

## SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2015 FEEDBACK

### QUESTION:

Would you support narrowing Scottsdale Road to one lane in each direction between Goldwater and Drinkwater boulevards to provide bicycle lanes and a better pedestrian experience in that area?

### SPEAK UP

<http://speakupscottsdale.com/discussions/transportation-streets/topics/narrow-scottsdale-road>

#### **Dana Biscan**

No. It's very close to the canal and waterfront, which are great paths for bicyclists and runners. Traffic on Scottsdale road is bad in rush hour. Not a good spot to eliminate lanes, especially with great alternatives so close.

#### **Michael Schor**

Please, do not do that. There is already too much traffic congestion in that area, especially during morning, lunch and evening rush hours.

#### **AC Cooper**

Absolutely. Road diets (reduction or narrowing of lanes) have been shown to have a minimal effect on traffic. The only way we're going to get people out of their cars is by making cars unattractive for urban use, such as in DT Scottsdale. I remember when Mill Avenue used to be 2 lanes, blech! Then came the proposal to narrow it down to one. EVERYONE was up in arms, businesses thought their customers would disappear, motorists ranted, etc, etc. Guess what, businesses were fine and motorists, myself included, just learned to find alternate routes. In the end it certainly has made for a better pedestrian and bike experience. Studies show that pedestrians and cyclists spend more than motorists. After installation of a protected lane on 9th ave in NY, businesses along the route saw a 49% increase in sales, compared with just 3% on other streets in the borough.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/2012-10-measuring-the-street.pdf>

So, again, yes. Reduce to one lane each direction.

#### **Mary Curtis**

No, do not narrow Scottsdale Rd. Locals know how to avoid the area, but our guests in town tend to go straight up/down Scottsdale Rd and it crawls from stop-light to stop-light. Grid lock in the busy seasons and not much better in the off season. There are some great trails near-by on the canal for walkers and bikers. Do not narrow Scottsdale Rd.

#### **Nicholas Hartmann**

Yes, but: The signage needs to be readjusted to make it very clear that Scottsdale Road in the downtown area is "local access only," and that through traffic must take either Drinkwater or Goldwater. Those two bypasses then need to be streamlined. And if the narrowing of Scottsdale Road is a prelude to light rail, I

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say it's about time: it is shameful that Scottsdale has not enthusiastically embraced such an obviously positive urban idea that would transform and revitalize the corridor.

### **Jason Floor**

"And if the narrowing of Scottsdale Road is a prelude to light rail, I say it's about time: it is shameful that Scottsdale has not enthusiastically embraced such an obviously positive urban idea that would transform and revitalize the corridor." -Nicholas Hartmann I couldn't agree more Nicholas. This is a very positive step into the future.

### **Tim Blank**

Absolutely not. Traffic in Scottsdale has become nearly unbearable over the past few years with all of the new apartment complexes and condo communities recently built. We need more streets, not less.

### **Kristine Rodriguez**

I think that sounds like Governor Jerry Brown of California! I fully understand the ongoing effort in this country to try to get us OUT of our cars and into buses and light rails or onto our bikes. But when you deliberately bottleneck traffic to push forth a misguided objective like this, the result will be more frustration and "road rage". Americans are NOT giving up our freedom or independence, including the freedom and independence we enjoy by driving our privately owned automobiles. You are welcome to visit or permanently relocate to any European country of your liking that has already put these and many other silly "master plans" like this into practice, but please stop pushing your misguided, socialist policies in our beautiful America!

### **Jason Floor**

Oh please, this is hardly giving up freedom and independence. Something that benefits us all is hardly a bad thing. And our 'Beautiful America' is facing problems with pollution and traffic while those awful 'socialist' European countries are enjoying high-speed rail and clean energy and pedestrian friendly city centers with trees and plants, with very low pollution. Please explain how these things are bad.

### **Kristine Rodriguez**

I reject your premises: 1) this IS giving up freedom (anytime you make something less available, you are not increasing freedom) 2) America does not have a pollution problem (manufacturing in this country is practically non-existent anymore-all those jobs are overseas; EPA has and continues to shove higher standards down the throats of industries and individuals to the extent our own home air-conditioning will soon be unaffordable). We, as a country, are quite clean and tidy. What is happening is talking heads, in positions of power enjoy inventing problems where there are none to further pet projects and/or agendas. Read! Don't listen to the network news, those people haven't told us the truth about anything in decades! The facts are undeniable. We do not NEED to do these things if you know the truth. I will never accept the premise that we have to become like Europe? Am I to believe they have it all figured out? Good grief!

## **Eric K**

I'm not sure what it has to do with narrowing Scottsdale Road, but just for the record, the U.S. is the second most polluting country in the world, behind only China (who has over four times our population). We pump more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than the entire European Union. Clean and tidy we are not.

As for manufacturing being dead in the U.S.... Again the U.S. is second only to China. We contribute almost 18% of the world's manufacturing.

<http://www.actionfourplanet.com/#/top-10-polluting-countries/4541684868>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_countries\\_by\\_carbon\\_dioxide\\_emissions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_carbon_dioxide_emissions)

<https://www.mapi.net/china-has-dominant-share-world-manufacturing>

## **Edmond Richard**

NO.

If the idea is to create a more bike/walk friendly Old Town then you have to:

1 - Support the stores and galleries already in place. Why support pop-up tents for events and NOT include the existing businesses? You have to support what is there for people to go to Old Town.

2 - For people to walk and bike you also have to consider the car traveling public. Not everyone will be in walking or biking distance, so is the city going to pay for the construction of the parking garages? You also need to have places to rent bikes. Where is that in the plans?

3 - What is the alternative for the traffic already using Scottsdale Road? Is the city going to create express roads on all sides of Old Town to negate the traffic created by reducing the roadway?

4 - Since the city has already allowed Old Town to be very entrenched with bars and entertainment establishments (crime magnets) is there going to be an increased police force?

5 - You need more parking and that needs more space. More cars in one place means an increase in vehicle crimes, so are we going to see more police 'bait cars'?

6 - Who is going to pay for all of this? Is this setting up for another bond for all the above items I have pointed out?

I really want to know what planner thought this was a good or acceptable idea. Where is the long range plan for this new plan for Old Town? Has the city council seen this plan? Can the public see the plan?

This is a horrible idea without a plan. The items I listed are just scratching the surface of the issues you will create if you remove a lane of travel on Scottsdale road. DON'T DO IT!

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**Joseph Misseri**

I have to vote NO. There is already too much congestion in the area proposed for traffic or lane dieting. I would propose building overhead walkways which when tastefully done can add artistic appeal, safe mode of crossing and no traffic infringements to motor vehicle users.

**Jim Holmes**

A cheaper way to go be to reconfigure two intersections: South-bound Scottsdale Road @ the Goldwater turn-off and North-bound Scottsdale Road at the Drinkwater turn-off. In each case, make the intersection so a driver would have to make a conscious effort to stay on Scottsdale Road through the downtown area. Include signage that emphasizes the express nature of driving on Goldwater or Drinkwater. I'm sure that a significant portion of drivers who travel through downtown would have used the couplet had they known about it.

**John Lookabaugh**

I support this plan completely, but I think it would be hard to pull off. The area needs to be more bike and pedestrian friendly. Cars can use the bypasses if need be.

**Debra Winter**

you need to improve goldwater and drinkwater so the light sequences to prevent drivers from having to stop at lights over and over (like other cities). then maybe more people would use the bypass instead. i hate bike paths next to car lanes. too may bikers die on these paths.

**Les Hibbert**

The couplets have never lived up to their potential and Scottsdale Road through downtown should not be viewed as viable North/South thru route. Southbound traffic that has not exited previously should be diverted on to Drinkwater and Northbound similarly should be funneled on to Goldwater. Cross streets should operate as they do currently and Scottsdale road itself should be "Twenty is Plenty" with speed bumps. No need for bike lanes. Treat the whole area as a bike boulevard with pedestrian crossing priority at all intersections. Widen the sidewalks and watch the "draw" of Downtown grow exponentially. Many commenters talk about locals' needs. No local needs to use Scottsdale road as a thru route. Downtown/Oldtown is a destination. It will be best served by something of this nature.

**Tom Underwood**

The businesses along Scottsdale Road are there, at least in part, because of the traffic volume bringing them potential customers. To reduce the traffic flow is to reduce their client draw. Now they need a rent reduction from the landlords because of reduced business potential. No, is my vote on traffic reduction on Scottsdale Road.

**Wilson Blank**

I would be okay with it, if there was a reasonable purpose for this action. I would like to know the rationale behind the thought process. To me, it doesn't make sense to just do this between Drinkwater and Goldwater. I would make it one lane from Drinkwater to Indian School. I am all for making this a

more pedestrian and bike friendly zone. The less cars going down Scottsdale Road in downtown and Old Town the better!

If this is a precursor to light rail, then I am also good with it. I would like to see the light rail come straight up Scottsdale Rd from Tempe.

## **FACEBOOK**

<https://www.facebook.com/scottsdaleazgov/>

### **Pete Peralta Jr.**

Scottsdale has a couplet system that is currently being under utilized. Vehicular traffic should use those routes that have three lanes, Goldwater & Drinkwater, instead of trudging through all the traffic signals down Scottsdale Rd. The vibrancy and pedestrian friendly atmosphere of Mill Ave in downtown Tempe is much more desirable in my opinion than sitting outside on the patio of Salty Seniorita's at 2nd St. and breathing in four lanes worth of car exhaust.

### **Paul Porell**

Why not eliminate all vehicular traffic and use the additional space for outside patios for the bars and restaurants.

### **Karen Davis**

I don't like this idea at all...Rather than putting money into deathtrap bike lanes we should be focusing on walkability and bringing light rail into The South Scottsdale/Old Town area! (would reduce traffic, connect our medical facilities to the rest of the metro area and cut down on drunk driving between ASU and Old Town) Scottsdale keeps putting up condos and increasing density but aren't doing anything to reduce number of cars- we need real public transportation.

### **Linda Mitchem McNelis**

I would recommend that you put more emphasis on adequate parking! And I couldn't be more disgusted by the numerous apartments/condos being slammed into the southern part of our city! And while I'm ranting, I'm even more upset about the Envy project across the street from my place of business, completely ruining our business! Thank you city leaders! Reducing traffic down Scottsdale Road???? Really! With all the new residents, the traffic will be insane! Yes, of course, please restrict traffic! Pathetic!

### **Jeff Caslake**

A similar project converted the Tempe Mill Avenue District from a thoroughfare to a more pedestrian friendly experience. Although I thought, at the time, it was kinda ridiculous to convert a lane to parallel parking the result nearly speaks for itself.

### **Susan D Wheeler**

No I would not support that. Let Scottsdale keep one original road Scottsdale Road. Do not stop the traffic from flowing on Scottsdale road.

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**Guy Phillips**

Ill advised. Sounds like a way to free up lanes for future light rail.

**Timothy Heise**

HELL NO! We don't want the light rail in Scottsdale.

**Sharon Oberritter**

Interesting how many of the "yes" replies are from people who don't even live in Scottsdale. Guess they think they know more than the citizens who actually have worked, lived and played here for the past 46 years.

**Sharon Oberritter**

Absolutely not unless it goes to North Scottsdale so "they" can deal with the crap that's forced on the South Scottsdale residents -high density housing, bars and drunks to name a few.

**Amy Stephens**

Yes this is a fabulous idea! Less cars in Old Town but make sure there is enough parking or run light rail up to a point where people can easily walk into it. Continue to keep tourism up in the area! Continue to support the restaurants and shops! Great idea!!!

**Amber Calhoun Kern**

You are forgetting that our hospital and Drs, labs etc are all a part of downtown. Don't make it any harder to get to these services.

**Cristopher Michael**

YESSSS -100% Especially with alternatives like Goldwater, Drinkwater, 64th St, 68th St and Miller already in place! This is a WONDERFUL idea.

**Andrew Knochel**

YES. Slow down car traffic to make the street safer for everyone, encourage people walking up and down the street, stopping in the storefronts... This would be great for Scottsdale.

**Ebonee Burnes-Miller**

No no and no It's narrow enough. There are people still trying to get use to driving downtown now they will have to think about bikers in high traffic area. Not smart

**Josselyn Berry**

YES. Scottsdale is a destination town for many and it should accommodate those visiting not just in cars, but on bike and on foot.

**Timothy Heise**

This is exactly why we hate tourists. We have to drive here 365 days per year. Our streets are too heavily congested. We don't want people visiting in cars, on bikes or on foot at all.

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**Josselyn Berry**

Maybe move to Mars then? I hear there aren't people there.

**Timothy Heise**

Scottsdale is a destination town for many." Yeah, well a lot of people live here too! And we pay a sh\*tload in property taxes to do so. So Scottsdale needs to make sure its citizens are happy with it before pandering to tourists. If you aren't a resident, your opinion is invalid.

**Timothy Heise**

Absolutely not! Over the past few years with more and more apartment complexes and condo communities being developed, we can no longer drive on our streets. They have become flooded with traffic. Scottsdale needs to find a way to fix it.

**Valerie Vieira-Gardner**

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!! Traffic is already bad there!

**Donna Wallace-Vanney**

Sounds dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists, considering the congestion that will only get worse by narrowing the road. Bad idea.

**Charles Peters**

Are you serious? Terrible idea.

**Kirin Christianson**

Gosh no. It's a snail's pace as it is with only 2 lanes per side.

**Amber Calhoun Kern**

No. It's already hard enough to get around down there. We need to get to our hospital and Drs easily.

**Carlos Colon**

Make the alternative route wider and faster than think of this....

**Tim Demery**

"No way

**Janet Schrock Carney**

"The senior citizens will give up altogether as it will be hard to get around. As I mentioned Scottsdale already has an abundant amount of bike trails... Give this idea the boot.... You can't compare it to Tempe you expect it there.... it is a college area... Bad bad idea

**Graham Ware**

Absolutely not bc there is more traffic that passes vs bikes and thus the need and priority should favor motorists.

**Loralie Dick-Hawkins**

Not a very good idea in my opinion. Hate the bar scene down there now.

**Joey Siegle**

No! Its slow Enough now. we need progress, not Regress.

**Teresa Sullivan Leclerc**

No way, bad idea. Traffic already sucks, one lane really. Idiots

**Melissa Thomas Heise**

Nope, and while we are at it lets get rid of those pesky Segway tours!

**Justin Alexander Herbert**

I wouldn't have a problem with it per se, but I think the north-south traffic lights should run green to allow more automobile traffic through the area if that ends up being the plan.

**Jim Hill**

No, bad idea.

**Lisa Hardway**

Sidewalks for a reason.

**Juvenal Sainz**

No I don't drive bicycles I drive a car

**Timmy Kuipers**

Yes. But it will make it nearly impossible for motorists to get through. Would there be an alternative for them?

**John Tartaro**

Oh yeah that's a real good idea, IDOITS.

**Eric Rawlins**

Yes!

**Julie Baier**

Yes!

**Monique Chaisson-Williams**

Yes.

**Mark Eugene Gauzens**

Good idea. Make hayden/101 priorities for people passing through.

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**Janet Schrock Carney**

NO !!! No hell no - they already take enuf room this is for ALL the people its hard enuf now let alone .... Do it and we will definitely stop coming Downtown at all and our Vote is going to stop as well. Stupidest idea ever. who thought of this ??? There are bike paths Everywhere .....!!!

**Wesley Wess**

no

**Shirley Neeriemer**

No

**April Bennett Kuipers**

Yes!

**JoAnn Woodward**

No

**Tina Wood**

No

**Ray Ceo-Ramirez**

Those roads already get very bad traffic. And people like me drive them in a hurry, often breaking traffic laws, and nearly hitting people. I would worry that it wouldn't be safe for the bicyclists.

**Ben Whaley**

No, area is congested enough as it is through that area. I've ripped out many a hair on that stretch of Scottsdale lol. Good idea, but not for that area.

**Riley Thraen**

No, absolutely not.

**Jessa Kali**

No - The pedestrians already tend to 'own' this area. They don't follow crosswalks and typically are not making a conscious effort to help drivers. I understand pedestrians have the right-of-way but I think if this is considered there will be an increase in safety problems, not a reduction. Traffic is also a huge burden in this area and reduction of lanes will only make this worse.

**Jo Hafford**

YES. I'd support ripping lanes out of the length of Indian School and Osborn, and some serious narrowing of Chapparral. The amount of SOV auto traffic in this county must be reduced before our skies look like Beijing.

**Debbie Whitcomb**

Anywhere else but please NOT Scottsdale Rd. It's taken years to get over the Galleria debacle. It would truly be a safety hazard/issue. All it would take is one tragic accident in that congested area. Thank you for asking for input.

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**Britt Stevens**

I'm all for bike lanes, but Scottsdale Rd. from Indian School to Goldwater is a highly congested area for both pedestrians & motorists. It would not be wise to lower it to one lane in each direction. Could you imagine the mess it is now on top of MORE people, bicycles, those golf cars & taxis?

**Sandra Crawford**

Oh, please don't narrow Scottsdale Road. I seldom go down there any more because traffic is absurd as it is. Narrowing it would bring it to a halt. (More parking would be helpful!)

**Grady Soine**

I suggest take out parking on Scottsdale Road and expand the sidewalk to make for a better safer pedestrian experience with shading. The bike lanes would be a disaster mixed with only one lane of traffic.

**Chris Ruhm**

It's already too congested, not a good idea. I bike down there a lot, I don't need a special lane.

**Kathie Macdonald**

this is a really terrible idea!~ the traffic is ridiculous as it is, and even pedestrians are getting hit by cars.. please do not do this!

**Christopher S. Kuk**

Since I bike through there all the time I think it would be awesome. It will unfortunately make the already horrible traffic even worse.

**Cristopher Michael**

This is a wonderful idea that will see long term benefits to the community!

**Frances Hensley**

Expand, yes. Narrow, no.

**Mark Vieth**

Encourage bike riders to enjoy the Hayden Wash trail like I do

**Bill McComas**

Yes

**Josh Wood**

no

**Maureen Kovacs**

I don't think that is a good idea. Bikers have plenty of place to ride, this area is too congested. Don't you have anything else to do, this is a crazy idea, who thought of this?

## TWITTER

<https://twitter.com/scottsdaleazgov>

### **Jonathan Danielson**

How about working on bringing the @valleymetro Light Rail up Scottsdale Rd. instead?  
#ExpandPublicTransit

## NEXTDOOR

[www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

### **Lisa G. from Starfire Golf Square**

Cyclist would applaud the move. Motorist may not be so happy! I am a cyclist and would be happy to sit on this board.

### **Claudia J. from McDowell Mountain Ranch South**

Absolutely!

### **Julie S. from Scottsdale Meadows**

No I think there is too much traffic on Scottsdale Rd. to narrow it.

### **Charles C. from Hidden Hills**

Why not!

### **Denise J. from Hidden Hills**

No. That area is overly congested; motorists can't afford to lose the lanes.

### **John B. from Scottsdale Mountain**

No

### **Sherry W. from Pima**

I would not. They did this on Mill Avenue and it's a nightmare to get through.

### **Kathy A. from Scottsdale Mountain**

No

### **Courtney O. from Park Scottsdale**

Interesting thought! I do like the idea of the bike lanes, but traffic can get bad as it is. Pros and cons for sure! I think that the Drinkwater loop needs a better transition to return to Scottsdale road when heading south rather than having to turn down Osborn.

### **Ron V. from Foothills at Ironwood Village**

No, it's not in the best interest of the community.

### **Sharon L. from Camelback / S. Scottsdale**

No, with all the new apartments it is going to be overly congested as it is.

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**Suzanne M. from Scottsdale Ranch SE**

No, I wouldn't support this. Congestion is already an issue and there doesn't seem like any viable solutions. Drinkwater to Osborne could be an option if you can figure out how to divert traffic effectively.

**Ibis C. from McCormick Ranch**

No

**Diane M. from Mountainview Ranch**

No, traffic flow must be number one priority.

**Steve B. from Park Scottsdale**

No, it would make Scottsdale road much too congested

**Pam V. from Troon Ridge Estates**

No

**Sandra DeGutes from Trails at Scottsdale**

No way! Too much traffic already!

**Nancy Cantor from Historic Old Town Scottsdale**

When we approved the General Plan in 2001 voters approved making all of Scottsdale more pedestrian friendly and bicycle friendly. However we are never given examples of all the different ways there are to achieve that goal. Besides narrowing this and widening that what are other communities that are international tourist destinations doing?

**Public Information Officer Holly Walter from City of Scottsdale**

Hi Neighbors - This idea has come forward because Scottsdale has a couplet system that is currently underutilized. Through vehicular traffic should use those routes that have three lanes - Goldwater & Drinkwater - rather than driving through all the traffic signals on Scottsdale Road. Keep the comments coming! We appreciate them.

**Jane Lillestol from McCormick Ranch**

No. I think the resulting increased traffic congestion would make for a poor pedestrian experience.

**Paul Reside from Southwest Scottsdale**

Yes, there are bypass roads east and west

**Sue Adams from Suntree**

NO! Like cars or not, they are the primary mode of transportation. And how will tourists get around in downtown? The traffic jam on Scottsdale Rd will extend for miles! Are you going to put giant parking garages at either end? Really BAD idea, sorry. Sorry, but most people's idea of "a better pedestrian experience" is simply good CLOSE parking!

**Dan V. from Pointe Scottsdale**

No.

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**Susan Aufheimer from McDowell Mountain Ranch South**

No. It will add to the congestion and probably make drivers' temperaments even more anti-cyclist.

**Laura Jordan from Village Grove**

No. Scottsdale has bike paths and it would cause too many traffic issues

**Susan Lane from Buenavante**

I'm not sure about specifically narrowing Scottsdale Rd, because it seems that it may create a major traffic flow problem, but I can speak as an avid bike rider. It is very frustrating to ride in and around Scottsdale. Bike lanes just suddenly end, some roads do not have as much as a shoulder to ride on, and many are too narrow. I would love to see Scottsdale and the surrounding cities do something to make the roads more bike friendly. I went riding in France last year and bikes actually have priority to cars. Cars yield to bike riders. It just felt much safer to ride there than here.

**Stanley Silver from Las Piedras**

No. Traffic is already bad in that area.

**Amy Silverman from McDowell Mountain Ranch South**

No. It's way too congested down there as it is.

**Diane G. from Villa Monterey**

Yes. Santa Monica CA closed off 3rd St. to cars and it is a beautiful shopping/dining experience without traffic. It has been a very successful plan and has brought in tourists and shoppers from Europe, The Middle East, etc.

**Neil Shah from Pointe Scottsdale**

No. As an avid cyclist, bike lanes are a great thing. However, that area gets congested enough and has enough people jay walking and on the streets. There is more than enough sidewalk for pedestrians and bicycles are welcome on the streets as long as they stay to the right. Reducing the lanes will only make it more congested and make the experience worst for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

**Beatrice Perry from Thunderbird Park**

yes, we need to increase "walkability" and encourage carpooling/ use of the trolley....especially in the evenings of the Scottsdale ArtWalk. Perhaps a compromise would be to convert to bike/pedestrian lanes after 5pm.

**Peter Harris from Pointe Scottsdale**

I suggest removing motorized traffic altogether from that area and creating a pedestrian zone.

**Michael Miller from Laguna San Juan**

What do the vendors think and you would be impacting their business and income. They should have a large say in the process.

**Elaine Wright from Cactus Corridor North**

It's dangerous to ride bikes on any major street in Scottsdale.

**Carol M. from McCormick Ranch**

Yes, that would be great!

**Chris Mckeever from Hy-view**

Absolutely not.

**Doreen Hollowell from Pima**

No - it's already terribly congested. This does not seem like it would benefit the year round residents of Scottsdale at all. Why not look into pedestrian bridges or something similar instead?

**Alice Kahn from Troon Ridge Estates**

No, too much vehicular traffic now.

**Lars Carlson from New Papago**

No. With all the condo and apartment building the traffic is going to get much worse.

**Greg Kozlowski from Monterra**

Absolutely not no way far too dangerous as it is with four lanes. I think your traffic management needs to have their heads examined for even suggesting this idea. It should have stopped at his desk. Forget about bikes and hiking trails in this increasingly urban & tourist laden city. There is plenty of Land in Arizona to take care of the hikers and bikers. No way. Greg in Scottsdale

**Wallace M. from Scottsdale Monterey**

No, a changed plan would result in increased traffic on other routes.

**Mark Panza from Hy-view**

No

**Tavia Warner from Scottsdale Horizons North**

I think a vote would suffice. You can go either way with this. Pros and cons for both. We must also think of the businesses down there. What do they say? Democracy!!

**Karen M Smith from Skyrun at Shea**

As much as I applaud the Council for their forward thinking of getting more people into that area, this is NOT the way to do it. Yes we have a large cycling community here, but we also have a very large community of 'Snowbirds' and winter visitors who prefer to drive rather than cycle.

**Lisa Eadie from McCormick Ranch**

YES! Multiple byways (including 101 for those looking for efficiency through Scottsdale). Pedestrian downtowns are a huge attraction for us when we decide where to vacation so let's have one at home.

**Spencer Cunningham from McDowell Mountain Ranch North**

Maybe. I'd have to review traffic statistics. However, my inclination is "yes".

**Meg S. from Pima**

No

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**Angela Schafroth from Pointe Scottsdale**

It would be great maybe no vehicles allowed and use trolley or bikes or walk to area only plant more trees and some grass and a few restaurants that are like breweries or just casual and less hoity toity 😊

**Myra B. from McCormick Ranch**

No, I think it would be terrible for the flow of traffic.

**James Donald from Scottsdale Meadows**

No.. That's just not a realistic idea.

**Margaret Henning from Hy-view**

I am not sure. Don't know if that would be congested or not? Would depend on number of cars that travel through there based on statistics you have.

**Leslie Harman from Pointe Scottsdale**

No, congestion would be worse.

**Michelle Burns from McDowell Parkway**

No, bike paths are impractical because of the local demographics and visibility factor.

**Jacob T. from Pima**

No. It will become way too congested. It is fine as it is.

**Billy Swisher from Pima Vista**

No. The better pedestrian and cyclist experience would not be on Scottsdale Road. Traffic is too busy anyway.

**Arlene Tolen from Park Scottsdale Nine**

Not the best place for walking and biking. Leave it alone...

**Larry Jonas from Southwest Scottsdale**

NO!

**Monroe Wingate from Pinnacle Paradise**

No way. Bad idea.

**JIM HUELSTER from McCormick Ranch**

No! Scottsdale Rd is congested enough without reducing it by one lane. If you need a bicycle lane put it on the canal bank.

**Bill Valencia from Scottsdale Mountain**

No thanks

**Martha Goode from Las Piedras at Sevano**

No. Martha G.

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**Michael H. from McCormick Ranch**

No

But if you want a vital downtown and tons of businesses and jobs to move to Scottsdale rather than Chandler, Gilbert, and Phoenix:

1. Change the zoning to allow the first 2 - 3 floors of residential to be commercial in areas like downtown Scottsdale.
2. Run the Lite Rail up Scottsdale Rd. from Tempe to Pinnacle Peak Rd.
3. Change the zoning on Scottsdale Rd. from Bell Rd. to Pinnacle Peak Rd. to be more friendly for tech companies from CA, & WA to relocate here.

... Vital Downtown that you don't need to drive a car to

... North Scottsdale Tech Corridor along Scottsdale Rd accessible by lite rail for the younger tech workers who want to live in Downtown Scottsdale

It was a mess to build the lite rail in Phx, but now everybody wants to be near it.

**Jen Hogg from McCormick Ranch**

No, the traffic is bad enough here as it is! There must be other areas to put a bike lane.

**David Hill from Arcadia Ingleside**

Yes! I frequently bike in the downtown area.

**Ken B. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale**

I think you need to study this and provide some facts about the likely impact on traffic, business, restaurants, art galleries, etc. You're just getting gut reactions from people that are really uninformed. I'm sure it is possible to estimate congestion based on the number of cars traveling through that area, including the likely impact from all the new residential construction going on. This needs to be carefully considered. Years ago Buffalo NY restricted Main Street to vehicular traffic and put in a trolley. Within a few years all the businesses collapsed.

**James Alder from Chaparral Park**

Yes! Absolutely! Merely utilize the bypass roads that are already in place, and enhance those routes.

**Ron Williams from Sonoran Hills**

NO on the bicycles. (Horses Only)

**Steven Aquilino from Roosevelt Miller**

Absolutely not! They did that in Tempe on Mill and it is a disaster trying to get anywhere around there. It would do nothing but cause more congestion and make it more difficult to access.

**Floyd Scott from Desert Mountain**

I think that would be a bad idea, too much traffic jammed in will make it worse, or drivers will avoid the area and the businesses will suffer.

**Zolton K. from Scottsdale Mountain**

NO

**Jan Vuicich from Pointe Scottsdale**

I personally wouldn't like that. As it is I avoid that area unless I have specific business there. I would get worried that it would turn into a downtown Tempe as well.... Plus I would be concerned for all the tourists that like to walk in that area during our tourist season... I think there would be an environment for more vehicle /pedestrian accidents. Not to mention what the construction would do to all of those wonderful businesses in that area that rely on tourists... My vote is no...

**Diane Dabceovich from Chateau De Vie North**

I would absolutely not narrow the road. Figure out another system for Bike path That is a fairly congested area; bikes should be routed above buildings on an overhead path. Bikes in congested traffic pattern subject cars and bikers to accidents. Delineate bike paths for safety; Sometimes smaller children ride bikes with parents. Not safe for biker or children in congested area.

**Karen Meyer from Pointe Scottsdale**

Please don't do that. It is crowded and slow as it is.

**Royce B. from Village Grove**

Yes! I think it would be a great improvement and make it safer for all.

**Tim Galus from McCormick Ranch**

Let's just block off all the lanes and plant petunias for the cyclists to smell when they ride. The more traffic congestion the better... Sheesh

**Claudia Roedl from Estates at Scottsdale Ranch**

No matter how much lane room you give cyclists, they will continue to ride side by side and in the car lane

**Karen Strickland from McCormick Ranch**

Terrible idea the congestion would be awful

**Al Wheless from Park Scottsdale**

NO WAY!!! It is bottle necked enough in that area already Send the bikers to the parks or side streets.

**Tom Giller from Park McDowell-Cox Heights**

Absolutely not. I suspect the narrowing of the road would benefit bars and restaurants who would expand patio seating, adding to an already out of control problem in an area that is already too congested.

**Skip C. from Scottsdale Ranch SE**

Yes especially if capacity of Drinkwater and Goldwater could be increased and appropriate signage is added advising of "express" route availability.

**Mike Farra from Park Scottsdale 4**

Absolutely not. There are plenty of places for bikers to ride and people to walk as it is. Scottsdale Road is already too narrow/congested.

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**Iris Johnson from McCormick Ranch**

NO

**Paul Kinslow from Continental Villas**

I don't know -I scrupulously avoid going downtown.....

**Whitney Warman from Scottsdale Villas**

Is someone within city of Scottsdale monitoring this website linked to your post with the intention of perusing action? Is there a follow up neighborhood meeting we should know about? What research or case studies have been investigated to support the narrowing of Scottsdale road? I would like to support, I'm sure there are others, but posting a blanket reply to a website that has no back up information is not enough. What is your plan?

**Alice Hamrick from Cactus Park**

Absolutely. Favor more pedestrian friendly and bike friendly areas. Anything that discourages vehicle traffic in that particular area would be great.

**Jackie R. from Old Town Scottsdale North**

No way, please think of people who are driving, I'm terrified of the bikers now

**Brant Long from Scottsdale Villas**

This should definitely be considered. Slower speeds, bike lanes, and desperately needed shade from new trees would create a pedestrian-friendly environment, and push more bypass traffic toward Drinkwater and Goldwater, which are currently underutilized. Public parking should also be studied to ensure convenient access to businesses in this area.

**Jonnie Hall from Camelback / S. Scottsdale**

No on the narrowing. But I definitely support making it safer for pedestrians and cyclists etc. There are other ways this can be accomplished, through better signage, traffic signals that give pedestrians more time to cross the streets, creative and maybe colorful lane striping, etc. It's difficult to get through the area you are referring to now in a vehicle. You might as well just close it off to vehicles all together if you narrow it. What a nightmare for the store owners. Surely there is a more viable solution. Good luck with finding a good one.

**Jackie Rifkin from Old Town Scottsdale North**

Very difficult to reply, I would have to do one more signing in, annoying. I don't support narrowing Scottsdale, I do support widening Chaparral, it is very dangerous now.

**Cindi Fino Cooper from Village Grove**

NO! What a terrible idea. Can you imagine the traffic jams in March? A better experience for tourists, are you kidding? They'll just love sitting in traffic while they miss the games they came to see.

**Lorraine W. from McCormick Ranch**

No traffic is already congested in that area.

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**Jeanette Goldfarb from Paradise Heights/South Shea**

NO

**Tasia Kurland from Gainey Ranch**

No, it's congested enough. I wouldn't continue to use businesses down there if it went down to one lane - not worth the traffic stress.

**Gary Donahoe from McCormick Ranch**

No. Don't think there is sufficient bike traffic to justify the enormous inconvenience that such a lane reduction would cause thousands of car drivers each day. Need to consider other alternatives.

**Judi Wolfswinkel from Briarwood Reamended**

Not such a good idea, could better think about light rail or something similar for our Scottsdale area, sure would make getting around easier if one could just hop on the trolley or train - ...I know it's not going to happen but food for thought; Jackie Rifkin's idea of widening Chaparral isn't such a good idea....what they need to do is change the freeway off/on ramp so traffic doesn't go down Chaparral to Scottsdale Road - was a bad decision from the get go....

**Kim C. from Cactus Corridor North**

NO.

**Paul Castaldo from Pointe Scottsdale**

No, concentrate restricting the golf carts on Scottsdale rd; they cause some of the congestion

**N M Glock from Candlewood**

No... It is so difficult now. We don't need to add to the traffic congestion.

**Paul Breslau from McCormick Ranch**

Yes, pedestrian only and limited traffic areas in the downtown and old town areas will make a more pleasurable space for both tourists and residents.

**Jason F. from Park McDowell-Cox Heights**

YES YES YES! To everyone who is against this idea, please take some time to understand that Scottsdale road from Goldwater to Drinkwater is not intended to be a major route, the Goldwater and Drinkwater bypass routes have three times the capacity of the downtown Scottsdale Road route, yet they are very underutilized as previously stated. This is a perfect way to improve the downtown experience and force traffic to use the high efficiency bypass routes to their design capacity! Other cities around the world have had MASSIVE success by reducing traffic flow through central downtown areas just like this one and diverting the traffic to bypass routes. There are dozens of connecting streets that feed traffic from these bypass routes into the downtown are from the East and West directions, so vehicular access would not be an issue. There are only positive effects to be had from narrowing Scottsdale road!

If you think that this will make things worse, you should read up on urban planning first, these types of actions can be very effective. Please read the following study on this very topic and the success in other cities:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/2012-10-measuring-the-street.pdf>

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Business experienced a 49% increase in sales following a very similar modification to a street in NYC. Pedestrians and cyclists should be the main focus for an area like this. Look at the success of Mill Ave even, I feel much safer walking Mill Ave than Scottsdale Road downtown.

Honestly, if you want to take it one step further, ditch vehicular traffic altogether through this corridor and make it a multi-use, | pedestrian | bicycle | lightrail | bicycle | pedestrian | corridor. There is more than enough capacity on the bypass routes to support this.

**Joseph M. from Park Scottsdale**

Absolutely not. It is already a problem driving through that area

**Lola G. from Laguna San Juan**

No, no, no!

**Tim H. from Suntree**

Absolutely not. Traffic in Scottsdale has become nearly unbearable over the past few years with all of the new apartment complexes and condo communities recently built. We need more streets, not less.

**Jan B. from Monterra**

Absolutely NOT! This would cause huge traffic issues and it is already a very congested area and slow moving.

**Donavon M. from Park Scottsdale Eight**

Yes. More bike lanes always work for me.

**Steve W. from Pima**

No and no light rail The mill avenue experience says enough.

**Deila M. from McCormick Ranch**

Wow that's a real can of worms isn't it? But I kind of like the idea, enhancing walking and niking experience fir tourist's . Would really have to improve signage to Goldwater and Drinkwater alternatives for faster traffic. They are rarely used now.

**Trish R. from McCormick Ranch**

No, I'm not in favor. It's difficult enough maneuvering through that area in Scottsdale.

**Cameron R. from Scottsdale Villas**

I am indifferent on this issue.

**Jason F. from Park McDowell-Cox Heights**

Again, folks, please take some time to inform yourselves about traffic flow in urban environments, this would not make traffic congestion worse, and adding more streets would not make congestion any better, the key is efficiency and utilization of current infrastructure!

**Bob C. from McCormick Ranch**

Not just no, but.... Thanks for asking, though  
Bob

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**Kurt F. from Pinnacle Paradise**

Absolutely NOT. This is a major street that needs more lanes not less.

**Roseanne S. from Buenavante**

No

**Beth P. from Grayhawk**

NO! Doing so would increase the existing problems with that stretch of road, escalating the danger to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

**Lynn R. from Southwest Scottsdale**

No...no...and NO...Would love more room for pedestrian and bikes, only traffic is backed up already. .No

**Amy T. from McCormick Ranch**

No!!! There are several businesses that would suffer and I think it would cause more confusion to an already confusing area. There is Civic Center Blvd. and Goldwater that could be played with. Old town is fine just the way it is now.

**Glen O. from Cactus Corridor North**

NO!!!

**Jim F. from Scottsdale Mountain**

No. That is a bad idea.

**Talal S. from McCormick Ranch**

I think this is a great idea and long overdue; and perhaps close the entire Downtown area to vehicular traffic during weekends and special events.

I believe the entire dynamics of the Downtown district will change to improve the traffic conditions with this improvement. Having a friendly pedestrian and cyclist Downtown will encourage the residents of the communities adjacent to Downtown to use the trails along the canals and activate the nicely landscaped sidewalks along the Scottsdale Road and Indian School. This will reduce the vehicular traffic. Improving the pedestrian experience will result in longer trip duration and the increased willingness of the downtown visitors to use the perimeter parking facilities rather than driving through the downtown area searching for street parking; this is usually the case because people are more willing to park and walk to destination if there are enough attractions to provide an extended experience in the downtown area.

**Sharri W. from MMR-Sunrise Point**

No-That would be a disaster!

**Lucy C. from Chateau De Vie North**

ENOUGH of slicing down our streets in favor of bicyclists. Tell the bikers to stay out of traffic during rush hours!

**Shannon B. from Village Grove**

No! It is hard enough to get through that area.

**Sue J. from Roosevelt Miller**

Traffic is currently congested, with two lanes each direction. I do endorse pedestrian and bicycle travel, but this proposal needs to be studied by experts, like traffic engineers. I suppose that Goldwater and Drinkwater Blvds. would carry much more vehicle traffic than they do now, if this proposal went into effect.

**Sonja S. from Buenavante**

I vote no. The bicycles are dangerous on 2 lanes; I cannot imagine one lane each way. I like old town just the way it is. Also, please do not remodel the nostalgic businesses...the Pink Pony lost all its charm in the remodel. People come to visit the old west. ..So sad to see the old icons going away. ..grease wood flats, pinnacle peak patio, original rawhide....

**Stacy K. from Trails at Scottsdale**

That area is already congested with traffic. I think that you should create a bike path off the main road. Make it more picturesque or along Goldwater.

**Anthony S. from Southwest Scottsdale**

Here's what will happen: Scottsdale Road is narrowed down, traffic will expand outwards into residential neighborhoods. More traffic, noise, nonsense for residents.

**Don V. from Sweetwater Ranch Manor**

No, it's already a congested area.

**David G. from Sonoran Hills**

No! Already congested

**JC D. from Arcadia Ingleside**

Absolutely yes!

**Judith W. from Scottsdale Ranch SE**

NO!!!

**Shelly F. from Cactus Corridor North**

Absolutely NOT

**Mya T. from Park Scottsdale Nine**

No. Do we not remember the debacle of changing the road when the Galleria went in? Put in some of those electronic crosswalks for pedestrians. This is not Tempe, and Scottsdale Road IS NOT MILL AVENUE.

**Lisa A. from MMR-Sunrise Point**

No way.

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**Margaret L. from McCormick Ranch**

NO! NO!

**Brent M. from Cactus Acres**

I ride 100 miles on my road bike every week and wish there was a bike lane EVERYWHERE, but it would be silly to mess up traffic flow in that part of town. The adverse impact on the many would not be justified to benefit the few. Separately...perhaps I should start a separate thread I would sure like to see bike lanes on Dynamite Road between Scottsdale Road and Rio Verde. They got room and there are a lot of people riding in that area.

**Alice S. from Pima**

Thank you for soliciting feedback in this way. I would love there to be a community meeting on this specific topic. I think narrowing Scottsdale Road with current traffic would create migraine-inducing congestion. However, a compromise solution, as someone else mentioned, could be considered: closing off the downtown area to cars at certain times, or providing parking near downtown (means building garages) in order to prohibit cars in a certain area at all times. Obviously buses/trolleys or bikes would need to be available.

**Gregory W. from Scottsdale Country Acres**

No!

**Myron K. from Grayhawk**

Yes

**Margot Q. from McCormick Ranch**

NO!!( as Mentioned above...) It's been MESSED up enough! Leave it alone!!

**Christine E. from Village Grove**

No - the traffic is already bad enough in that area. As an avid cyclist, I just use roads other than Hayden and Scottsdale to get around Old Town. It works just fine. Why make the traffic worse?

**Penny H. from Shea & 104th Bent Tree**

I think it would have people avoid this area as it's already so difficult to get around there anyway. I would love to do & see more in this downtown area, but the congestion is not worth it.

**Joyce J. from Sherwood Heights**

No...Hell No!!!!

**Kristine R. from Cactus Corridor North**

I think that sounds like Governor Jerry Brown of California! I fully understand the ongoing effort in this country to try to get us OUT of our cars and into buses and light rails or onto our bikes. But when you deliberately bottleneck traffic to push forth a misguided objective like this, the result will be more frustration and "road rage". Americans are NOT giving up our freedom or independence, including the freedom and independence we enjoy by driving our privately owned automobiles. You are welcome to visit or permanently relocate to any European country of your liking that has already put these and

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many other silly "master plans "like this into practice, but please stop pushing your misguided, socialist policies in our beautiful America!

**Larry K. from Old Town Scottsdale North**

Holly where do all of these crazy ideas come from? Soon when Blue Sky is built there will be in excess of 2000 condo units all accessing Scottsdale road via Fashion Square Drive and Coolidge, to say nothing about all of the new Harkins theatre traffic exiting the mall at the same location.

I would never support such a wild and disruptive idea.

Larry Kush

Scottsdale Planning Commissioner

**Bernadette P. from Desert Vista**

It is difficult enough to travel downtown Scottsdale Rd. It would be illogical to narrow the road. Not a very well thought out suggestion.

**Laura H. from Desert Crest at Troon Ridge**

No.

**Michelle S. from Village Grove**

I'd have to say No, already too much traffic and with all of the condos going up it will only get worse.

**David E. from Scottsdale Horizons North**

No. I am not sure what you accomplish making a small stretch of one road "bike friendly" when much of the surrounding roads are not so, and so few people are riding bikes 6 months out of the year.

**Colleen J. from McCormick Ranch**

No

**Carolyn H. from Starfire Golf Square**

I would like to suggest the bike riders- which I respect- follow the same road rules as car driver-i.e. speed and turning alerts- then may be everyone could get along but when the bikers ride slowly - not the recommended by law speed limit- clog the road and don't respect (some not all) the rules of the road everyone loses -narrowing the road is not the answer, maybe widening a lane for the bikers would help.

**Pat K. from Scottsdale Country Acres**

Nope. Narrowing Scottsdale Road to accommodate more "frat party" business development is not a good idea.

**Ralph B. from McCormick Ranch**

Do not agree with change. Would not support it.

**Trish R. from Roosevelt Miller**

Not Scottsdale Road...any other viable options?

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**Fritz H. from Sand Flower**

No way.....

**David P. from Southwest Scottsdale**

Looks like we have some folks from Tempe, who like bottlenecks. This would be a disaster.

**Amelia K. from Scottsdale Horizons North**

No way. It is too crowded already.

**Robert R. from Pinnacle Peak**

No!

**Stanley H. from McCormick Ranch**

Very dumb idea to anyone that has ever driven down Scottsdale Road thru downtown. Talk about making a bad problem even worse.

**Adeline R. from Sweetwater Ranch Estates**

No. Traffic already is bad. Why make it so much worse on purpose!

**Jim B. from McCormick Ranch**

Yes

**Suzanne M. from Scottsdale Ranch SE**

Quick question...why bike lanes on Scottsdale road when Hayden has the bike path 2 blocks east?

**Larry C. from Monterra**

NO. The congestion is terrible as is.

**Luc D. from Cactus Corridor North**

Absolutely NOT!

**Donna M. from Rio Montana**

No!! Isn't there a Greenway already for bikes?

**Sally T. from Park Scottsdale**

No. Absolutely not.

**Kate M. from McCormick Ranch**

No! Good grief

**Larry S. from Arcadia Ingleside**

No!!!!

**Bill F. from Village Grove**

No

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**Joanie C. from Scottsdale Links Estates**

No!!!

**Michael C. from Trails at Scottsdale**

There is enough room for pedestrians as we have sidewalks downtown. Bicyclists can use the road anyway. Two lanes is already barley enough for that area, this is not a good idea.

**Celeste W. from Monte De Paz**

No!!! Some people have to use the roads to get to an actual job. A little bit more important than the "pedestrian experience" for goodness sake. Must be yet another academic bright idea or something like that.

**Dorothy R. from Buenavante**

NO

**Leona T. from Papago**

Too dangerous.

**James B. from Cactus Corridor North**

No.....use another street if possible for the bicycles and pedestrians.

James Bertolino

**Lydia Y. from Park Scottsdale North**

The short answer - yes. But boy-oh-boy change is very tough! Have we all seen how far Old Town Scottsdale has come in the past 25 years? Already, the quickest way from point A to point B is not necessarily a straight line. Those by-pass roads - Goldwater and Drinkwater could be enhanced to carry the traffic around the center and if ease-of-parking is given the right attention, it could be such a pleasure to visit Old Town, with no snarl of traffic. However (and as others have pointed out), there are already some decent bikeways. The pedestrian experience could be much better.

**Wayne D. from Chateau De Vie North**

No! Hasn't anybody noticed the drivers we deal with on a daily basis? I agree with the other members, it's just too dangerous! Pick another street in the general vicinity if there is one.

**Mindi O. from Cactus Acres**

No way. The traffic is so horrendous down there already that it's not safe to begin with. I think that if the issue is a better pedestrian experience then they should make the side streets for pedestrians only and come up with a parking structure that can handle the anticipated parking needs.

**Myron K. from Grayhawk**

Yes narrow it; it will bring business double digit increases with free busses to free parking. Consider it a fabulous mall ...already built, ready to go... requirements needed public infrastructure paid by 1/8 or so sales tax district

**Debra L. from Trails at Scottsdale**

No. The pedestrian area should be all of Old Town Scottsdale not the major street of Scottsdale Rd. It's already terrible to drive down Scottsdale Rd now!

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**Russ P. from Las Piedras at Sevano**

No, no, no! Traffic is difficult enough there year round, and even more so when the "snowbirds" arrive. Leave well enough alone. Why should the general populace be put out for a few bikers who are generally the most arrogant people in the streets.

**Diane M. from Scottsdale Estates**

NO, NO TO BOTH. LEAVE SCOTTSDALE ALONE!

**Bill B. from McCormick Ranch**

Look to Mill Ave in Tempe for your answer! I think the idea of closing 5th Ave and Main St to cars from Marshall Way to Brown Ave should be considered instead!

**Greg C. from Cactus Acres**

No way. Traffic flow is paramount. Bikes need to share the road. There is a sidewalk for pedestrians, what more do they need?

**Judith J. from McCormick Ranch**

No

**Christine D. from McCormick Ranch**

No

**MAUREEN S. from Desert Orchid**

Sorry, but my vote is 'no'. It's difficult enough with the current setup.

**Molly S. from Hayden Estates**

We ride bicycles to Old Town all the time and we use the sidewalks. I oppose having Scottsdale Rd. narrowed to one lane in each direction between Goldwater and Drinkwater.

**Amy R. from Stonegate**

No!!!

**Jean Y. from Country Trace**

No

**Gordon S. from Vistana**

No to narrowing - traffic would be backed up for blocks.

**Julie R. from Village Grove**

No. The only way I would be for that is if it was narrowed for light rail...

**Hank O. from Sonoran Hills**

NO

**Mark S. from Cactus Corridor North**

No

**Marc E. from Cactus Acres**

No, the area is congested enough the way it is. I would agree we should consider the light rail option, though I realize that is highly unlikely.

**Scott H. from McCormick Ranch**

I will support one lane each way so we can have bikes and a better pedestrian experience.

**Jum B. from Scottsdale Vista**

Not unless you fixed Drinkwater and Goldwater!

**Greg N. from McCormick Ranch**

No. Bad idea. Way too much traffic.

**Marc J. from Pima Vista**

How unpaving the entire road and adding hitching posts?

**Bonnie S. from Chaparral Park**

HELL NO.....!

**Natalie H. from McCormick Ranch**

No! No!No!

**Wanda L. from Roosevelt Miller**

No. Absolutely not!

**Terry W. from McCormick Ranch**

Absolutely YES YES YES!!! Everyone can use the couplets and still get to the same exact places!!! We have thought for years that Scottsdale Road in that area would be great if it were ONLY pedestrians and bikes. We have both been in real estate for over 25 years. We have lived downtown and in McCormick Ranch. We are not riders, but would well appreciate less traffic and more people being able to enjoy downtown. Could encourage more of the golf carts and peddle carts to drive people around.

**Shawna G. from Sherwood Heights**

Yes. Road diets are always an excellent idea!

**Bill B. from Scottsdale Meadows**

Yes we would

**Dennis P. from Roosevelt Miller**

Yes. Discouraging car traffic in an area with so many pedestrians just makes sense.

**Elaine A. from 101 & Cactus**

We definitely need to be more bicycle friendly. It will take a lot of education for motorists. It will also bring some pressure to the City Council but nonetheless it is a good thing.

**Kathryn V. from Villa Monterey**

No. With Scottsdale growing and adding new apartment complexes so close to Old Town, I don't think we can afford to reduce options for drivers. Has a traffic volume study been completed for this section? What insights does it give?

**Bruce T. from Casa Privada II**

No. That stretch of Scottsdale Road encompasses both Downtown Scottsdale and Old Town Scottsdale, as well as some access to the Waterfront. It will make it more difficult for people to travel to those areas from the North and South.

**Patricia S. from Pinnacle Paradise**

No

**Barbara K. from Scottsdale Estates**

Think it is a great idea in theory but it is too congested already. Would not support as is. If there were better streets around there to get in and out by car, I'd say go for it.

**Steve K. from McCormick Ranch**

No

**Mary H. from Pinnacle Paradise**

No, watching serious cyclists ride four abreast in a single bike lane, where fortunately there are at least two car lanes, and traffic is traveling at 50+ mph gives me doubt that cyclist would obey the laws any better in a congested area. And I'm pro -cyclist!

**Susan G. from Sonoran Hills**

No

**Marty S. from DC RANCH/Silverleaf**

Nope.

**Joan O. from Sabino Estates**

Definitely not! The area is already congested for driving. There are ample areas throughout Scottsdale for bikers to experience the beauty of Scottsdale.

**Lydia H. from Pointe Scottsdale**

Absolutely NOT!

**Joyce Y. from Scottsdale Meadows**

No

**Susan K. from Scottsdale Horizons North**

Absolutely not! It's already hard enough to navigate your way through there!

**Annette S. from Arcadia Ingleside**

No Way!! It's bad enough allowing golf carts to drive up and down Scottsdale Rd.

**Donald G. from Hy-view**

No I would not

**Carolyn P. from Scottsdale Meadows**

No it is it is already too congested. I do use the bypass when I can, but want to be able to get to & from the local businesses there and it would be worse than it is now.

**Eric K. from Scottsdale Vista No. 02**

No. I'm all for finding creative ways to make the area more friendly to pedestrians (who have it pretty good already) and bicyclists, but removing traffic lanes would be a disaster. This is a pretty obvious non-starter. Holy cow. My unofficial quick tally of the above responses show about 34 "Yes", 165 "No".

**Teresa J. from Village Grove**

Please no - Scottsdale Road is already congested and a mess to get through. Thanks for asking for input.

**Angela R. from DC RANCH/Silverleaf**

Please don't! There are considerably more drivers than pedestrians and cyclists. Save the funds for something else!

**Mark M. from Old Town Scottsdale North**

And where does that money come from?...Just like the 101 being reconstructed AGAIN?...NO WAY!!

**Winston M. from Old Town Scottsdale North**

NO.....

**Mark M. from Old Town Scottsdale North**

Why can't these so-called Engineers do it once and know that Scottsdale is not get any smaller...I am not an Engineer/Architect, but I do know that it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure this stuff out. Who's in charge of this spending? I WANT TO KNOW!.....DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!

I am an independent and have had NO call backs, because I DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME.....PERIOD!!

**Kimberly S. from Cactus Corridor North**

No, I would not support this proposal.

**Jeff F. from McCormick Ranch**

Is there a real and serious proposal to make these changes? I would like to see the justification for this type of traffic change.

What exactly are the numbers in terms of advantages for the community? Was there a study conducted? How was that study funded?

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If a study has not been done, please do not spend the money to do it.  
I would rather see Scottsdale figure out a way to fund an entire week of school for our kids.  
There has to be obviously better priorities than this type of project.

**Susan L. from Sonoran Arroyos North**

No

**Phyllis S. from Buenavante**

No.

**Cody H. from Franks on Shea**

BAHAHAHA! I thought this was a joke! Absolutely not would I support this proposal. If anything tear down some buildings and add more lanes.

**Lynn K. from McCormick Ranch**

No

**Donna O. from Paradise Heights/South Shea**

Absolutely not - it is already a bottleneck and bikes can go on the bike path on Hayden!

**Hank O. from Sonoran Hills**

I find all the response to this question to be very amusing as in politics there always at least two strong opinions to the questions. In the end I am sure the smart and EDUCATED will win over. Thanks all for your participation.

**Patricia K. from Park Scottsdale**

Are you out of your mind? Oh wait, of course you are ... same city that added hundreds of apartments in the same area. No way would I support it.

**Kristie T. from McDowell Mountain Ranch North**

I'd support keeping it as it is OR closing the section entirely between Goldwater & South Scottsdale Road. Peds no longer look both ways nor really watch for traffic and traffic has forgotten that Peds have the right of way, so they are not as cautious either. Bikes are having the same issues. Personally, if Scottsdale wants to change the traffic network down there while eliminating as many collision impact points as possible, just make it into a pedestrian mall (peds and bikes only), with plenty of parking on the outskirts, like a lot of European cities do.

**Pauline R. from McCormick Ranch**

NO

**Terri F. from Indian Bend Ranchos**

No. Traffic is bad enough. I try to avoid that area now and that would make it worse.

**Doug J. from Chaparral Park**

No!

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**Vivian M. from Cactus Park**

No, why spend a lot of \$ for little return

**Dawn K. from McCormick Ranch**

NO

**David E. from Desert Orchid**

Definitely not. It would constrict the traffic flow too much.

**Ania A. from Trails at Scottsdale**

Very bad idea

**James C. from Skyrun at Shea**

No. The traffic is so intense already; narrowing it would be a huge mistake!

**Kathleen S. from McCormick Ranch**

Based on my experience, the ED (Entertainment District) needs updating. Thru traffic could detour around the congested ED via Goldwater (south) & Drinkwater (north). Pedestrians/pedal-powered vehicles would be safer & more usable. Less fumes, congestion, MVAs. Sounds like a plan.

**Valerie K. from Scottsdale Meadows**

NO!

**Linda C. from McDowell Mountain Ranch South**

No.

**Marcea A. from Sonoran Hills**

There is incredible traffic in this area and I think it would be a mistake.

**Linda J. from Cactus Acres**

No I think it would hurt more than be positive

**Lisa F. from Cactus Corridor North**

It's already a traffic nightmare there, NO

**Elyse F. from Las Piedras at Sevano**

Too much traffic already - could be a big mistake - asking for accidents to happen.

**Edmond R. from Scottsdale Meadows**

NO.

If the idea is to create a more bike/walk friendly Old Town then you have to:

- 1 - Support the stores and galleries already in place. Why support pop-up tents for events and NOT include the existing businesses? You have to support what is there for people to go to Old Town.
- 2 - For people to walk and bike you also have to consider the car traveling public. Not everyone will be in walking or biking distance, so is the city going to pay for the construction of the parking garages? You also need to have places to rent bikes. Where is that in the plans?

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- 3 - What is the alternative for the traffic already using Scottsdale Road? Is the city going to create express roads on all sides of Old Town to negate the traffic created by reducing the roadway?
- 4 - Since the city has already allowed Old Town to be very entrenched with bars and entertainment establishments (crime magnets) is there going to be an increased police force?
- 5 - You have now restricted car travel so you need more parking and that needs more space. More cars in one place means an increase in vehicle crimes, so are we going to see more police 'bait cars'?
- 6 - Who is going to pay for all of this? Is this setting up for another bond for all the above items I have pointed out?

I really want to know what planner thought this was a good or acceptable idea. Where is the long range plan for this new plan for Old Town? Has the city council seen this plan? Can the public see the plan? This is a horrible idea without a plan. The items I listed are just scratching the surface of the issues you will create if you remove a lane of travel on Scottsdale road. DON'T DO IT!

**Sherry W. from Pima**

Holly, you wrote: "This idea has come forward because Scottsdale has a couplet system that is currently underutilized. Through vehicular traffic should use those routes that have three lanes - Goldwater & Drinkwater - rather than driving through all the traffic signals on Scottsdale Road." Maybe a more concerted effort to educate locals would help, but I think the tourist traffic is a huge issue. I know Scottsdale Road sucks with all those lights so I avoid it like the plague unless I have to go to a business in that area, but you will still have major bottlenecks with tourist traffic.

**Sherry W. from Pima**

One last thought: if the city is really serious about making that area so pedestrian intense maybe they should look at fixing it once and for all like they did Civic Center--and create an underpass or overpass situation.

**Edmond R. from Scottsdale Meadows**

If you follow the link in the main post, it will take you to the cities page that also asks this same question. Now take note the city is also asking (as part of the larger Transportation plan) about the opinions and ideas of those who ride bicycles.

Compare the number of posts on that discussion vs. this one. Now ask yourself, why isn't the cycling public pushing for this here or on the section devoted to them?

Why was this presented at all? I cannot find a grand plan for Old Town. Heck, the city does NOT even have a plan yet! Remember we voted down the last one. So what brought this idea to cut down a lane of travel?

PS - Remember someone has to pay for this, and that means the taxpayer.

**Jean H. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale**

As a person who walks all over downtown Scottsdale a lot - I think it's a great idea.

**Iceland C. from Hy-view**

No. I think there are far better enhancements to Scottsdale than to tighten up traffic further in Old Town.

**Shannon O. from Park McDowell-Cox Heights**

Having lived here all my life and have to drive in Old Town a lot I feel this is a very bad idea. Traffic is bad enough and if you take it to 1 lane I will be less likely to come to Old Town for any reason.

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**Bonnie L. from McCormick Ranch**

No

**Peter D. from Scottsdale Meadow**

I am positive about bicycles but not in this heat. Most people don't like to take a bicycle. Also too much people driving in cars that are a danger to others. Better to get hit while sitting in a car.

**Maria L. from Park Scottsdale North**

No

**Betsy M. from Cactus Corridor North**

No. My husband has a medical office at Scottsdale and Osborn, and patients already complain about traffic. This would make the congestion worse.

**Carrie A. from Chaparral Park**

Absolutely!! Allow on street parking, a landscaped median and make it more pedestrian/bicycle friendly. Tempe did it on Mill and I would rather go the Tempe because of the environment. Imagine how much more parking you'd get, and how much more pleasant patio dining would be! This would encourage those who want to avoid it to use the couplet system, which is how it was intended.

**Lisa L. from Park Scottsdale II**

No! Scottsdale Rd is not wide enough as it is!

**Tom T. from Hy-view**

Absolutely not. Traffic is already congested.

**Margie H. from Raintree-T Bird Corridor**

Absolutely Not! It is congested enough. It would hurt businesses on that stretch. I hesitate going into Old Town because of the traffic now. Leave Scottsdale Road as it is.

**Joanne H. from Park Scottsdale North**

No way!

**Hayley L. from Camelback / S. Scottsdale**

Nope

**Diane V. from Sand Flower**

No

**Cassandra W. from Village Grove**

No!

**Carrie V. from Pima**

With all the new apartment construction we haven't even begun to see the congestion on the roads, restaurants, parks, schools, etc... which will occur in the next 12-18 months. Unfortunately S Scottsdale

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will become one big traffic jam. I'd love to support this, but the new reality is that we will have 1000's more people on our roads. Reducing flow will be a disaster!

Like another neighbor said, please fix the very poor Drinkwater transitions to Scottsdale road first. The flashing yellow right turn light from Drinkwater to Scottsdale is a disaster waiting to happen. So is the left going south onto Scottsdale.

**Rich B. from Paradise Heights/South Shea**

Yes, would definitely support it.

**Avis T. from McCormick Ranch**

No

**Donna R. from Park Scottsdale Eight**

Honestly, this is the worst idea I have heard since the Scottsdale Rd debacle of the past when WE had to buy that White Elephant building at Drinkwater and undo the "improvements (underground passage)" to the tune of millions of taxpayer dollars. Who would make money on this project? Someone is always making money on these boondoggles at City of Scottsdale. Just outrageous and ridiculous. Ruin more infrastructure to pump up 3 months of tourist season, so the real citizens of Scottsdale can suffer year-round. Great idea!!

**Gene S. from Camelback / S. Scottsdale**

Not only no- but hell no

There's too much congestion now without adding a bunch of bikes that don't pay attention.

**Talal Shahbander from McCormick Ranch**

The comparison between Mill Ave and the proposed improvements to the Scottsdale Downtown is a fallacy.

Mill Avenue is a success and has attracted many vibrant businesses and some of the old boring and unattractive businesses have closed to make space for more up to date tuned in businesses.

One must understand the technical differences between traffic conditions in Downtown Tempe and Downtown Scottsdale before making comparative judgment.

Businesses such as the car lot and the Mall may get concerned about the proposed traffic improvements because this type of businesses including big box retailers like Walmart and Target depend on 4-lanes thoroughfares traffic movers. And it is hard to convince these businesses that they can be more successful in urban downtown setting that is different than the traditional sea of arterial roads around such businesses.

**Paul X.**

Absolutely! Goldwater and Civic Center Blvds are barely used by cars. It's time we moved over and made room for forms of transportation which don't pollute.

**Barbara B.**

Yes

**John D.**

Do not restrict traffic....it's a mess now, I drive it regularly.

**Janice L.**

I can't support that. There are so many wonderful places in Scottsdale to ride bikes it is not necessary to make bike lanes in the most congested part of Scottsdale. Narrowing SD RD would create a nightmare!

**Bruce W.**

I would hope the City of Scottsdale does not consider such an idea. I live too far away to bicycle down there - especially when it is 110 outside. Hopefully there is not serious support for this idea.

**Carolyn K.**

Too much congestion as is. I do support bicycle lanes and pedestrian-friendly street areas. Since the City of Scottsdale doesn't support mass transit except buses, the congestion situation will continue until the mayor and council see the light.

Carolyn Kinville, Arroyo Verde Homes I

**Rob A.**

No

**Donna B.**

No

**Dave R.**

Holly,

I've lived in Scottsdale for about 21 years, since I came to Arizona to start ASU. Having seen all the growth and changes, and being very pro-growth minded, I must admit that any narrowing of traffic flow seems like an awful idea. With the dramatic increase in vertical density/housing occurring in the Old Town area, I think you will find all you're doing is squeezing traffic to other places, making people angry and generally reducing the attractiveness of the area. Respectfully, David Reich  
Scott R. Just a waste of money. Spend it on something useful!

**Craig D.**

Yes

**Alison D.**

I would not support one lane.

**Justin H.**

NO!!!!

**Kim T.**

Sounds like this would turn the area into a pedestrian friendly section. If the businesses can survive and prosper then I see no issue.

**Terri M.**

No. There is way too much congestion already and this is Arizona. There is not really a pedestrian experience for many months of the year.

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**Don C.**

City needs to do better in controlling the growth. along that section of the Old Scottsdale Town. There are TOO many eating and bars in that very tight area. No wonder why we have a huge parking issues and will always be a problem. Remember that old parking garage building, it should be left alone as parking facility today....That was gone to the conversion of an office building.... Sad...

**Ruth I.**

No, not a good idea. To many older people and now all the new apartments.

**Marcia T.**

no

**Benita D.**

Ok, I have a question - Scottsdale road runs North and South. Goldwater connects to Scottsdale Rd at the Galleria AND Drinkwater connects at Scottsdale Rd on the North side of the Fashion Square! So where in the heck is the city proposing this fiasco!

**Tasha T.**

No.

**Kierstin C.**

No. We just moved from Seattle where they are narrowing streets for bike lanes and it makes a mess of traffic. It is also a huge expense for an extremely small percentage of the pipulation that ride bikes.

**Jenna S.**

No way, there is already enough traffic there already, what moron came up with that idea?

**TAMI H. from Santa Fe**

OH HECK NO DIDN'T SCOTTSDALE LEARN THEIR LESSON WHEN THEY PUT A HOLE IN THE MIDDLE FOR THE GALLERIA????? LOL

**Barry M. from Suntree**

No too.

**Peggy W. from Pinnacle Paradise**

no

**Jean A. from Grayhawk Thompson Peak**

No!!

**Laralyn G. from Park Scottsdale Eight**

NO!!!

**Ed K. from Monterra**

I would need more information. There are a lot of variables to consider. I don't enjoy driving on Scottsdale Rd (pretty much anywhere) and walking on Scottsdale Rd. downtown is an inferior experience compared with other cities. Just my 2 cents

**Avis T. from McCormick**

NO

**Renee H. from The Green Belt**

no

**Diane C. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale**

Yes. The City of Tempe narrowed Mill Avenue to one lane and provided bicycle lane; it is working perfect, no issues. I am an avid bicyclist and bike from Old Town to Tempe. Tempe is ahead of their time with regard to bike lanes.

**Nan C. from Cactus Corridor North**

No

**Tom K. from Desert Crest At Troon Ridge**

No. That section is too crowded with traffic to make this change safely.

**Shannon V. from Sherwood Heights**

Yes. I support making our city more pedestrian friendly. I also like to ride my bike to Old Town. I usually stay on the canal to avoid cars.

**Jennie B. from Park Scottsdale North**

No. It's already too congested. The sidewalks are already there for walking. In my opinion it's not really a bicycling area.

**M H M. from Roosevelt Miller**

Not really - Not safe enough for both cars and bikes...

**Bob F. from Grayhawk Condos**

No...we need to think about the auto traffic too and it's heavy especially during the tourist season.

**Nicole R. from Chaparral Park**

nope, too busy already, I wish they would get rid of those unsafe pedicabs, you can't see them at twilight and their rear lights are small and dim.

**Andi D. from Park McDowell-Cox Heights**

No more bikes on the road. too many bikers killed when sharing the road. Instead I would like to see the city improve efficiency through the bypasses as it seems like i'm always hitting lights, and i rarely see other cars using them, maybe because they are not efficient. In general, lights do not sequence well on Scottsdale Road which is not green because it burns more fuel and create more exhaust.

**Chris K. from Pima**

I would support that along with bringing light rail into Scottsdale.

**Ann K. from Scottsdale Ranch SE**

No. Too busy as it is.

**Kaayla T. from Pueblo Sereno**

For those saying it was a success in Tempe, are you kidding me? Tempe is a college town. The businesses that are successful (many were not) can thank the students who do travel by bicycle or on foot. The rest of us avoid Mill Avenue as much as possible.

This particular area of Scottsdale is not supported by bicyclists. I don't see cyclists sitting in the nice restaurants or bars enjoying an expensive meal. I don't see them shopping in Fashion Square or The Waterfront. They may stop for a beverage now and then. The bulk of the business comes from people who drive to the area and it's getting harder to do that every day with the congestion and the parking issues.

Sorry but we have plenty of open spaces for bicycles. We have a huge Greenbelt, the canal, Hayden Road. We don't have to adjust the downtown area to accommodate bicyclists. We need to do what's best for our tourists and locals.

I've lived in this neighborhood since 1989 and the money I've seen this city waste is ridiculous.

**Jerry G. from Scottsdale Villas**

Make downtown totally pedestrian.

**Amy S. from Buenavante**

Absolutely NOT!!!!

**Hobie C. from Pima**

Thanks for all the updated meeting details, Holly. Would you have a direct link to downloading the pdf? It's probably just me, but the viewer embedded on the SpeakUp site doesn't allow for a great view, and I'm not finding a way to open the file any other way?

I'm happy to see that some of these ideas are being at least discussed, if not evaluated. Scottsdale had a great legacy of design and urban planning that gave the city a distinctive character. Sadly, this is quickly being eroded by recent and current Planning Commissions and City Council. A project like the park/greenbelt system along Hayden Rd would never have a chance of being developed under the mindset and agendas of those sitting on those groups now.

**Lisa A. from Scottsdale Vista Townhomes**

My husband is a cyclist. Anything that made his ride safer would be good for both of us. Scottsdale road traffic through that area is already fairly miserable. Would there be any regular alternate routes clearly marked?

**George K. from La Colina**

PLEASE, leave it alone. Do not narrow or remove lanes.

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**Suzanne K. from McCormick Ranch**

No no no no no

**Diane A. from Sonoran Heights**

Do not make those changes. already too busy.

**James T. from Arcadia Ingleside**

no

**Roz R. from Starfire Golf Square**

Nope - way too congested already!

**Dan K. from Buenavante**

Yes

**Carole S. from McCormick Ranch**

Yes, the city needs to be more bicycle friendly.

**Kasey R. from Continental Villas**

No

**Rick G. from McCormick Ranch**

No

**Craig C. from Grayhawk Thompson Peak**

Absolutely yes. There is already a great bypass for cars if you don't want to drive through here. The street needs slower traffic speeds and shorter crossings and more sidewalk space for pedestrians and outdoor seating areas. Don't eliminate on-street parking.

**Rob Z. from McCormick Ranch**

Good idea , let them use the bypass

**Bob G. from DC RANCH/Silverleaf**

No way.

**Marcy H. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale**

NO, NO, NO!!!!

**Denny B. from Park McDowell-Cox Heights**

Yes i would like more bike access from the greenbelt. Cut back on traffic through Old Town to make it safer for pedestrians and bikes.

**Chris W. from Park McDowell-Cox Heights**

No. If the narrowing was to enable a branch of the light rail to come up, I would totally support it. Bringing the light rail into Old Town would be much better for tourism than bike lanes.

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**Erik S. from Suntree**

No, it is a terrible idea. There is enough congestion and taking away a lane of traffic in either direction isn't going to help.

**Maryann D. from Sand Flower**

No way .. Congestion is already a challenge why add to it!

**Mary K. from McDowell Mountain Ranch South**

No.

**Bill R. from Sonoran Hills**

Not a chance

**Amanda C. from Thunderbird Park**

Yes, there are already alternative routes in place. Bicycling in this area is very popular, and dangerous.

**Stan L. from Pima**

No! Have you tried driving down mill since it was narrowed to one lane?

**Hank O. from Sonoran Hills**

I think by now the City has the message. I personally would rather see the money being spent on a Dog Park in N. Scottsdale where there has been land put aside (Hayden & Thompson Peak area). Thanks, Hank

**Brad H. from Buenavante**

No

**Mark W. from Cactus Corridor North**

No, but I am an avid cyclist, but this needs a practical approach. I would think there would be a way to slightly increase the pedestrian walk way, without removing a car lane. I know in some places, they have narrowed the car lanes by 1 foot or so and still stayed within acceptable lane width, and then slightly increase pedestrian space. I would be in favor of that.

**Myriam S. from Gainey Ranch**

Big no no.

**Kathy W. from Roosevelt Miller**

Absolutely not. Look at Mill Avenue--they narrowed it and now it is nothing but a big bottleneck and anyone in a car avoids it anytime they can. That would keep me out of downtown FOR SURE

**Kathy F. from Carino Canyon**

No

**Stacy Y. from Cactus Corridor North**

Absolutely Not! Didn't we learn anything from The Galleria Disaster??? Please don't tell me we'll spend \$ on a study for this....

**Benita D. from Park McDowell-Cox Heights**

NO NO NO NO NO oh, but answer is NO

**Kathy H. from Pima**

No. No. It will just make a congested area more congested.

**Judy B. from Camelback / S. Scottsdale**

No No NOOO

**Nancy S. from Park Lane**

No, it would cause too much congestion. Areas that have done that such as Mill Ave are a nightmare. There could be other routes for bicyclists to take.

**Adam L. from Western Villa**

Yes! Jason F is right. Utilize Goldwater and Drinkwater as intended and sign Scottsdale rd to direct traffic to use them. Bikes should not be on side "Walks". One reason we picked old Town to move to is we can walk, bike, Cart and taxi to restaurants and night spots as well as the Artwalk and shops. Encourage people to get out of the cars and explore and spend money. I look forward to the Meetings.

**Bob F. from Grayhawk Condos**

NO! There are so many tourists here much of the year (with tourist dollars in their pockets), plus the rest of us here...let's make it easy on everyone. If the city "needs" to do anything, let them institute a traffic flow whereby they make certain streets one way in each direction for cars...and thereby also accommodating bikes or pedestrian walkways with the extra road width that will permit.

**Howard J. from McCormick Ranch**

Yes - the arguments against bring to mind the old quote attributed to Yogi Berra, "Nobody goes there anymore because it's too crowded." In March, traffic is so heavy, it already looks like a parking lot. I really don't think anyone is using the route to get somewhere quickly.

**Benita D. from Park McDowell-Cox Heights**

Ok, I have a question - Scottsdale road runs North and South. Goldwater connects to Scottsdale Rd at the Galleria AND Drinkwater connects at Scottsdale Rd on the North side of the Fashion Square! So where in the heck is the city proposing this fiasco!

**Barry M. from Suntree**

I vote NO, but with 370 replies currently, I'd be interested in knowing the breakdown between yes and no votes. Please give updates from time-to-time.

**Anita S. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale**

No, the road is already too congested.

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Bypass roads are good, but don't come back into Scottsdale road efficiently if you are going north on Goldwater or south on Drinkwater.

**Martha L. from Southwest Scottsdale**

I am an avid bike rider and feel the need to weigh in on this.

A dedicated lane isn't necessary. I have rode through old town many times, and The existing sidewalks work just fine.

Also, the # of times Riders would actually need the sidewalk in that area has been minimal. I will usually ride through the downtown park by the library, or go over to 68th street where there is a bike lane, or ride the green belt. Also there are the bridges that cut across the wash - bike riders in Scottsdale have plenty of options, let the motorists keep their lane.

I actually find riding on Mill to be more dangerous now, because so many people are have to park or pick people up in that lane.

Please leave it as is!!

**Karen M. from Pointe Scottsdale**

I don't want to flare any nostrils but I have held out mentioning this to see if someone will bring this up. Scottsdale is largely a geriatric community and a tourist community part of the year. I know I'm disabled (bad hips/back/knees and appreciate being able to drive close to the places I need to visit for business in old town. Are we taking that aspect into consideration before some goes off and makes it all pedestrian or more pedestrian/bike worthy? Just asking. Not trying to stir the fire here.

**Scott H. from Suntree**

I would be in favor of narrowing the streets to one lane in each direction. A road diet is a good thing for such a key area of downtown. It would provide more foot and bike traffic, directing cars to the perimeter--Goldwater and Drinkwater.

**Sharon G. from Mountainview Ranch**

Unfortunately, the downtown area is growing up and more people are moving into the urban communities, reducing the roads would be a mistake.

**Stan L. from Pima**

Have you driven down Mill since it changed to 1 lane in each direction, absolute disaster?

**MAUREEN S. from Desert Orchid**

Agree re Mill - don't narrow Scottsdale Rd

**Howard J. from McCormick Ranch**

I know most people know I'm not a trouble-maker, but just for the sake of discussion ... If the consensus is we can't afford to reduce flow due to congestion, shouldn't we be thinking about increasing it to five or six lanes? Just wondering.

**Public Information Officer Holly Walter from City of Scottsdale**

Benita D.and neighbors - This narrowing of Scottsdale Road is a topic of discussion as we gather input and put together a draft update to the city's Transportation Master Plan. This is a work in progress, which is why we want resident input and involvement now as it is put together. This draft plan is in development - that's why I can't direct you to a specific document. We anticipate having a draft

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recommendation for the Transportation Commission's approval in late October or early November. Then the draft would go the City Council for approval. It's apparent from this thread that reducing Scottsdale Road, between Drinkwater and Goldwater to one lane per direction is a hot topic. Please note it will be discussed 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, in the City Hall Kiva. Residents will have the opportunity to speak at this meeting. I have attached a commission report for Thursday's meeting:

<http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/asset60830.aspx>

In addition to discussing Scottsdale Road, we will talk about widening Chaparral Road between Miller Road and 78th Street and proposals for new trolley routes and bus route modifications. At a May 7 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted unanimously to direct Transportation staff to include possibilities for future rail corridors in Scottsdale, so we will also talk about three potential 2040 rail routes in Scottsdale.

We hope to see Scottsdale residents at our Sept. 3 meeting. Please share this information with others.

Holly

**Joseph C. from McDowell Mountain Ranch South**

We lived in Portland Oregon for 10 years. They have and are still reducing car lanes in the city. It is a traffic nightmare! This would not be good for Scottsdale!

**Kristie J. from McCormick Ranch**

It's a great idea in theory but there is too much traffic in Scottsdale for that. It would just push more traffic to Hayden. Can cyclists not use the already provided sidewalk? It's not ideal but I feel it would be safer and better for traffic in the long run.

**Karen M. from Pointe Scottsdale**

Correct me if I'm wrong but isn't it against the law to ride a bike on the sidewalk??

**Cynthia F. from Grayhawk**

Absolutely not, are you crazy? we have enough road rage already...

**Rick M. from Old Town Scottsdale North**

I would support narrowing of lanes to better accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. Sure drivers and taxis wont like it, but that's the trade off. Downtown Scottsdale is a tourist destination and it should be very pedestrian friendly.

**Susie G. from Pinnacle Reserve**

What's best for our kids? For the future of downtown Scottsdale? I hear the bypass is not sufficiently used so there is room today to accommodate such a plan.

**Colleen J. from McCormick Ranch**

If the cyclists are as rude on the sidewalks as they can be on the road - 2 or 3 abreast, well outside the bike lane - nothing but complete abandonment of the street will work.

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**Don B. from 101 & Cactus**

No.

**Ronda W. from Scottsdale Villas**

I would not support this for a variety of reasons. Existing congestion already makes it difficult to get around when you have business in the area - anyone who drives down there can attest to that.

**Marge B. from Mountainview Ranch**

No, no and no. All reasons above apply.

**Evan H. from Pointe Scottsdale**

Absolutely not

**Michael S. from Gainey Ranch**

You've got to be kidding! who would even recommend such a stupid idea. Narrow Scottsdale Road? If you are to do this then take all cars out of the picture and make the center the walking path.

**John M. from McCormick Ranch**

Michael Stegman and everybody else who thinks there is a magic speed, think about it. If they all change together you will get stopped at the far ones. And if they are all timed to turn green and let you through as you progress along the road, then they're all timed to turn red as someone behind you tries it.

**Dirk C. from Scottsdale Villas**

No, not a good Idea, especially with all the new apartment buildings in the area. I do not support this.

**Gerald T. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale**

Ah yes, all those apartments approved by the City; a prerequisite for ? 13% of Phoenix voters approved expansion of light rail. That would certainly narrow Scottsdale Road.

**Elaine A. from 101 & Cactus**

I would encourage the City Council to reconsider its decision on light rail.

**Benita D. from Park McDowell-Cox Heights**

Yes, I hope they do reconsider and push it sooner. We need to get into this century

**William J. from Sonoran Arroyos North**

No.

**Adam S. from Cactus Corridor North**

Absolutely NOT! This would be a \*colossal\* mistake. The road is already too congested. If anything, it should be widened. It's amazing that someone would actually propose this as a legitimate idea for a busy road in a city that's growing and will only continue to get more crowded over time (regardless of how many "alternate" routes there are that people are "supposed" to use). Many Sedona residents regret their vote for one lane in each direction on highway 179 that was contrary to ADOT recommendations.

**Sharon F. from Suntree**

Absolutely NOT!

A drivers visual connection to storefronts is essential to remain retail vitality. Narrowing roads and causing traffic congestion would be economically devastating to Old Town.

**Sharon F. from Suntree**

Over the last fifty years American cities have attempted to make "Main Street" more pedestrian by narrowing roads and eliminating vehicles. It has proven to be an economic disaster. Through time they have permitted vehicles back on Main Street to once again promote economic vitality. Please evaluate this suggestion thoroughly. This is a much bigger issue than creating a bike lane which is a "myopic" view.

**Howard J. from McCormick Ranch**

Sharon: I have ambivalent feelings on the question, but your statement about fifty years of "economic disaster" have piqued my curiosity. Would you be kind enough to share your data source(s) behind that claim? Thanks.

**Sharon F. from Suntree**

Hi Howard,

An example is: Main Street in Ann Arbor, Michigan where Main was closed in the 60's to become a "pedestrian way", with cars prohibited, known as "Urban Renewal". Through the years, retail shops declined dramatically, because drivers or potential shoppers could no longer see the store fronts. 15 years later they rebuilt the street, reopened it to vehicles and Main Street is thriving again. Today city planners understand that sidewalks, and vehicles are crucial to thriving retail. Ann Arbor is one of many prototypes known nationally where Main Street closing of traffic failed. Many cities in America attempted to view cars as problems in the 1960's, only to find that they were not the enemy. The key is to have wide sidewalks, convenient parking, views of window displays and signs.

Thanks, Sharon

**Cheri A. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale**

I'm against narrowing Scottsdale Road. I believe businesses would suffer.

**Dena P. from McCormick Ranch**

I think it's fine the way it is.

**Pat M. from Pointe Scottsdale**

Scottsdale Road gets very congested as it is. Narrowing it would make the traffic situation even worse. I would not be in favor of that change.

**Dana D. from Indian Bend Ranchos**

I think it would be a mistake. Locals already avoid the slow drive as it is.

**Lynn N. from Park Scottsdale II**

What? What a crazy question, during the winter months you can't get around old town as it is!

**Keith B. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale**

Huge mistake, please don't narrow this already narrow road in that area.

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**Lydia D. from Cactus Acres**

Please don't do that. That would just add to the congestion in that area. We hesitate to go dinner in that area because of the heavy traffic in snow bird season. Narrowing that area will totally keep us away. Bikes and pedestrians can easily navigate along side streets parallel Scottsdale Road.

**Pam M. from Camelback / S. Scottsdale**

No

**David C. from Cactus Corridor North**

Absolutely Not.

**Suzanne S. from Scottsdale Country Acres**

No, I would not support. I think there are plenty of stoplights in that area now.

**Vicki B. from Village Grove**

No. Scottsdale Road is already too busy as it is. Cyclists would be safer using less congested routes in and around that part of the city.

**Colleen J. from McCormick Ranch**

There is an excellent article re bicycles and city streets in the 9/3 online version of townhall.com, author Jeff Jacoby.

**Chris D. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale**

YES

**Barry M. from Suntree**

NO

**Kathee M. from Montana Del Sol**

No!!

**Dana D. from Indian Bend Ranchos**

I said no at first thinking about traffic, but I purposely drove down there today and realized how nice it would be to have store fronts and outdoor patios facing out. It would offer safe biking and walking between Drinkwater and Goldwater. I realized it would be nice to make that quaint and welcoming by making it less congested. It may make it more family friendly and less just bars. I think it will be a draw to the area( A true must see for tourists). Not to mention I know better than to drive on that part of Scottsdale road if I'm heading anywhere else but there. I say Yes!

**Lois S. from Cactus Corridor North**

No. Traffic is very congested in that area as it is. Narrowing would add to the problem.

**Bonnie C. from Foothills At Ironwood Village**

Seriously? No

**Kathy D. from Mountainview Ranch**

no - too congested now

**Bill C. from Los Alisos**

no. I don't go down there much, but it seems plenty busy now.

**Tammy F. from Chaparral Park**

Holly, could you please make us aware when the minutes and/or recordings from the 9/3 meeting are available. I wasn't able to attend the meeting and went to the transportation page found it isn't up yet. Thanks.

**Tammy F. from Chaparral Park**

Also Holly, I am interested in learning how to get the city engaged with people like Dan Burden w/ Blue Zones who could offer some amazing insight in traffic management from the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute. I've communicated with him and others from the Blue Zone project and Dan is interested in working with Scottsdale to address it's layout concerns and issues. Please let me know how I could help facilitate that connection and whom I should speak with. Thank you.

**Nigel U. from DC RANCH/Silverleaf**

No way, terrible idea, and I'm a cyclist.

**Susanne W. from Park Scottsdale 4**

No - two lanes are needed.

**Michael L. from Scottsdale Ranch SE**

No

**Mario B. from Scottsdale Ranch SE**

No

**Jes L. from Trails at Scottsdale**

That is crazy

**Mindy B. from Continental Villas**

No