



Colter Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project Update

The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department is working through the design phase of a project that will improve safety and infrastructure for residents walking and biking on Colter Street between 15th Avenue and 20th Street.

The planning and pre-design phase for this project began in 2020 and was completed in 2021. The project has two sections along Colter Street – 15th Avenue to 7th Street and 7th Street to 20th Street. Improvements to both sections will be done as part of one combined project. Colter Street is considered a collector street and there is no plan as part of this project to close any portion of the street off to vehicle traffic. Additional project details are available on the [project webpage](#).

In addition to that brief project summary, the Street Transportation Department also provided us with a more in-depth list of answers to questions and comments it received recently from residents who live along the Colter Street corridor.

Why is City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department proposing a project along Colter Street from 15th Avenue to 20th Street?

The goal of the project is to improve safety and comfort for all users of this roadway, especially those walking, biking or enjoying the outdoors. Such improvements would increase safety by moderating speeds along Colter Street. This project is NOT a plan to put more vehicle traffic on Colter Street, or to widen Colter Street.

What has happened so far?

The project moved through the planning, or conceptual phase, to identify potential options and which features would be supported by the community. That effort included a virtual public meeting and project survey for area residents. In the survey and study effort, residents rated their preferences for Colter Street improvements. The results of the survey and study formed the basis for the current conceptual design for the project. However, there is still much work to be done to design this project and to seek input from the community.

What is happening right now?

Originally, the plan was to design the project over two phases. Street Transportation Department leadership determined it could move forward with the full design effort for 15th Avenue to 20th Street. The department is in the process of working with the design engineers to develop a plan that is about 30% complete. We expect this to take six to seven months.



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What will happen with the project in the coming months?

The design effort is divided into distinct phases:

- 30% design (the initial concept);
- 60% design (refined concept);
- 90% design (final concept); and
- 100% final design (construction ready plans).

During the design phase, the Street Transportation Department intends to conduct at least two public meetings to share information about the project and to engage the community for input. Those two meetings will likely happen at the 30% design stage, and then again between the 60% and 90% design stages. We hope that successful public engagement will ensure a project that is supported by the community.

There is a lot of information swirling about this project and some current or pending zoning cases. Are they linked in any way?

The Colter Street project is a separate and distinct project being undertaken by the Street Transportation Department with the purposes outlined above.

However, City staff works closely to coordinate the review of residential and commercial developments, evaluating the impact these developments have on the surrounding community and our street network. As such, we work with the developments to incorporate requirements that help mitigate those impacts. For those developments adjacent to or near Colter Street, some of those mitigation measures may include contributions towards key features of the Colter Street project, such as traffic signals and/or traffic mitigation.

Are there any plans to close off portions of Colter Street?

No, Colter Street is considered a collector street (half-mile streets between major arterial streets) on the city's street classification list. East-west vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian movement on Colter Street will be allowed from 15th Avenue to 20th Street and beyond.

However, the Colter Street project is intended to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity and safety, so project improvements will be focused on achieving this outcome.

How can community members help the Street Transportation Department?

We are early in the design process. The Department wants resident input, but the best time to provide that is once it has additional information, renderings and diagrams to share with the community. A preliminary design will be shared for input from the community later this year.