

<b>College Avenue Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvement Project Comments From 2/3/09</b>	
<b>Positive Comments &amp; Suggestions</b>	<b>Opposing Comments &amp; Suggestions</b>
<p>I am pleased with the modifications in the plan. The changes are minimal between Alameda and Broadway which makes sense. Glad roundabouts were eliminated. Hope the P.O. will end up getting much needed additions to landscaping and hopefully shade trees.</p>	<p>I don't like this one bit! College Avenue was designed to be a collector street. Right now it functions perfectly well as a collector street. Removing the turning lane will impede the smooth flow of traffic, which now runs on College Avenue. Removing the turning lane will also impede the ability of cars to move out of the traffic lane and slow down before making a turn. The addition of landscaping will only add to the operating and maintenance budgets which we cannot afford now. I resent having these "improvements" jammed down my throat - the traffic engineers who designed this do not live in my neighborhood - I do!</p>
<p>I approve the idea of not adding a circle calming device at Alameda and College. The trees that will be added and the water gathering devices. I can not visualize well, but sounds good. Also I approve of keeping the bicycle lanes, though I notice daily that the shuttle Orbit has a hard time negotiating its way especially when somebody flags it and the bikes are on the way - this has to be improved! (or soon we will have a bad accident)</p>	<p>This plan appears to be an answer looking for a problem. I would like to know if you survey the bus drivers to gain any opinion during the "test" - and if you did what did they say? How was traffic "calmed" during the test. Besides making the street not as wide and planting trees on other vegetation I do not see traffic being anymore "calm" than previous.</p>
<p>I find the College Ave improvements from Alameda to Southern to be most welcome. It is a section that experiences both high speeds and noise from traffic. Perhaps the landscaped medians could also be supplemented with artwork to give our neighborhood a unique identity and serve as a gateway to it. I understand that the roundabout at Alameda was a source of problems, but the landscaped islands are an adequate solution.</p>	<p>I see no redeeming value in any of these measures. There seems to be an unjustified assumption that some things need to be done. The proposed solutions are bad ideas apparently intended to fix non-existent problems. By my accounting a full 78% of the public comments posted on your website were opposed in part of all of the so-called traffic calming elements. Leave College alone. Save us and the feds the money. There HAS to be a better use. (P.S. My web comments were not reflected in the posted 32 pgs of comments.)</p>
<p>Hope your plans work to enhance our neighborhood. However, if you are in a budget crunch perhaps you could leave things as they are.</p>	<p>With our economy in such bad condition why don't we be smart and leave College Avenue like it is?</p>
<p>Overall I like the proposal - however - would it be possible to replace the speed humps w/ speed tables?</p>	<p>There is no need for change on College. In nearly 40 years College had not been a problem. If speed on College south of Alameda is a problem use photo enforcement van and the traffic will slow down.</p>

<p>I like the water harvesting features and landscaping. I like the reduced car lanes and removed parking. As a bicycle commuter, I would prefer to have a barrier between the cars and the bike lane.</p>	<p>How much is the maintenance going to be for the plants being put in? You need to have a public meeting with a speaker and be able to ask questions and get a response from those attending, unlike the one tonight. I am against choking the traffic via narrowing the street. I am happy with the way things are now! A giant waste of tax payers money for all this.</p>
<p>I appreciate the saving of the bicycle lanes for the entire length of College US 60 to Apache. I also appreciate that the bicyclists are not used to slow down vehicles for the most part. I am willing to give this a try, it looks like it may help alleviate some of the speeders on College and hopefully improve safety. Scheduling construction during the summer would be preferred so it does not adversely impact student transportation.</p>	<p>I have lived in my home on Geneva for 49 years - I do not have a complaint with the traffic flow on College but I do have a complaint that the center turn lane is being removed. It will make it difficult for cars from Geneva to travel north on College during busy times of the day. I don't feel that these are improvements but instead an idea that has been thought up by the city and forced on all of us that live in the area. Please leave College alone and keep the middle lane. Thank you for putting for way stop at Alameda and College instead of a stop light.</p>
<p>Traffic calming is a good idea. I am especially interested in US 60 to Southern. If narrowed to two lanes only, speed bumps should not be needed. Speed limit should be 25 as it is a residential area. Left turns from westbound Southern to southbound College (at post office) needs more thought and attention.</p>	<p>This is a terrible wast of dedicated transit funds. There is no reason to try to beautify the roadway. A street should be designed to safely and efficiently move people from place to place. Unwarrented stop signs and roadway hazards only increase the length of travel time and provide more air pollution. This is teh best street in the city for bicycles - riders that generally desire to have straight, level designated paths. This proposal appears to be even worse than the completed 5th Street "beautifying" west of downtown. Spend the transit funds to move people effeciently and not for creating an "environment." There is no big ground swell of public support for this thing. Eliminate the project.</p>
<p>Please make sure bike lanes are as wide as possible. Could Tempe install embedded reflectors to mark the line between the car lane and bike lane?</p>	<p>Dislike speed bumps on College please remove during streetscape improvements, keep bike lanes open and continued.</p>
<p>I am very much in favor of the 4-way stop sign at Alameda and College. I do like the calming island on College and am looking forward to having them on Alameda.</p>	<p>Please don't put medians in the middle of College. They tend to move cars closer to people on bikes and walking. Bike lanes at Alameda/College instead of medians would help bikers. I'm now in favor of making no changes. Please leave college as is.</p>

<p>Landscape in the medians is a huge bang for the buck and emphasizes the effect of the barriers.</p>	<p>It seems to be that the money spent on this project would be better spent on enforcement. However, I understand that there are restriction on your federal funds. We live on Balboa or west of College, the barricades blocked the "left turn lane" on College on both sides of Balboa. Can you move those medians back from the intersection 30 feet, there by allowing vehicles turning left onto Balboa to wait for a break in on coming traffic in the relitive saftey of a non-traffic lane?</p>
<p>Expected more landscaping &amp; traffic calming between Apache &amp; Broadway. I like the changes to the park entrance. Hoping the Broadway wall project moves quickly. A wall would do wonders keeping the noise down in southern part of University Estates. Thanks for doing something to help improve College Avenue.</p>	<p>I am for leaving the stop light on College and Alameda - no 4 way stop; we had that before. Too many cars will stack up during peak hours of traffic. I would like to see college Ave left alone. I haevnot encountered problems except an occasional car trying to pass me on the right. I think raising the crosswalks is ok byt I can not stand teh speed humps that have been placed on College south of Southern.</p>
<p>I like the four way stop at College, Alameda however, I think that will add traffic on Alameda. I am looking forward to discussing calming on Alameda. I have concerns about the narrowing of College south of Alameda. Will the traffic have to stop behind teh Orbit, or will they be able to go around while it is stopped?</p>	<p>I don't like narrowing Southern between Alameda &amp; Southern. With Orbit and bicycles, I prefer the wide street.</p>
<p>I am an advocate for a 4 way stop at College and Alameda. It slows the drivers. I enjoyed my morning walks much more duing the trial period. I noticed that the drivers were much slower.</p>	<p>Concerning Daley Park - From diagram - one entrance and one exit shown to Daley Park from college and back onto College - Please phone me if different. The traffic from parking area etc coming to College to exit (or enter) with one way each direction, the Orbit bus on street bicycle riding, pedestraians walking and vehicles - Poor plan. Many children have game playing there!! Using grant money - with state of government Tempe and Federal government - why not cut amount to be spent - to provide safety area on College with school - returning remainder with big write up in papers concerning Tempe recognizes situation or request federal government to allow some of money be used to food poor, help with job loss etc. My husband and I are retired and not in above list of need. Rightnow is not the time to add to city with expense to keep trees or plants etc. maintained and watered - even desert growth requires some water and maintinence. Please keep light signal on Alameda and College. You have a school there with children crossing street. Think of them please.</p>

<p>Looks great - we're happy.</p>	<p>Intersection on Broadway and College need red light camera. I have witnessed two blatant red light runners on Broadway in the last year. College south of Alameda - replacing center turn lane with green space on sides in good IF the green space has shade trees. Light at Alameda and College - change the timing. Do not replace with 4-way stop. A 4-way will waste a lot of time for College Ave traffic and waste gas for cars. Current light is unnecessarily long for Alameda. medians on College north of Broadway: agree at RR stop; disagree elsewhere. Noise treatment - curb make a lead in to reduce car damage. The medians are hazardous to bicyclists because there is a lot of bicycle traffic, often double in bike lane. Cars should have access to opposing lane.</p>
<p>I like the Southern Ave to Alameda changes. I would prefer the bicyclists be separated from traffic by the landscaping, but I can live with this. I prefer a 4-way stop at Alameda as opposed to a traffic signal. If trees are planted in the landscape areas, please plant something that will provide needed shade. A few benches for bus riders would be welcome.</p>	<p>Please reconsider the perforated turning area that enters the bike path at College Ave and Apache Blvd. Cars in a hurry persist in passing on the right, law abiding drivers w(ho approach the intersection staying north of the solid line all the way to the perforated area) driving in the designated bike path.</p>
<p>We live on the corner of College and del Rio as such, we have had to put up with the traffic on College for 15 years. We are in full agreement with the proposed plans between Southern and Alameda. The street is currently too wide and encourages speeding. The narrowed street and medians will help address this. Landscaping will also help to calm traffic. I would like to see trees incorporated into the landscaping as much as possible.</p>	<p>The 4-way stop sign at College and Alameda is by far the best of the so-called traffic calming devices. I like the current wide street that we have, but it also seems ok to narrow the street to the same width that it has north of Alameda and plant trees along the sides of the street. I am less sure that occasional plantings in the center of the street are a good idea. Cars may occasionally strike center curbs, causing damage to the cars and possibly causing the cars to careen into bicyclists.</p>
<p>The plan looks good - I like the idea of landscaping although it seems the street will be quite narrow. It appears that parking along college by the post office will remain - important because postal employees parked on our street for years although the problem decreased with permit parking.</p>	<p>Replace speed bumps with speed humps. The bumps slow cars to less than the speed limit and once past cars speed to over the speed limit. Southbound College at Southern should have two lanes as cars will be backed up blocking the intersection to cars traveling into the post office. Also two lanes northbound.</p>

<p>We are quite happy with this proposal especially relatively constant with all four sections. 25 mph all four sections. Good show!</p>	<p>Seems to be a solution in search of a problem - especially south of Southern. Reduce the speed limits that already exist. Also hold a real forum where people can ask questions - having a rep at a board does not do it. Most of the responses were "I don't know." Federal dollars or not, it all comes out of our pockets - do don't spend it where it's not needed - this is a prime example of ? in action. What is the long term cost to the city of the landscape maintenance?</p>
<p>Between Southern and Alameda needs to be narrowed. I hope that the landscape areas are low-water, low-maintenance. I did like the roundabouts and sorry to see them go away. The only negative with them was that cars came close to the bikes. I would like to see well marked, easy to understand Orbit stops, especially near the schools where the Orbit can not be flagged to stop. Otherwise, I like the design. Good Work. I think the sidewalk should be wider from eastside - Broadway to Aeppli, westside - Broadway to McKemy school to allow students and parents more room.</p>	<p><b>&lt;1 of 4&gt;</b> 1) To quote someone else: A solution in search of a problem. I see no useful application and no problems (if indeed there is one) solved. 2) There appears to be no communication or coordination between various parties all wanting to "improve" College Ave i.e. the traffic calming - City of Tempe, the Daley Park Project- City of Tempe, the noise reduction project - the railroad, the Broadway Road &amp; Apache Rd project - City of Tempe. When we all questioned Julian (poor guy!) about the barriers and street closing (w. side College) all he could say was "that's the rail road nothing to do with this." Hey - IT'S ALL COLLEGE AVE -the same block - and they aren't talking or planning together. Something is drastically wrong with that picture. 3) I see no good in the middle of the road barriers up College between Broadway &amp; Apache - Why are they there and not also further south - you are putting barriers in the narrowest part of College with the most bulk and other traffic. What is the logic in that? Please get with the train people and rethink barriers!!</p>
<p>The 4-way stop sign at College and Alameda is by far the best of the so-called traffic calming devices. I like the current wide street that we have, but it also seems ok to narrow the street to the same width that it has north of Alameda and plant trees along the sides of the street. I am less sure that occasional plantings in the center of the street are a good idea. Cars may occasionally strike center curbs, causing damage to the cars and possibly causing the cars to careen into bicyclists.</p>	<p><b>&lt;2 of 4&gt;</b> 4) Do something with the blue buses, especially between Broadway and Apache - again the narrowest and most congested section, both where they stop, how they drive and how fast they go. they stop on the east side of College, right past the light driving the cyclists up on the sidewalk (or get hurt!) and the cars stopped behind them - same problem southbound just south of Apache. I followed a Jupiter home from this meeting north bound on College just past Broadway and he swerved into the south bound lane about two feet to go around a cyclist who was clearly in the bike lane. I have observed this many times. Their drivers are terrible!! I have followed them up College from Southern to Encanto and on to Apache and clocked their speed up to 40 mph. The only thing that slows them down is the RR track stop and the stop lights. I will not ride them anymore at all - too dangerous - didn't one just collide with a train this week?</p>

<p>Do whatever it takes to reduce cut-through traffic in Pebble Beach between College &amp; Mill. Pebble Beach is narrow and with parked cars it's dangerous. Would like to see trees in the median at Pebble Beach &amp; College. Concerned that elimination of on-street parking on College at post office will drive the post office workers onto our side streets. Extend the median at Pebble Beach farther north so that people heading north on College turning west onto Pebble Beach don't cut the corner and cross into the on coming traffic. I've almost been hit there multiple times. Reducing the number of postal trucks using Pebble Beach would be good. I see many trucks cutting through every day. Convert speed humps on College to speed tables or something else that would actually slow people down. The speed bumps don't work.</p>	<p><b>&lt;3 of 4&gt;</b> Summary: I see no need or use for changing College Ave at all, at least not until all the "changing parties" have gotten together, developed a joining, comprehensive plan and presented it to the neighborhoods. We are the ones who will have to live with it. Get control of the driving habits, speed and stop locations of the blue buses if they have to continue to run. I do not see why Tempe is running free buses in this economic time at all!! Do not cut off blocks narrow the Encanto College intersection there is no reason to do that. It is just fine the way it is!! And it gives the cyclists a place to go when the blue buses try to run them off the bike lane which happens often. Do nothing to College now between Broadway and Apache at least wait until the park remodel, the RR quiet zone and the other three street remodels can occur in a logical and comprehensive sequence. I believe if you go ahead with the plans I studied at length for Broadway Apache section are implemented you will create a dangerous narrow tunnel for cyclists, skateboarders, rollerbladers, runners, pedestrians, and cars.</p>
<p>I really like the proposal presently configured. My interest focuses on the Alameda to Southern stretch which has been an eyesore for many years. I hope that the landscaping will emphasize shade trees for bikes and pedestrians, albeit drought-resistant varieties. I urge you to provide an irrigation infrastructure for all the landscape islands, including the center dividers. This doesn't have to be used at every location, but a complete installation during pavement renovation would provide greatest flexibility at least cost. I would recommend willow acacia, palo brea and similar trees, but avoid ocotillo and the like. Reduction to two traffic lanes is an excellent choice.</p>	<p><b>&lt;4 of 4&gt;</b> Please don't do it! I just revisited the draft plans for Alameda to Broadway and Broadway to Apache. There are no barriers from Alameda to Broadway, yet Broadway to Apache is loaded - why? We don't want them either</p>

<p>Looks good. Thanks for your efforts.</p>	<p>I think the four way stop at College and Alameda is the only think I like. By narrowing College (between Southern and Alameda) I think there will be a lot of traffic congestion behind the Orbit. I do like and use the Orbit. The new one “entrance/exit” to Daley Park is going to be a traffic hazard and cause a lot of congestion.</p>
<p>Thanks for removing the circles. Good move! Biggest concern as a biker is being close to the cars. That is scary!</p>	<p>Traffic takes a shortcut from Broadway onto Encanto then on to Bonita Way to avoid the stoplight at Broadway and Mill Ave. At Encanto and Bonita Way there is a two way stop sign for E/W traffic on Bonita Way. There stop signs were put in 25 years ago at the request of the neighborhood residents to stop the traffic taking a shortcut from Broadway to Mill Ave. The City got it wrong and put the stop signs in E/W instead of N/S. The City at that time refused to change the error. Can you please take another look at it?</p>
<p>Looks great. Our comment (and the crossing guard at Broadmor asked us to comment, too) regards the crosswalk and speed table at Aepli Drive. The new main entry to Broadmor is going to align with Palmcroft. You should move the crosswalk/speedtable south to align with Palmcroft. You are going to have kids who walk north to Broadmor jay walk.</p>	<p>When there was a four way stop that made traffic on Alameda because you don’t have to wait for a long red light.</p>
<p>The four way stop at Alameda and the speed table in the school zones are excellent.</p>	<p>The street narrowing is a good idea. However, I think the lights should remain at Alameda and College. The round-a-about were awful and I don’t think the four way stop signs were any better. People don’t know how to use them and they become a hindrance rather than helpful. People should be able to turn onto the side streets like Balboa, etc. without problem. I don’t know what toll those cones before the intersections were supposed to play. Sometimes its better to leave something alone if you can’t make it better.</p>

<p>Southbound on College at Southern keep right turn lane but keep cars to left of bike lane, separate bike lane from right turn lane with very narrow median (almost a curb).</p>	<p>Blocking Broadway Lane will block access for our handicap. It was always one way from College to allow parking on Broadway Lane going east. Otherwise handicap blocks College to let people out and pick up. They cannot walk from back parking lot. One way sign was removed about two years ago and a stop sign put up that has confused the issue with parishioners getting a ticket for parking east bound. We believe our way east around the church should be maintained for safety and ease of handicap access.</p>
<p>South of Southern: South to north remove all speed humps. I like the round-a-bout at La Jolla. There should be parking at Pebble Beach and Southern.</p>	<p>60, just add a four way stop at La Jolla and College. I don't see a need for any of the proposed construction on College between Southern and the 60. Save the money.</p>
<p>Four way stop at Alameda is great. Speed tables at this school zones are also a plus.</p>	<p>Leave College Ave alone! There is no problem new and there never has been one. Trees and landscaping for bicycles is absurd.</p>
<p>I support the improvements as shown.</p>	<p>Concerning the closing of Broadway Lane north east corner. This lane is used for handicap parking on Sunday for St. Augustine Church (1735 College). To close the entry at College will force cars to stop on College to unload passengers. We would like the Broadway Lane entrance off of College to remain open and return to "one way" north status.</p>
<p>The plan looks good. Thanks for taking out the circles. I do hate to see the south corners of Encanto squared off because they make great pull-out areas for the Orbit.</p>	<p>I was expecting a formal presentation. I believe it would have been more effective than an open house. A Q&amp;A period would have avoided too many people asking the same questions over and over again. I hope there is some website development to answer specific questions and concerns in the near future.</p>



<p>My husband and I like the plans. We are bike riders so slower traffic will be appreciated. Not sure how the bike lanes will work out. Very happy about the four way stop at Alameda. Like the speed tables by the schools areas. The Tempe city employee should get “combat pay” for having to deal with rude people.</p>	<p>I do not that a four way stop at Alameda and College is a good change. There is much more traffic on College and you are making each of those vehicles stop and start for the benefit of occasional cars on Alameda. Change the time on the plates on Alameda at College and at Mill so the light will change more quickly for crossing traffic. Don’t make them as short as the cycle at Broadmor and Mill where Mill gets stopped for a car turning right from Broadmor to Mill. How is it beneficial to bicyclists to narrow the traffic lanes on College so cars are forced closer to the bike lanes.</p>
<p>Do nothing to College Ave it is fine the way it is.</p>	<p>Southern to US 60 changes are not needed and really wouldn’t improve things in that neighborhood. City would have ongoing expense of keeping up landscape which they shouldn’t be taking on right now. Right now we have plenty of room for cars, bikes, Orbits, etc. Let’s keep it that way. Eliminating center lane is a bad idea. It increases the change of being rear ended while turning.</p>
<p>Looks good, no traffic circles</p>	<p>My advice don’t do anything. Leave College Ave as it is. Traffic flows smoothly the bike lave protects bikers. The left turn lanes move cars on to the side streets. If the City reverts to its proposed plan as contemplated in the temporary structures in place earlier, bicyclists will be endangered by cars swerving away from the structures in the center land, cars trying to turn will be confused by the barriers and go on both sides of the barriers causing an accident. The blinking stop light does slow north-south traffic but causes more pollution as cars going each way stop and stop. Please save money, gasoline and aggravation. Leave College alone.</p>
<p>I have found the four way stop at Alameda and College to be a great improvement in traffic.</p>	<p>Probably won’t happen. But I like the techie approach to College and Alameda. Traffic circles are good. Four way stops are bad. The current traffic lights and its timing are just fine. A circle would be better but would be at learning experience for most folks.</p>

<p>I like the four way stop at Alameda/College I wish it were alight rather than stop signs. The raised table/intersections are good at the schools. Thanks for keeping the bile lanes and left turn at Southern and at Broadway.</p>	<p>Against changes to College because no problem exists on College. Tough economic times keep the police. The landscape proposed reduces visibility, impedes large group of bikes and pedestrians, requires maintenance, fouls the air with power equipment from lawn crews and uses water. It is totally unnecessary. Solution: change light at College and Alameda to flashing red at non-peak times.</p>
<p>Looks very nice! We're fortunate this was already in the pipeline when the boom fell. Thank you all for taking such care in planning this. Also good to keep up the efforts to diminish that urban heat island.</p>	
<p>Glad to see traffic circle at La Jolla and College has been deleted.</p>	
<p>Good - no traffic circles. How did you address the occasional flooding that occurs after heavy rains with there water harvesting areas = will the water back up or be channeled for drainage? Please keep vegetation sparse, ground cover is good, bushes may obstruct the view (we have many elderly in the area and their night vision maybe reduced and vegetation will make it hard for them to adequately observe traffic).</p>	
<p>Speed tables are good, if they really slow to drive down. Some don't. Need more than two on the area indicated. Speed tables on Alameda at least two wold cut speeders down too.</p>	

Generally, am impressed with these improvements, some particular concerns. Apache/Broadway: Concerned that we have no idea how wide the median will be and whether they will have plants. Important to have no encroachment on bike lanes. Reflectors on bike lane markers would be a good idea. So would a special surface for bike lane and would help water collection, especially south of Southern. Note that it is often hazardous for bikers and possibly walkers south of Apache on College. For some reason rocks and fallen branches are often in the area south of Apache near where the canal crosses. Another hazard, further south are the giant recycling bins in the bike lanes. These problems should be addressed with regular sweeping and a solution for bins.