

PROJECT UPDATE – June 2023

Traffic Choker West of Central on Colter Street

Thank you for inviting the Street Transportation Department to the February 28 meeting of the Medlock Place Neighborhood Board. Street Transportation staff presented the concept of a traffic choker at this meeting. The traffic choker is depicted in the diagram below.

The purpose of the traffic choker is to introduce a physical narrowing of Colter Street, immediately west of the restaurants at Central Avenue and Colter Street, for traffic calming and to discourage people from entering the residential area.

Street Transportation welcomed community input on this concept and numerous messages of support were submitted. However, several residents requested before-and-after traffic studies. Street Transportation Director Kini Knudson is pleased to let you know that the department completed a pre-construction traffic study on Medlock Drive, Colter Street, and Oregon Avenue. The department will begin construction of the traffic choker on **June 20** and will follow up with a post-construction study on the same streets before school goes back into session.

FUTURE PROJECT

The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department is also working on a longer-term capital improvement project for a 3.3-mile segment of Colter Street from 15th Avenue to 20th Street. This project is early in the design phase, and we expect to bring preliminary designs for public comment later this year. The design phase is funded but no funding has been identified for future construction as of now.

The Street Transportation team pledges to keep you informed and involved as we seek to find community-supported improvements in your community.

DIAGRAM

