

Public Comment in Regard to the AZ Canal Multiuse Path from Chaparral Road to the Indian Bend Wash Path

The following comments were received at the October 29, 2013 Public Meeting. All references to names and addresses have been removed. This document represents only the comments that were received. A separate document has been created to address Frequently Asked Questions.

Comment 1

In the plan since 1965 it's time to finally implement this worthwhile enhancement to our city pathways. Benefits this community and appeals to tourists!

Use landscape plantings with no thorns.
Install crossing lights at McDonald and at Chaparral.

Comment 2

The west side of the canal makes a lot more sense. It's safer, has less neighborhood resistance and makes the best choice. The bridge at Jackrabbit will do more good than the rest of the project as a neighborhood connector.

Comment 3

Good job so far. Don't forget about controlling trash.

Comment 4

I am THRILLED to anticipate this canal project. I live on the west side, and have used the canal frequently. I think it will be an improvement aesthetically and will raise our property value.

Comment 5

The bridge over the ditch near the golf course seems unnecessary and a waste of money. The asphalt path currently goes to the road that crosses the ditch. A wider road with a bike path would work fine, plus is a better connection to the multiuse path to Hayden.

The path by the wall through the golf course is narrow and currently contains tall trees and lights. Difficult to see how bikes will use it safely. Also, there's a real problem getting bikes/people from this path down the street to the path that goes behind the canal.

Comment 6

I appreciate the City listening to residents and moving the path to the west side. It is less intrusive and safer on the west side. This project is not needed at all and a poor use of City funds – funds that could be used on true “improvement” projects.

Comment 7

Sorry to see this project go through at all.

1. This is not and improvement.
2. You are not creating a path. The path exists now.
3. It is a waste of money - \$1.9 million from the city.
4. The art is a waste of money.
5. Just because this has been “around” for decades doesn’t mean it is worthwhile.
6. How can we stop this?
7. This is only being done for a select group of bicycle riders with bikes that have narrow tires.
8. No lights anywhere including public art.
9. The bicycle speed is an issue now on the dirt. How will this be controlled on the concrete?

Comment 8

We are very supportive of current plans

Please include provisions for refuse containers at access points

Comment 9

My property stands to lose the most – privacy, flooding, poor aesthetics, this must be reconsidered. I am strongly against any shade rock or public art at the end of Jackrabbit. This will decrease my property value and will be a poor replacement for the already natural landscape. The bridge must be moved further North. It travels directly in front of my house and 1000ft North will make a difference. I think this path should go on the East Bank because of the risk of flood to my property – I am not with this plan or happy.

Comment 10

Where is the money coming from to pay for this project? How much? Why?

Shouldn’t the City be using funds for better thing? Police, fire?

How much has been spent so far?

The path needs to be on the west side it only makes sense Thank you

Comment 11

This is the second Multi Use Path meeting I’ve attended. At both meetings beautiful colored slides have been shown. They are difficult to see – especially the black print. Having hard copies available at the back table would be helpful.

I feel that this project has been a “done deal” from the outset, and I question the use of City funds to finance a portion of it. I think there are more important and meaningful opportunities to finance projects which will enhance the lives of Scottsdale citizens. Flood control issues need to be addressed at a public forum. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion. I really hope everything works out for the best 😊

Comment 12

Thank you for recommending the west side alignment!
The new plan looks good!

Comment 13

Please move forward with this project. Cyclists need a paved path between Chaparral & Indian Bend, and we need the Jackrabbit bike/ped bridge to close the east-west gap in travel from Pima Road Path to 64th/68th St.

I am still concerned about safety and lack of access on the west bank. There are sections that are overgrown & isolated, and a person who is in trouble or needs help will not be heard easily.

Also, who will monitor or improve the flood control asphalt path? It is rutted, cracked, narrow and in terrible shape now.

Finally, please consider signage that educates walkers to stay to the right so cyclists and others can pass on the left.

Comment 14

I am pleased with the proposed project and look forward to see its completion. Thank you for listening to our comments.

Comment 15

- Bridge is #2 priority
- Love the idea of pedestrian-activated traffic control at Chaparral & McDonald
- Great project!

Please lean on developers to finish section between south of Chaparral

Comment 16

Are you kidding?
The bridge & shade “nodes”?
They would not fit in anywhere! Anywhere!

Comment 17

After attending two meetings I think the project is well planned with the best of intentions but I like the canal the way it is and think the money it would cost could be better spent somewhere else in Scottsdale.

Comment 18

I have lived in Scottsdale over 23 years. Not as long as some, but longer than most. I have lived in the Phoenix area, brought up in Central Phoenix, for almost 60 years. Again, not as long as some, but longer than most.

I have used the canals since I was a kid. I have lived in 4 homes in this area of Scottsdale, most of that time within a block of the canal. I have ridden my bike on the canal. I have run for untold hours along the canal training for triathlons, and running events. I have walked with friends and family along the canal.

One thing I did realize a long time ago, the canals were here long before we were. . .before our homes, townhomes, condos, and even before our Home Owners Associations. I was on the board of my current HOA for many years which is located right across the street from this canal and most of the people in my community have never taken advantage of it.

Now thanks to our City of Scottsdale and SRP leaders, we have the chance to improve the canal so more of our community, our whole community can utilize this great asset. Our neighbors that use wheels to get around. . .cyclists, but also those that need a walker, wheelchair, or baby stroller. Now there will be a safe place for not only the people I just mentioned, but still dirt pathways for those people that prefer to use them. I know I like the dirt when running as it isn't as tough on the knees.

My wife and I regularly ride our bikes to work, but we are not able to ride our commuting bikes on the current surface of the canal. Scottsdale does have a better than most bike lane system, but this still does not separate cars from cyclists. There are cyclist-auto accidents with injuries and even deaths on a regular basis because of this. This will be a much safer avenue for those that want to bike to work or just to use because it is cleaner and more convenient form of transportation to get around our beautiful town.

The last section of the path will complete a many mile long corridor through a variety of neighborhoods. Neighborhoods with homes valued from well over a million dollars to neighborhoods with more modest homes. All these neighborhoods have this improved asset and now we will also.

Thanks again to the leaders of Scottsdale and SRP for their progressive ideas like the Award winning Indian Bend Wash completed many years ago and now they are offering us this beautiful and safe path system along this canal that has been sitting here waiting to be used since well before any of us in the room were born.

Comment 19

Bike police patrols

Please plan for skateboard noise over expansion cracks! Thanks!

Comment 20

1. Yah! West side is good!
2. Signs - for bikes w/rules
3. A plan to reduce noise from skateboards over the cracks in pavement! Thanks