Van Buren Street Improvement Project Design Renderings

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**Typical drawing** of Van Buren Street after modifications. Changes illustrated in area that has undergone sections of redevelopment.

**Existing street** – two travel lanes in either direction with a center turn lane.

**After Improvements** – one lane in either direction with a center turn lane. Adding a buffered bicycle lane in both directions.
**Intersection drawing** of Van Buren/32<sup>nd</sup> Street after modifications. Illustration shows all modes of transportation in corridor and how they interact.

**Existing street** – two travel lanes in either direction with a center turn lane. No right-turn delineation or designated bicycle lanes.

**After Improvements** – one lane in either direction with a center turn lane. Adding delineated bicycle lane through the intersection in both directions and right-turn lane.
**Bus stop area drawing** of Van Buren/11\textsuperscript{nd} Street after modifications. Illustration shows proposed improvements to upgrade shade at pedestrian waiting areas in corridor.

**Existing street** – two travel lanes in either direction with a center turn lane. No improvements to upgrade pedestrian and passenger waiting areas in corridor.

**After Improvements** – one lane in either direction with a center turn lane. Focus potential landscape improvements and shade near passenger waiting areas.
Area drawing of Van Buren/15th Street after modifications. Illustration shows potential improvements to aid business development.

Existing street – two travel lanes in either direction with a center turn lane. No parking for business expansion or shade program.

After Improvements – one lane in either direction with a center turn lane. Add on-street parking and work with businesses to include shade canopies for coverage along sidewalk to augment other opportunities.
Potential Design Elements

- New bicycle infrastructure
- Pavement improvements
- Additional traffic signage
- Upgraded street lighting
- Pedestrian and landscape improvements in areas of opportunity
- Upgrades to signalization and striping
- Safer, marked crossings
- On-street parking for businesses
Van Buren Street Improvements (Recommended Plan)

Process

- Completed 15% plans and a Phased Recommended Plan for the corridor from 7th to 40th Street through the use of remaining Reinvent PHX funds and MAG Design Assistance.

- Two public meetings in the corridor to gather final input from the community on the Recommended Plan before it goes to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee for final approval.

- This project aligns closely with:
  - Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan**
  - Complete Streets Ordinances**
  - Downtown Comprehensive Transportation Plan**
  - Reinvent PHX Eastlake and Gateway**
  - Community and Economic Development Focus Areas

  ** Adopted by Phoenix City Council

More detailed work and community input on the specifics of the project would occur in the final phases of the project.

Tentative Schedule

- Recommended Concept – (September - October 2016)
- Final Design – (2016)
- Construction – (Late 2017)
Van Buren Street Improvements - 
*Shade Opportunity*

How can we create shade along Van Buren?

- The Plan calls for landscaping in specific areas of opportunity along corridor.
- As redevelopment occurs, a specific landscape palette would continue and build along the corridor.
- Awnings on businesses to shade sidewalk through revocable permits.
- Partner with Choice Neighborhoods Grant for shade opportunities.
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Impacts that hinder development of a landscaped corridor:

- Utilities
- Lack of right-of-way
- Land uses
- Funding

*Area in need of pedestrian amenities*

*Example of area improvements in corridor*
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Multi-modal Connections

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Notes:
- Emphasis on collector street network for safer bicycle infrastructure.
- Many of the area streets, including Van Buren, have frequent local bus service.
- Restriping, lane narrowing and potential speed reduction are key components of safety to be considered.
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Corridor Progress in the Phoenix Comprehensive Downtown Study Area Transportation

Phased Improvements Completed or Construction Underway

Pre-Design/Design Underway

Project in CIP

A. Improvements on Grand Avenue (completed in 2013)
B. (CIP) Pre-design - 3rd Street, Indian School Road to Garfield Street - completed
C. (Pre-design) Van Buren Street, 7th - 24th Street - completed
D. (CIP) Design - 1st Street, Moreland–Mckinley Street
E. (CIP) Design - Washington/Jefferson Street - 7th Avenue to 7th Street – Bike Lanes
F. (CIP) 5th Avenue – McDowell Road to Washington
G. (CIP) 3rd Avenue – McDowell Road to Washington
H. (CIP) 3rd Street – Roosevelt Street to Washington
I. (CIP) 3rd Street – Jefferson Street to Buckeye Road
J. (CIP) Buckeye Road – Central Avenue to 16th Street
K. (CIP) Phase II – Roosevelt Street Improvements – 4th to 6th Street
L. (CIP) Warehouse District/Economic Development Area