

AGENDA



3:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

REVISED

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

NOTES:

- Meeting room is wheelchair accessible. American Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations are available upon request. Please phone 928-282-3113 at least two (2) business days in advance.
- City Council Meeting Agenda Packets are available on the City's website at:

www.SedonaAZ.gov

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PURPOSE:

- To allow the public to provide input to the City Council on a particular subject scheduled on the agenda.
- This is not a question/answer session.
- The decision to receive Public Comment during Work Sessions/Special City Council meetings is at the discretion of the Mayor.

PROCEDURES:

- It is strongly encouraged that public input on agenda items be submitted by sending an email to the City Clerk at sirvine@sedonaaz.gov in advance of the 3:00 p.m. Call To Order.
- Fill out a "Comment Card" and deliver it to the City Clerk.
- When recognized, use the podium/microphone.
- State your:
 1. Name and
 2. City of Residence
- Limit comments to **3 MINUTES**.
- Submit written comments to the City Clerk.

DUE TO CONTINUED PRECAUTIONS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF WILL ATTEND THIS MEETING REMOTELY THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS. **COMMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE 3:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO SIRVINE@SEDONAAZ.GOV AND WILL BE MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL MEETING RECORD.** THERE WILL BE VERY LIMITED SEATING FOR THE PUBLIC WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARRANGED IN COMPLIANCE WITH CDC GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING. THOSE WISHING TO COMMENT ON SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE ASKED TO WAIT OUTDOORS OR IN AN ALTERNATE LOCATION IF THERE IS NOT ADEQUATE SEATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE MEETING CAN BE VIEWED LIVE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT WWW.SEDONAAZ.GOV OR ON CABLE CHANNEL 4.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS

LINK TO DOCUMENT =

- a. AB 2378 **Discussion/possible direction** regarding a general update on the Sedona In Motion transportation program.
- b. **Discussion/possible action** regarding future meetings/agenda items.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

If an Executive Session is necessary, it will be held in the Vultee Conference Room at 106 Roadrunner Drive. Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, the Council may hold an Executive Session that is not open to the public for the following purposes:

- a. To consult with legal counsel for advice regarding matters listed on this agenda per A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).
- b. Return to open session. Discussion/possible action regarding executive session items.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Posted: 06/22/2020

By: SLI

Susan L. Irvine, CMC
City Clerk

Note: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(B) notice is hereby given to the members of the City Council and to the general public that the Council will hold the above open meeting. Members of the City Council will attend either in person or by telephone, video, or internet communications. The Council may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney. Because various other commissions, committees and/or boards may speak at Council meetings, notice is also given that four or more members of these other City commissions, boards, or committees may be in attendance.

A copy of the packet with material relating to the agenda items is typically available for review by the public in the Clerk's office after 1:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the Council meeting and on the City's website at www.SedonaAZ.gov. The Council Chambers is accessible to people with disabilities, in compliance with the Federal 504 and ADA laws. Those with needs for special typeface print, may request these at the Clerk's Office. All requests should be made **forty-eight hours** prior to the meeting.

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
102 ROADRUNNER DRIVE, SEDONA, AZ

The mission of the City of Sedona government is to provide exemplary municipal services that are consistent with our values, history, culture and unique beauty.



**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA BILL**

**AB 2378
June 24, 2020
Special Business**

Agenda Item: 3a
Proposed Action & Subject: Discussion/possible direction regarding the Sedona in Motion transportation program.

Department	Public Works Department
Time to Present	30 minutes
Total Time for Item	120 minutes
Other Council Meetings	March 27, 2018, June 13, 2018, August 15, 2018, December 11, 2018, March 27, 2019, May 29, 2019, July 23, 2019, October 22, 2019, February 11, 2020
Exhibits	None.

City Attorney Approval	Reviewed 6/16/20 RLP	Expenditure Required	\$ 0
City Manager's Recommendation	Discussion and direction only.	Amount Budgeted	\$ 0
		Account No. (Description)	N/A
		Finance Approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The January 2018 City of Sedona Transportation Master Plan (TMP) evaluated citywide transportation needs and concluded with a set of recommended strategies to address congestion and mobility needs of residents, visitors, and commuters. These strategies have been developed into a system of capital improvement projects that collectively have been identified and promoted as the Sedona In Motion (SIM) program. The SIM program is a multi-modal transportation initiative embracing Sedona's community values for improved traffic flow, community connections, business and tourism connections, economic vitality and diversity, environmental stewardship, walkability, and sense of place.

Public Participation:

There are many ways for the public to participate in the development of SIM projects. Citizens can post comments to the SIM section of the City's website [here](#). Citizens can also submit written comments directly to City Council members on the City's website [here](#). Written comments are given equal consideration to those submitted in person during meetings.

Citizens wishing to make public comment are required to complete a comment card provided near the entrance of the Council Chambers. Public comments are generally taken after

presentation and initial questions for the specific agenda item or topic. Once called upon, the speaker will generally be limited to 3 minutes. The timing and time allowance for speakers can be further changed or limited based on the Mayor's discretion to ensure orderly progress of City business. Please note that while citizens can engage with Councilors in multiple ways at any point in time, Councilors are prohibited by law from discussing City business outside of a scheduled public meeting; meaning Council meetings are the only opportunity for Council as a body to deliberate. The projects are listed in the order that they will be presented to Council.

Public participation throughout the TMP and SIM project development has been a primary focus. Some recent outreach efforts include:

- More than 4,300 engagements via survey responses, public meetings, open houses, and news coverage between spring 2016 and now.
- 1500 subscribers to SIM email update list
- 311 individual user responses on Wikimapping tool for SIM-11 - July 2019
- 476 responses on the budget survey that asked about SIM topics
- 1100 people reached with Facebook post about Jordan roundabout construction - September 2019
- 2284 recipients of transit e-news - October 2019
- 180 letters sent to residents north of the Schnebly Road extension – October 2019
- 42 Monday Morning Meetups for SIM-1

Background:

SIM-1, Uptown Roadway Improvements

Construction on the project was initiated on June 3, 2019 and is currently approximately 95% complete. The current contract end date is July 15, 2020. Current work hours are 5:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. The median panels and landscaping are complete, and the contractor is currently placing rock in the gabion pillars. Installation of panels and landscaping within the roundabouts is nearing completion. A sealcoat is being applied the week of 6/15/20 to provide for a clean and uniform finished product. The completion of the Schnebly Road extension is pending a waterline relocation which should be underway soon.



Prior to opening the connection off the northern roundabout, staff will present a name change to Council at the July 14th regular meeting. The proposal will be to change the name from Schnebly Road to Owenby Way for the segment between SR 89A and Jordan Road.

City staff and the contractor were successful in completing the majority of paving and concrete work on SR 89A before Spring Break, although we did not see the historical high volumes in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Traffic volumes were much closer to normal during Memorial Day weekend, and travel time data shows that the project improvements have resulted in greatly reduced congestion for southbound SR 89A. This data will be presented in greater detail at the work session.

The art for the two roundabouts has been fabricated and is expected to be installed by the end of June.

Staff has received numerous inquiries about the irrigation and plants utilized within the median. The plants selected for the median comply with the City's native plant list and landscaping requirements. The plants were selected based on their ability to survive the harsh conditions of a median, and, although they are drought tolerant, they still require irrigation to establish.

There have been a number of incidents with oversized trucks attempting to utilize the northern roundabout for U-turns. We have expanded the clear zone within the roundabout by placing rip-rap for several feet beyond the truck apron. We are also working with ADOT to revise signage that would restrict the size of trucks that are permitted north of the "Y" roundabout.

SIM-3 Parking & Wayfinding

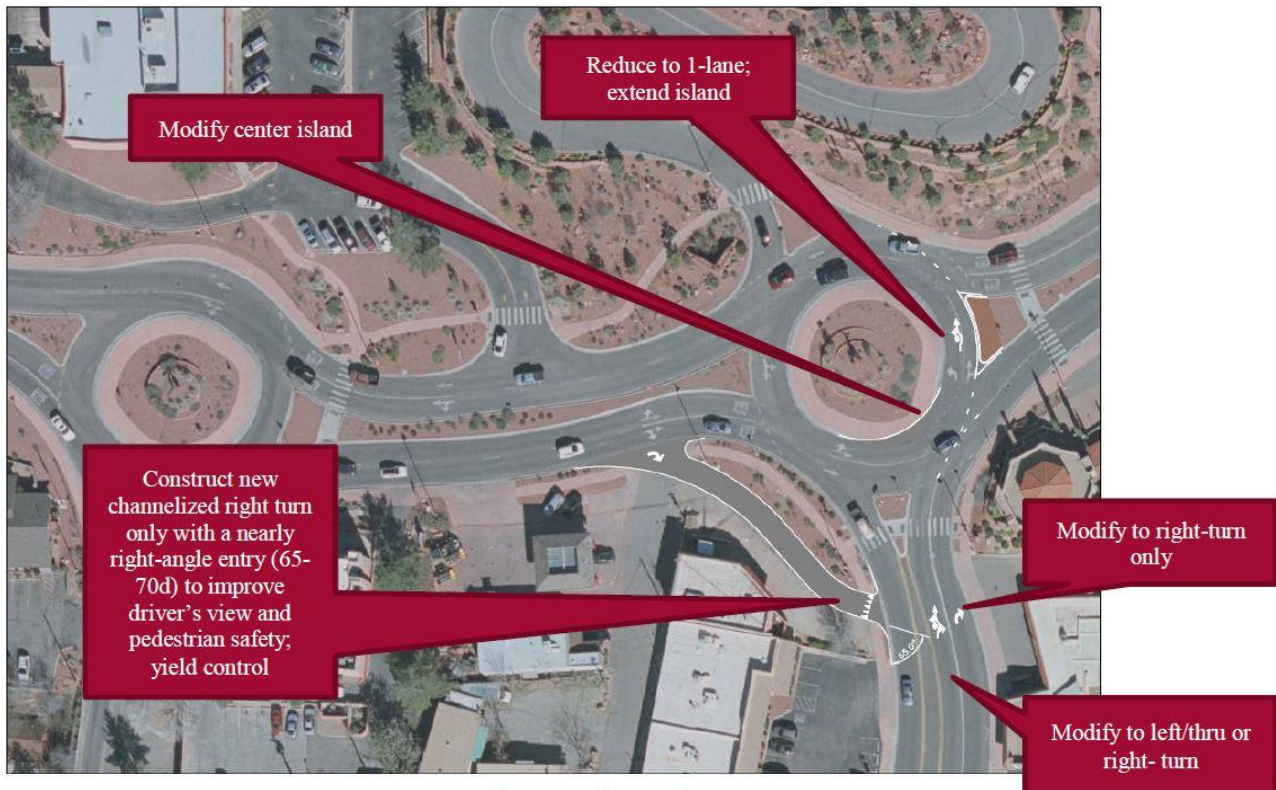
The parking garage siting study was initially presented to Council in November 2019 and was brought back to Council at the February 26th work session with more detailed concept iterations. Staff was directed to move forward with the north Forest Road lot location, utilizing a 3-level structure with 1 level subsurface. Staff intends to advertise for a design consultant by mid-July.

As part of the wayfinding sign effort, staff included redesign of the three gateway signs, or entryway signs, into Sedona on 179 and the two on 89A as drivers exit the canyon into Uptown and come into West Sedona near the high school. Concepts for these signs were presented to Council in February 2020. For budgetary reasons, the wayfinding and gateway sign effort is on hold.

Once the sign plan is fully developed and ready to move forward, staff will continue to implement the other sign components including vehicular wayfinding, identity signs for City facilities, pedestrian wayfinding kiosk signs for the Gallery Row District and West Sedona, banner signs for West Sedona, gateway signs, and the possible addition of a new event sign for Posse Grounds Park.

SIM-4A, Y Slip Lanes

ADOT is designing this project with in-house staff. The design is at 30% complete. The design team has been focused on vetting concepts in an attempt to minimize parking and access impacts to adjacent properties. The most recent concept is shown below.



This concept includes a slip lane for northbound SR 89A to southbound SR 179 through the property owned by ADOT. It also includes modifying the turning movements for northbound SR 179 on the approach to the roundabout. This scenario has been modeled by ADOT and the City's consultant and shows an improvement in level of service. A trial for the northbound component has been in place since mid-May and is expected to be in place through the July 4th weekend. Staff will share the data we have to date and anecdotal observations of the trial. Staff also continues to refine the public involvement process with ADOT to ensure that key stakeholders are provided monthly updates at a minimum. Current project schedule anticipates construction starting in June 2021.

SIM-4C Pedestrian Crossing at Tlaquepaque

The design contract for this project was approved by Council on September 24, 2019. Design is currently at 70% complete. A permit application has been submitted to ADOT, and we are awaiting their review and feedback before moving to the next stage of design. Design is expected to be complete by September with construction starting in January 2021.

SIM-5 Major Roadway Connections

For the Portal/Ranger/Brewer Road Connection project, design is expected to be complete by the end of June. The intent of these improvements is to require vehicles that enter the parking lot to exit out to Ranger Road and also provide signage for vehicles coming from the south side of Soldier Wash to use that exit if their destination is West Sedona or Uptown.

For the Forest Road Connection, design is approximately 60% complete. Individual meetings with adjacent property owners have been held and those conversations have led to the finalization of the overall alignment with the 60% design. As we proceed to 90% design, exhibits will be prepared for the areas the City needs to acquire from private property owners. The consultant is also working toward a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) to submit to ADOT as we

work through the design. The TIA will inform the overall intersection design including whether a right-turn lane is necessary.

SIM-6, Neighborhood Street Connections

Neighborhood connections were put on hold in 2018. However, as of the January City Council retreat, Council has requested that neighborhood connections be reevaluated with the primary focus on neighborhoods with single points of ingress and egress. This reevaluation will take place over the next 6-12 months.

SIM-7/8 Enhanced Transit Service

The final implementation plan was presented in detail at the October 23rd Council work session. A follow-up was presented to Council at the March 11th work session to discuss the financial plan for operations and provide funding options for the City's anticipated cost share.

The City applied for a Federal 5311 Rural Transit grant to fund 80% of the cost of hiring a transit manager position and to obtain supplementary consultant services as needed. This position is needed to advance the various coordination and implementation tasks necessary to develop a transit system in Sedona. The City should know the results of the award process by end of June 2020 and will need to make a decision about accepting an award and hiring this position. Citizen surveys, including the most recent budget survey, have consistently shown a majority of the community supporting transit including supporting an extension of the existing transportation sales tax beyond the ten-year timeframe in order to pay for transit (60% support). It is unclear at this time whether or not there will be any allowances made to extend the grant acceptance/award in light of the current pandemic.

SIM-10 West Sedona Signal Improvements

At the urging of City staff, the ADOT Northcentral District is evaluating the performance of signals in West Sedona. Based on vehicular volumes at the Coffee Pot and Rodeo intersections, ADOT is considering removing one of the crosswalks on SR 89A at each intersection, which would increase green time on SR 89A by 20 seconds on each cycle.

SIM-11 Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements

These projects focus on improvements that can make walking and bicycling safer, more convenient, and more comfortable. The improvements we are currently pursuing begin the path toward a more bike-friendly and walkable Sedona.

Currently several projects are in progress including paths along Soldiers Pass Road, Dry Creek Road, Sanborn/Thunder Mountain Road, Chapel Road, Navoti Drive to Dry Creek Road, and Pinon Drive. For some of these projects, the priority is to finalize designs that are in progress, and, based on financial analysis, construction could be delayed. However, a couple of the projects remain a high priority.

Collectively, the vision for these paths is to brand them as the Sedona Trails & Pathways System or STEPS.

The GO Sedona master-planning effort is getting close to completion. A draft of the plan is expected to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission in July and Council soon after. This plan will be a blueprint for making Sedona a more walkable and bikeable community over the next 10 years, detailing what improvements the community wants to see, and identifying the priority projects to complete.



SIM-12, Traveler Information

ADOT has been displaying travel times to Sedona on the I-17 corridor since December 2018. Staff continues to engage ADOT to ensure the information provided to travelers is meaningful and accomplishes the objectives of the City. The data source for the ADOT signs has been compared with the City's data, and it is accurate within a couple minutes. Staff is continuing to monitor data and is in process of analyzing what effect the signage may have. ADOT has submitted a proposal for additional infrastructure that is included in Governor Ducey's rural broadband initiative. The proposal includes fiber-optic improvements and several dynamic message sign (DMS) boards along I-17 as well as additional cameras and wrong-way detection. ADOT is awaiting the decision on the budget. If/when this is approved, the City will coordinate to discuss options for using and locating a DMS board closer to the SR 260 intersection for northbound motorists.

New cameras have been installed along SR 179 near Tlaquepaque and at midblock in Uptown to allow residents and tourists to view current traffic conditions. The City Information Technology Department is looking into the possibility of making the camera photos publicly viewable. Staff is pursuing other locations for cameras as well.

Community Plan Consistent: Yes - No - Not Applicable

The Sedona In Motion program in general supports the six Vision Themes of the Sedona Community Plan.

- Environmental Stewardship: Conserves natural resources associated with wasteful vehicle operations due to congested travel time.
- Community Connections: Supports community connections through its emphases on public participation and involvement during design development and indirectly by improving mobility between gathering place in Uptown Sedona.

- Improved Traffic Flow: Reduces congestion and travel times and improves vehicle and pedestrian safety.
- Walkability: Reduces vehicle and pedestrian conflicts improving walkability and safety.
- Economic Diversity: Improves local resident and visitor access through multimodal transportation options and connections.
- Sense of Place: 1% of project expenditures will go towards the development of arts, cultural, or heritage. Projects will be built consistent with local codes and with intention on preserving or complimenting the natural and scenic beauty of Sedona.

Board/Commission Recommendation: Applicable - Not Applicable

Alternative(s): N/A

MOTION

I move to: for discussion/possible direction only.