

SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2015 FEEDBACK

QUESTION:

Have you experienced traffic congestion on Chaparral Road? Would you support increasing Chaparral Road to two lanes per direction between Miller Road and 78th Street? Tell us what you think.

SPEAK UP

<http://speakupscottsdale.com/discussions/transportation-streets/topics/widen-chaparral-road>

Mary Curtis

Although it would be nice to have Chaparral Rd wider in this area, I can't see that it can be done without adversely affecting the properties on that portion of the road. Those properties have been there a long time, before the level of traffic in the area; don't widen it.

Joseph Misseri

I agree with Mary Curtis, if there is a way it can be done without adversely affecting the property owners and all of us taxpayers then I think that it would help the area

Donna W Koons

I agree that it would be nice -- but also see this as an unnecessary hardship on the long-time residents on that short stretch. I travel that area quite frequently -- my church is quite close -- and I merely choose which cross street I will use, knowing this is an older and historic portion of our city!

Tricia Schafer

Please don't widen it. We moved here from Arcadia 4 months ago because we love the peaceful historic neighborhoods, and wanted to get out of over-developed Phoenix. Chaparral Road is fine the way it is in this area.

P S

I am opposed to widening Chaparral. The traffic, noise, pollution would have a devastating effect on this neighborhood of older established homes. This idea seems to resurface every few years. Please Transportation Department - Let it go! Widening Chaparral will not solve our traffic problems. It's like putting a Band-Aid on a compound fracture.

John Lookabaugh

I drive through the narrowed area between Miller and 78th St often. I think it should be left the way it is. Thanks for taking this into consideration.

Holly Walter City Staff, Public Information Officer

Thank you for the feedback! The Transportation Commission will host a special meeting this week to discuss the city's Transportation Master Plan update process and ideas at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, in the Scottsdale City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd.

Responses received as of Sept. 9, 2015

In addition to sharing some Scottsdale transportation data, we will also discuss the suggestions to widen Chaparral Road at Miller Road to two-lanes-per-direction and narrow Downtown Scottsdale Road to one-lane-per-direction. The dominant presentation and public discussion will focus on trolley and bus route modifications. This section will also include possibilities for future rail corridors in Scottsdale.

We hope to see you there.

Wilson Blank

I am opposed if it will negatively impact the property owners, their property and/or their ownership of the property. It is a nice, cute, quaint area. Why destroy it?

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Amy Golnik Herring

No, it a residential street at that point. There are plenty of other routes to take.

Cristopher Michael

Yes, but tough call for the residents that live there. Better to keep encouraging traffic to be diverted around that area (Hayden, Miller, Scottsdale, McDonald, Indian Bend) and leave Chap for locals, peds and bikes.

Timothy Heise

No! Leave the residents alone. Traffic has become unbearable in Scottsdale because some dbags on the city council and our mayor have allowed too many condos and apartment complexes to be built in the downtown area. If you're fed up with traffic. Go tell them about it! Or better yet, vote them out!

Travis Thorpe

No. There is no room to widen the roads unless you make everyone's front yard the road way. There are so many more alternate routes to take. We're talking about a half a mile of roadway maybe less than half a mile, how much congestion will this really fix? Figure out another way to get to work!

Donald Sammet

It will just bring more traffic to that portion of the street from other currently used routes. Eventually the congestion will come back due to increased usage of the widened roadway.

Guy Phillips

No! The residents have fought for years to keep that area special, going as far as making it an historic area. If you widen it instead of one congested lane there will be two because more will use it. For the last time- leave it alone!

Melissa Thomas Heise

Yap, what Guy said, leave it alone!

Stephanie Eleni Moraveka-Economos

No, they can go around another way.

Christian Dee

No. I don't live in that section of Scottsdale but we shouldn't be ruining neighborhoods for cars.

Mike Holliday

Pretty sure the senior citizens in that area won't go for it.

Chris Gorman

I live there and no.

Shannon Ann Aiton

People are going to use it regardless, but I know the residents probably don't want it.

Angel Klassen Hollingsworth

Yes, yes, yes, PLEASE! I drive that route 4 times a day...it's ridiculous! Especially in the "winter visitor" months.

Also, the light at Hayden and Chaparral E/W bound needs to be longer. I have been stuck at as many as 4 light cycles just trying to go straight through.

Thanks for listening!

Fran Babinski-Brennan

This is an historic neighborhood...why don't you take another street. There are other good alternatives.

Valerie J Marbach

Which streets do you recommend? I live off of camelback so Chap is the only entrance to 101?

Cristopher Michael

You can still take Chap east of Hayden to the 101 or you can take Indian School.

Valerie J Marbach

Yes that's what I typically take. But going north, chap is the option and it's only 1 lane. I'd really like them to open up Camelback all the way east. That's what I really want!

Travis Thorpe

Valerie J Marbach, take Camelback to Hayden then Hayden to Chap and then Chap to the 101, its 2 lanes I drive it every day. The only 1 lane area is in the residential area between 78 st and Miller. Not that difficult to avoid and go another way.

Valerie J Marbach

I'd love it widened since I can't take Camelback to 101-- I only have Chap or IS to go east. But also know that it wouldn't work well for the residential homes over there. So I'd have to say no to widening it.

Jeff Gleason

No. Horrible idea. That is a vintage run. Everyone knows other routes.

Susan Bergman

And who is going to tell the residents of villa monterey that they are losing their front yards?

Fran Babinski-Brennan

I agree with Timothy Heise, our Council turned our downtown into the Bronx while our citizens were complacent and sleeping. Leave this historic neighborhood alone!

Annylynn B Delacruz

No...enough construction zones...Thomas, Hayden and McDowell Rds AND Loop101 have non-stop closures causing more driver frustrations...

Grigour Sturtz

If it included a fast tracked light rail connection. (no pun intended.)

Risa Jacobson

Yes!!

Jim Hill

No!!!

Shirley Neeriemer

No!!!

Shannon Ann Aiton

Yes!

Greg Weisman

No!!!

Pat Shaler

No - limit growth. Pretend we are landlocked like Flagstaff is.

Amber Calhoun Kern

No

Amy Stephens

No

Mateo Cruz

Yes

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Matt Gamber @mattgamber

@scottsdaleazgov It's long overdue.

Andrew Carlson @Bankers_Box

@scottsdaleazgov no way. given the amount of foot traffic and residents' age, it should remain the same. #keepitsafe

Shawn @ArizonaVelo

@scottsdaleazgov Could use the \$\$ elsewhere. The existing routes are fine and won't disrupt the existing neighborhood

Michael Moon @mmoon3000

@scottsdaleazgov yes

John Washington @ScottsdaleTrail

@scottsdaleazgov How many times do the residents and voters have to say "No" on 4-lanes through Villa Monterey before you believe them?

T Heise @TheHeise

@scottsdaleazgov Scottsdale needs to leave citizens alone. Stop pushing for convenience. Traffic sucks, but non-residents are the problem.

NEXTDOOR

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Larry K. from Old Town Scottsdale North

Holly you are kidding yourself if you think the homeowners along that street would support this. Quite the opposite.

Philip W. from Chaparral Park

First, I think the idiots at the City who first approved using Chapparral as the main gateway from the 101 to Fashion Square should be fired, feathered, and tarred. Thanks for ruining the street and every home near it, and causing all of this congestion.

Second, now that the City has created this mess, you have no choice but to widen the street.

Third, how about having the police stop using Chapparral as a speed trap - they sit down by the hotel next to the 35 mph sign and zap folks heading west who come over the canal where - for no reason - the speed limit is only 30. I am so sick of their tactics - and no, I have not gotten a ticket from them in quite a while. If you widen the streets, then they will have a field day with their little speed traps because folks will go faster.

They also do this when heading east on Chapparral where the speed limit drops 10 MPH when you cross the street from coming in from PV.

Lisa C. from Chaparral Park

There should be a sign at Chap. And Hayden directing traffic to Camelback. A large sign to direct non local traffic to Camelback. The city cannot afford to purchase all the homes needed to widen that small section of road. And large signs on the highway directing traffic to exit at Indian Bend or Indian School to visit downtown Scottsdale (and such directions to google) would help much more than millions spent to widen. It would be much more beneficial to widen the remaining section of Pima Road!

Conny M. from Park Scottsdale

Vote no on that proposal. Totally agree that Chaparral should not have been the exit created on 101. Should have been Camelback and give Fashion Square and all those business the exposure. 99% residential on Chaparral. Why don't they fix this now with all the current construction on the 101??? Close the Chaparral exit and make Camelback the exit.

Bonnie S. from Chaparral Park

Widen the area from HAYDEN to SCOTTSDALE RD. Change the traffic signal for the flow East to West.

Kristin M. from Scottsdale Country Acres

I definitely would not support widening Chaparral road at any point between Scottsdale and Pima. I don't experience very much congestion and would rather it not be similar to the traffic found on Indian School. It would also disrupt too many homes between Hayden and Miller. I already feel sorry for those homeowners that have to back out of their driveway directly onto Chaparral.

Nancy C. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale

The answers above reflect my own thoughts, having sat on the 2008 Transportation Master Plan Update Committee, Chaparral Road was much discussed and cussed and the designation stayed as is. Then when the Villa Monterey neighborhood requested Historical Neighborhood status and it was approved by the City Council a few years ago, the widening of Chaparral Road came up again and the Transportation Department said it would go along with whatever Council approved. Council said "NO". Council and the Planning Commission approved several high rise apartment complexes without considering the real impacts of traffic coming with the new residents. There are alternatives to turning the lives of that Chaparral Road neighborhood upside down and displacing more residents from their homes.

Kathryn C. from Camelback / S. Scottsdale

Amen to Kristin's reply. We live on that stretch of Chaparral near Miller, and what that construction would do to us is a nightmarish thought. It's not so bad to have only one lane in each direction in front of our home, and having more lanes would only make it even harder for us to back out. Plus there isn't enough room to widen like that. It would take away what little driveway we have!

Mark E. from Scottsdale Estates 9

I don't live in Villa Monterey, but I know that this is an absolute non-starter with them. I agree with one of the previous comments that suggested prominent and clear signage at westbound Chaparral & Hayden to direct downtown traffic south to Camelback.

Doreen S. from Laguna San Juan

I do NOT support widening this road. Leave it alone! This issue comes up every few years. Let drivers exit the 101 at some other juncture. Widening Chaparral would affect too many people and absolutely turn

their lives into a nightmare! The cars have other places to go, the people who live on Chaparral do not. The end.

Teresa S. from Park Scottsdale

I do not support widening this road. I agree there should be signs sending traffic to Camelback.

Tom L. from The Green Belt

I DO NOT SUPPORT widening Chaparral road.

I WOULD SUPPORT a Camelback road entry to the 101 freeway.
SHOCKED we don't have an entry to get on the 101 from such a main road.
We have an entry on all the others- why is Camelback blocked?

Camelback road is two lanes each way west to 44th st from Hayden, basically.
Then it opens to 3 lanes heading west. after 44th St
It's two lanes to Hayden heading East, then 1 lane, and no freeway access?
A freeway access at Camelback would take the pressure off the entries at Chaparral AND Indian School.

Cynthia S. from Camelback / S. Scottsdale

There is a school called Navajo on the corner of Camelback & Granite Reef. That idea won't work either. Please leave Chaparral alone unless you want to buy all the properties on both sides of the road.

Nancy B. from Laguna San Juan

Yes, with increased folks living here and increased housing underway, I support widening Chaparral road as described. Nancy Belck, LSJ.

Marcy H. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale

I do not support widening Chaparral. There are other freeway access streets that don't disrupt this nice neighborhood that has been here for many years. It's hard enough to get people to follow the 30mph posted speed. It would be detrimental to increase the street size. Use McDonald or Indian School.

Jim S. from Laguna San Juan

I do not support the widening of any roads into this area of Scottsdale. Old Town easily becomes dangerously over trafficked now. Are bigger roads coming in going to make it easier to find parking? There will just be more people driving around looking for a place to park. Increase mass transit and create Park and Bike lots where people can park and bicycle in. Residents, do you really want to breathe more exhaust? Let's be forward thinking here and use this as a chance to encourage behavior that improves the quality of life of Scottsdale residents, if for no other reason than to preserve property value. Why degrade those neighborhoods to improve access for people who don't even live here? Having lived in Scottsdale for over 50 years, I can tell you that there are other agendas behind this suggestion. They have been creating traffic problems on purpose so that they can offer widening Chaparral as a solution because residents have never wanted Chaparral widened. Not everybody working on the plan uses the resident's quality of life as the standard for judging changes.

Tammy F. from Chaparral Park

I don't agree with widening Chaparral either. Besides the neighborhood impact of widening it, I think having it narrow to 1 lane is a good thing to keep drivers alert rather than passive and thinking street is a thoroughfare. I'd prefer that Scottsdale add roundabouts to keep traffic flowing at intersections.

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Sally S. from Chaparral Park

No, Chaparral should not be widened bringing more, faster traffic into a long time nice retirement neighborhood - and for just a short distance. Just beyond Scottsdale Road, Chaparral is narrow with stop sign, curve, and roundabout, which I assume is to protect that neighborhood. The same should be done for this retirement neighborhood. The bulk of traffic should be funneled onto Hayden to use other larger arteries which will not destroy a neighborhood. Chaparral between Hayden and Scottsdale Rd should be for local residents. The homes along Chaparral already have a difficult time getting out on the road with all the traffic.

Cherri L. from Scottsdale Country Acres

I also do not support the widening of Chaparral road. Someone mentioned having signs off Indian Bend and Chaparral at Hayden directing people to Camelback or Indian School roads- I think that is a great idea. These are larger roads that are able to handle the traffic. The idea of widening Camelback to have a freeway entrance is not a solution with the school being there at Granite Reef.

Cherri L. from Scottsdale Country Acres

I should have also added that Camelback and 82nd Street already have enough crazy drivers trying to 'get around traffic' by speeding through our neighborhood that we don't need to increase the traffic by widening it and put more of the school children at risk than there already are. Literally about every 10-15 someone runs the stop sign going 20-30 mph over the posted speed limit. Roundabouts may be a solution but the problem is so many drivers don't understand the concept on how to use them. The speed humps on Camelback have helped somewhat.

Sharon L. from Camelback / S. Scottsdale

Didn't they try that once with no success? Clean up that mess west of Scottsdale Road, get rid of the roundabout, that would help the backups.

Carrie A. from Chaparral Park

I absolutely support widening Chaparral! It will cost a fortune to acquire the properties between Miller and 78th. No one will approve it. It didn't get support the last time it was proposed. Plus, I believe the neighborhood may be going through the historic preservation process. However, that doesn't diminish the need for Chaparral Road to be a direct route to the freeway and to downtown. The couplet system was designed to support that traffic flow. Notice that Camelback is not a through way to the freeway.

Alison C. from Chaparral Park

I do NOT support the widening of Chaparral.

Patricia F. from Chaparral Park

Richard and I definitely support the project but acknowledge it's a "pie in the sky" notion.

Jonnie H. from Camelback / S. Scottsdale

Leave it alone. You can never please everyone. If you are inconvenienced by a few minutes try rearranging your schedule. That's the route I take and it's fine. It would be a literal nightmare to attempt to widen Chaparral or Hayden in this area, not to mention what it would do to the Indian Bend Wash and beautiful parks.

Kristine S. from Scottsdale Monterey

I do not support the widening of Chaparral

Cherri L. from Scottsdale Country Acres

Just a curious question for those of you supporting an entry off Camelback to the freeway.... What do you suggest those of us do who live off Camelback at that end do? Sell our home because that is not what expected when we bought our homes? I can guarantee I would not have bought our home if there was a freeway entrance.... Just as I was supporting those on Chaparral for the same reason- please think of all involved before throwing us under the bus.

Judith M. from Villa Monterey

Absolutely NOT! Please hear our plea once again. It would mean taking homes on either side of Chaparral. I thought this bad idea was put to rest after many of us lobbied from Villa Monterey quite a few years ago. please and thank you

Darlene U. from Old Town Scottsdale North

I think not. It would be hard to control the 30 mile speed limit.

Rick R. from Park Scottsdale

NO!!!!!!.....Not enough traffic. I drive it every day.

Gregory W. from Scottsdale Country Acres

No, if we were going to do something. When the city acquired the golf course, instead of making it into a park. We should have come up with a creative way to flow traffic to and from Hayden and Chaparral roads. It still can be done.

Renee H. from The Green Belt

no

Nicole R. from Chaparral Park

no, it's fine the way it is, and it would increase traffic through a great residential area, and decrease the value of homes.

Kristine N. from The Green Belt

Chaparral is already crazy, high speeds, dangerous drivers and numerous accidents at granite reef and chaparral. The traffic is disturbing a once peaceful area.

Nancy B. from Laguna San Juan

Cost of getting right of way would be far too high. Perhaps have Chaparral one way, Camelback the other.

Valerie M. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale

That's an interesting idea!

Chris D. from Historic Old Town Scottsdale

NO

Linda F. from Villa Monterey

NO

Corrie I. from Scottsdale Estates 9

No

Myra B. from McCormick Ranch

Yes. And all the way west to Invergordan.

Kelly S. from Scottsdale Mountain

Yes.

Bill J. from McCormick Ranch

Would definitely support widening Chaparral to four lanes. Thanks for seeking our opinions.

Pauline R. from McCormick Ranch

No

Penny K. from Scottsdale Ranch SE

No. It would destroy too many homes.

Debby M. from Gainey Ranch

With the community college traffic using Chaparral Road, I would think the traffic would flow much better with four lanes. Pima should also be upgraded south to Chaparral Rd.

Jim R. from Cactus Corridor North

NO from Hayden to Scottsdale road

This was discussed many years ago, too much disruption of the quality of life for those crazy enough to buy a home on that major street. What is currently in place there west of Hayden works well IMHO, but I don't live near there although I drive on it once a week east to west at ~ 6:15-6:20 pm

Christine D. from McCormick Ranch

Hi Holly, This seems to me to a somewhat undemocratic way to solicit opinions. Where is Scottsdale's current masterplan? When are "they" updating the masterplan? What is the timetable? What other mechanisms are being utilized to gather public opinions? Have you considered using Survey Monkey to get more information at one time from the public and provide a range of options to voice opinions on. I would personally like to see light rail somehow be able to reach a few reasonable part of Scottsdale to be able to get to the airport more easily - at the very least.

Peter D. from Scottsdale Meadows

I believe that creating so called green waves would make the flow of traffic go faster. A green wave is a certain stretch of road that if you drive a certain speed the light will be green. For instance Hayden road and Scottsdale road. Some countries in Europe they have been doing this for more than 30 years. Less traffic congestion and less air pollution.

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Gordon S. from Vistana 1

Yes, Chaparral should be widened. A bottleneck now.

Probably homes on one side would have to be taken. Perhaps many of those people would be glad to move.

Stan L. from Pima

Conflicted on this based mainly that west of Hayden this is primarily a residential street and I haven't had many issues traveling between Hayden and Scottsdale however to get from the 101 to old town leaves Indian School as the direct but congested route. Ideally Camelback should have gone from the Pima/101 to old town but doing this today would be extremely disruptive. Lesser of two evils would be to expand Chaparral but would likely mean tearing down a number of homes and I'm not sure how much there would be to gain from this.

Dirk C. from Scottsdale Villas

I don't think that the eastbound lanes need to be widened. I do think that something needs to be done for the westbound drivers turning left onto Scottsdale rd. Maybe a double turn lane, maybe something as simple as putting up not a through street sign. Most people are either turning left or right at that intersection. Rather than have a lane for cars that want to go straight, just make that lane a left turn only lane. And while you are at it, please put the No U Turn sign back up on Goldwater at the turn for the theater and Dillard's. It was up for the Super Bowl festivities and it has been taken down in the last month or so.

Sheri H. from Grayhawk Thompson Peak

No, too disruptive for that neighborhood. I only drive it once a month or so, and not during commute hours, but other suggestions should be tried first.

Luc D. from Cactus Corridor North

Yes!

Public Information Officer Holly Walter from City of Scottsdale

Hi Christine D. -

Thank you for your questions. Nextdoor is just one of many tools we are using to let residents know we are in the process of updating our Transportation Master Plan and to obtain feedback. We have also provided information on the city's website (www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov), our other social media sites (on Facebook at ScottsdaleAZgov and twitter @ScottsdaleAZgov), our online discussion forum (www.SpeakUpScottsdale.com), traditional media (The Arizona Republic and Scottsdale Independent) and a series of public meeting hosted by Scottsdale's Transportation Commission.

As we gather input and put together a draft update to the city's Transportation Master Plan, we want resident input and involvement. This draft plan is in development - that's why I can't direct you to a specific document. We anticipate having a draft recommendation for the Transportation Commission's approval in late October or early November. Then the draft would go the City Council for approval.

Here's a link to a news release with the upcoming meeting schedule:

http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/news/transportation-masterplan-update-process-underway_s4_p21392

On May 7, the Transportation Commission voted unanimously to direct Transportation staff to include possibilities for future rail corridors in Scottsdale, so we will talk about three potential 2040 rail routes in

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Scottsdale on Thursday, Sept. 3. This meeting takes place at 6 p.m. in the Scottsdale City Hall Kiva. Here is link with more information:

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

There is opportunity to provide written or public comment at our meetings.

Please share this information with others.

Amy S. from Buenavante

No. I don't see how you can consider widening the Miller to 78th stretch as there are long established homes there (Villa Monterey?) I believe this idea was considered and dismissed years ago. Drive 1/2 mile south to use Camelback Rd instead. Camelback needs a freeway ramp -- build that instead of bulldozing homes.

Vincent A. from Hy-view

Yes, two lanes both ways

Martha G. from Las Piedras at Sevano

Yes that would be great.

Margaret H. from Hy-view

I agree on not disturbing Villa Monterey. I don't drive that route often but don't find it congested. I always wondered why Camelback has no freeway exit on either the 51 or 101? Is there some traffic planning reason for that?

Ing T. from McCormick Ranch

Is increased commercial zoning/development with accompanying employee traffic anticipated along that road and feeder roads? How would widening affect flanking residences flanking? Would the widened road about front doors - sidewalks be eliminated? Does the City buy the properties needed under eminent domain?

The question does not give enough information for a thoughtful reply.

Dan H. from McCormick Ranch

I would support that.

Lisa L. from Park Scottsdale II

There is no way to widen that stretch without great impact to the residences along that part of Chaparral. I for one would not want a road right at my front door with no way in or out of my carport. I feel there isn't sufficient traffic needs to widen Chaparral, and I travel that way often.

Janice M. from Park Scottsdale II

Absolutely not

Carolyn K. from Suntree

While there is sufficient traffic to widen Chaparral, the residents along Chaparral won't want this and why should they? The City is responding too late. Carolyn Kinville, Arroyo Verde I

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Sara B. from Pima

There's traffic congestion everywhere. We live in a large metropolitan area. What about spending monies to abandon alleys, where burglars and other unsavory individuals frequent?

Bruce W. from McCormick Ranch

I don't think that should be done as it would negatively impact the neighbors for little good. Redirect traffic to Camelback and widen it if necessary.

Brad H. from Buenavante

I had never considered it as a major traffic artery.

JIM H. from McCormick Ranch

I do not support widening Chaparral between Hayden and Scottsdale Rd because it is an existing community. Better to build a convenient route from Chaparral to Camelback so traffic can flow smoothly. Rather than spending funds to destroy a neighborhood spend the funds to build a road with an overpass over Hayden to Camelback.

Rose A. from Santa Fe 2

Yes, widen. It does bog down with traffic especially fall and winter.

Bob C. from McCormick Ranch

I'm all for progress, but it would disturb me to uproot so many people who have lived on Chaparral for so long. Bob Cain

Mike S. from Scottsdale Ranch SE

Yes it should be widened--the existing design was truly terrible planning. That two lane stretch between Miller and 78th is a real bottleneck. Tear down the houses on one side of the street to give the other side a slight buffer--would be a better use of resources then other expenditures Scottsdale has proposed over the years.

Jeff F. from McCormick Ranch

I do not feel that the City of Scottsdale should be floating these types of ideas across a public forum like this demonstrates any type of leadership. Where is the background research on these "ideas"?

How would we know if widening Chaparral would have either positive or negative impacts on our neighborhoods? ??

I would rather see the city do the work and demonstrate what the change would really do to our community and neighborhoods. How much will it cost? What are the alternatives? Etc..

Do not just keep sticking ideas up for a vote in public forums.

By the way, I don't think we need to widen the street and destroy a nice neighborhood. If you take houses on one side of the road, the increased traffic will ruin the neighborhood for the other side families. Plenty of other routes.

Sandra K. from McCormick Ranch

I haven't experienced major backups here, especially compared to other areas, so no, I don't consider this a priority.

Lindsay S. from Scottsdale Ranch SE

Yes widen it.

William J. from Sonoran Arroyos North

No. Would make road even closer to houses that are already too close to it, or require destruction of some houses.

Shari B. from McCormick Ranch

Yes

James D. from Scottsdale Meadows

NO !

Gene M. from McCormick Ranch

Absolutely not. That would change the entire Villa Monterey neighborhood which is one of the gems of the area (doesn't it have historic designation?). When Scottsdale widened McDonald from 86th to Pima, it left a mess of property line issues and homes that were once tucked into the neighborhood now found themselves backing up to a four Lane road. Scottsdale should fix those property line problems before anything. (Scottsdale granted use rights for those affected homes to have larger backyards but never deeded the property or recorded easements which would grant official use.)

Rosemary S. from Scottsdale Links Estates

Absolutely!

Brian H. from McCormick Ranch

Not worth it, there are plenty of routes to get in/out of Scottsdale, spend the \$\$ elsewhere - we should be discussing widening the concrete GREENBELT path!

John C. from McCormick Ranch

But it's a great speed trap just the way it is! :(

Why not widen Pima to two lanes each way? Would have been a lot cheaper than the highway and would serve as a nice alternative in case of an accident.

Stanley S. from Las Piedras

Yes. Widen Chaparral to 2 lanes in each direction. Always a lot of traffic back up in that area.

Sharon F. from Suntree

Wouldn't widening Chaparral Road between Hayden and Scottsdale Road require the "taking of property" through eminent domain? This is a more costly effort than installing pavement. Is the need to move traffic really there?

Anne B. from McDowell Mountain Ranch South

We should be thinking now about congestion in the future and opt for extension of the light rail so that 20 years from now we don't have these obsolete discussions due to shortsightedness. It is much easier to build in the desert (as was the case for Kierland and City North) than it is to update a neighborhood to tomorrow's needs. We need to make these decisions while incorporating the estimates for increase in the population not by getting feedback from users who use Chaparral today for their own private needs. We are way behind in public transportation in the US and even more in AZ, our mindset has to widen not just one road at a time.

Kathy W. from Roosevelt Miller

Yes, I think it needs to be widened. The traffic load is great and the speed limit being so low really causes a backup mess. It needs to be the same 2 lanes in each direction from Scottsdale Road to Pima.

Shannon O. from Park McDowell-Cox Heights

No that small stretch is historic area homes that would be destroyed. Just control the lights better to keep traffic flowing. I don't mind waiting to go through a few lights to leave things as they are. For people in a hurry leave earlier to accommodate the wait. These new road plans are so stupid destroy the neighborhood roads by widening them and then take the shopping-business area road to 1 lane each direction and clog up the traffic? Dumb. So hurry up through the hood so you can get stuck waiting in heavy traffic to get to shops, bars-restaurants or the doctor's office! Dumb, dumb, dumb ideas. Just fix the crappy roads and untimely stop lights.

Annette S. from Arcadia Ingleside

No...Leave it as it is. There are other roads to connect Hayden and Scottsdale roads that are less congested and have two lanes going both ways for those who are impatient. Leave the neighborhood as it is.

Bernadette P. from Desert Vista

No...this is a residential neighborhood with historic sensibilities.

Ralph B. from McCormick Ranch

No. Too much destruction. Have never been on the street when there was a delay. Use it often

Colleen J. from McCormick Ranch

Wonder if any of the 'yes' votes live in the area - or do they just want to shave 30 seconds off their commute. Do not disturb residential areas - take the main streets with the 40-45 mph speed limits if you're in a hurry.

Tamar & Gary L. from Sonoran Hills

Yes

Bill B. from McCormick Ranch

I have noticed traffic congestion during the afternoon rush hour at the Hayden Rd and Chaparral intersection which does in turn backup traffic on Chaparral to the east. But I would blame most of that congestion on Freeway traffic construction and/or accident detours along with student traffic class schedules at SCC and of course Walmart all dumping cars onto Chaparral. I would never be in support of opening more lanes of traffic on Chaparral in this location. This area is residential and homeowners would be impacted even more than they are now by adding 2 more lanes of traffic. I suggest while

updating the TMP we should work on ways to get cross traffic out of the older neighborhoods, not promote it! Thank You

Becky B. from MMR-Sunrise Point

Much needed. It's the only major road that I can think of that goes down to one lane. Gets congested. It's a major artery from the 101 to Scottsdale Rd.

Janice R. from Continental Villas

Absolutely! It should have been widened when the freeway was built. I used to live At Scottsdale Rd and Chaparral and I drove Chaparral every day. Westbound it is impossible at rush hour and frequently backs up at 78th St even during the day.

E. Hope M. R. from Park Scottsdale Townhouse

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Yes, I think that it is a great idea, the traffic there is very hard on rush hours and one lane each way does not help at all.

Dena P. from McCormick Ranch

No. The more we widen roads, the less of our Scottsdale character we keep. We'll look more like other cities and I moved to Scottsdale BECAUSE they plan better and keep better care of the community feel.

John M. from McCormick Ranch

The way that Republicans do evil is they screw other people to secure some advantage for themselves, like widen Chaparral at the expense of the locals. The way that Democrats do evil is they protect the obstructions at the expense of the majority. Hard to pick a winner, morally, in this case.

Hank O. from Sonoran Hills

Hi Holly - I dislike sounding so negative, but these questions are why I vote NO to all bond proposals and I am sure many other home owners feel the same way. Our city is most always crying poverty and yet they come up with Scottsdale Road and Chaparral Road construction when there are many more better ways to spend money to help the majority of OUR city people.

Mindi O. from Cactus Acres

This is one road widening that I support, even though it probably will never happen. The merge between Hayden and 78th Street on Chaparral is dangerous as the norm is that everybody speeds up in a 30 mile/hour zone to get in the one lane; the drivers in the correct lane do not often yield to allow the drivers needing to merge in but start racing instead; the drivers that need to merge in start speeding up to get ahead of those in the correct lane, all the while ignoring the speed limit. The problem is that there appears to not be enough space to add lanes without using the eminent domain card and taking a piece of all of the residents' front yards in order to make the street wider. Since those houses have been here since the beginning of time, it is unlikely, although desirable, to widen the street and get rid of that dangerous merge. For all of you that have blamed the government or call the Democrats evil (which, by the way, I agree wholeheartedly with both) this situation is actually a dangerous one that is different than the government not making enough lanes on the 101 and then have to go back, at a great expense, to add lanes and then realize that they should have built more lanes so they do it again. This really is a dangerous situation and I have witnessed many times where accidents were mere misses. Add that to the cars attempting to come out of the shopping center jumping in front of traffic and the lack of safety in this particular situation outweighs the cost and benefit of spending the money to review the viability

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of correcting a bad situation. Even if they did widen the lanes the speed limit would remain a safe 30 miles/hour so the residents would actually be able to pull out of their driveways without having to wait forever to do so.

Kathleen C. from Sabino Estates

Hi Holly - I use Chaparral quite a bit to move from the 101 to Scottsdale Road and it is very maddening how much traffic slows and bottlenecks at Miller. I would wholeheartedly support widening a street that increasingly moves more and more traffic to the 101! Thanks for asking. Kathy C from Sabino Estates

Talal S. from McCormick Ranch

I didn't think it's congested but I wish the zoning along Chaparral to be amended to mixed use developments then redesigning the road accordingly. I think that creating the same experience as City North and Kierland in a real neighborhood would be much more successful and sustainable. Portland had great success when it reinvested in existing districts.

I believe the historical impact concern is marginal to non-existent with respect to this issue; however, from reviewing the Central Downtown Circulation Study it is obvious that Chaparral is considered one of the main accesses into Downtown. Widening Chaparral is considered mainly for addressing the future circulation demands. Improvements to Chaparral Road should not be conducted without optimizing the land use along both sides of the right of way. This will improve the social and economic value of the adjacent neighborhoods beyond the limiting preservation of existing conditions. Consider it as enhancement of a corridor rather than widening of a road.

Kristie T. from McDowell Mountain Ranch North

What would happen to the homes that have street access in that location if the road is widened? They hardly have enough driveway space as it is.

Lucy C. from Chateau De Vie North

That was my thought. Would they condemn those houses that already sit so close to Chaparral?

Alexandra D. from McCormick Ranch

Absolutely NO! For those of you interested in participating in the transportation plan and meetings, there is one this Thursday at 6pm. More information here:

<http://www.scottsdaleindependent.com/news/residents-encouraged-to-review-transportation-master-plan-for-scottsdale/#.VdY59RQUuqM.twitter>

Dennis M. from Sonoran Heights

I vote 'no' if it will require the condemnation of the existing homes along the street. It's a minor inconvenience when traffic is heavy. Otherwise it's a non-issue.

Ericka W. from Western Villa

No, simply adding lanes does not fix congestion. It just allows more cars on the road, usually increasing the traffic problems. We need to start thinking about what type of traffic we actually want to have rather than always resorting to more lanes. More lanes has never "fixed" congested traffic, it merely addresses a sector of traffic usually for very specific times (aka Rush Hour).

This is close to DT Scottsdale, and there are already 3 lane speedways smack in the middle of residential neighborhoods. Goldwater is a good example of this. Makes an interesting walk and a hell of a bike ride with most of the lanes unused during a 24 hour day.

The people who live in these neighborhoods and the people YOU want to live in these DT neighborhoods are looking for a walkable and bike-able lifestyle. Tourists and commuters should be the 2nd part of the conversation, not the first. I know speaking as a tourist of other places, being able to walk to your destination or hop onto mass transit wins over dealing with cars any day.

Melissa E. from Monterra

Yes definitely. If you're coming from the north on the 101 & want to go to Scottsdale fashion square or westbound on Camelback it's the fastest route but can get bogged down at miller.

Pam M. from Camelback / S. Scottsdale

Even though I "LIVE" on Chaparral in the area you are talking about I have to say "Yes". I understand adding lanes does not fix congestion ... but when Dennis said it's a "minor inconvenience", it's obvious he doesn't live on Chaparral. The traffic is horrible. The 30mph is not enforced or obeyed. Try getting out of your driveway during the rush hours...it takes forever and let me tell you, Scottsdale drivers are the rudest. I know I would lose my home which does sadden me, but I can't take this traffic much longer.

Tim G. from McCormick Ranch

I love that little piece of road. Reminds me of the Scottsdale of Old. Does every street in this city have to be manic driver compliant?

Vicki B. from Village Grove

Yes. I would support the widening of Chaparral Road for many reasons.

Chris K. from Pima

We have far too much asphalt in this city as it is. I am sure you have heard of the heat island effect. The more asphalt we have the higher the median temperature will get. I am in favor of leaving Chaparral as is. If slowing down for that short stretch is a burden then a person can explore the alternate routes north and south of this street. I am also sympathetic of the residents that live along that stretch of road whose houses face Chaparral. That is their front porch, their sense of neighborhood. I don't imagine they would look favorably on trading a portion of their yard for increased traffic volume as well as undoubtedly increased speed that naturally occurs when you widen the path for the car.

Jean Y. from Country Trace

I am against widening Chaparral

Barry M. from Suntree

Yes

Shannon B. from Village Grove

Why would the city want widen Chaparral and narrow Scottsdale Rd when Scottsdale is a much busier street? This makes no sense to me.

Edmond R. from Scottsdale Meadows

NO. To widen that stretch of road would require the city to purchase and then destroy the historic properties along that road.

Who wants to say yes to destroying historic properties and forcing people out of their homes? Research this effort.

When it was brought up before those home owners came out in force to say NO. How about we consider that?

Then think about all the money the city would have to pay for those homes.

Next time someone needs to provide pictures of what residences or businesses will be impacted.

Paul B. from Hayden Estates

What part of Chaparral? The people who own properties along it between Hayden and Scottsdale have trouble getting out of their driveways. Won't two lanes make that worse? Would you have to take residential land? It sounds like a poor master plan if you are not thinking of the impact on residents.

Mario B. from Scottsdale Ranch

No

Kim T.

I believe the questions should be directed to the people whose homes will be affected. Drivers have options to travel other streets. Those home owners can not.

Mike M.

Chaparral needs to be widened to create consisten 4 lanes from Scottsdale Rd. to the 101.

Why?

1. Traffic volumes
2. Ease of access
3. Value and quality of life for residents along Chaparral
4. Value and benefit to the community should be valued higher than narrow benefits to the 10- 15 property owners on Chaparral whose property will need to be taken (WITH JUST COMPENSATION) for this improvement. I urge the Transportation Commission to see the big forest for the little trees in this situation.

Don C.

There are older condo homes deserve being grandfathered and the existing road stay the same. I enjoy the drive into an older area seeing these homes are well maintained and property value stay high up .Remember the old Scottsdale flavor adds the beauty.... There are other widened roads for anyone to use and learn to live the way it is.... I am okay with it. we need not to be selfish to tear out allowing the road widening. We don't need any more apartment buildings there.....City of Scottsdale is being overly apartmentized.!!!

Lois S.

Yes.

Joan B.

Joan from Stonegate and the Camelview Theater.

As new Theater and shops are added will only become more congested.

Ginny B.

Unfortunately, due to the creation of the 101 Freeway off ramp some years ago, Chaparral Road has become a nightmare and unsafe road to drive, especially during high traffic times. Additionally, the speed limit is lowered 10 mph from 40 to 30 just west of Hayden, and many unsuspecting drivers have been caught for speeding by Scottsdale PD.

Additionally, the two left-turn lanes at Scottsdale Road are tricky for many drivers. Drivers heading west in the right left-turn lane often attempt to drive south on Scottsdale Road instead of correctly veering right onto Goldwater Blvd. I have come close to being hit a number of times.

If there is nothing in the works to add a freeway off ramp at Camelback, there is no alternative but to 1) either widen Chaparral Road between Hayden & Scottsdale Roads, or 2) force "through" traffic south at Hayden. Mall goers will not like the second option.

Mary S.

yes, most definitely!

Scott R.

More waste of money. I would support a new Scottsdale government.

Sue A.

Hello Holly,

Absolutely, widening of Chaparral is only a sensible part of creating a traffic plan that adequately addresses every possible solution for moving traffic quickly in and out of the downtown corridor. Frankly, I cannot fathom any of the homeowner along the portion of the street east of Miller wanting anything other than a fair price and moving compensation to be out of those homes.

The street as it is now is unsafe and a classic example of poor planning and worse politics. Sooner or later the street will have to be widened, it has never been a matter of if it will, only when there is the political will to do it.

I applaud you for asking the question although I'm certain you will get the crap beaten out of you for daring to ask so good luck!

Sue Adams

Wallace M.

No, that portion that is two lane is designated historic, Never should have had an exit at Chaparral in the freeway design.