

University Drive Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements Project

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Objective

- Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities & enhance the streetscape on University Drive between the Union Pacific Railroad Line (east of Farmer Ave) and Priest Drive
- Re-characterize the street as a stronger multi-modal, sustainable corridor with access for all types of users and is a complement to the adjacent businesses and neighborhoods

Location/History

- University Drive
 - Union Pacific Railroad - Priest Drive (+- 1 mile)
 - NW Tempe including: Maple Ash, Mitchell Park (East & West), Riverside Sunset, Gilliland, HOA's and Downtown Tempe
 - Past public meetings as reference and starting point (assisted with funding requests)

Location/Context

- Pattern of increasing bike/ped volumes & emphasis
- Decade of declining vehicle volumes
- 85281 highest transit boardings in region
- Link to Tempe Streetcar Project
- Gateway to Tempe, Downtown, ASU and strong historic & redeveloping n'hoods

Opportunities

- Sidewalk/Paving Improvements
- North/South Street Crossings
- Landscaping (native) & Water Harvesting
- Shade
- Public Art
- Medians
- Enhanced Bicycle Lanes
- ADA improvements
- Transit Shelter Amenities

Constraints

- Retain 4 vehicle lanes
- Retain most existing curb and gutter
- No right-of-way takes/purchase
- Funding





















Street Furniture & Public Art





Gateway with Median/Art





Water Harvesting & Native Plants



Transit shelters



Urban Street & Landscape





Next Steps

- Likes/Dislikes/Priorities/Ideas
- Spring 2012: Public Meeting w/ Design Concepts
- Summer 2012: Public Meeting Final Design
- Spring 2013: Construct