

**Smith Road Improvements
Apache Blvd to University Dr
Project Assessment**

Public Meeting #1

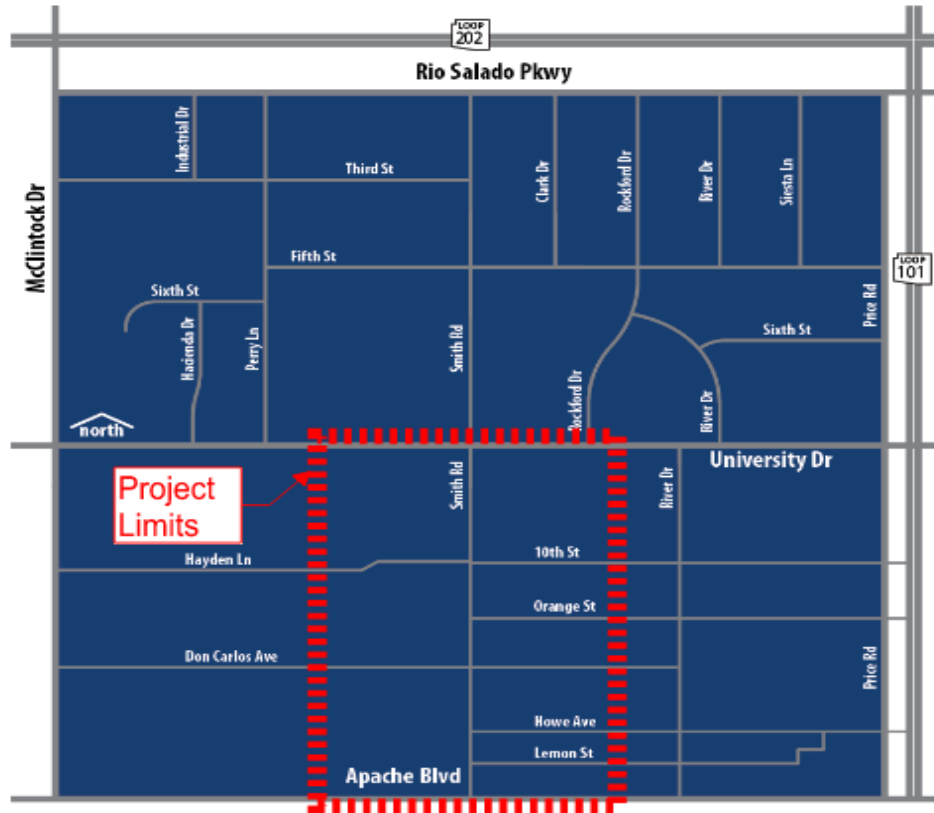
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Project Area



Purpose



- Seek input from residents and stakeholders to support the development of the Smith Road improvement alternatives
- To promote safety, pedestrian and bicycle comfort/accessibility, and maintain access

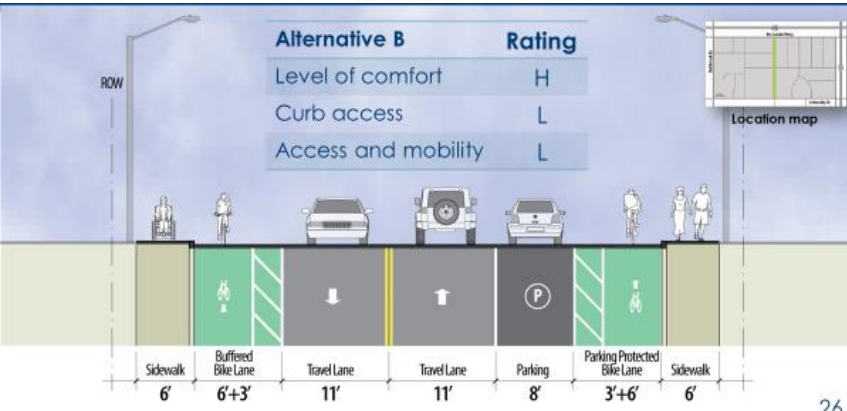
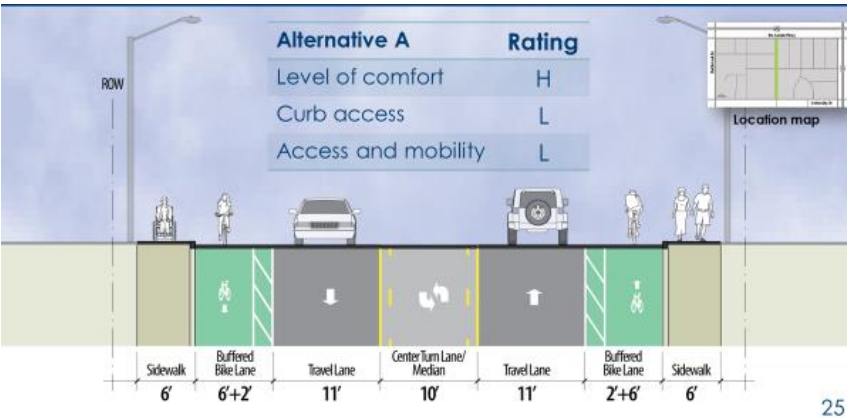


- Smith Innovation Hub Infrastructure Master Plan approved March 2022
- Recommended improvements (sidewalks, lighting, bike lanes, landscape)
- Based on public input extending length of improvements to Apache

Smith Road



Smith Road North- University Drive to Rio Salado Parkway



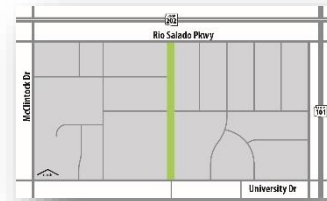
- Both alternatives include bicycle lanes
- Alternative A – includes two-way left turn lane
- Alternative B – includes parking on one side of street



Smith Road North - University Drive to Rio Salado Parkway

Meeting #1 – Survey Responses:

- Alternative A with two-way left turn lane received majority approval (65%)
- Concerns regarding trucks and two-way Left Turn Lane (TWLTL)
- Concerns with bicycles and safety with delivery trucks



Location map

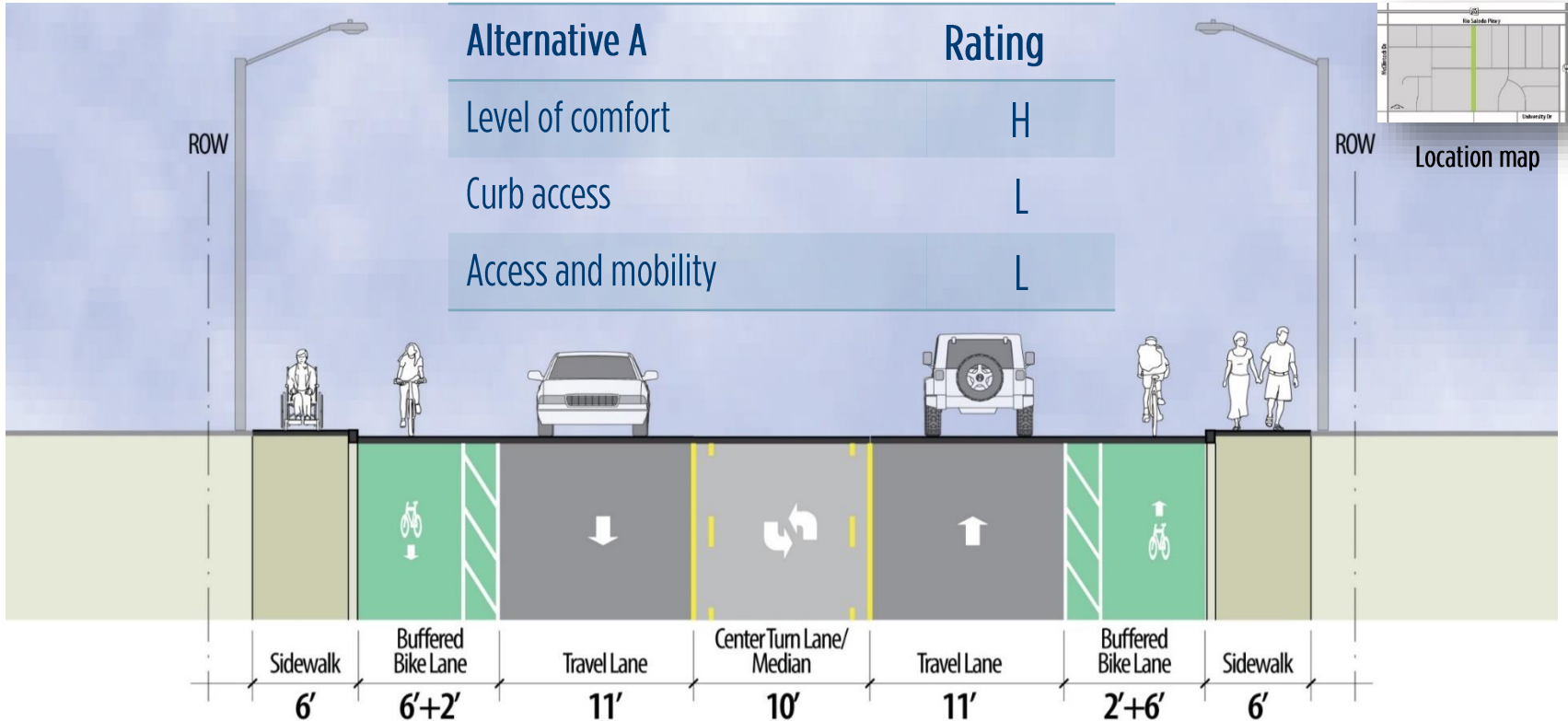
Note:

Excerpts from comments; all comments posted on project webpage.

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Smith Road North - University Drive to Rio Salado Parkway



Streetscape Summary



Smith Road North - University Drive to Rio Salado Parkway

Rio Salado Pkwy

Perry Lane (n of 5th)

- Parking both sides
- Low-impact Development
- Lighting

Alternative B

Detached sidewalk

Sixth St

Perry Lane (s of 5th)

- Parking both sides
- Lighting

Alternative A

Attached sidewalk

Fifth Street

- Parking both sides
- Lighting

Alternative C

Detached sidewalk

Smith Road

- Protected bike lanes
- Lighting

Alternative A

Maintains two-way left turn lane

Siesta Ln

Rockford Dr

University Dr

Price Rd

Loop 101

McClintock Dr

Existing Conditions



Smith Road South - University Drive to Apache Blvd

- Public Right-of-Way varies approximately 50' to 70'
- Private driveways adjacent to Smith Road
- No existing roadway striping
- Majority of existing sidewalk is 4' wide



Smith Road



Smith Road South - University Drive to Apache Blvd



Opportunities

- Make sidewalk improvements (ADA)
- Add striping for protected bicycle lanes
- Improve street lighting

Smith Road South - University Drive to Apache Blvd



Constraints

- Limited Right-of-Way in some areas
- Potential drainage and utility impacts
- Private driveways currently access Smith Road





Public Survey/Comment

- Answer survey and provide comments at:
tempe.gov/SmithRoad

Next Steps



Milestone	Date
Construction Funding Approval	June 2022
15% Level Design	June 2022
2 nd Public Meetings	August 2022
Final Design Completed	Winter 2022
Construction Begins (Pending funding approval)	Spring 2023
Construction Ends	Winter 2023

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