

AGENDA



3:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 COVID-19, SEATING FOR THE PUBLIC WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IS ARRANGED IN COMPLIANCE WITH CDC GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND IS VERY LIMITED. 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. **COMMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE 3:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO [SIRVINE@SEDONAAZ.GOV](mailto:sirvine@sedonaaz.gov) AND WILL BE MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL MEETING RECORD.** 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 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: 10/08/2020

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.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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
October 14, 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	2 hours
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, June 24, 2020
Exhibits	None

City Attorney Approval	Reviewed 10/6/2020 KWC	Expenditure Required	
		\$	0
		Amount Budgeted	
		\$	0
City Manager's Recommendation	Discussion and direction only.	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.

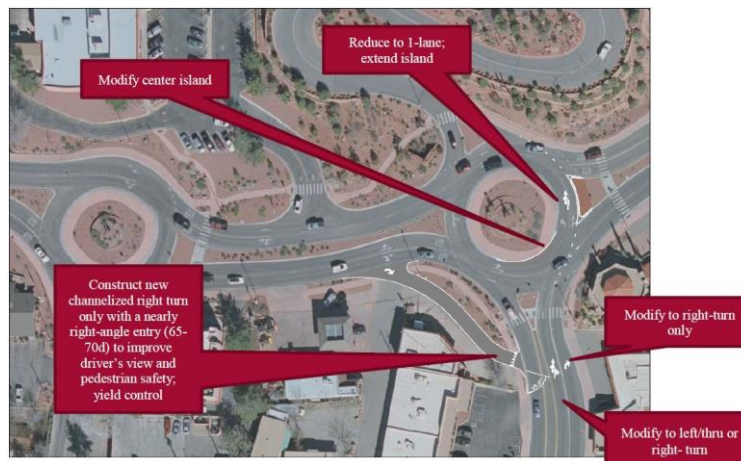
Public participation throughout the TMP and SIM project development has been a primary focus. Some recent outreach efforts include:

- 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 Owenby Way extension – October 2019
- 42 Monday Morning Meetups for SIM-1

Background:

SIM-4A, Y Slip Lanes

Analysis of the two-month testing of the directional signing and turn restrictions is now complete. After a thorough analysis of the data, the ADOT project team and City staff did not see enough of a benefit from the dedicated right-turn lane test and the slip lane modeling, to continue moving forward with the project as previously scoped. As a result, the proposal to put a slip lane from SR 89A from West Sedona to southbound SR 179 through the ADOT property will not be pursued, no lanes will be added or changed, and there will be no encroachment on private property. ADOT and the City of Sedona are continuing to consider modernization enhancements to the roundabout and adjacent roadway including signing, striping, and minor pavement rehabilitation to improve the efficiency of the roundabout operations. Staff will continue to look for ways to improve efficiency in this area in the future, as it is a known bottleneck during congested times. In the meantime, the temporary modifications to the roadway which were put in place for the testing will be removed in early October.



SIM-1, Uptown Roadway Improvements

Construction on the project was initiated on June 3, 2019, and the project was substantially complete on September 14, 2020. Artwork in the roundabouts was installed on August 30th. Significant travel time benefits have been realized for southbound SR 89A. Northbound delay continues to be an issue and staff is monitoring this condition and exploring possible solutions.



SIM-3A Uptown Parking Garage

At the February 26, 2020 Council work session, staff was directed to move forward with the north Forest Road lot location, utilizing a 3-level structure with 1 level subsurface. Property acquisition for these parcels has been completed. A Request for Qualifications was advertised in August for the design of the structure. 11 consultants submitted a Statement of Qualifications, and the top 3 firms of Walter P. Moore, Davis, and Gabor Lorant Architects will be interviewed on October 15th.



SIM-4C Pedestrian Crossing at Tlaquepaque

The design contract for this project was approved by Council on September 24, 2019. Project design and review has progressed from scoping to a 90% design development stage. 90% progress plans are currently under review by staff. 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 November, with construction starting in early 2021.

SIM-5A Portal/Ranger/Brewer Road Connections

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. Design is nearly complete for the Ranger Road connection through the Tlaquepaque parking lot and the City sewer lift station. Construction of these improvements is pending acquisition of the necessary access easement, which is under review by Tlaquepaque legal representation.

Staff is also now coordinating with Los Abrigados to provide a connection from their property through the City owned Ranger Station property to Brewer Road. Design for this project has just begun in early October and should take several months to complete.

SIM-5B Forest Road Connection

Design of the project was recently completed to the 90% progress development stage. 90% progress plans will be undergoing review by Staff, utility agencies, and ADOT. This review process is anticipated to be completed by end of October. The development of property survey mapping/descriptions to support the roadway right-of-way, as well as permanent and temporary easements for the planned roadway corridor is in process.

SIM-7/8 Enhanced Transit Service

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). At the August 11, 2020 Council meeting, staff was directed to proceed with accepting a Federal Transit Administration grant in the amount of \$132,800 towards the hiring of a transit administrator position. This position has been advertised and interviews are scheduled to occur on October 22, 2020.

SIM-10 West Sedona Signal Improvements

At the urging of City staff, the ADOT Northcentral district has begun 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. This project has been on hold and staff is awaiting further information from ADOT.

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.

The GO Sedona master-planning effort has also been completed. 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. Collectively, the vision for these paths is to brand them as the Sedona Trails & Pathways System or ST&PS.



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 that 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 information on budget/revenue impacts before these projects may proceed. 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 working on how to make the camera photos publicly viewable. Staff is pursuing other locations for cameras as well.

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.

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.