

Bicycling

Introduction

Scottsdale maintains a wide variety of on-street and off-street bicycle networks. These networks are both necessary. Because homes, offices, and employment centers are located along streets, many bicyclists and pedestrians use streets to reach their destinations. A commute to work by bicycle will typically begin on a residential street and end on a major street. Many experienced bicyclists prefer to bicycle on streets where they can travel greater distances in a short amount of time.



The off-street network provides a more relaxed environment and fewer interactions with motorized traffic. Off-street network users must still watch for vehicles at driveways, street crossings, and intersections. Shared-use paths, such as the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt, have grade-separated crossings at streets or intersections, which allow non-motorized users to avoid interaction with motorized users. These grade-separated crossings provide a safer environment for all users and allow quick travel for faster cyclists when few other users are present. Because bicyclists share paths with pedestrians, runners, strollers, dogs, and horses, they must adjust their speeds to share the path or safely pass others. Many commuter bicyclists combine the use of on-street and off-street networks to reach their destinations.

Scottsdale is nationally recognized as a Bicycle-Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists because it actively supports bicycling and encourages residents to use bicycles as an alternative mobility choice and as part of a healthy lifestyle. The goals and policies of the Bicycling Element guide safe, connected, and convenient on-street and off-street bicycle networks.

Goals and Approaches



1. Develop continuous, accessible, and interconnected bicycle networks.

- Continue to participate in regional bikeway system planning.
- Promote convenient connections between on-street and off-street bicycling networks throughout the city and with neighboring jurisdictions.
- Continue to integrate bicycle lanes through street restriping and other techniques.
- Continue to expand off-street bicycling networks, and connect them to existing and planned on-street bicycle networks.
- Maintain or improve Scottsdale's designation in the Bicycle-Friendly Community award program.

2. Provide convenient and comfortable bicycle facilities to encourage bicycling.

- Integrate wayfinding systems into shared-use path and trail systems to ease navigation, provide signal detection, and increase bicyclist comfort.
- Promote a variety of accessible bicycle facilities, including, bicycle parking, bicycle lockers, and shower facilities into the transit system throughout the community.
- Embrace new bicycle facility technologies that will enhance bicycle use in the community.

3. Promote bicycle education, safety, and enforcement.

- Promote bicycle access from neighborhoods to schools, parks, recreational centers, and services.
 - Promote opportunities for the community to participate in bicycling, and educate residents, businesses, schools, and others on bicycle safety.
 - Minimize physical and regulatory barriers that would hinder improvements to bicycle programming.
 - Work to reduce conflicts with vehicles, pedestrians, and other bicyclists.
 - Work with law enforcement to ensure traffic laws are followed by both drivers and bicyclists.
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Related Plans and Policies:

- Transportation Master Plan (2016)
- Multi-Use Path Ordinance (1998)
- Scottsdale Zoning Ordinance, Article IV: Bicycles, Skateboards, Motorized Skateboards, and Multi-use Paths
- Trails Master Plan (2004)
- MAG Complete Streets Guide (2011)
- MAG Regional Bikeways Map
- MAG Regional Transportation Plan (2017)
- MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (2015)

Element Graphic:

- Bikeways and Crossings map

JENNY LIN RD.

CIRCLE MOUNTAIN RD.

HONDA BOW RD.

ROCKAWAY HILLS RD.

DESERT HILLS DR.

JOY RANCH RD.

STAGECOACH PASS

CAREFREE HWY.

DOVE VALLEY RD.

LONE MOUNTAIN RD.

DIXILETA DR.

DYNAMITE BLVD.

JOMAX RD.

HAPPY VALLEY RD.

PINNACLE PEAK RD.

DEER VALLEY RD.

LOOP 101

UNION HILLS DR.

BELL RD./FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT BLVD.

GREENWAY PKWY.

THUNDERBIRD RD.

CACTUS RD.

SHEA BLVD.

DOUBLETREE RANCH RD.

McCORMICK PKWY.

INDIAN BEND RD.

LINCOLN DR.

CHAPARRAL RD./CAMELBACK RD.

CAMELBACK RD.

INDIAN SCHOOL RD.

THOMAS RD.

McDOWELL RD.

LOOP 202

McKELLIPS RD.

BARTLETT DAM RD.

RIO VERDE DR.

CAVE CREEK RD.

TATUM BLVD.

96th ST.

104th ST.

112th ST.

120th ST.

128th ST.

136th ST.

142th ST.

PALISADES BLVD.

BEE LINE HWY. (87)

Bikeways and Crossings

- Bike Lane
- Bike Route
- Paved Shoulder
- Shared-Use Path
- Maricopa Trail* (Regional)
- Sun Circle Trail* (Regional)
- Bridge Over
- Bridge Under
- High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon
- Raised Pedestrian Crossing
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian Refuge
- Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve
(See Preservation and Environmental Planning Element)

* Alignment provided by Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department



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56th ST.

64th ST.

SCOTTSDALE RD.

HAYDEN RD.

PIMA RD.

LOOP 101