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Public comments as of March 5, 2013, 1:45 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

JOHN ALTMAN inside Tempe

February 26, 2013, 9:15 AM

FIX COLLEGE AVENUE BETWEEN ALLEMEDA AND SOUTHERN BEFORE STARTING ANOTHER PROJECT.REDO THE BLACKTOP.THE STREET IS A WASHBOARD

1 Supporter

Arthur Jacobs inside Tempe

February 26, 2013, 5:19 AM

Please do not start this project...just examine the College Avenue streetscape project....College Avenue is now one big patched street...the weeds are growing up in the gravel...the sidewalks are too narrow...the bike path is so dangerous many ride thei bikes on the sidewalks Dead trees are left standing for months...these are not ones that may have been frozen.. They were dead long before the frost...sloped sidewalk egress and exits for wheelchairs are misplaced.... Bus riders in some instances must walk over curbs and through gravel to board...try that with a wheelchair...

1 Supporter

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.

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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.

1 Supporter

Matthew Messina outside Tempe

March 4, 2013, 12:13 PM

This is another great project that I am so happy to see in the works. Along with University, Hardy is a very important corridor that alternative modes of transportation can use to be safe from the higher speeds of traffic on arterial roads. The project on Hardy will give kids, families, ASU students, and all other pedestrians and cyclists an even safer route to travel by a more sustainable mode. We need more projects like these. Thank you City of Tempe.

Dana Bennewitz inside Tempe

March 4, 2013, 11:40 AM

My favorite bike route in Tempe is College Ave from the freeway to ASU campus. I feel incredibly safe and I love seeing people out enjoying the neighborhood. It was incredibly successful and this plan looks just at nice, way to go Tempe!

Thomas Strich inside Tempe

February 27, 2013, 2:21 PM

I went to the public presentation where the latest designs for the Hardy Drive Streetscape Improvements were outlined. First I would like to say that I am very pleased that the City of Tempe is making this project a priority and implementing it (along with the improvements for University Dr.). Hardy Drive is an important corridor through some of Tempe's oldest neighborhoods. It visibly connects to major thoroughfares and links the neighborhoods to Tempe's Rio Salado and TCA. Hardy is an ideal place to put city resources toward improvements that noticeably enhance both the neighborhood, and the city at large. These improvements will showcase that Tempe is working to make its neighborhoods more liveable and sustainable. I would also like to say that the designers and city staff have made commendable efforts to acknowledge and incorporate public input.

Two, after reviewing the plans more closely and thinking about them, one question came to mind. I understand the need to widen the sidewalks. However, what is the purpose for having a 2' wide

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decomposed granite buffer between the street and the sidewalk, south of 16th and north of Howe? It is my understanding that these areas will not be planted. I am concerned that these areas will become orphaned pieces of land, potentially to be neglected by both homeowners and the city. Consequently they have the potential to gather weeds and trash, becoming a detriment rather than an improvement. Already we have a big problem with cigarette butts collecting in our front yards along the sidewalks on Hardy.

William Terrance inside Tempe

February 22, 2013, 5:14 PM

I think that this design concept is sound. The only part that worries me is the lack of change for University and Hardy itself. I regularly attempt to cross University on Hardy and it is difficult to stay out of the way of cars if you are on a bike. I believe that a design similar to where University and Mill meet would be best, with the bike lane inside the right turn lane. That is the real problem, almost every time I am attempting to cross University heading North or South there is a car behind me at the stoplight getting annoyed that they are sitting behind a bike instead of making their right. Of course, it is my lane at that point since there are no bike lanes at the intersection...that does not seem to have an affect on drivers though and there have been occasions where I have been honked at, yelled at, or otherwise accosted.

Sarah Graff inside Tempe

February 21, 2013, 9:50 PM

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!

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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.
