

Summary of Public Comments Of Preliminary Recommendations

3rd Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project Camelback Road to Missouri Avenue



Project Background:

This consultant-led feasibility study utilizes Street Transportation Department pre-design funds and recommends alternative solutions for improving pedestrian accessibility, comfort, and safety of people walking and riding bicycles. The study will improve safety, accessibility, and comfort by recommending the construction of facilities such as sidewalks, traffic mini-circles, chicanes, and center islands.

Virtual Public Meeting Presentation:

In order to solicit community input on the project's conceptual design alternatives, the Communications and Public Engagement Team (CPET) and the project manager recorded a public meeting presentation and posted it on the project web page. The web page included the three viewable roll plots – one for each of the three project alternatives – as well as the public survey. The survey was planned to be open for the four weeks between November 5 and December 4, 2020, but at the request of one resident, we kept the survey open through December 11, 2020 in order for more neighbors to participate. This effort garnered 154 responses.

Public Notice:

Post cards were distributed announcing the project web page and the surveys to residences within one-half mile in any direction of the half-mile project corridor. The notices publicized the project overview video, the web page, and invited public comments via a project-specific survey.

Survey Response Ratings and Recommendations

The following lists the various recommendations and the aggregated and averaged 154 public survey responses. The Microsoft Forms survey allowed respondents to express their preference for the draft alternatives and facilities using a five-star rating system, with five stars being the highest and best rating (see example below). The survey was provided to the public within the project web page. Based on the responses, the project consultant and project manager agreed on the elements that would be recommended, as indicated in the 'Recommended' column.



Question 1	Average Star Rating	Recommended
Alternative 1 – Chicanes, Traffic Mini-Circles and Sidewalks includes chicanes on both sides of 3rd Avenue and traffic circles at the intersections to narrow the travel lanes, slow motorist and discourage cut-through traffic. It also includes a new sidewalk on the east side of the street plus new segments of sidewalk on the west side to fill the existing gaps.	3.11	No

Question 2	Average Star Rating	Recommended
Alternative 2 – In-Street Walkway includes an in-street walkway on the west of 3rd Avenue to fill the gap in the existing sidewalk. In locations where sidewalk already exists, it includes chicanes to narrow the travel lanes and slow motorist.	2.88	No

Question 3	Average Star Rating	Recommended
<p>Alternative 3 – Center Islands, Traffic Circles and Sidewalks includes center islands along 3rd Avenue and traffic circles at the intersections to narrow the travel lanes, slow motorist and discourage cut-through traffic. It also includes a new sidewalk on the east side of the street plus segments of new sidewalk on the west side to fill the existing gaps.</p>	3.71	Yes

Question 4



<p>These are pictures of <u>center islands</u>. If these were included in the design, of which material would you prefer them to be constructed? (NOTE: curbed islands (pictured, right) would be constructed of a hard surface, such as decorative concrete or pavers with no plants, as the city does not maintain landscaping on local streets.)</p>	Positive responses	Recommended
Using delineators	3	No
Using pavers	51	No
Using curbs	78	Yes
Using only paint	13	No

Question 5



This is a picture of a <u>chicane</u> , which could be included in the project. If these were included in the design, of which material would you prefer them to be constructed? (NOTE: curbed chicanes would be constructed of a hard surface, such as decorative concrete or pavers with no plants, as the city does not maintain landscaping/trees on local streets.)	Positive responses	Recommended
Using only paint	32	No
Using curbs	106	Yes
Using delineators	6	No

Question 6

This is an example of an <u>in-street walkway</u> , which could be included in the project. Please rate this design feature using 1 to 5 stars, with 5 stars being very favorable.	Average Star Rating	Recommended
In-street walkway	2.81	No

Question 7



This is a picture of a traffic mini-circle, which could be included in the project. NOTE: this example shows landscaping, but this is not possible along 3rd Avenue. If these were included in the design, of which material would you prefer them to be constructed? (**NOTE: curbed traffic circles would be constructed of a hard surface, such as decorative concrete or pavers with no plants, as the city does not maintain landscaping/trees on local streets.**)

	Positive responses	Recommended
Using only paint	23	No
Using curbs	115	Yes
Using delineators	5	No

Question 8

Shade is an important part of all of the alternatives. However, in order to plant them along 3rd Avenue, property owners will have to agree to water and maintain them. If so, the recommended desert-appropriate trees are, from left to right: live oak, mulga, and palo verde. Please rate this feature on a scale of 1 to 5 stars, with 5 being very favorable. (Note: Trees can only be planted behind the curb or sidewalk where the adjacent property owner will agree to water and maintain the trees. The city of Phoenix does not maintain landscaping/trees on local streets. Also, existing utility lines restrict planting in some areas because trees are not allowed within 10 feet of the existing water and sewer lines.)

	Average Star Rating	Recommended
Trees/shade	4.26	Where allowable