

Chapel Area Proposed Bike Route

- • • 1. Existing, signed bike route: Indian Cliffs/Badger/Lynx/Antelope
- **2**. SR 179 to Chapel Rd
- **3. Lynx/Antelope**
 - National Forest segment require Forest Service planning process



Public Input for 8/18/20 P&Z meeting re: GO Plan

GO Sedona Pathways Plan, Little Horse to Mystic Trailheads Connector Trail

August 17, 2020

Dear members of the Planning & Zoning Commission

The current USFS connector trail that twists and wanders through the streets of the Lower Chapel area neighborhood connecting the Mystic Trail on Chapel Rd and Little Horse Trailhead on Rt 179 has been around for many years. This previously lightly used foot traffic and mt bike connector trail has seen a tremendous increase of mountain bike & hiking traffic in recent years. Due to the confusing route through our neighborhood, many visitors become confused and wander through our neighborhood wondering (and eventually asking) "how do they get to Little Horse or Mystic trails".

The existing USFS neighborhood connector trail meanders for 1 mile from Chapel Rd to Indian Cliffs Rd & Rt 179 and currently has 9 turns (or corners) that is confusing for both hikers and mountain bikers. This current trail travels on very narrow and winding sections of Antelope Dr that is only 21ft wide on some sections with very limited sight clearance. Due to its narrowness this section of trail has seen its fair share of close calls between motorists, pedestrians, and bikers. This current route has great potential to have serious or grave outcomes for pedestrians as tourist use grows.

As with many neighborhoods in Sedona, not only are our streets winding and narrow, they also do not have sidewalks allowing safe travel for our many elderly residents that live in our neighborhood. Many of them are out walking with their dogs daily. When confronted by groups of high speed mountain bikers on these narrow sections, they cannot respond quick enough and it causes our elderly residents to become terrified while walking in their own neighborhood.

Sadly, some have decided not to go for walks at all after having some very close calls with high speed bikers. I believe this goes completely against the goals of the GO Sedona Pathways mission.



Limited sight on curves (not a street corner) Antelope Dr



Additional limited sight on curves (not a street corner) Antelope Dr.

A major concern of the Go Sedona Pathways proposal for local residents is the recently informal adoption by mountain bikers of a neighborhood social trail located at the dead end of Lynx Dr and one that GO Sedona Pathways is considering.

Approximately 2 years ago, this lightly used social trail (illegal by USFS standards) was "discovered" by mountain bikers and is now a torn up and deeply rutted trail. This social trail is not acknowledged or maintained by the USFS.

This illegal trail has been added by bikers and is now identified on many trail apps as "Lynx Connector" trail or "Lynx Dr" trail. Recently, on busy weekends there can be up to 50-80 bikers that access this trail sometimes in groups of 12-15 riders.

Due to the recent popularity of online apps like Trailforks and Alltrails, there has been a tremendous increase of foot and bike traffic accessing this social trail. If the proposed GO Sedona Pathway is chosen, this illegal and unsafe option for locals will only increase traffic. Again, the aggressive nature of the mountain bikers riding this social trail has been a major problem for our local elderly population.

Vehicle parking at the end of Lynx Dr where the social trail starts and is identified as an unofficial trailhead on these apps have been causing many problems for the folks that live on this street.

This dead end of Lynx Dr was never designed for parking and does not have a proper turn around area. The local residents have had issues with people using their driveways to turn around, impede mail & package delivery services, impede garbage truck pickup access, and most importantly they are concerned with emergency vehicle access to their residence in an emergency.

Recently, when asked, several visiting tourists that were parked at the dead end of Lynx Dr have stated that "the Little Horse Trailhead parking lot was full" or that their "app identified this as an official trailhead access". We also recently had 4 large pickup trucks and a Sprinter Van all loaded with mt bikes impeding resident's driveway access and mailboxes.

Even though my wife & I are avid hikers and mountain bikers, we would rather see this social trail completely shut down to all rather than considered for an "official" trail by the USFS. Many locals in our area I spoke to feel the same way.



The dead end of Lynx Dr "trailhead" with no turn around area and driveways on either side that have already been impeded. This area has had as many as 4-5 vehicles parked in this area for illegal trail access.

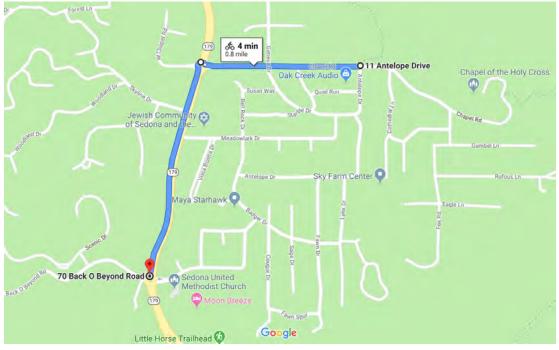
As local residents, we would like to propose that the city planners and USFS consider re-routing the current neighbor connector trail between Mystic & Little Horse Trailheads. The current route wanders through our neighborhood with lots of confusing turns and has caused many "close calls" between bikers and our elderly residents.

We would like the city and USFS to consider routing this connector route down Chapel Rd and onto Rt 179. While Chapel Rd currently only has a bike lane part of the way up to the Mystic trailhead, there is currently a bike lane proposed for the entire route on Chapel Rd. Once this proposed route meets Rt 179 there are bike lanes on either side of the road and a 10' wide sidewalk that does not require anyone to cross Rt 179. This route is not

only very straightforward; it contains only ONE turn from Chapel Rd south along Rt 179.



Current USFS route between Mystic & Little Horse Trailheads



Proposed New route between Mystic & Little Horse Trailheads

Recently with the help of some of my neighbors, I sought signatures from local neighborhood residents currently impacted by this current trail through our neighborhood. We have collected nearly 100 signatures opposing the current route and GO Sedona Pathways considered adoption of the social trail route through our neighborhood.

The residents of our lower Chapel neighborhood propose that the city planners and the USFS consider re-routing the neighborhood connector trail between Mystic & Little Horse trailheads to Chapel Rd & Rt 179.

We also object to any consideration of turning the existing social trail at the end of Lynx Dr into a permanent access trail (and effectively a new trail-head). This is due to the narrow road access, non-existent parking, impedance of residential and emergency services to our neighbors, and the impact from visitors to our neighborhood.

Our proposed route to Rt 179 is faster, more direct (one turn vs nine), less confusing, requires less signage, and most importantly, it is safer due to no blind curves or narrow streets along the route. This allows local residents and visitors safe use of our trails. Is this not one of the main missions of GO Sedona Pathways?

However, if not for overwhelming opposition by local residents, but maybe for liability reasons, we hope the City of Sedona chooses to support an easier and safer trail route option rather than a now known high risk and unsafe route for local residents and visitors alike.

Please include my comments into the public record for the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on August 18th, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Bezilla Captain for the City of Anchorage Fire Department- Retired

Annie Bezilla

155 Lynx Dr (907) 242-5855 Re: Email to P & Z Committee

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Mon 8/17/2020 6:56 PM

To: Corrie Cooperman < corriecooperman@gmail.com >; Cynthia Lovely < CLovely@sedonaaz.gov >

Dear Mrs. Cooperman,

Thank you for your professionally wri en text.

By removing the poron of the plan of the Go Sedona P athway involving Antelope and Lynx Drives from the Social Trail System is prudent and forward thinking.

The research, findings and recommendaons to contain the Go Sedona Pathways exclusively to Chapel Road will limit addional legal liabilies.

Dr. David R. Black Mrs. Trudy L. Black 64 Antelope Drive

From: Corrie Cooperman < corriecooperman@gmail.com >

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 11:03 AM

To: David and Trudy Black <david_black1@msn.com>

Subject: Email to P & Z Commi ee

Hi David and Trudy

It was really nice to meet both of you yesterday and know you are in the neighborhood.

Here is the email I sent to the Planning and Zoning committee. I sent it to Cindy Lovely, the City's liaison person with P & Z and asked her to forward it to all the committee members. Her email address is: clovely@sedonaaz.gov. If you decide to write the P & Z, keep in mind their meeting is this Tuesday! Please feel free to duplicate any parts of my letter.

Dear Members of the Zoning and Planning Commission,

I am writing you about the Go Sedona Pathways plan being presented to you at your hearing on the 18th. Specifically I am addressing the portion of the plan involving the Chapel area. The Go Sedona Pathways plan involves directing bicycle and pedestrian traffic, from Chapel road through the very narrow streets of Antelope and Lynx Drives. These streets are on average just 22 feet wide, including two 90 degree turns, one of which is "blind," meaning there is no visibility to oncoming traffic.

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This is a recipe for disaster, with cars, bicycles, and pedestrians all trying to pass each other and no room to spare. When a car is parked on these streets, which is common, there is even less room, not even enough for two cars to pass each other.

As importantly, the city has authorized the creation of a bike lane for the entire length of Chapel Road. It would make much more sense to channel people and bicycles on this dedicated lane. Once they reach the Chapel roundabout they can then use the bikes lanes already in place if they care to travel further south to connect with other trails.

In summary these are the reasons I am asking you to remove the Chapel path section of the Go Sedona Pathways plan, specifically the section that involves Antelope and Lynx Drives:

- 1) The designated path on Antelope and Lynx Drives is only 22 to 23 feet wide. Not wide enough for the safe passage of the two-way traffic of bicycles, automobiles, and pedestrians.
- 2) The designated path has two 90 degree turns in, one of which is a "blind" turn with no visibility of oncoming traffic.
- 3) There will be extensive parking along these streets from 'overflow' from the Little Horse Trailhead using this "Pathway" to access the Little Horse trail. These parked cars will prevent our emergency response vehicles from getting through, due to the limited street width.
- 4) There will be a very safe bike and walking lane soon, on the entire length of Chapel road. This will be a much safer alternative pathway to allow people to connect with trails further south using the bicycle lanes on Hwy.179.
- 5) The plan is dependent on creating a formal Forest Service trailhead at the end of Lynx Dr, where it connects with a current social trail and ultimately, 1/3 mile later, to the Little Horse Trailhead. There are no plans for the Forest Service to form an authorized trailhead out of this 'social trail.' As a result this plan will essentially create an unauthorized trailhead, with no safe room for parking. The Forest Service does not support the promotion of social trails.

Please include my comments into the public record for the Planning and Zoning Hearing on August 18th, 2020.

Thank you,

Respectively Submitted,

Corrie Cooperman 254 Lynx Drive 928 443-7774

P.S. These are my opinions alone, and not representative of any Board Member of the Sedona Fire Board, of which I am a member.

Public Input for 8/18/20 P&Z meeting re: GO Plan

Go Sedona Pathways PnZ meeting comments to be submitted re: Lynx Drive

Jennifer Nagel < inagel217@gmail.com>

Mon 8/17/2020 2:42 PM

To: Cynthia Lovely <CLovely@sedonaaz.gov>; Rich Pasich <richardpasich@yahoo.com>

Dear Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee,

We are writing to you regarding the Go Sedona Pathways plan being presented at a hearing scheduled for tomorrow. Please include our comments into the public record for the Planning and Zoning Hearing on August 18th, 2020:

We are opposed specifically to the portion of the plan involving the Chapel area. and Lynx Drive. There is a non-approved social trail that links the end of Lynx Drive to Little Horse trail. Recently this "link" to Little Horse trail was advertised on a mountain bike app and we saw a dramatic increase in parked commercial vans with trailers and personal vehicles parked for many hours along our narrow street making entering or leaving our driveway occasionally challenging. When I asked them what company they worked for they would refuse to tell me. I believe this access was being used to subvert licensing laws for commercial use of Coconino forest, and for personal use in order to not have to purchase a Red Rock Pass.

I have used this social trail for 10 years, and have always been careful to not destroy the biological soil crust. For 10 years the trail was maybe 6" wide. After just a few months of advertised use by mountain bikers, the soil crust is crushed and gone, the trail is at least 3 feet wide and I find human fecal matter and trash on this once pristine social hiking trail.

Currently, there is a neighborhood trail that links Mystic Hills by quiding the bikers to Badger, then through Indian Cliffs to the actual Little Horse Parking area. There are also bike paths provided along 179. We are aware that the city of Sedona will be adding a sidewalk/bike path along Chapel Road. Mountain bikers currently have 3 options to connect Mystic Trails to Little Horse, all of which are safe designated options. The path you want brings the bikers around several blind corners. Our streets are already narrow so if a car is parked it forces the bikers into the middle of the road, and a passing car is forced into the middle of the road. It could cause a serious accident. We are concerned that if there are parked cars and vans and trailers along our dead end portion of Lynx Drive it would make it impossible for emergency vehicles, especially fire trucks, to get to us. Why can't bikers choose 1 of 3 already established options? The current 3 options provide safe space. signage, clear marking of designated trails and have been paid for already. Please vote no on the Lynx Drive portion of this proposed plan. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Richard Pasich and Jennifer Nagel-Pasich 217 Lynx Drive 928-301-1973

Public Input for 8/18/20 P&Z meeting re: GO Plan

Pathways Plan access to the Lynx Drive social trail

Jan Pierce <jan.pierce7@verizon.net>

Mon 8/17/2020 5:37 PM

To: Cynthia Lovely <CLovely@sedonaaz.gov>

Ms. Lovely, Please forward this email to all members of the P&Z, Thanks Jan.

Members of the Zoning and Planning Commission,

As it stands now, without official sancon, Bicy cle traffic on Lynx between the Mysc Hills trail and this social trail at the South end of Lynx has steadily increased over the last 10 years. Use of the social trail has spread by word of mouth without acve promoon by the city. I have become increasingly cauous while exing the neighborhood on Antelope due to the blind curves and this increased traffic.

The map clearly indicates that the proposed route is through the center of the Chapel residenal community. As a resident of this community, increased bicycle traffic is a safety issue and I do not want cyclists using our deadend street as a parking area and trail head for their acvies.

While I enjoy use of this neighborhood social trail for walking, I would prefer complete closure by the USFS to its formal incorporaon in the GO Sedona P athways Plan. I have walked Chapel trails for 30 years and can a est to the degradaon of the trails as bicycle traffic has increased. The loose rock on the "down-hill" South side of the social trail will deteriorate much more rapidly if it is approved and adversed in the P athways Plan.

Please remove the proposal to incorporate this social path in the Pathways Plan. Future constructon of a mulple use path on Chapel road will allow bicycle traffic to connect from the Lile Hor se trail head to 179, to the Mysc trail head safely, without disturbing the Chapel neighborhood, without degrading the social trail, and without undo burden on those that are drawn to Sedona for cycling opportunies.

Please include my comments in the public record for the Planning and Zoning Hearing on August 18, 2020.

Thank You,

Jan Pierce 208 Lynx Drive 909-560-5811 928-282-7944

Proposal for re-routing the USFS connector trail between Mystic Trail to Little Horse Trailheads

The current USFS connector trail that wanders through the streets of our neighborhood connecting the Mystic Trail on Chapel Rd and Little Horse Trailhead on SR 179 has been around for many years. This previously lightly used hiker and mountain bike connector trail has seen a tremendous increase in use in recent years like many other Sedona trails.

This connector trail meanders from Chapel Rd to SR 179 through our neighborhood. It currently has 9 confusing turns (or corners) that is very problematic for both hikers and mountain bikers leaving them asking local residents "how do I get to Mystic or Little Horse trails". It also travels on very narrow and winding sections of Antelope Dr which has seen its fair share of close calls between motorists, pedestrians, and bikers due to the very narrow sections of winding road with very limited sight clearance. This problem is compounded by the elderly folks who live in this area who do not respond as quickly when a group of 10-12 mountain bikers travels at high speeds through our neighborhood streets many times 3-5 bikes abreast. There have been a number of elderly residents who have had "close calls" with mountain bikers while walking their dogs on our narrow "sidewalk-less" streets.

As your neighbors in the Chapel Area, we would like to propose that the USFS consider re-routing the current neighborhood connector trail between Mystic Trail & Description of the Chapel Route would travel down Chapel Route along SR 179 and has only ONE turn.

Chapel Rd already has a bike lane part of the way to the Mystic trailhead and SR 179 has bike lanes on either side of the road and a 10° wide sidewalk that does not require anyone to cross SR 179. This proposed route is not only very straightforward as it contains only ONE turn from Chapel Rd onto SR 179, it is also less confusing and much safer for everyone; bikers, hikers and neighbors.

The USFS has already indicated that they would consider the proposed new route as long as there is support from the neighbors who live in the Chapel area. This route change would in no way negatively impact local residents in any way.

Respectfully submitted

The residents & Damp; neighbors of the Chapel area neighborhoods.

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The residents of the Chapel area neighborhoods petition the USFS to re-route the current connector trail between Mystic and Little Horse trailheads. The current route meanders through our neighborhood with 9 confusing turns. We propose a safer, easier and straightforward route down Chapel Rd to SR 179 that has only ONE turn.

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August 16, 2020

Dear Members of the Planning & Zoning Commission,

This Tuesday you will be discussing the draft GO Sedona Pathways Plan. The plan includes a proposed pathway through the Chapel area, from a social trail, to the Mystic Trail that starts on Chapel Road.

There are many reasons why the proposed pathway through the Chapel area is a bad idea and should be removed from the GO Proposed Plan.

A social trail, which is at one end of the proposed pathway, is not a Forest Service trail. There are hundreds of social trails in the Forest. The Forest Service does not recognize these trails. The Forest Service does not want these trails promoted. In fact, the Forest Service expends some of its limited resources every year to eradicate social trails and redirect people to the official Forest Service trails. If the City moves forward with this plan, the City would be creating an unauthorized trailhead for an illegal trail. The correct starting point for the proposed pathway would be the Little Horse Trailhead, with its large parking lot, using only legally created trails and appropriate roads.

A social trail is created without regard for environmental sustainability. When the Forest Service develops a new trail, a team of specialists goes into the field and carefully lays out exactly where the trail will be, considering such issues as water runoff, erosion, archeological possibilities, and total impact on the Forest environment. Illegal trails go from point A to point B with disregard for any impacts on the Forest. Given the City's concern for sustainability, why would the City facilitate and encourage use of a social trail that was developed illegally and without regard for sustainability?

The social trail connection at the end of Lynx Road would never be adopted by the Forest Service. The point of connection is a steep gully along a natural wash. It is somewhat challenging to get across, either walking or with a bike. This wash must remain unobstructed, to allow water flow. We encourage you to take a look for yourselves.

Lynx Drive and Antelope are not designed for bike and pedestrian traffic beyond the level of neighborhood usage. There are no sidewalks. These are narrow, 22-feet wide streets. When a vehicle is parked on the street, there isn't room for two cars to pass. There are two 90-degree turns, one of which is "blind," not allowing view of oncoming traffic. Walkers must move to single-file whenever a car passes. Bikers create their own potentially dangerous circumstances, including riding too fast, side-by-side, and head-down.

There are three stop signs on Lynx and Antelope. Unfortunately, bikers do not stop at stop signs. They are intent on traveling fast and far. In contrast, there are no stop signs on SR179.

Bikers and walkers should be guided to travel along SR179. This road was specifically designed for safe bicycle traffic, with a good-sized, well-marked bike lane. In addition, there is a wide, paved concrete path for safe foot travel. Walkers would be on the sidewalk where they can safely walk side-by-side, uninterrupted by bikers or vehicles.

Bikers and walkers should be guided to travel along Chapel Road, where the City of Sedona is already planning to construct a paved pathway. This will be the safest travel option and one which the City has already planned. It would be short-sighted of the City to direct people away from Chapel Road. Residents would wonder if people at City Hall communicate with one another!

In summary, please remove the Chapel area pathway that is proposed to link an illegal social trail to the Mystic Trailhead. This proposal can be replaced by a recommendation to travel from the Forest Service Little Horse Trailhead, along SR179, to Chapel Road, on which the Mystic Trailhead is located. This route begins at an official Forest Service trailhead, and is easy to follow, safe, and designed for heavy duty bike and foot travel.

Please include our comments in the public record for the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on August 18th, 2020.

Respectively Submitted,

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Access to Lynx Drive social trail

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Fri 8/14/2020 3:56 PM

To: Cynthia Lovely <CLovely@sedonaaz.gov>

Dear Ms. Lovely,

I live at 178 Lynx Drive as a full time resident. I am opposed to creating an official trail that connects Mystic trail and Little Horse trail passing through Antelope Drive and Lynx Drive. The access to this social trail is used by quiet, respectful residents and neighbors and provides a lovely opportunity to enjoy Sedona in a peaceful manner.

I have noticed mountain bikers passing at high rates of speed through the Chapel neighborhood and am concerned for the well being of our residents. I have also noted cars parked along Lynx Drive to access this social trail. These vehicles often park off the street a bit and make it difficult to access our driveways. I believe the drivers of these vehicles are trying to avoid purchasing a Red Rock Pass. I realize that tourists are an important part of the well being of Sedona. However, I think the full time residents should also be supported regarding their sense of community and their continued access to the peace of their neighborhoods.

I understand there are plans to construct a shared use path from Mystic trail down Chapel Road to SR 179. Perhaps this would be a better and safer alternative to access Little Horse trail.

Please include my comments into the public record for the Planning and Zoning Hearing on August 18, 2020.

Thank you for your time and I hope you remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Danuta Szmit

Sent from my iPad

Chapel Proposed Pathway

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Sat 8/15/2020 12:39 PM

To: Cynthia Lovely <CLovely@sedonaaz.gov> **Cc**: Scott Jablow <SJablow@sedonaaz.gov>

Dear Ms. Lovely,

Please allow this to add my voice in opposition to the proposal which I reviewed online. My main concern is with the routing of bicycle traffic from Mystic Trail onto Antelope Drive. I am intimately familiar with this area as I walk my dog through it twice daily. Antelope, from just before Starlite until Lynx, is a narrow road with a couple of blind curves. There are no sidewalks and none can be reasonably added. The Chapel neighborhood has a higher than average number of dog walkers, many of whom are elderly, and we have to use the roadway itself. I am concerned about adding any traffic to this, car or bicycle. Additionally, I understand that there is an approved plan to have a sidewalk running from the Mystic Trail west to 179. The cyclists can then take existing bicycle lanes south to the Little Horse trailhead. In that case, routing through a less safe residential area makes no sense.

Additionally, legitimizing a social trail from a residential area opens another Pandora's Box of concerns which I won't get into here.

If the capacity of the parking lot at LH is in question, I can only say that sometimes places get full and people have to go elsewhere. The residents of Sedona should not always have to bear the burden of accommodating tourist overflow.

I would hope that the City would want to avoid another fiasco such as the "solution" found for Soldier's Pass. The mental gymnastics that arrived at the truly bizarre parking situation there are indicative of attempting to say yes to everyone. Sometimes the answer just has to be no.

Thanks for listening...

Glenn Sharshon 217 Sage Drive Draft GO Sedona Pathways Plan: Lynx Dr Pathway Proposal

Paul Goguen <paulgoguen@gmail.com>

Sun 8/16/2020 11:50 AM

To: Cynthia Lovely <CLovely@sedonaaz.gov>

Dear MS Lovely,

I am writing regarding a portion of the Draft GO Sedona Pathways Plan, which may cause hazardous conditions for pedestrians and neighbors who reside on Lynx Drive in the Chapel Subdivision. In particular, I would like to voice my opposition to the portion of the plan that deals with access to the Lynx Dr social trail.

In viewing Figure 6, Chapel Area Proposed Pathway Network, which is included as page 14, of the Draft Plan, it appears to me that the dotted yellow line linking the Mystic Trailhead on Chapel Road to the social trail at the end of Lynx Dr would formalize and make official, what is now an unofficial social trail. Apparently, the Draft Plan seeks, in part, to connect bikers to Little Horse Trail by way of the Lynx Dr. social trail.

The Little Horse Trail access at the Lynx Dr Cul-de-sac is a non-approved social trail that is used by our residents. Most recently, this access was put on a professional biking phone app called Trailforks. Since then, we have seen a 50% increase of "professional" bikers who enter the Chapel neighborhood from the Mystic Trailhead. We observe them traveling down the incline on Antelope at dangerously high speeds while navigating around 5 sharp turns until they get on to Lynx Dr which leads to the social trail at the Lynx Dr Cul-de-sac. This proposed pathway (the dotted yellow line from Mystic Trailhead to the Lynx Dr Cul-de-sac) is a favored walking path for our local residents, many of whom are elderly. Oftentimes these residents are frightened and feel threatened by these high-speed professional bikers when they come perilously close to us as they whiz by.

Also, there have been several times this past year that we have had large groups of commercially organized bikers park their pick-up trucks at the Lynx Dr Cul-de-sac, blocking the road and making driveways difficult to negotiate into and out of. The proposed Mystic to Little Horse by way of Lynx Dr pathway is likely to attract even more bikers to the area, which could have the undesired effect of elevating an already dangerous condition. What's more, the Lynx Dr social trail is NOT approved by the USFS.

Considering all of the foregoing, this looming conflict could easily be avoided. In the near future, the City of Sedona will be adding a brand new shared-use sidewalk on one side of Chapel Road. I would like to see that new sidewalk become the Mystic to Little Horse link as a safer alternative to the Lynx Dr link. The new Chapel sidewalk could easily lead bikers (and hikers) to the Little Horse Trailhead via S/R 179 affording them direct access and sufficient room for parking their vehicles.

Please include my comments into the public record for the Planning and Zoning Hearing on August 18, 2020.

I much appreciate your consideration on this important matter.

Best to you,

Public Input for 8/18/20 P&Z meeting re: GO Plan

Paul Goguen

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P&Z Comments Pathway Proposal and Concerns - Chapel Area

Stephanie Dunshee <stephaniedunshee@hotmail.com>

Sun 8/16/2020 9:16 AM

To: Cynthia Lovely <CLovely@sedonaaz.gov>

This email is my comment for the Planning and Zoning Commission meeng to discuss the proposed pathways in Sedona. My comments specifically are focused on the Chapel area pathway connector from Mysc trail head, through Antelope to Lynx to the new proposed trail head at the end of Lynx to connect the social trail to Lile Hor se Trail.

- 1. Dangerous to Seniors: This pathway goes through a neighborhood of elderly people. Last summer an elderly neighbor and his dog were mowed down by mountain bikers. The bikers ride too fast through the neighborhood and it is now part of an electric bike tour company tour route. The proposed route on Antelope has several blind turns posing a risk for collision.
- 2. Abuse of Trailhead: The proposed trailhead at the end of Lynx has been abused by bike tour companies who bring in 20+ bikes and park their trailers at the end of Lynx blocking private driveways. The forest service had to close the fence to curb the problem. The City proposal brings back this problem and makes it worse. The street will become a new parking area for tours, overflow for the Lile Hor se parking lot, and for those that don't want to pay a parking fee at Lile Hor se. It also creates a desirable short cut to Chicken Point and will result in further destrucon of the forest. The trailhead will be available on tourists gps cites and will become the next Soldier Pass/Mountain Shadows issue for the future.
- 3. **Soluon**: A neighborhood peon with forest service input was conducted to reroute bike traffic out of the neighborhood. The proposed route was from Mysc Torail head, down the new mul-use path to the roundabout to the mul-use path on 179 to the new mul-use path by the Methodist Church connecngt of Lile Horose Trailhead. The Methodist Church provides overflow parking for Lile Horose with donaon boxes. This opon reduces the chance for bike collisions with elderly residents, illegal parking, and further destruction of forest land.
- 4. If you do proceed with the current City plan for the Chapel pathway connector, you must ensure there are No Parking Signs at the end of Lynx Trailhead access point.

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little horse trail

Marilyn <mlldipalma@yahoo.com>

Sun 8/16/2020 4:47 AM

To: Cynthia Lovely <CLovely@sedonaaz.gov>

Why are you RUINING the Chapel area? First you allow abnb to infect our quiet little neighborhood, and now this!

You had better be sure our little cul de sac....Sage Drive..... doesn't become a full time parking

Sedona has become a cash cow for greedy people and is no longer a nice place to live. Thanks a lot for destroying it.

Marilyn DiPalma

Comment for P & Z Aug 18th Hearing

Corrie Cooperman < corriecooperman@gmail.com>

Fri 8/14/2020 4:05 PM

To: Cynthia Lovely <CLovely@sedonaaz.gov>

Hi Cindy

Could you please pass this written comment from me to all the members of the Planning and Zoning Committee. It is a comment on the GoSedona Pathways plan they will review this Tuesday. Thank you, Corrie

Dear Members of the Zoning and Planning Commission,

I am writing you about the Go Sedona Pathways plan being presented to you at your hearing on the 18th. Specifically I am addressing the portion of the plan involving the Chapel area. The Go Sedona Pathways plan involves directing bicycle and pedestrian traffic, from Chapel road through the very narrow streets of Antelope and Lynx Drives. These streets are on average just 22 feet wide, including two 90 degree turns, one of which is "blind," meaning there is no visibility to oncoming traffic.

This is a recipe for disaster, with cars, bicycles, and pedestrians all trying to pass each other and no room to spare. When a car is parked on these streets, which is common, there is even less room, not even enough for two cars to pass each other.

As importantly, the city has authorized the creation of a bike lane for the entire length of Chapel Road. It would make much more sense to channel people and bicycles on this dedicated lane. Once they reach the Chapel roundabout they can then use the bikes lanes already in place if they care to travel further south to connect with other trails.

In summary these are the reasons I am asking you to remove the Chapel path section of the Go Sedona Pathways plan, specifically the section that involves Antelope and Lynx Drives:

- 1) The designated path on Antelope and Lynx Drives is only 22 to 23 feet wide. Not wide enough for the safe passage of the two-way traffic of bicycles, automobiles, and pedestrians.
- 2) The designated path has two 90 degree turns in, one of which is a "blind" turn with no visibility of oncoming traffic.
- 3) There will be extensive parking along these streets from the 'overflow' from the Little Horse Trailhead using this "Pathway" to access the forest. These parked cars, if they are parked opposite each other, will prevent our emergency response vehicles from getting through, due to the limited street width.
- 4) There will be a very safe bike and walking lane soon, on the entire length of Chapel road. This will be a much safer alternative to allow people to connect with trails further south using the bicycle lanes on Hwy.179.
- 5) The plan is dependent on creating a formal Forest Service trailhead at the end of Lynx Dr, where it connects with a current social trail and ultimately to the Little Horse Trailhead. There are no plans for the

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Forest to create an authorized trailhead out of this social trail. As a result this plan will funnel people and bikes to a social trail, with no safe room for parking. The Forest Service does not support the promotion of social trails.

Please include my comments into the public record for the Planning and Zoning Hearing on August 18th, 2020.

Thank you,

Respectively Submitted

Corrie Cooperman 254 Lynx Drive 928 443-7774

P.S. These are my opinions alone, and not representative of any Board Member of the Sedona Fire Board, of which I am a member.

Bike/Walk Comments

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Fri 8/14/2020 4:34 PM

To: Cynthia Lovely <CLovely@sedonaaz.gov>; Lauren Browne <LBrowne@sedonaaz.gov>

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Submit your comments about the Draft GO Sedona Pathways Plan:

It appears that there is a plan to route bike traffic up Mountain Shadows and onto Zane Grey in order to access Posse Grounds from that direcon. Fir st, Mountain Shadows is hard to drive up, much less walk-up due to the up and down nature of the road so I don't see why this is a good plan. Second, I don't see why we should introduce a steady stream of visitors to a residenal neighborhood by encouraging bike traffic, especially when you can get to Posse Grounds other ways. Every day we get many cars driving up Mountain Shadows and stopping to take pictures of Sugar Loaf and Coffee Pot. They literally stop in the middle of the street, block traffic, take pictures and then drive around the neighborhood mulple mes tr ying to find the best angle for their pictures. Since we don't have sidewalks, this is very dangerous for the many people who walk. Many mes I have been out for a walk and have had cars drive by with video cameras stuck out the window, recording everything they see, including those of us who just happen to be walking by, which feels like a violaon of priv acy. We don't know where those videos are posted and we don't know what they are doing with the footage. I've seen ATVs go roaring past, a long line of 30-40 motorcycles, the occasional commercial tour jeep, and even Segway tours. I've seen cars of people with out of state plates stop on the road and eat meals in their car right in front of houses. Since there isn't a shoulder, they just park on the road. I pick Sedona maps and random food trash out of my drainage ditch. Encouraging even more people to explore an otherwise quiet residenal neighborhood is a) not necessary when people can get to Posse Grounds by other access points b) dangerous for those who actually live in the neighborhood as you are encouraging more people to crowd into a quiet residenal neighborhood and c) will bring more noise, trash, crime and disrupon as mor e people get familiar with the area. Please eliminate these paths that introduce tourists to residenal neighborhoods, including the pa th up Mountain Shadows and onto Zane Grey to Posse Grounds. It is not needed and will reduce the quality of life for residents. Thank you

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1. Submit your comments about the Draft GO Sedona Pathways Plan:

I am shocked at the City's proposal to damage exisng plan ts, trees, and shrubs as well as turn residenal neighborhoods into public biking trails. And what a terrible waste of our money...yet somehow you can cut non-profit grants by 75%. Please start working for residents and not tourists.

2. Your contact informaon:

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(o) Yes

Thank you,

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