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Public comments as of February 22, 2013, 4:53 PM

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Introduction

Background:

The Hardy Drive Streetscape Project will improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities, enhance the streetscape on Hardy Drive between the University Drive and Broadway Road. The project will include bicycle and pedestrian enhancements, public art, additional crosswalk opportunities, ADA improvements and landscaping. It is intended to promote neighborhood stability, sustainable business and development efforts while continuing Tempe's commitment to alternative modes of transportation. The University Drive Streetscape Project is identified in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan as part of the Tempe 2030 General Plan.

This project is funded with \$1.2 million in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant money. The city of Tempe would also contribute (through the transit fund) five percent of the total grant money received. The project is currently in the final design phase. Council direction will likely be sought in early spring 2013. Construction would then begin in early 2014 and last six to eight months.

View the proposed design concept:

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/peakdemocracy/public/uploads/99/296/1155/HardyDriveConcept2.2013.pdf>

For more information please go to <http://www.tempe.gov/hardydrive>

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George Love inside Tempe

February 12, 2013, 10:37 AM

It looks like the sidewalks are expanded and there is quite a bit of additional shade tree planing, which I think will be beneficial. I also like that fact that the bike lanes seems to be more clearly defined and at least some of the sidewalk corners are expanded out. I noticed quite a few comments about traffic slowing measures and I hope there are some of those "sleeping policeman" broad raised crosswalks to help slow traffic down as well as I realized I was one of those people guilty of using Hardy instead of Priest to get up to University. I'm not sure I fully understand all the changes so looking forward to going to the open meeting on the 20th to learn more about the design. Just nice to see some modern urban planning being used to make the area more walk and bike friendly. ;-)

2 Supporters

William Kincaid inside Tempe

February 13, 2013, 9:30 AM

This project sounds like a great improvement to a much-used street. I especially like the trees and landscaping to be added along with the bike lanes and medians. This will really improve the visual appeal of Hardy Drive and promote walking and biking along this corridor. Our neighborhood and streets have been neglected for far too long.

1 Supporter

Bruce Strand inside Tempe

February 12, 2013, 10:27 PM

Like it, trees are good, nice design; I hope it comes through.

1 Supporter

mark lymer outside Tempe

February 12, 2013, 11:54 AM

please make sure that all trees selected, when mature will not require topping to keep below elec/tel lines overhead! the raised road near the park on 5th street at the community center seems to work well.

1 Supporter

Katarina Djordjevic inside Tempe

February 12, 2013, 10:28 AM

I am very happy to be asked to participate in this conversation. I am a young person who bought a home in the heart of Tempe last April. Since then I have felt like the community is headed in the right direction. Aside from the street appearance, it would be great to open up for new business' that are meant to last, reduce crime and clean up the streets where we can. Tempe is great for tourism and we need to show that all the funds we receive from that are going toward the right areas.

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I fully support all the plans to improve bike transportation, safety, and slower traffic. There are many children and schools in the neighborhood, and many people commuting to/from ASU by bike. I highly support these improvements to our city.

Matt Adams inside Tempe

February 21, 2013, 12:57 PM

I love the fact that the city of tempe is working hard to improve our streets. bike lanes and safe turns are 100% critical to the tempe culture, lifestyle and well being of its residents. We moved to tempe for this exact reason. Please keep the bike lanes, medians and road improvements as you had them planned!

Thomas Tomczyk inside Tempe

February 21, 2013, 11:56 AM

I FULLY support the current design. I'm very happy to see significant bicycle infrastructure included in this project. My only suggestion would be to limit the height of vegetation in the median so as not to cause visibility issues with oncoming cyclists.

Anthony Avery outside Tempe

February 21, 2013, 9:09 AM

Thank you so much for making all modes of transportation a priority in the city. The bicycle enhancements are fantastic and I look forward to the right sizing of many more of the streets in Tempe!

Billy Miller inside Tempe

February 13, 2013, 5:04 PM

As a resident in this neighborhood, I am looking forward to these improvements along Hardy, both for pedestrian/biker safety and the aesthetics. These improvements, along with the University Drive project will make a big difference in connecting these neighborhoods to the Mill Ave district and neighborhoods to the east. I wonder is there any possibility for art installations in certain parts of this corridor, much like the proposal to do so along University drive? I think the art installations throughout Mitchell Park East, Maple/Ash, etc., add even more to the neighborhoods, and it would do the same for these projects as well.

celia liddil inside Tempe

February 12, 2013, 10:11 PM

I like all the additional trees and occasional medians. Not sure about the viability of the median just south of the left turn lane at University. Seems like when more than the 5 or so that are shown in the design concept are lined up to turn left (as is the case many weekday mornings), they will not fit within the turn lane and will back up traffic down Hardy.

Evan Brom inside Tempe

February 12, 2013, 11:10 AM

I like the idea and look of the concept. I wish that the south Tempe area of 85284 was not repeatedly ignored as hardy south of Warner could greatly benefit from improvements like this.