

SPEED AND CRASH DATA DRIVE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT CHANGES

Speeding and red-light cameras work in tandem to improve safety – a fact well-supported by speeding and crash data in Scottsdale. Recent analysis of that data is behind the decision to deactivate two photo enforcement locations and add four new intersection safety cameras.

Photo enforcement systems on Thomas Road eastbound at Hayden Road and McDowell Road eastbound at Scottsdale Road will be deactivated. Four new systems will be activated at:

- Scottsdale Road southbound at Pinnacle Peak Road
- Shea Boulevard westbound at 92nd Street
- Frank Lloyd Wright westbound at Greenway-Hayden Loop
- Indian School Road westbound at Hayden Road

Choosing which locations no longer needed photo enforcement and selecting new locations was a data-based decision made after city traffic engineers analyzed an aggregate of collision, red light/speeding violations, collision severity and traffic volume data.

Scottsdale has used photo enforcement systems since 1996. A 2017 study by an independent firm specializing in research and forensic traffic engineering showed that overall crashes decreased 23 to 24 percent, and crashes related specifically to red-light running decreased 33 to 35 percent at Scottsdale intersections with red-light and speeding photo enforcement.

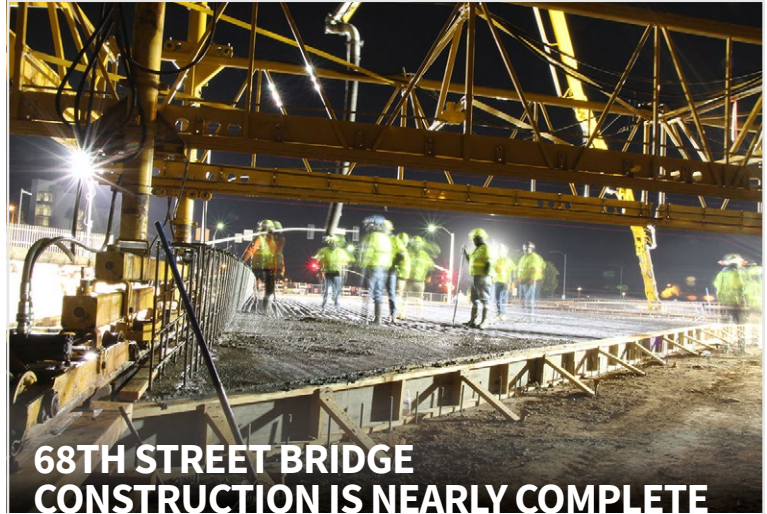
“If you reduce the problem of speeding, you automatically reduce the problem of people violating red lights because they can stop,” said Scottsdale Transportation Director Paul Basha.

Scottsdale’s fixed intersection safety cameras operate 24/7 and capture both red-light violators and those exceeding the speed limit by 11 miles-per-hour or more. For the first 30 days of operation, warnings were issued for violations at new locations.

The fixed intersection safety cameras will work in conjunction with mobile vans and portable photo enforcement towers which rotate around the city, based on citizen complaints and speed data.

“The technology acts as a traffic officer and allows patrol officers to be available for emergency calls,” said Alex Ristuccia, Scottsdale police traffic program supervisor.

Find all of Scottsdale’s photo enforcement locations and more information at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “photo enforcement.”



68TH STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION IS NEARLY COMPLETE

In late 2017, a routine inspection of the 68th Street bridge over the Arizona Canal, just north of Indian School Road, discovered deterioration to an unexpected degree. Additional analysis concluded that the entire bridge needed to be torn down and rebuilt - a process that started in January in conjunction with a scheduled dry-up of the canal.

To date, the old bridge has been torn down and a new structure built in its place. Construction will continue through the end of April, including minor intersection improvements at 68th Street and related sewerline upgrades.



Scottsdale Video Network recorded the demolition and reconstruction in a time lapse video — see the video and find the latest project updates at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “68th.”

Note: All bridges in Scottsdale’s street network are inspected every two years to ensure they are safe.

Online map shows unfunded city construction projects

A map of potential projects that are considered needs by city staff, but without funding to move from concept to construction, is available on the city’s website.

These projects include rebuilding several city parks, adding new bridges, improving roads and storm drainage, and modernizing the fire and police training facility. The map is part of the Scottsdale City Council Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee’s work evaluating capital needs and priorities.

Their work will result in a list of priority projects that the City Council could ask residents to consider financing via a bond election that would be held in November.

Find the map and learn how you can stay informed at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “CIP unfunded.”



ARE YOU WATER AWARE?

Drought planning commanded many headlines in the last few months as Arizona finalized its commitment as a participant in the Lower (Colorado River) Basin Drought Contingency Plan. Scottsdale Water fully supports that plan, which helps manage water supplies in Arizona and across the southwest.

The higher level of attention being paid to the topic is especially timely in April, which is Water Awareness Month - and you can do your part by learning how to save water inside and outside your home.

Stroll among beautiful drought-tolerant plants at the Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden at Chaparral Park (pictured above), and learn to separate myth from reality when it comes to our water supplies at ArizonaWaterFacts.com.

100+ ways to conserve water. Small adjustments can have a big impact on your water use - find simple and easy-to-do tips that you can download, print or share. Help spread the word! Visit WaterUseItWisely.com, and search "100+ tips."

Try these turf watering tips for April. Water your turf areas deeply and thoroughly for best results. This time of year, Bermuda grass needs water only once a week and rye grass once every four to five days.

Find and fix leaks. Inspect your irrigation/sprinkler system to ensure it's working properly - a leaky system can waste thousands of gallons and cost you big bucks. Find maintenance and troubleshooting tips at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "water."

Loop 101 widening gets underway



The Arizona Department of Transportation has started adding lanes and other improvements to Loop 101 from Interstate 17 in Phoenix to Pima Road in Scottsdale. Work is expected to continue through early 2021. Learn more about the project,

upcoming traffic restrictions, and subscribe to project alerts at AZDOT.gov, search "Loop 101."

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Run the Runway offers "plane" old fun for a great cause.

This unique race takes flight Saturday, April 6, on the Scottsdale Airport runway with 5K, 10K and Kids Dash options. A vendor fair with fun-for-the-whole-family activities will follow. Event proceeds benefit the nonprofit, Playworks Arizona. Use code "TakeFlight" for 25 percent off. RuntheRunwayAZ.com.

Throttle the thrill at Arizona Bike Week, April 3-7. Attend the biggest motorcycle event in the Southwest at WestWorld. Highlights include hundreds of world-class vendors, stunt shows, live music, demos, exhibitions, contests, flat track racing, auctions and bike shows. Each night ends with a concert featuring big names in the rock world. AZBikeWeek.com.

Big things are in store at Exclusively Little Expo, April 6.

Attend this one-of-a-kind event to learn about programs, services, education and products for families and children. The event, designed for kids 10 and younger, runs 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "exclusively little."

Gold Palette ArtWalk features "Sip of Scottsdale," April 11.

Stroll Old Town art galleries from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and enjoy tasting local Arizona wines. Great art and great wine - the perfect mix! Thursday, April 11. ScottsdaleGalleries.com.

Please your palate at the Scottsdale Culinary Festival April 13 & 14.

Expert chefs, scrumptious food creations and enthralling entertainment are all part of the mix, culminating with the Great Arizona Picnic. Info at ScottsdaleFest.org.

Put your pedal to the pavement for Cycle the Arts, April 14.

Hop on your bike and get an up-close look at some of the Valley's best public art. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the ride at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 14, at Scottsdale's Museum of the West. Helmets are required for this family-friendly 10-mile ride. Information available soon at ScottsdalePublicArt.org.

MORE THINGS TO DO

For details, search terms **in bold** at ScottsdaleAZ.gov/events:

- Learn swim safety at **April Pools Day** April 28
- Sunday summer concerts begin at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park April 28 (Info: TheRailroadPark.com)
- Find food and fun at the **Paiute Picnic** in the Park May 4
- Enjoy a free concert by the **Scottsdale Philharmonic** May 19



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