

Stakeholder Interview 10-11-17

Don Cross, City of Phoenix

Pan American Charter School

- Located at Indian School Road and 20th Avenue.
- Pan American is a charter school and so has no boundaries, it is unclear right now where students are coming from.
- The original Pan American school closed and had recently reopened.
- The City installed a RRFB crossing across Indian School at 20th Ave, when the school closed, crossing were reduced. The City has not conducted new counts since the school reopened. This
- The school might benefit from a canal crossing.
- There are a lot of crossing across 20th Ave from the Food City parking lot, but these crossing don't count toward the warrant analysis, since parents are driving from a different location, and then walking their students across the street. The study needs to evaluate solutions across 20th Street.

Phoenix Christian High School

- Located at Indian School Road and 18th Avenue.
- Phoenix Christian is a private school and so has no boundaries, it is assumed that most students commute from out of the area.
- There is a Phoenix Christian elementary school on the east side of 18th Ave. There is an existing crosswalk across 18th Ave at Fairmount Ave. Should the study evaluate a crossing across 18th Ave between Fairmount and Indian School.

St Gregory Catholic School

- Located at 19th Avenue and Osborn Road.
- St Gregory is a private school and so has no boundaries, most of the students come from the adjacent neighborhood east of 19th Ave. and north of Osborn.
- There are existing school zones on Whitton and Osborn. The school zone on Whitton is scheduled to be eliminated.

Encanto/Clarendon Elementary

- Located at 11th Avenue and Osborn Road.
- Both schools are part of Osborn School District.
- The school boundaries are south of Camelback and east of 19th Ave.

- Students in Area 2, east of 19th are bussed to school
- There is an existing school zone on 15th Ave between Osborn and Whitton. The City is evaluating a HAWK at 15th Ave and Whitton.

Metro Tech/Linda Abril

- Located at 19th Ave and Thomas Road.
- Both schools are charter schools and so have no boundaries.
- The schools are not within Area 2 study boundaries, but there may be several students from the Area 2 neighborhood south of Indian School and west of 19th Avenue.
- The City will reach out to the schools to set up interviews, and then determine if we want to add any of their suggestions to the project scope.

Montebello School

- Located at 27th Avenue and Montebello Avenue.
- Part of the Alhambra School District.
- The school boundaries extend south of Indian School and east to 19th Ave.
- Students in Area 2, south of Indian School, are bussed to school.

R.E. Simpson/Westwood Primary

- Westwood is located at 23rd Drive and Highland.
- R.E. Simpson is located at 24th Drive and Missouri Ave.
- Part of the Alhambra School District.
- The school boundaries are between I-17 and 19th Ave and north of Indian School.

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Arthur Cassidy, Westwood Estates Resident

- Arthur lives in the Westwood Estates neighborhood, at 23rd Avenue/Fairmount.
- Arthur feels that the canal and Indian School have been barriers to keep crime out of their neighborhood. He feels that construction of the pedestrian bridge over the canal has resulted in increased crime in the neighborhood.
- Arthur is opposed to an Indian School Rd crossing at the future canal path, he feels that it will also result in increased crime in the neighborhood, and believes that an additional midblock crossing will add to traffic congestion on Indian School Rd.
- There is a lot of traffic during the afternoon rush hour on 23rd Ave. Arthur feels that several people are trying to avoid I-17 NB traffic by exiting on Thomas and taking 23rd Avenue NB to Indian School.
- The same thing happens in reverse during the morning rush hour.
- Arthur has noticed some vehicles travel north on 23rd Avenue and then use the canal to access Indian School Rd. In the past, there was a barrier to prevent vehicle access to the canal, but it has been removed.
- There are existing speed humps on 23rd Avenue south of Fairmount, but none on Fairmount or 22nd Avenue. Arthur would like to see additional traffic calming measures on these streets.
- There are existing stop signs for SB traffic on 22nd Avenue, and WB traffic on Fairmount, but the signs are ignored. Arthur would like to see improvements to make the signs more noticeable.
- Arthur feels that there are sufficient street lights in the neighborhood as long as they are working.
- Arthur feels that there is insufficient lighting along the canal and at the pedestrian bridge. Improved lighting here would reduce crime in the area.
- Vehicle speeds, and traffic volume on 23rd Avenue is a safety concern for pedestrians in the area.
- Arthur occasionally rides a bicycle for recreation, he doesn't have any issues getting around the neighborhood. He hasn't noticed dangerous intersections that he tries to avoid when biking.
- Mobility destinations in the include Christown Mall at 19th Avenue/Bethany Home Road; Safeway at 7th Avenue/Osborn; Light rail on Camelback.
- There are areas of Osborn with rough pavement, making it difficult to ride a bike.
- Arthur feels that crime in the area is the biggest issue preventing mobility in the neighborhood. People don't feel safe.

- Arthur's top priority for mobility improvements in the neighborhood are more traffic calming, and more visible stop signs at 23rd Avenue/Fairmount and 22nd Avenue/Fairmount.

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Joseph Perez, City of Phoenix

- There are a lot of crashes, on Indian School Road, involving pedestrians/bicycles.
- Recently bike lanes were added to Indian School between 27th Avenue and 19th Avenue.
- 19th Avenue is the top bus bike boarding corridor in the City.
- The City is looking at reducing the number of lanes to provide bike lanes, on Osborn Road between 19th Avenue and 15th Avenue.
- The Grand Canal multi-use path is expected to be constructed in 2018. There will be HAWKs at the Indian School crossing, and at the 19th Avenue crossing.
- Joe recommended looking at protected bike lane alternatives on 23rd Avenue.
- An overlay is scheduled for Indian School Road between 19th Avenue and 7th Avenue. The lane configuration will be redone at this time to provide bike lanes.
- The study needs to look at ways to make Indian School Road safer for bike/pedestrian users.