concerns about the proposed changes to Via Linda & 96th Street to make them Truck Routes. I am a resident of Scottsdale Ranch and the mother of two children. Via Linda, from Shea to 90th Street is not just lined by residential homes and complexes, it is lined by an elementary school, a Boys & Girls Club, the Senior Center, the Scottsdale Ranch Park where are children ride bikes, roller skate and play, our Tennis complex and Volleyball courts. Further down Via Linda is also the Scottsdale International School serving grades K-8. This is no place for a truck route. There are no businesses in this area that need to have goods & services delivered by large trucks except A.J.'s Grocery Store.

This type of a change would destroy our community and our property values.

Please pass my feelings on to those who make these decisions as I will not be able to attend the upcoming meeting regarding this situation.

Thank you, Jean Mancini

Transportation Commission
Rose Arballo, Commission Staff Liaison,

I will be unable to attend the meeting, however, after reviewing the information making Via Linda and 96th Street as Truck Routes, I am informing you of my decision, as a Scottsdale Ranch Association Member, requesting you to vote NO on the proposed changes to the City Ordinance which would designate Via Linda and 96th Street as TRUCK ROUTES.

Regards, Herbert W. Edwards 10638 E. Cinnabar Ave.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the Dec 16 meeting to discuss the subject matter listed above.

I have major concerns about this truck route designation, especially related to Via Linda. The entire area slated for the truck route passes through a residential area with the exception of one corner on Via Linda and Mountain View. In addition, the route passes a senior center, a school crossing and a major recreational park. I am against this designation and ask the Transportation Commission to make this route an exception to the existing plans.

Janet Runkel

To Whom It may Concern;

I will be unable to attend the meeting on December 16th regarding a vote on changing the the city ordinance making Via Linda and 96th St. truck routes. However, I would like to voice my absolute concern on this change. I have lived in Scottsdale Ranch for 20 years and have seen it grow and seen the traffic get heavier and heavier. The noise from just the cars is getting to be almost unbearable. If trucks are able to travel Via Linda I just can't imagine the increase in the noise level. I am also concerned about the safety to the hundreds of people that walk the sidewalks and cross the streets daily. There are also numerous car accidents on Via Linda. I feel these accidents will increase with truck traffic.

I really don't know the City's reasoning on why they are doing this. Leave the truck routes as they are. I am strongly against this decision.

Thank You,

Jeff Jacobs

Scottsdale, Az. 85258

Dear Rose Arballo,

I am emailing you to express my opposition to the proposed truck route along Via Linda. This route cuts right through the heart of our residential community. Children ride bikes, mothers push strollers, cyclists line the road... I can't think of a route that would be more ill suited for commercial trucks than Via Linda. Need I mention that Via Linda goes right pass a major elementary school crossing and a city park?

Please consider my opinion and locate another route for trucks. I have small children and can't imagine them riding their bikes along a road like Shea. And if you pass this propsed road change, that is what Via Linda will become.

Sincerely,
Anne Marie Coubrough

Hi Rose,

I understand there is a commission meeting on December 16th to consider a proposed change to the city ordinance regarding Via Linda and 96th Street. Unfortunately, my wife and I will be unable to attend in person.

I would implore the council members to drive or walk down Via Linda before they consider any changes.

Via Linda is a narrow and curved road that is <u>very</u> residential and has two elementary schools on it. The danger to children and pedestrians by allowing commercial trucking through this narrow route is extreme. The change in the standard of living that the additional noise and pollution would cause is simply unacceptable. Via Linda is simply not suited as a truck route, which is why it is not.

Please ensure that my wife's and my views are expressed to the council as we are unable to attend. We will watch closely and pray that the council does not put commercial trucking interests above those of the tax paying and voting citizens of the Scottsdale residents that live on or near Via Linda.

Best Regards, Sean Ebner

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Tom and Coco Kangas asked that I forward this e-mail for them. They are opposed to truck traffic on Via Linda because noise and pollution which large trucks will generate. They also feel it will make Via Linda a very dangerous street for pedestrians. PLEASE make sure that their opposition is counted as well as mine. Thanks you, Sandy Schenkat #2071 Venetian

 This proposal will severely affect our Scottsdale Ranch community. This neighborhood is a quiet pedistrian friendly area. Shea Road is the artery suited for truck traffic. It has 6 lanes and has been surfaced with a noise reducing material. Keep trucks on main roads and out of our neighborhood.

Whose idea is this?

Richard Rappa

City of Scottsdale
Transportation Commission
Attemtopm Rpse Arballo, staff liason

Dear Ms. Arballo:

As my wife and I will be unable to attend the meeting on Dec.16, we would like you to express our concerns at said meeting.

We live at \_\_\_\_\_\_ one house away from Via Linda. The traffic noise now from Via Linda is quite loud, especially at rush hour. Allowing big trucks to also use Via Linda would aggravate this situation significantly.

Via Linda goes primarily through residential areas. As such, only trucks that are servicing businesses or homes in Scottsdale Ranch should be allowed to use Via Linda, which, I believe, is the current law.

Many people currently use Via Linda as a short-cut between Shea and 101 This means that the traffic is already very heavy on Via Linda between 101 and Shea. Also, on this stretch of Via Linda you have an elementary school (Laguna), a Senior Center, and a Boys and Girls Club. The members from all of these would be endangered by increased truck traffic. Furthermore, the thru-traffic drivers seldom drive within the speed limit, which further increases the noise and danger..

Please do not allow big trucks to utilize Via Linda.

John Paul and Irmgard Sutherland

Hello:

I am unable to attend the meeting regarding the possibility of a Truck Route coming through via Linda and 96th St.

I am sending in my vote to decline the proposal of trucks being able to use Via Linda and 96th Street as part of a new city ordinance.

Thank you. Sincerely, Ronni Farese

As a concerned home owner and resident of Scottsdale Ranch I wish to express my feelings that large trucks should not be allowed to operate on Via Linda. This is a prime residential area and operating large trucks in the area will represent an unsafe and dangerous situation to driving, walking, and biking in our community. It will have a negative impact on all

the Scottsdale Ranch home owner's quality of life and their property values. We already have Shea as an excellent east-west transportation corridor for large trucks just a few blocks north of Via Linda. We do not need to add Via Linda to the traffic flow plan. Shea does not have a young childrenn attending a grade school, a large community park, or a senior citiizen center along it's route. These factors do not lend themsleves to using Via Linda as a truck corridor through Scottsdale Ranch. I ask you to please denied this proposed change to large truck traffic on Via Linda.

**Elliott Nordstrom** 

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Dear Transportation Commission,

I am writing as a long time resident of Scottsdale, and in particular Scottsdale Ranch, regarding the proposed ordinance changing the above road to a truck route. To designate this portion of Via Linda as a truck route does not make sense. This a community area with children, park areas, etc. so additional truck would not only be an eye sore but also dangerous. While a limited number of truck to get to their immediate destination is understood it is not understood why trucks cannot use Shea Blvd as a truck route and quickly bypass Via Linda.

Sincerely Tax Payer, Jeff Gaffin

From my wife and I:

This truck proposal is horrible! We strongly oppose it. Traffic in the area is already terrible, with the 90th St mall and the freeway. The only possible way to do this would be maybe if trucks were restricted to the hours of midnight to 6AM. And I'm not sure even then.

Mike & Marilyn Dornan

I have to ask if putting a truck route on a road where there is a community centre, seniors centre, school and playground is really the best option. Surely there are roads with less risks to pedestrians available

Dr. Shelby Karpman Scottsdale bay Club

Hi.

I would like to state my objection to making Via Linda and 96th. Street a truck route. There is a School which exits on to the road together with a Senior Center, a Park and a Fire Station.

The Senior Center exit is on a bend and has restricted view to traffic from the left. It becomes difficult at times now to come out. Goodness knows what it would be like if it was made into the proposed truck route.

We have problems on occasions now with trucks going to the Mercado blocking the road when there is a lot of traffic.

Thank you for taking note of my concerns and objections.

#### Rose Arballo

Please consider my voice as one definitely against designating Via Linda and 96th street as truck routes. Let Shea, 90th and 92nd sts. have the truck traffic. Virtually all of Via Linda and 96th sts. are lined by quiet residential areas. Not too long ago there was an attempt to make 96th a through street into the desert, presumably benefitting a hotel and casino. That was defeated. Now they(whoever "they" is) want truck traffic. Let 96th and Via Linda alone--they are happy the way they are!

#### Thomas A Rohm

Gentleman,

As a Scottsdale resident near Via Linda I am totally opposed to designation of Via Linda as Truck Route

#### REgards, Nick Neamtu

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed designation of Via Linda as a truck route.

I have lived close to the intersection of Via Linda and 100<sup>th</sup> street for over 25 years and have seen Via Linda transformed from a quiet neighborhood street to a raceway connector to Shea. Via Linda is a daily traffic environment waiting for an accident to happen and adding a truck route designation only makes it worse.

Thank you for the opportunity for input. I will be attending the Transportation Commission meeting on December 16. Lou Burgess

Louis E. Burgess
President/CEO
Front Line Advantge



I was unable to attend the 30 Nov transportation meeting at Mustang Library. I would like to vote NO on the L\Via Linda

truck route.

This is primarily residential and the businesses have adequate service.

#### G Lewellyn Scottsdale Ranch

This is to inform you that we are against designating Via Linda and 96th St. as a truck route. This will negatively impact our community and greatly affect all of us who live here!

Thank you,

Jim & Lynn Salmon

Transportation Commission,

I believe a decision to designate 96<sup>th</sup> St. and Via Linda as truck routes is not a good idea for three **VERY** important reasons. **First**: Via Linda it is already a *well traveled* "shortcut" with drivers who have tendencies to exceed the speed limit. **Second**: There are many children along this route who ride their bikes and walk to the school and to the Boys and Girls Club. I see them clowning around and worry about the cars stopping in time if the children run into or across the street. These young children should not have the added danger of more traffic and trucks in their neighborhood. **Third**: The VERY well attended Scottsdale Senior Center is on Via Linda and ALL day long there are "little old ladies", who can barely see over the steering wheel, pulling in and out of the center at extremely s-l-o-w- speeds. Some drive directly back and forth across the street into the Suntree East community having to cross the four lanes of busy traffic. I believe because of the slight curve in Via Linda where the senior center is located, the trucks would be a hazard to the already intimidated drivers pulling in and out of the center. For the safety of many, especially the young and old who use Via Linda daily please do not make the proposed changes.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this **VERY** important decision.

Sincerely,

Peggy Mahoney (Scottsdale Ranch/Suntree East resident)

Please inform the members of the Transportation Commission that my family and I *strongly oppose* designating Via Linda and 96th Street as truck routes.

If these streets become truck routes, it will:

- 1. Destroy property values.
- 2. Increase noise and pollution in this residential area.
- 3. Increase the danger to children and families who walk, ride bicycles and drive along these overly congested streets.

The speed limit laws are currently not adequately enforced on these streets. Every hour of every day, vehicles drive on Via Linda at speeds in excess of 60 MPH. Please do not make this problem worse than it already is.

Please respond to the needs of the public, and not to the demands of uncaring commercial interests!

Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue.

Stephen Braun

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

As a resident of Scottsdale Ranch (near 100 Street and Via Linda), I am compelled to voice my complaint regarding the proposed change to local truck routes, affectively steering trucks through our neighborhood along Via Linda. Although I understand the need to provide delivery routes for trucks through various areas in our city, here are the reasons this proposed change is ill-advised:

1/ Shea Boulevard already provides safe, efficient, median divided multi-lanes, giving access to all addresses between HWY 101 and Fountain Hills, between Cactus and the Indian Land boundary. Shea is the fastest, easiest, safest route for these trucks.

2/Via Linda winds through residential neighborhoods, past schools, parks and the Senior Center. It crisscrosses Shea, Mountain View and Frank Lloyd Wright as it meanders close to homes and front yards. It offers a reasonably safe environment for children playing, folks walking their dogs and seniors strolling amongst their neighbors. Trucks along this route could pose a danger to our children, pets and elderly.

3/Via Linda is inefficient for delivery routes. The street curves and winds all the way from Gainey Ranch, under the 101, across Mountain View, across Shea, encountering traffic calming devices, school zones, pedestrian crossings along the way. This is inefficient and costly for the driver and trucking company. Also, the driver is further impeded with confusion as Via Linda crisscrosses other streets, making finding addresses more difficult. Would a trucking/delivery company want their drivers to inadverdently find themselves on the most inefficient routes? No. It's imperative to a company to be as efficient and safe as possible.

4/Allowing trucks on Via Linda impairs quality of life. As we all struggle to maintain our homes, create safe and lovely communities, provide good environments for our children and elderly, as well as ourselves, it's important to put value on lifestyle elements. Trucks rumbling through small curvy streets like Via Linda disrupt the peaceful neighborhood each of us bought into when we purchased our homes. Even for the truck drivers, finding their way on a neighborhood street like Via Linda is annoying, stressful, slow and confusing.

5/Shea Boulevard is close to all addresses that Via Linda would serve. It is convenient, wellmarked, safe and perfectly set up for delivery routes. Direct trucks to use this route and they will be most efficient and affective, providing the best service to their customers.

Please keep Via Linda as it is, a safe neighborhood street that we residents know it to be. Please do not open it up as a Truck Route.

Brenda Parkinson

We were not able to attend the November 30th transportation meeting at Mustang Library, but definitely want to voice our (Beverly Hewitt and Raliegh Farrell - 10071 E. Calle 5258) displeasure over a proposed designated Via Linda truck route. The various businesses along Via Linda are being adequately serviced and NO FURTHER TRUCK TRAFFIC is needed in these primarily residential neighborhoods. Therefore, consider this a NO VOTE for this cockeyed proposal.

This is to inform you that we are vehemently opposed to the designation of Via Linda and 96th St. as a truck route. These streets were not designed for large trucks and it makes no sense to divert truck traffic from Shea Blvd. to 90th St. via 96th St. and Via Linda. We trust that views of the residents will be considered. John and Pat Good

I am very much opposed to allowing Via Linda and 96th Street become truck routes. We have enough traffic on the Ranch and in this area in general. If increased truck traffic is allowed on these streets, I believe automobiles that today use these roads will try to avoid the increased traffic by using Mountain View and some of the other side streets in Scottsdale Ranch.

We have already seen increased traffic through our development as a result of the office complex on the NW corner of 96th street and Mountain View. Over the years we have seen a significant increase in Mountain View through-traffic from people cutting through from the 101 to Shea...this will just make it worse.....also, it will provide the Indian Reservation more ammo for the city to re-open the decision to abandon the 96th street right of way so they can connect it to Via de Ventura....and more traffic.

Between the cell towers and road widening and commercial buildings that have cropped up, the Ranch has had more than its share of negative impact. Enough is enough.....please stop doing the things that will drive our property values down more than they already have.

Terry Marini 10710 E. San Salvador Brive Scottsdale, AZ 85258

To Who It May Concern,

I am astonished to hear that you would consider making these streets available to truck traffic. This is an area that has many senior citizens who walk everywhere, to the doctors local mall and exercise. They also drive to and from different affairs and entertainment sites in the area. I would like to know how much time, money and gas is saved by using these routes over 90Th st. and the 101. What are there destinations that require the use of these streets. Please take these considerations into the picture before you make central Scottsdale a business venue.

Yours Truly, Ed & Ann Butler

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to the City Ordinance which would designate Via Linda as a Truck Route. Via Linda, going south from Shea Blvd. passes though a quiet residential neighborhood right to 96th Street. It is only after 96th Street that there is any commercial development (and most of that is city owned functions. With direct access off the Loop 101 to Shea Blvd. it makes a great deal more sense to keep truck traffic on Shea rather than direct it off Loop 101 through a quiet neighborhood. I am also concerned about truck traffic running through the school lights ( with a 15MPH speed limit on Via Linda) by Laguna Elementary school. People exiting the Senior Center nearby may also create problems for the truckers.

I do not know what restrictions there would be to keep the truck traffic off Via Linda during the evening hours and throughout the night, but I do not want to sit outside and listen to trucks roaring by at all time of the day and night. We made a conscious decision to purchase our home in Scottsdale Ranch because of the quiet nature of the ranch and the City of Scottsdale doesn't need to upset this by allowing truck traffice on Via Linda. There is already enough regular vehicular traffic and to add truck traffice is unnecessary and unreasonable. Shea has always been the truck route and it should stay that way.

Jamie Robinson

### FROM - Richard T Axtell / Faye Corsini - Axtell Members of Scottsdale Ranch Community Association

Scottsdale , AZ , 85258 - 5635

Dear Ms Arballo

My wife and I cannot be at the hearing on this controversial and troubling subject tomorrow and hereby request that our votes be counted firmly against this trashy and utterly baseless connivance on behalf of said Commission!!

In no way should the Commission proceed to approve such a monstrosity that would adversely affect all of us here specifically in Andalusia Two and all others on Scottsdale Ranch insofar as our already 30% - 50% depreciated property values would take an additional beating as a direct result of any and all such actions on behalf of said Commission, aimed at designating Via Linda and 96th Street as TRUCK ROUTES!!

NO WAY JOSE!! OVER MY / OUR DEAD BODIES!! Hope that makes it very clear where we stand, and we hereby respectfully request that said Commission REJECT any and all such considerations immediately!! We firmly believe that we speak not only for ourselves but also for all the residents herewith, and simply state that WE THE PEOPLE of Andalusia Two and Scottsdale Ranch want no part of it!!

We have lived here in relative peace and quiet for the last 15 years and did not buy into this community, which is composed of hi - end residences which originally cost the buyers anywhere from \$500,000 to over \$1,000,000, only to be devalued to half that level by the recent Recession, to have to consider any such proposal from a City of Scottsdale Commission!!

Said Commission should innately know better than to even consider such demands from any form of Commercial Trucking or special interest groups, who do not care how we long term residents feel about our cherished lifestyle and our dedicated neighborhood!!

In conclusion therefor we respectfully state our case and have one simple demand and that is, as stated above, that any request to Designate Via Linda and 96th Street as TRUCK ROUTES should be roundly and totally DENIED And the issue REJECTED OUT OF HAND in the interests of the residents here on Scottsdale Ranch!! We want to keep it this way permanently!! We hope and trust that this short mail has got the message across in no uncertain terms and look forward to your favorable reply!!

We Remain Very Truly Yours Richard T Axtell and Faye Corsini - Axtell

Commissioner Arballo:

My wife and I strenuously object to designating Via Linda and 96th streets as truck routes. In our opinion this change would only add to the level of truck traffic through the heart of a residential community by encouraging the diversion of traffic from Shea Blvd.

Designating Via Linda as a truck route could only increase truck traffic through a residential area directly past an elementary school, a community center and a park.

I'm sure 96th Street is not designated as a truck route in a residential area north of Shea Blvd. Therefore, I see no need to designate 96th St. as a truck route for a distance of approximately one-half a mile through a similar area south of Shea Blvd.

Sincerely, Robert Kline Susan Kline

My husband and I are unable to attend the meeting at Kiva City Hall tomorrow night, but would like to voice our objection to the proposal to make Via Linda a Truck Route from 96th St. to Shea Blvd. We have lived in the Heritage Village IV Subdivision (just off of Via Linda & Cochise) for over ten years, and the traffic between 96th St. and Shea has increased tremendously during the last two years. I believe some of the increased traffic has been created by the new Senior Adult Community that has been built on Via Linda just north of Frank Lloyd Wright. I believe it is called "Arte". Anyway, to approach Via Linda off of Cochise (which is our main exit), we have to wait for the traffic to clear both northbound and southbound. It is taking longer and longer because of the increased traffic now. I would not like to see additional traffic diverted to that section of Via Linda.

In addition, increased traffic would be a hazard for the seniors leaving the Senior Center on Via Linda. There is only one entrance and exit. There is not a stop sign there, so you just have to wait until the traffic has cleared. Also there is a school crossing at Via Linda and Lakeview. During the school year the traffic has to slow down to 15 miles a hour. I wouldn't think the truck traffic would like that.

I do hope you will give these objections thoughtful consideration.

Mary Lou Moosbrugger

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Transportation Commission Re: Truck Routes

Dear Sir/Madam,

I represent the residents of the Racquet Club at Scottsdale Ranch. We have 395 units and a population of about 650 people (<a href="www.racquetclubatsr.org">www.racquetclubatsr.org</a>). Many of our residents are senior citizens. Our HOA borders both Via Linda and N. 96<sup>th</sup> Street.

As a purely residential facility, we are opposed to designating Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> Street approved truck routes.

Of course, we are concerned about increased traffic, noise and pollution, but we also believe there are a number of safety issues to consider. At the northwest corner of Mountain View and 96<sup>th</sup> Street, there is a large medical center, which many of our residents walk or bike to. Via Linda from 96<sup>th</sup> Street to Mountain View is a totally residential area, already quite busy with auto traffic. There are many curves and blind spots. There are no crosswalks, no lights. It is

already dangerous, but if we add trucks, which have stopping distance much longer than autos, it would become potentially lethal for pedestrians.

We urge you to exclude these streets in you proposed truck route plan.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Cliff Warren President

Dear Ms. Arballo,

We are residents in Scottsdale who oppose ANY plans to have truck routes on Via Linda and 96th Street. Shea Boulevard already exists for this east-west route, and State Route 101 exists for a north-south route. Adding Shea and 96th Street will only increase an already crowded traffic flow, both commercial and residential, which will create more noise, pollution, accident potential, as well as potential injury to Scottsdale residents. Via Linda abuts and accesses a park, an elementary school, and a senior center where more people (especially young children and seniors) would be subject to the harm created by these additional trucks.

Outside of the Mercado Shopping Center the remainder of the route is residential.

The proposed routes are also 2 lanes, and not 3 lanes as on Shea and the 101. As the saying goes, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it". Well, the system IS NOT BROKEN. Please leave it alone,

However, a positive change to increase vehicular flow would be to change the traffic light on 96th Street and Via Linda to one that has a lagging left green arrow. That would decrease accidents and congestion.

Sincerely,
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kopp

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

I purchased a condo on Mt View and Via Linda in 2005. I don't need to tell you that that investment is now worth half of what I paid for it. I am doing my best to hold on to that property and currently have wonderful tenants renting the place.

Changing that area to a truck route will add insult to injury in terms of the value of the property there. My tenant is a single mom with 3 young girls. They love it there; it is safe and quiet. The girls go to school down the street (on the proposed truck route). There are lovely parks near there (on the proposed truck route). What is the point of negatively impacting that area and making it less safe and comfortable for families wich children who currently enjoy the area?

Economic times are hard enough on us home owners. Please do your best to be considerate of the quiet enjoyment of home owners and residents.

thank you.

Joanne Vaccaro



### **Proposed Truck Route Ordinance**

Scottsdale Ranch HOA
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# FOUNTAINS COUNCIL OF CO OWNERS Post Office Box 31176 Phoenix, Arizona 85046



December 16, 2010

City of Scottsdale Dave Meinhart, Transportation Director 7447 E. Indian School Road, #205 Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Re: Proposal for Via Linda Truck Route

To Whom It May Concern:

The Fountains Council of Co Owners Board of Directors has been made aware that the City of Scottsdale is proposing that Via Linda be approved as a truck route. This purpose of this letter to state the Fountains strong objection to this proposal. The Fountains is situated at the southwest corner of Via Linda and Mountain View in Scottsdale. The Fountains residents would be severely impacted by this action. Many residents walk and bicycle in this beautiful area. Converting this to a truck route would create a serious safety issue as well as a noise issue for the residents who reside along Via Linda. In addition, we are concerned that this decision could have a serious negative effect on our property values.

The Board of Directors looks forward to the City of Scottsdale reconsidering this issue and dropping the proposal.

Thank you for your Time.

**Fountains Board of Directors** 

By Vickie Kosel

**Fountains Property Management** 

cc: Scottsdale Ranch Community Association



# **Proposed Truck Route Ordinance**

Scottsdale Ranch HOA COMMENT/QUESTION FORM

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#### December 11, 2010

To: City of Scottsdale Transportation Commission

From: Thomas and Jeanine Renard

Subject: Proposed changes to City Ordinance that would designate Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> St. as TRUCK ROUTES.

We are the Renards – Tom and Jeanine at Place Scottsdale, Az. 85258. We have owned this property since August of 1987, some 23 years.

Let us point out our reasons why this proposal should NOT pass.

- 1. From 90<sup>th</sup> to Shea, Via Linda is covered with residential dwellings
- 2. Fire Station and Police Dept. very active on Via Linda.
- 3. Scottsdale Ranch Park stretching from near Mountain View to Lakeview filled with children, families, seniors, bikes, walkers, the Senior Center and the Boys and Girls Club.
- 4. Senior Center has heavy traffic coming and going, with right and left turns, limited visability and no traffic light.
- 5. Lakeview and Via Linda has a grade school with school bus traffic, parent traffic and children walking and riding bikes.
- 6. The sidewalks in some places along Via Linda are very close to the curbs and therefore you feel like the vehicles are very close.
- 7. These 6 reasons are far more than enough for the Commission to ask WHY the proposed truck route was even considered. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO USING THE EXISTING MAJOR ROADS OF SHEA AND 101.? Consider the fact that already the cars on Via Linda exceed the 40 mile an hour speed limit what are we thinking? Do not waste the time on such a ridiculous and stupid proposal. ENOUGH SAID!

THANK YOU.

Tom and Jeanine Renard



### **Proposed Truck Route Ordinance**

Scottsdale Ranch HOA
COMMENT/QUESTION FORM
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Please note that the city of Scottsdale receives requests from citizens to review comment cards and the city is obligated to release any information on the cards that is considered a public record.

From:

Sent:

George [ Wednesday, December 15, 2010 5:58 AM Arballo, Rose

To:

Cc: Subject:

Truck Routes

Attachments:

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Please review my comments regarding truck routes as they pertain to Scottsdale Ranch and adjacent areas to the west.

These comments are on the enclosed document.

Thank You

George Gowans

Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

Mr. Dave Meinhart Transportation Director City of Scottsdale 7447 East Indian School Suite 205 Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Dear Mr. Meinhart,

am a resident of Scottsdale Ranch residing off Via Linda and 100th Street. I am writing this letter to express my displeasure with the idea of turning Via Linda between 90th Street and Shea Boulevard into a designated truck route.

The Scottsdale Ranch area is a family oriented, leisure and Senior community already VERY heavily traveled many hours of the day. I have the concerns that to allow this proposal to pass, this already VERY busy street will become even more congested creating excess noise and safety hazards for all the residents in our community. This is especially true during rush hour! Have you ever been on Via Linda during rush hour? The left hand turn lane on 90th Street heading to the 101 is already backed up half way to 96th Street for those wishing to get to the 101. There is also a GREAT deal of congestion at 92nd Street that provides access to businesses, the Scottsdale Police Station and other city government agencies. A city school bus depot is also adding to the congestion at this intersection. To add truck traffic to Via linda will greatly impede residential owners and tenants from easy access to and from Via Linda from their neighborhoods, thereby creating the need for additional stop lights creating even more congestion. With the availability of Shea Boulevard and it's multiple lanes in each direction providing easy access to the 101, why would we need to use small neighborhood streets as well?

While I appreciate the need to move towards progress for the future, to allow this proposal to pass would not be in the best interest of our community. The ultimate result of this decision to allow truck traffic on Via Linda would further diminish already stressed property values in and around our entire community. That would be detrimental to all.

Please reconsider this proposal and I urge you to vote NO!

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Gager
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From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:50 AM

To:

Arballo, Rose

Cc:

PAMELA GAGEN; Bob Gagen

Subject:

Truck Traffic Proposal

Attachments:

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Good Morning Rose,

Please see attached letter regarding the proposal to add truck traffic to Via Linda. I would appreciate your passing this information along to those involved with this proposal.

Thank you. Pam Gagen

City of Scottsdale Transportation Commission Attn: Rose Arballo, Commission staff liaison rarballo@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

RE: Proposed changes to a city ordinance to designate additional truck routes

I am opposed to these changes because it is an ill conceived idea. It violates the City of Scottsdale's policy of protection of Communities. I will address my own neighborhood, **Scottsdale Ranch**, and the immediate business area to the West.

This designation would entice trucks off of major roads and onto neighborhood streets where they will encounter:

#### Schools

Via Linda, between the 101 Freeway and Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd includes two major school crossings where speed limits during school days are 25 and 15 Miles per hour. Crossing guards are on duty but this would add an additional burden to the management of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Long Haul truckers would wonder why they were offered this route.

#### Stop and go noise

With numerous traffic signals the braking and shifting of trucks would be a major disruption to our Communities.

#### Curved roadway – limited sight distance - lack of turn lanes

There are many intersections without traffic signals where local residents enter and leave Via Linda and where medical and business traffic must enter and leave 92<sup>nd</sup> / 94th street.

Also pedestrians frequently cross at these lesser intersections going between home and friends, the Senior Center or the Recreation Center.

Most of Via Linda does not have turn lanes for deceleration and acceleration. The addition of truck traffic would change the nature of these local community roads.

#### Alternative Choices

Except for local delivery there is no need to route trucks through these neighborhoods. Local delivery trucks already use computer software that directs them on the shortest routes to pick up or delivery within these neighborhoods. This not only saves them time and fuel but minimizes the impact on local streets.

The 101 Freeway and Shea Boulevard have been upgraded to include dual turn lanes, extra drive lanes and provide straight driving conditions without encountering local on-off turning between traffic signals. The few non signaled side roads are equipped with 'T' intersections to facilitate local traffic.

#### **SUMMARY**

Scottsdale Ranch is a neighborhood where residents spend time walking the many paved sidewalks alongside its roads.

By planning and building this community the designers provided for adequate traffic movement.

Scottsdale Ranch should not be penalized for providing adequate facilities.

Other Communities appear to be threatened as well. Perhaps some of the proposed routes would be useful but only those routes that do not bisect Communities should even be considered.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues

George Gowans

Cc: Kathe M. Barnes SRCA

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November 17, 2010

Dave Meinhart, Transportation Director City of Scottsdale 7447 E Indian School Road Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Subject: Proposed Truck Routes

Dear Mr. Meinhart,

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed Ordinance changes to designated truck routes in so far as it pertains to Via Linda as an alternative truck route south of Shea Blvd.

My reasons for this objection are adequately stated in the letter from Kathe Barnes, Executive Director, SRCA, dated October 18, 2010.

Respectfully,

Don Adams

From:

Erin Mulay

Sent:

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 8:29 PM

To: Subject: Arballo, Rose Truck route

Hello,

We are unable to attend the meeting but would like to vote Against the truck routes. Thank you.

<u>David and Erin Mu</u>lay

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Sent from my mobile device

~ Erin Mulay, PharmD University of Southern California Midwestern University Michelle Corsey

Phone #

V/M message: 9:54 a.m. Wednesday, 12/15/10

Homeowner at Racquet Club at Scottsdale Ranch

Commented that Via Linda has a school and senior center. Intersection at Mountainview and Via Linda is difficult to cross. 96<sup>th</sup> Street also has a Caremark and trying to get in and out of there is a nightmare. 96<sup>th</sup> and Via Linda does not have to be used as a truck route. There is already too much traffic on Via Linda. Other alternative would be to use Shea. Ms. Corsey expresses her dismay on a truck route at this location.

From:

Sam Bergerbaum [

Sent:

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 8:39 PM

To: Subject:

Arballo, Rose Trucks on Via Linda

#### Sirs:

The streets to which you want to redirect the trucks, Via Linda and 96 are streets that do not meet with your own designation as "major arteries". Also, there are buildings on these roads such as schools, Seniors Center, Boys and Girls Club etc., to which, if you proceed this truck program would present a hazard. You will be causing traffic along these two streets to increase and become dangerous, I am sure that upon further review of this plan and listening to the citizens of Scottsdale, you will see what an error in judgement this would be.

As a resident of Scottsdale my husband and I are officially registering our vote against any such redirection of trucks into this area.

Cheryl and Sam Bergerbaum

Scottsdale, 85258

From:

Sent: To: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:46 PM

Arballo, Rose

Attention: Rose Arballo

My wife , Nancy, and I very much object to having Via Linda and 96th Street as truck routes. This is a residential area with children and schools. A three lane highway, Shea, is only a few blocks away. Why do we need another road for trucks?

Edward E. Bothfeld

Scottsdale, Az 85258

From:

Nancy Files

Sent:

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:59 PM

To:

Arballo, Rose

Subject:

Protest Regarding Changing Via Linda & 96th Street to Truck Route Designations

We would like to voice our strong opposition to the proposal that would make Via Linda & 96th Street "truck routes". We specifically moved to Scottsdale Ranch because of its beautiful, pleasant and quiet setting. In our opinion, the above mentioned proposal would greatly alter the appeal of the Scottsdale Ranch area and all of the neighbors here that we've talked to feel the same way about this issue.

Please do not allow this to happen - it would be a true disservice to the residents of Scottsdale Ranch.

Sincerely,

Marc & Nancy Files

Scotsdale, AZ 85258

From:

Craig Naylor

Sent:

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 10:10 PM

To:

Arballo, Rose

Cc: Subject: David Ross; John Dever Proposed Truck Route

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regard to the proposed change that will create a truck route on Via Linda. As a home owner with reasonably close approximation to via Linda I am very concerned over this proposal. We frequently access the Mercado Shopping Centre and must cross Via Linda to do so. A truck route will do nothing but make this crossing more dangerous to the many residents of this neighborhood. In addition we value highly the quiet nature of our development in Mountainview Lake Estates. Increasing the noise level with this change is of great concern – not only to the enjoyment of our homes but also to the potential decrease in home values such a change will make.

In short, please do not agree to a change in zoning – rather leave the trucks on the busy streets they currently occupy.

Sincerely,

Craig Naylor

Mountainview Lake Estates

From:

Sent:

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 11:15 PM

To:

Arballo, Rose

Subject:

Opposition to designating 96th St. and Via Linda as a truck route

#### To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose designating 96th St and Via Linda as a truck route. I am a senior citizen residing at the Racquet Club and often take walks on both those streets. It is already too busy with regular traffic. Allowing truck traffic would make it much worse.

Sincerely,

Victor Capen

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

From:

Herb Spohr [

Sent:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:04 AM

To:

Arballo, Rose

Subject:

City Ordinance for "Via Linda & 96th Street Truck Routes"

Dear Ms. Arballo,

I understand that you are the person designated to receive opinions and/or concerns about the proposed City Ordinance that would allow trucks to use the Via Linda & 96<sup>th</sup> Street Corridors. I am therefore sending this concern.

I am with the Department of Homeland Security, US Coast Guard Auxiliary (since 1975), and am designated an AUXMEES Specialist, which interprets to an Anti-Terrorist Specialist. Through the years, I have been involved in traffic pattern design

for many entities, from waterways to mass transit systems.

I do not need to tell you that the current traffic patterns on Via Linda attempting to make turns at Pima/90<sup>th</sup> Street already

have developed long lines ....and stressed drivers, especially due to the short, tight turn pattern required to navigate a southbound turn from Via Linda onto Pima/90<sup>th</sup> Street. I have been impressed that the city has designed the turn signals to allow massive groups of vehicles to navigate the 90<sup>th</sup> Street turn at one time, but I believe adding large trucks to that TIGHT TURN PATTERN will add dire consequences including potential serious accidents. Trucks will require both lanes to navigate a southbound turn from Via Linda to 90<sup>th</sup> Street. I can only foresee extremely negative consequences by allowing trucks to use the Via Linda Corridor.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my concerns. I am available at 480-226-8558 should anyone want to discuss my concerns further.

Respectfully,

Herb Spohr

Herb Spohr

United States Department of Defense Civilian

United States Department of Homeland Security Founding Member

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Past Commander

United States Marine Corps League Past Commandant

Scottsdale, AZ 85260-6629

From:

Serlin, Tricia

Sent:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:11 AM

To: Subject: Arballo, Rose citizen concerns

Hi Rose,

A couple of patrons here at the Via Linda Senior Center expressed their concerns to me about the proposed changes to Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> St. to be designated as truck routes. They asked me to share with "the city" they are worried about the safety of seniors and the students at the nearby school. I encouraged them to attend the meeting and send in their own emails.

Thanks,

Tricia Serlin Human Services Coordinator Via Linda Senior Center

From:

Amy McDonnell I

Arballo, Rose

Sent:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:43 AM

To:

Subject:

Via Linda and 96th Street as Truck Routes

Importance:

High

#### Rose,

As a parent of 5 children living at the cross streets of 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Via Linda, I am extremely concerned and opposed to allowing a truck route to pass through our community, when there is already an accessible pathway at Shea designated as a truck route. My children attend Best Pals preschool at the Mercado and Laguna Elementary and we bicycle to school everyday. We moved to this part of Scottsdale in order to live in a safe community that encourage it's residents to partake in the outdoor life that Arizona has to offer. We love riding to school, admiring the landscape, playing games with each other and talking about our days. It is already pretty noisy during rush hours. When groups of cars are driving by, my family I cannot talk to each other on our bikes. We must wait for a break in traffic to speak; I could not imagine the sound an 18 wheeler would make. I am already very cautious when crossing Mountain View Road at Via Linda due to the amount of vehicles and high traffic throughout the Mercado. I CANNOT imagine feeling safe if there were 18 wheel vehicles that I was up against with my little kids- those vehicles cannot stop as quickly as cars, and they can crush a child without even knowing about it.

I am extremely confused as to why this is even a discussion with the City of Scottsdale considering that Shea (a 3 lane road in each direction, and conducive to large trucks and delivery vehicles) is just to the north and provides plenty of access to the same locations that the Via Linda route would provide. Please stop spending our taxes and discussing this point further. We have a abeautiful neighborhood with shopping, a large public use park, a pre-school, a senior center, a boys and girls club and elementary school. Does this area sound like the perfect spot to run a truck route through it?

NO!!!!!

Please keep my children safe, and not allow a truck route through Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> Street. Please keep the route at Shea.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to learning the proposal has been quashed.

#### Amy McDonnell

From:

Kathe Barnes [

Sent:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:56 AM

To:

Arballo, Rose

Subject:

Truck route comments

Attachments:

truck route.pdf

Rose,

Attached are comment sheets that a couple of our homeowners dropped off at our office. Can you please forward to the Transportation Commission?

Thank you,

#### Kathe M. Barnes, LSM, PCAM | Executive Director

Scottsdale Ranch Community Association I 10585 N. 100th Street I Scottsdale, AZ 85258

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### **Proposed Truck Route Ordinance**

Scottsdale Ranch HOA COMMENT/QUESTION FORM

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# **Proposed Truck Route Ordinance**

Scottsdale Ranch HOA
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From:

Peggy Smookler [r

Sent:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:31 AM

To:

Subject:

Arballo, Rose Via Linda & 96th St as Truck Routes

Rose,

I hope the city will reconsider and vote NO on a proposed change to designate Via Linda and 96th St. as truck routes.

This area includes a park, elementary school and senior center, as well as blind spots in the road due to the way the road curves on Via Linda. It is already hard enough for seniors to get in to and out of the senior center due to the high volume of car traffic.

As a resident of Heritage IV, it is very dangerous already to get out of our complex. When making a left onto Via Linda to go north to Shea, cars on Via Linda are coming fast around the blind curve and narrowly missing cars exiting from our complex. I can't imagine having trucks barreling down this road too.

Please, please vote NO on this change. Accidents and deaths are sure to follow if this passes.

Sincerely,

Peggy Smookler

From:

Warner, Lisa T. [

Sent:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 2:36 PM

To: Cc: Arballo, Rose Bill Warner

Subject:

Vote on changes to designate Via Linda and 96th Street as truck routes

Ms. Arballo and the Transportation Commission,

My husband and I are extremely concerned about the possible changes to designate Via Linda and 96th Street as truck routes. We live in Scottsdale Ranch at 96th Place and Gold Dust. Such a change would have a direct impact on our home, neighborhood and quality of life. The traffic noise from 96th Street is already so loud that we have had to build a courtyard wall and install a fountain in the front yard to limit our exposure - and that of our eight year old daughter. Scottsdale Ranch is one of the most consistently attractive and desirable communities in the city. Running truck routes through the heart of it can only have a negative impact in terms of housing value, noise, traffic, and accidents. Please leave this wonderful community and neighborhood alone!

Regards,

Lisa

Lisa T. Warner

Key Accounts/Business Development Manager Saint-Gobain Semiconductor Components

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From:

Sent:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 4:39 PM

To: Arballo, Rose

Cc:

Subject:

proposed truck route for via linda and 96th steet

we homeowners at the racquet club, my wife and i are against this proposal, we are senior citizens, often walk to our doctor apppt, in the neighborhood, it could become a safety issue, this is typically a residential area and don't want the additional traffic these trucks would bring into the area.

thank you for consideration,

lois and edward hollander

scottsdale,az. 85258

From:

Sent:

Kimberly Kingsley [ Wednesday, December 15, 2010 4:53 PM

To:

Arballo, Rose

Subject:

96th Street and Via Linda

Hello,

My name is Kimberly Kingsley and I live at Presidio condominiums on 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Via Linda. My patio actually backs up to 96<sup>th</sup> Street. If it were to become a truck route, it would impact my quality of life as well as make these already weak condo values weaker.

Please consider this a personal plea to route trucks down streets that are less residential.

Thank you, Kimberly Kingsley

From:

Sent:

Thursday, December 16, 2010 8:43 AM

To:

Subject:

Via Linda truck route

Arballo, Rose;

I live at \_\_\_\_\_ my home backs up to 96th ST, and is two houses south of Via Linda. I am opposed to designating Via Linda a truck route. The reasons for my opposition are as follows:

- 1. Increased traffic and noise.
- 2. Increased traffic accidents
- 3. Primarily a residential area.
- 4. Congestion at the intersection of 90th St. and Via Linda. During weekdays the back-up today to turn left on 90th St. from Via Linda backs up frequently to San Salvador; if trucks were trying to make this turn it would be drastically increased. Trucks would find it very difficult to turn east off of 90th St. to Via Linda . Also, adding to the congestion is a bus stop on 90th St. just south of Via Linda, busses frequently make long stops there causing a back up on Via Linda, this problem would be much worse if Via Linda was a truck route.
- 5. I also support the arguments regarding the school, senior center, park, etc.
- 6. Lastly, it is far easier for trucks to exit to go east on Shea Blvd. than it is to exit on 90th St.and then turn east on Via Linda.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like clarification on any of these iussues.

Lawrence J. Fernstrom

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

From:

Mary Ann [

Sent:

Thursday, December 16, 2010 10:50 AM

To:

Arballo, Rose

Subject:

City of Scottsdale Transportation Commission's Proposed Changes to Allow Via Linda and

96th Street as Truck Routes

Dear Ms. Arballo,

Please relay to the Transportation Committee the following reasons why we find the proposed changes to allow Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> Street as truck routes will have a NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

- 1. <u>Safety</u> and Risk issues: Via Linda from 90<sup>th</sup> Street to Shea is essentially a residential area. There are numerous condominiums, apartments, and residential side streets accessing Via Linda. There is also a recreational park area where people walk to a Senior Citizens Center, a Boys and Girls Club, and an elementary school that require substantial pedestrian traffic on Via Linda, or the crossing of Via Linda! Additionally, there are numerous school bus stops all along Via Linda during peak traffic hours! The addition of truck traffic to this already heavily trafficked street will endanger pedestrians, residents trying to access Via Linda, and school children.
- 2. This change would increase noise and air pollution to residents of the immediate area!
- 3. We have also observed several <u>auto accidents</u> at the intersection of Via Linda and Mountain View in the past 2 years! These accidents may in part be due to the speeds attained by vehicular traffic between the traffic lights serving the cross streets of Via Linda and 96<sup>th</sup> and Via Linda and Mountain View, and/or the poor visibility for drivers making right hand turns from Mountain View onto Via Linda (on red lights). There are numerous obscured intersections off Via Linda in both directions into either the Mercado or residential areas that will become increased risks for accidents and injuries.
- 4. The intersection of 90<sup>th</sup> Street and Via Linda is already <u>congested</u> with normal auto traffic and will certainly increase due to the new baseball facilities on Pima!
- 5. This change would <u>redirect traffic</u> from primarily a commercial route (90<sup>th</sup> Street north of Via Linda) to residential areas by having large trucks exiting 101 at the 90<sup>th</sup> Street/Pima in order to get to Shea!
- 6. The present street design for a right hand turn off of 90<sup>th</sup> Street to Via Linda would eventually require <u>major</u> intersection redesign to accommodate large tractor trailer turns!
- 7. Last, the impact to our neighborhood would be totally NEGATIVE by turning our basically quiet neighborhood where we can enjoy the <u>quality of life</u> that we wanted when we moved here! Why can't trucks exit 101 at Shea where the intersection has been designed to accommodate commercial traffic?

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann and Hank Muranko

From:

Sent:

Thursday, December 16, 2010 10:54 AM

To:

Arballo, Rose Subject:

Truck Route 96th Street / Via Linda

Ms. Arballo,

I am a resident in the Mirador development of Scottsdale Ranch and am very concerned about the proposed changes to the city ordinance that would allow 96th Street and Via Linda to become truck routes.

These streets run through our community park, senior center, boys club and elementary school and I feel that the increased traffic would be a cause for major concern. With many other streets available [Shea, 90th Street, 101 Loop] there is no immediate need to designate these other streets, especially Via Linda. to be truck routes.

Please consider my thoughts that this would have a negative effect on the value of this residential community.

Thank you in advance, Ronald T Lonie

From:

Joe Menosky I

Sent:

Thursday, December 16, 2010 12:22 PM

To:

Arballo, Rose

Subject:

Via Linda truck route

I would like to submit my comments on the potential use of Via Linda as a truck route.

Via Linda has no bicycle paths. Yielding 3 feet to bikers puts a car into the left lane. This will be much more hazardous with trucks in that lane. Or traffic will simply come to a stall behind the bicyclist.

Or worse, cyclists will be struck!

Via Linda is a bus route with no pull outs for the busses. Trucks will greatly encumber the flow of traffic and put passengers at risk when they enter or leave the bus and cross the street.

There are numerous school zones along Via Linda with the attendant school crossings that will again bring risks to the children.

Scottsdale Ranch park and Senior center have cars entering and leaving at all hours. Making left turns into and out of these facilities will be made considerably more dangerous than it already is. (Think seniors)

The Scottsdale Boys and Girls club is also accessed from Via Linda. Once again safety of the children should be of prime concern.

The newly added Dan Haren activity field for challenged children along with the other ball fields will again be more dangerous to access from Via Linda.

Personally, I am having a hard time reconciling how this was ever considered for a truck route in the first place. Pleas, keep the trucks where they belong, not on residential streets.

Thank you, Joseph Menosky

Scottsdale 85259

### E-mail Comments – Proposed Truck Route Ordinance January 2011

It is my understanding that the City of Scottsdale is considering allowing truck traffic along Via Linda. Having spent too many days with closed windows due to truck noise while staying with family who lived on Shea Boulevard, I oppose bringing that type of noise on what is an often busy but relatively quiet street. I recently purchased a home at the Venetian Condominiums and the tranquility of that setting was of great appeal. If the City allows truck traffic, it will be the beginning of an eventual deterioration of the quality of life in the neighborhood. Once a decision of this type is made it is never reversed and only leads to more actions that negatively impact a community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ed Bernard (Venetian 1, Unit 1013)

Dave:

I noticed that Legend Trail Parkway is designated a truck route on the map of proposed truck routes in Scottsdale.

Several years ago, in response to resident complaints about trucks speeding up and down LTP, the Scottsdale Police Department did a review of road conditions. They determined that because the north end of LTP T's into Stagecoach Pass, and Stagecoach Pass east and west of LTP is a narrow, two-lane, 25 mph street, it is unacceptable for truck traffic (except for local deliveries). They determined that LTP should not be a designated truck route, because doing so would route truck traffic onto Stagecoach Pass where truck traffic would create unsafe conditions.

You can verify that with Cmdr. Wilton.

That said, is it possible to get LTP removed from the list of proposed truck routes.

Happy Holidays, Linda

My opinion is that I do not want 96<sup>th</sup> Street to be a Truck Route. Thanks for listening to me. Pat Homan

I live in Scottsdale Ranch

Pat Homan, Relocation Specialist HomeSmart Realty Scottsdale Office To Whom it May Concern,

I'm a resident of Scottsdale Ranch....apparently, Via Linda, between Pima (90 th) and Shea is the preferred route for every heavy vehicle in Scottsdale. I suppose it's because it's faster than 90 up to Shea. I say this because the cars are doing 60 plus through the SRP curve. We need two things. A 30 mph speed limit and better enforcement. Just put a squad car at 104th for a couple of days and it'll pay for the new signs. Not to mention, we need more lights to let the children cross safely to the park. It's poor planning to zone a residential community with children across from a park and not have a cross walk at the entrance. I

suppose when a small child gets away from Mom and get's run over then someone will take action.

I understand there's a walkover for the shopping center but the older children don't cross that way. Again, just a slip or stumble and some hesitation and it's all over.

We encourage our children to play at the park but every time we here a horn honk or brakes skid our hearts sink.

My idea is one of those high school style crosswalks....should be a drop in the bucket for the SRP folks.

Sincerely,

Joseph Persampire Resident Morningside

We oppose the proposed truck route on 96th Street and Via Linda Street. Trucks should stay off these streets and instead use Shea as is more appropriate.

Sherry & Jim McCarthy

I am adding my voice to the others from Scottsdale Ranch who are opposed to adding trucks to the already heavy traffic on Via Linda.

I live in Andalusia II and often find it very difficult to get onto Via Linda via 100th Street because of the amount and spread out traffic on Via Linda.

Via Linda is crowded because it is used by a great number of drivers bye passing Shea Blvd to go to and from 101 in the direction of Fountain Hills.

Paul S. Berger

I oppose the idea of a truck route through Scottsdale Ranch on Via Linda and 96th Street. This is a lovely private housing community with various people of different ages, children the elderly who use the boys and girls club, go to school, use the senior center and of course the park with its tennis courts and walking area. People would not have bought into this community if it was going to change into a track for trucks. Real Estate has depreciated enough we do not need any more depreciation from City Hall.

Do not change it. Carol

I read with relief that the Transportation Dept. is reconsidering its decision to make Via Linda a truck route. I attended the meeting about this and thought the three representatives offered no logical reason for rezoning this street. Except for one corner Via Linda in Scottsdale Ranch has no commercial property and is in a thoroughly residential neighborhood. Please continue to vote no on this recommendation.

To: Scottsdale Transportation Commission

The purpose of this email is to support the Transportation Department's proposed exclusion of Via Linda, 96th St and a portion of Cactus from the proposed truck route ordinance. The Transportation Department's recommendation is prudent and reasonable.

In addition to the reasons articulated by the Scottsdale Ranch Association in their 18 October 2010 letter, I would like to provide my own observations. We purchased a second home in Scottsdale Ranch several years ago for its combination of active local businesses and a peaceful setting. Truck traffic supporting the local businesses in Scottsdale Ranch is understandable to provide the services we desire. However, using the aforementioned roads as merely a conduit from more established main roads (e.g., Shea Blvd) would significantly degrade the area's environment and create unacceptable heavy traffic and related safety concerns.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance. If you have any questions or wish to further discuss the matter, please feel free to contact me at this email address.

Kind regards, Kevin

### Public Comments Regarding Dixileta as a Truck Route

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to Truck Route Ordinance, City of Scottsdale

I, Paula Kable, am writing this letter asking that Dixileta Drive not be added to the list of designated truck routes for the City of Scottsdale.

I became aware that Dixileta Drive was being recommended as a truck route after I read an article in the Arizona Republic of Friday, 24 Dec, 2010, on Page 8 (Northeast Valley News Section). In that same article the reporter indicated that city transportation staff, upon hearing the objections of residents along Via Linda, removed Via Linda from the proposed list. Likewise, I am asking that Dixileta Drive also be removed from the list.

Upon viewing the City Of Scottsdale web site, transportation section, I was surprised to learn that the city has been working with neighborhoods where the proposed additions to the truck routes are to take place. Except for the Arizona Republic news article, I had not been aware of this proposal, nor had our HOA leadership.

Dixileta Drive in Scottsdale is a 2 mile stretch of rural non-rubberized 2 lane road-way, bordered by trails and used by horse riders, bicyclists, joggers, pedestrians, children and dog-walkers. It is in close proximity to a significant number of homes that would be harmed by increased noise and visual pollution, were it to be added to the truck route ordinance for the City of Scottsdale. It is not wanted nor is it needed. As Via Linda residents were granted, we would ask that Dixileta Drive removed from the proposed list of truck route additions to its ordinance.

Thank you for your time and understanding as you consider my request.

Paula Kable

Scottsdale, AZ 85266

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to Truck Route Ordinance, City of Scottsdale

We have just become aware that Dixileta Drive is being considered to be added to the list of designated truck routes for the City of Scottsdale. We are asking that the city reconsider this change for the following reasons:

- 1-The HOA for the community of Las Piedras that fronts on Dixileta Drive has not been made aware of the proposed change nor has had the opportunity to discuss options.
- 2-The road runs about two miles from Pima Rd to Scottsdale Rd. road and lies in the center of private properties that boarder both sides of the road.

- 3-There are many young children that live along the entire length of Dixileta Road both on the North as well as the South side of the road that will be put in harms way from fast moving vehicles going downhill from Pima to Scottsdale Road.
- 4-There are currently two roads (Dynamite and Lone Mountain) that run from Pima Road west that are more than capable of carrying the traffic from Pima Road west.
- 5- There are no commercial businesses along Dixileta Drive. There are only private properties that front onto the road.
- 6-There are several churches that border onto Dixileta Drive at Scottsdale Road that use an exit onto Dixiletta Dr. to come and go from services and school.
- 7- Dixileta Drive is bordered by trails and used by horse riders, bicyclists, joggers, pedestrians, children and dog-walkers.
- 8 It is in close proximity to a significant number of homes that would be harmed by the additional noise and fast moving traffic...
- 9-Dixiletta Road runs in a down slope from Pima Road to Scottsdale Road and many of the trucks currently using the road exceed the 40 mile speed limit creating an "Accident waiting to happen" with out the addition of opening the road to additional large commercial vehicles.
- 10-There is no reason or need for another fast moving road when there is currently a fast moving road less than one mile north as well as approx. one mile south of Dixileta that are currently serving the needs of the traffic.

We ask you to please reconsider any change to the current use of Dixileta Drive.

Thank you Martin and Joan Robbins

Scottsdale, AZ 85266

Dear Transportation Director, Dave Meinhart, and Principal Transportation Planner, Teresa Huish;

We have just been made aware of the possible designation of Dixileta Drive as a truck route.

We are asking you to strongly reconsider this action, as it will totally disrupt the peaceful quality of life that so many residents enjoy along Dixileta Drive. It is also a safety issue. The walking trails and sidewalks are used frequently by our Las Piedras community residents, as well as residents of other community developments along this stretch of highway. This proposal will not benefit any of these neighborhoods in any way, as it will add dozens of high profile vehicles to our two lane desert road. Our quality of life will become forever changed.

We are against adding Dixileta Drive to your proposed truck route, and are requesting that you remove the stretch of highway between Scottsdale Road and Pima Road from your proposal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Salvatore A. and Kandace J. Ricotta Las Piedras Residential Community

Scottsdale, AZ. 85266

As residents of Las Piedras subdivision on Dixileta Drive we vehemently oppose a change designating Dixileta as a truck route.

In no way does it meet the Scottsdale criteria for such a route.

- 1. It has no connection to a regional freeway.
- 2. It is inconsistent with the transportation master plan. When we bought our home, Dixileta was a dirt road. It is slightly more than 7 miles long, all residential.
- 3. Dixileta is bordered by a Scottsdale trail and pedestrian sidewalks. It is used by cyclists, walkers, joggers, equestrians, javelina troups, coyote clans, bobcats and myriad birds; hardly a reasonable route for truck traffic.
- 4. Unlike Dynamite and Lone Mt, approximately one mile north and south of Dixileta, there is no commercial development on Dixileta. To the immediate east we have the proposed McDowell Sororan Conservancy. There is no historical use by truck traffic.
- 5. Existing zoning and land use: residential and rural. 40 mile an hour speed limit.
- 6. No noise mitigation measures are present, i.e. rubberized asphalt.

Do not allow this change to occur. It is totally inappropriate, and undesirable.

Thank you,

Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Shannon

Scottsdale, AZ 85266

FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Principal Planner Scottsdale City Teresa Huish

Dear Ms. Huish

We wish to support in every respect the arguments contained in the letter to you dated 12/31/2010 from our neighbors Ray and Dianne Berney requesting reconsideration of the announced Scottsdale City plan to reclassify East Dixileta Drive, Scottsdale as a truck route.

In addition to the very reasonable arguments set forth in the Berney's letter we wish to point out the following.

East Dixileta terminates at Pima with a stop sign where the visibility of traffic coming from the north is seriously hampered by the topography. This is an extremely dangerous intersection. Not only is there no traffic signal at this junction, there is no left turn lane turning north off East Dixileta as there is on other more suitable east west routes that could be chosen in this area.

Finally, East Dixileta between Scottsdale Road and Pima has been post restricted to local truck deliveries for several years. Unfortunately, to the detriment and danger of our community the Scottsdale police does not appear to enforce this designation any more.

Please give careful thought and consideration to the common sense arguments contained in the letter you receive from Mr and Mrs Berney, and others you will undoubtedly receive, before proceeding with this unsuitable and dangerous choice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert J. Tomlin Nancy R. Tomlin

Scottsdale, AZ. 85266

Dear Dave and Teresa,

We hope you carefully consider our attached letter against Dixileta becoming a truck route. Please support our request just as you supported those who protested the Via Linda truck route, and remove Dixileta from the list. It is a two mile, two lane minor feeder that ends at Pima and the proposed Northern section of the McDowell-Sonoran Preserve.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Ray and Diane Berney

Scottsdale, AZ 85266

From:

Brian Johnson

Sent:

Monday, January 10, 2011 2:37 PM

To:

Arballo, Rose

Cc:

Johnson, Brian

Subject:

Via Linda truck traffic

Dear Ms. Arballo,

As a resident of Scottsdale Ranch since 1996 I am writing this letter regarding the proposed ordinance change to the designated truck routes. For the past 12 years I have also been employed in the Transportation / Logistics business, with about 80% of my revenue coming from the trucking business. I am especially concerned about the negative impacts of designating Via Linda as an alternate truck route between 96th St. and Shea Blvd. Via Linda is a friendly and vital "neighborhood road" that often has the likes of pedestrians, bicyclists, runners, walkers, mothers with strollers and the general public within feet of the street. And I do understand that there needs to be minimal truck traffic to make deliveries to the shopping center, The Mercado at Scottsdale Ranch, which is located at Via Linda and Mountainview Roads. But it would be a bad idea to open up Via Linda to "all trucks" and give drivers the opportunity to "shortcut" through a beautiful neighborhood, and believe me that the vast majority of trucks on the 101 are going to take advantage of this loophole if you allow this. To let this happen would be a terrible decision on the part of the City of Scottsdale, and would not take the safety of the citizens to heart. I ride my bike down this road often, my daughter runs with our two dogs down Via Linda very often and I can't even begin to count the number of people I come in contact on my rides that are using Via Linda for various reasons. Plus, Via Linda is very unique with many curves and blind spots. It is already difficult to exit, or safely cross Via Linda.

Via Linda goes through the heart of our community and is adjacent to a large general public use area which houses a city park, Boys and Girls Club, elementary school and a senior center. To add trucks to this road will decrease citizen safety, increase air and noise pollution, and just "does not make sense" with the availability and close proximity of Shea Boulevard and the 101.

What advantages would the good citizens of Scottsdale, and Scottsdale Ranch, gain by opening up Via Linda to truck traffic? The obvious and correct answer is "none." Please do the right thing and DO NOT open up Via Linda to truck traffic.

Kindest regards,

Brian Johnson

From:

Joseph Persampire

Sent:

Wednesday, January 12, 2011 1:58 AM

To:

DeChance, Annie

Cc:

DeChance, Annie; Porell, Paul; Brodzinski, Walt; Meinhart, Dave; Arballo, Rose

Subject:

Re: Reminder - Transportation Commission Meeting

#### To All You Nice People,

If you allow large trucks to course through your neighborhoods rather than direct them to the major roadways such as Shea, Hayden and maybe Pima you'll turn Scottsdale into Elizabeth. New Jersey and that would not be pretty.

The traffic should stay on the highways and nearby service roads and only move east and west on your major east west routes. Keep in mind you'll be repairing these truck routes often or your streets will end up like Indian School Rd., downtown Phoenix.

Take it from a New Yorker who knows you should keep the big trucks out of here.

Since I have options, if you run the trucks up through Via Linda and SRP, I'm outta here. It's already too congested as it is. Time to head up to Anthem or some other, well planned community. Lots of good choices.

Joe P.

-- Sent from my Palm Pre

### On Jan 11, 2011 1:31 PM, DeChance, Annie < ADechance@scottsdaleaz.gov > wrote:

The Scottsdale Transportation Commission is tentatively scheduled to take action on a proposed Truck Route Ordinance at their Jan. 20, 2011 meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. in City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard.

If you have previously submitted a comment regarding this proposed ordinance, it has been documented and provided to the Commission members as part of their information packet.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can watch it live on CityCable 11 or stream it from your computer at www.scottsdaleaz.gov/citycable11/streaming

The agenda for this meeting will be posted online by the end of the business day on Jan. 13 at www.scottsdaleaz.gov/boards/Trans/TransAgendas

To learn more about the proposed ordinance visit: <a href="www.scottsdaleaz.gov/traffic/truckrt.asp">www.scottsdaleaz.gov/traffic/truckrt.asp</a>

Sincerely,

#### Annie DeChance

City of Scottsdale

Public Outreach - Transportation & Water Resources



## Background

- Commercial truck traffic is part of community living
- How business gets done
- Concerns from neighborhoods





### History

- Current ordinance not updated since 1985
  - Lists streets where trucks ARE allowed
  - Many new streets with truck traffic not listed
  - No east-west streets north of CAP canal listed as truck routes
- Truck Routes part of Transportation Master Plan
  - Approved by Transportation Commission and City Council in 2008

### Master Plan Definition

All major roadways will be considered (four

lanes or more)

- Major Arterials
- Minor Arterials
- Major Collectors
- Neighborhood/local streets will not be considered

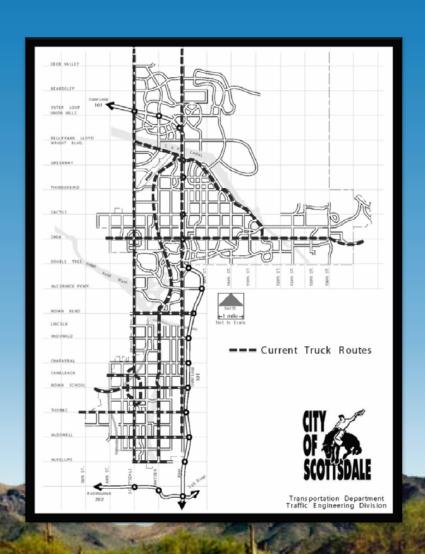




### **Policy Considerations**

- Truck route designations are based on:
  - Connection to a regional freeway
  - Reasonable alternative routes for truck traffic
  - Historical usage by truck traffic
  - Zoning, land uses (commercial, residential, schools) along the route
  - Noise mitigation measures such as rubberized pavement

## Map of Current Truck Routes





### Truck Route Policy Implementation

- Draft Revised Ordinance to match policy
- Public Outreach and notification
- Presentation to Scottsdale Ranch residents
  - Significant input by e-mail, meeting comments and phone calls
  - Investigation of possible Ordinance Revisions



### **Proposed Routes with Ordinance**

- Dynamite
- Happy Valley
- Pinnacle Peak
- Legacy Blvd. (Union Hills)
- Frank Lloyd Wright

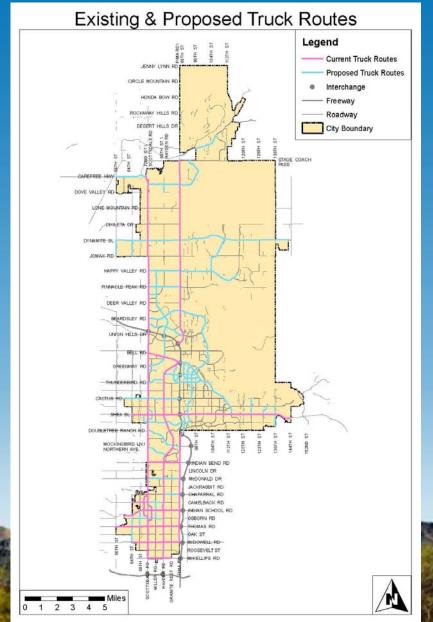


### Recommended Exceptions

- Via Linda 90<sup>th</sup> Street to 130<sup>th</sup> Street
- 96<sup>th</sup> Street Via Linda to Shea Boulevard
- Cactus Road Loop 101 to 96<sup>th</sup> Street



## **Proposed Additional Truck Routes**





### Revised Ordinance Text

#### Sec. 17-60. Truck routes.

- (a). Except as otherwise permitted in subsection (c) below, no person shall operate a commercial vehicle exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross vehicle weight upon any city streets except the truck routes described in subsection (b) below.
- (b). Except for the street segments specified below, truck routes in the City are those 4-lane and larger streets shown in the Streets Element of the Scottsdale Transportation Master Plan, adopted January 2008, Figure 4-5 Recommended Street Functional Classification, as Major Arterials (Rural, Suburban and Urban), Minor Arterials (Rural, Suburban and Urban), and Major Collectors (Rural, Suburban and Urban), as amended.
  - Via Linda from 90<sup>th</sup> Street to Shea Boulevard
  - 96<sup>th</sup> Street from Via Linda to Shea Boulevard
  - Cactus Road from the 101 Freeway to 96<sup>th</sup> Street
- (c). A driver may leave a truck route by the nearest route to make a pickup, delivery or other stop. To make such a pickup, delivery or other stop, the driver shall not cross another truck route.
- (d). This section does not apply to:
  - (1) Passenger buses.
  - (2) Any vehicle owned by a public utility while in use to construct, install, maintain or repair any public utility.
  - (3) Government vehicles.
- (e). The violation of this section is a petty offense punishable by a fine of \$250.



# Questions?

