

AGENDA



2:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

NOTES:

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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:

- 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.

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

2. ROLL CALL

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS

LINK TO DOCUMENT =

- a. AB 2378 **Discussion/possible action** regarding the Sedona in Motion transportation program.
- b. **Discussion/possible action** regarding ideas for future meetings/agenda items.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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: 04/18/2024

By: DJ

JoAnne Cook, 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.

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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
April 24, 2024
Special Business**

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

Department	Public Works Department
Time to Present	150 minutes
Total Time for Item	180 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, June 24, 2020; October 14, 2020, February 24, 2021, June 9, 2021, October 12, 2021, January 25, 2022, May 11, 2022, October 12, 2022, April 11, 2023, August 9, 2023, December 13, 2023
Exhibits	N/A

Finance Approval	Reviewed CRW 4/16/24		
City Attorney Approval	Reviewed 4/15/24 KWC		Expenditure Required
			\$ N/A
City Manager's Recommendation	For discussion and possible direction only.		\$ N/A
		Account No. (Description)	N/A

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 the 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 a sense of place.

This presentation is Public Works and Transit Departments with consultants/contractors' current update demonstrating staff commitment to develop and deliver projects as efficiently and effectively as possible.

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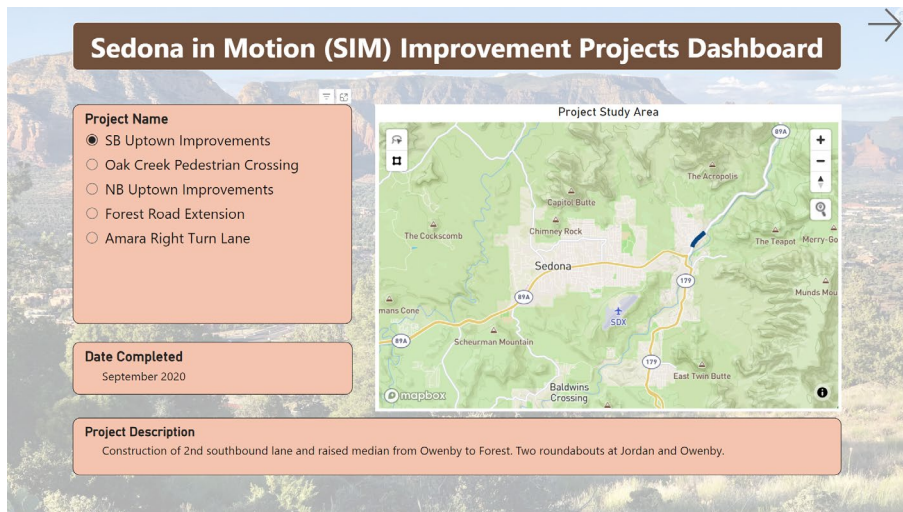
Please note, that the order of projects listed below is based on the order staff expects to present project updates during the council meeting.

SIM Projects:

City of Sedona Traffic Consultant, Andrew Baird with Kimley-Horn, will present an overview of the Sedona In Motion (SIM) Program with a focus on:

- Aerial imagery/videos of projects completed and under construction.
- Updates on the Data Dashboard
- Traffic Modeling (VISSIM), specifically NB Improvements and Amara Right Turn Lane
- Traffic Monitoring in Uptown (Camera footage from March and April)

DATA DASHBOARD:



VISSIM Model demonstrating overall traffic improvements:

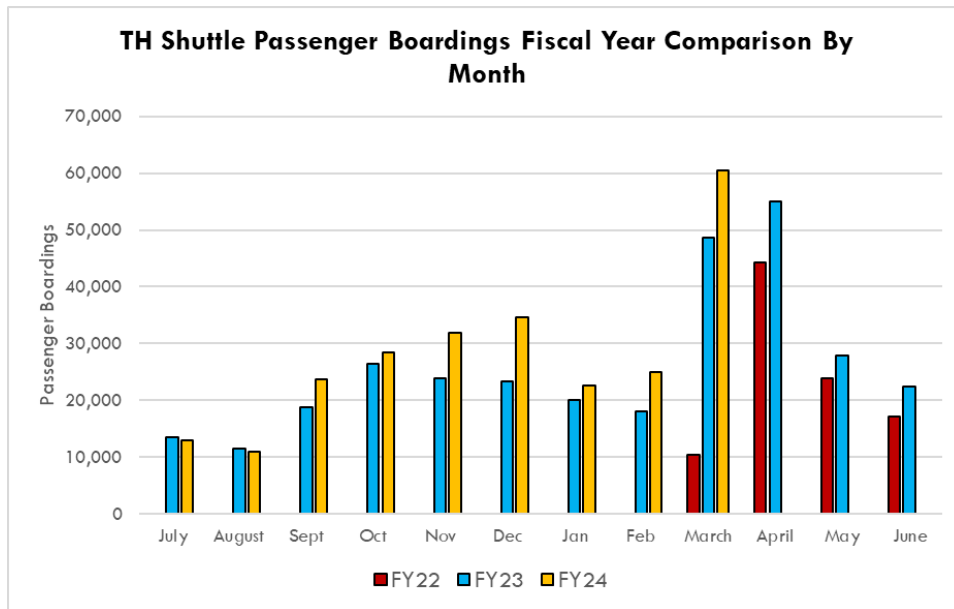


SIM-7/8 Enhanced Transit Service

Trailhead Shuttles:

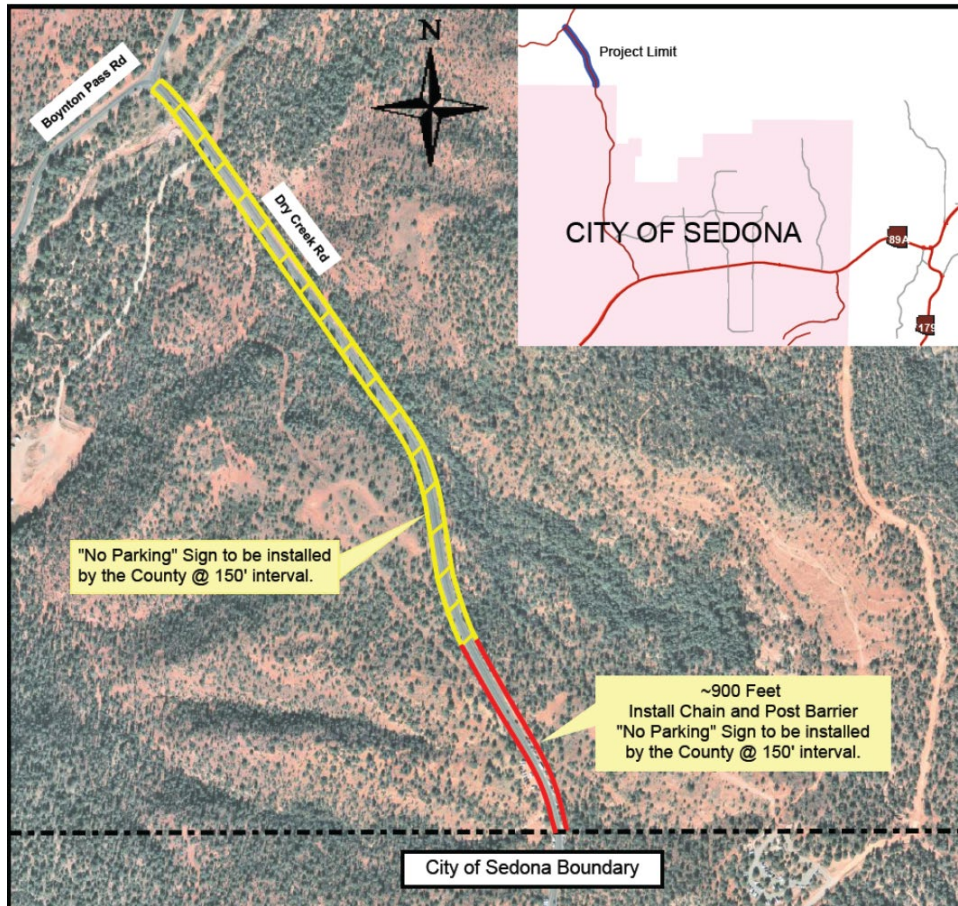
As of March 31, 2024, the shuttles have logged 655,963 passenger boardings since the service began on March 24, 2022.

Through March of this fiscal year, the shuttles logged 250,426 passenger boardings, which represents an increase of **22.66%** as compared to the same period last fiscal year.



Note: The service only operated five days in March of 2022 compared to thirty-one days in March of 2023 & 2024.

Expected Improved Productivity on the Routes Serving Dry Creek Vista & Mescal Trailheads: Following a two-year long effort to improve pedestrian and motorist safety along the unincorporated corridor of Dry Creek Rd, work began on April 15th to establish a no parking zone along that section of Dry Creek Rd. The project limits are within unincorporated Yavapai County extending north from the Sedona city limits to the intersection of Boynton Pass Road. The project consists of a roadside barrier installation for approximately 900 ft. on both sides of Dry Creek Rd., adjacent to the city of Sedona limits, and no parking signage for the entire length of the project limits at 150 ft. intervals.



With these parking restrictions in place, the public will be encouraged to use the trailhead shuttle system to access the trails in this area, this project is expected to further increase productivity on the lines 11 and 12 serving Dry Creek Vista and Mescal trailheads.

Sedona Shuttle Connect (Microtransit Demand Response Service):

Vehicle Update: The last of the five (5) long awaited Microtransit vehicles will be rolling off of the assembly line this month and it is anticipated that the first vehicles will be shipped to Phoenix for their final upfits within the next couple of weeks. Assuming the timelines hold, staff is optimistic that the new Sedona Shuttle Connect Service could be operational by July of this year.

Note: On November,9 2023, ADOT provided the city with a preliminary grant award for the purchase of one (1) additional Microtransit vehicle. Council approved acceptance of the grant award on January 9, 2024. Staff anticipates that the city will receive that additional vehicle in early 2025.

Project Title	Match Ratio	Federal	Local	Project Total
Microtransit Bus Procurement	85%	\$199,855	\$35,269	\$235,124

To date, the FTA has funded **85%** of the total purchase price of three (3) city Microtransit vehicles (50% of the Microtransit sub-fleet).



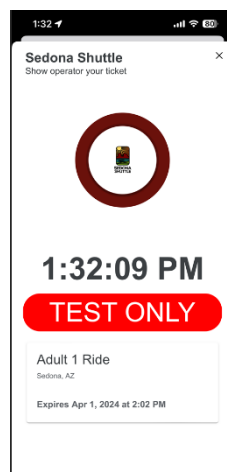
Microtransit Passenger Fare Policy: On December 12, 2023, the City Council approved the Microtransit Fare Policy, which is as follows:

Flat Fare Per Ride

Regular Fare	\$2.00
Discounted Fare*	\$1.00
Children 5 & under with adult	Free

* Seniors (60+), Persons with Disabilities, Veterans (with ID), Medicare Card Holders and ACCCHS card holders.

The Ap for the digital passes has been configured and tested. This feature will allow users to purchase their digital pass through the same mobile Ap used to schedule their rides:



Transit Maintenance & Operations Facility:

The site selection and NEPA analysis has been completed. Staff has finalized the draft RFQ to solicit a firm to begin the design and engineering of the facility, which has been sent to ADOT and FTA Region 9 for the second-tier review prior to publishing the procurement.



It is anticipated that the final design and engineering of the facility will be completed by the end of 2024 and construction could begin as early as October of 2025 - funding permitting.

RIDE Exchange:

The conceptual design of the RIDE Exchange was completed in FY23; however, final design & engineering will be delayed pending future decisions regarding transit operations.



Sedona Transit Advisory Committee:

The Sedona Transit Advisory Committee (STAC) continues to meet regularly to review the city's transit programs – providing recommendations through staff to the City Manager's Office.

Additional information about the STAC's membership, bylaws, meeting dates, agendas, and meeting minutes can be found at <https://sedonashuttle.com/transit-advisory-committee/>

SIM-3A Uptown Parking Garage

Following a 14-month pause and with the completion of a new parking study/analysis, the project design of the Uptown Parking Garage has resumed. The design by the consulting firm of Gabor Lorant Architects, Inc is nearing completion with an anticipated completion by May 2024. The Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) has been actively reviewing project plans, coordinating value engineering items with the Architect and city staff, and soliciting bids from prospective subcontractors to generate a final GMP for the construction of the project.

On April 19, 2024, the City of Sedona Planning and Zoning Commission, following a public hearing, voted to approve and Development Permit for the project. The 15-day appeal period yielded no opposition to the approval; accordingly, Community Development staff have issued final notice of approval of the project.

Staff have been actively engaged with utility providers to clear utility conflicts on the project site and at this time only one conflict remains and is nearly complete.

Schedule:

A formal schedule for the construction has not yet been developed; however, the construction period is anticipated to take 12-14 months to complete.

Budget:

The current overall budget for the Uptown Parking Garage is \$23.9 Million for the remainder of design, post-design, and construction.



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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10. Renewable Energy Generation |
| Horizontal Cedar Shingles | Public Seating | Unfinished Masonry | Pedestrian Seating | Damaged Wood Finish | Painted Wood | Painted Wood | Stone | Concrete | 11. Satellite Police Station |
| | | | | | | | | | 12. Bike Rental |
| | | | | | | | | | 13. Restrooms |

The stepped profile, with its submerged floors, gives the Uptown Garage a scale that is inviting, approachable and friendly.

Uptown Sedona Garage | Design Features



SIM-4C Pedestrian Crossing at Oak Creek



The project is under construction by J. Banicki Construction Inc. and currently stands at 60% complete. Construction for the past few months has focused largely on the completion of the overbank channel, retaining wall systems and gabion revetment along Oak Creek. Recent construction

Looking forward, the construction efforts will focus on infill work including the installation of electrical and water service facilities, concrete pathway, hardscape and art features (water wheel, medicine wheel, windows on the past), reconstruction of Tlaquepaque walls/archway, handrails, painting, and lighting.



Noteworthy items:

- Construction work of concern to regulatory permitting (FEMA Floodplain, Section 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act, Outstanding ESA & MBSA) has been completed to date in compliance with permit requirements. As the project enters the breeding season (April 15th through September 15th), additional biological assessments will be carried out in the riparian area to identify any flycatcher or cuckoo bird nesting areas and possible mitigation needs in compliance with the endangered species act.
- Arboricultural assessments, guidance, and oversight of the construction work in proximity to the trees is ongoing.
- Coordination with Utility Companies for adjustment and/or relocation of some facilities continues.

Schedule:

With permitting and weather delays the construction period has increased 142 calendar days from February 18, 2024, to July 9, 2024.

Budget:

The current remainder contract value is \$2,186,454 Million for Shared Used Path, utilities and hardscape and art features.

SIM-5B Forest Road Connection

The project remains under construction by Fann Contracting, Inc and is approximately 45% complete. Most of the heavy earthwork associated with the first quarter of the construction has been completed and the focus has shifted to the second quarter of the planned construction, which includes retaining wall systems and underground infrastructure, such as storm drainage, sanitary sewer, and some dry utility infrastructure. While the majority of blasting is complete, some minor blasting to support trench excavation for underground facilities is still anticipated.



The third quarter of construction beginning on or about July will focus on completing dry utility work, construction of new waterline infrastructure by AZ Water Company, flat work such as roadway grading, concrete curb and gutter, as well as sidewalks and driveways. The fourth and final quarter of construction will start on or about the end of November and focus on roadway subgrade preparation and finish grading, final utility grade adjustments, asphalt paving, landscaping, riprap stabilization, roadway signage and striping and all remaining work to complete the project.

The public relations firm BetaPR is providing public involvement efforts including notification flyers, newsletters, mailings, eNews, newspaper advertisements, project hotline, Web Page, etc. for the duration of the construction. To sign up for regular project updates send a request to news@forestroadconnection.com . The Project Hotline for questions or additional information is (928) 852-4164.

Schedule:

Construction has experienced some delay due to weather and is currently scheduled to be completed by March 2025.

Budget:

The current remainder contract value is \$7,686,209 Million for retaining walls, underground utilities, subgrade, at grade flat work features.



SIM 1B Uptown Northbound Improvements to SR89A

This project follows the SIM 1A project, which included southbound improvements that significantly reduced congestion in the southbound direction.

The SIM 1B project is the result of extensive data collection enabling the design consultant to update traffic modeling software simulating actual conditions, observed, and measured. Various improvement alternatives were incorporated into the model resulting in various recommendations to improve northbound travel.

These recommendations and the ultimate design and construction include the following:

- Widening to three northbound lanes, which diverge into a separately channelized dedicated left-turn lane to Forest Road.
- Extending two through lanes further north and merging the two lanes into one approaching the intersection. Additional signs and striping are planned to improve driver behavior, and gain efficiency, using the “zipper merge” concept. Public outreach with social media, bumper stickers, education, etc. is in process as well.
- The area north of the Forest Road intersection and leading to the existing Jordan Road roundabout has been modified to eliminate 13 on-street diagonal parking spaces that were causing significant “friction” with through traffic. Additional paid parking will be added on Jordan Road between Mesquite and Apple Avenues to offset this impact and reuse the parking kiosks. However, the area between the Forest Road intersection and the Jordan Road roundabout is still experiencing friction and even blockage of traffic due to the ingress/egress characteristics of the adjacent jeep adventure tour operation. City staff are coordinating with jeep tour staff and observing traffic conditions to develop strategies for better traffic operation and safety.
- Converting the existing loading zone north of the Jordan Road roundabout into a dedicated right-turn lane at Amara Lane.

- Enhancing pedestrian travel by widening the existing sidewalk to a 10' wide Shared Use Path (SUP) including a history walk positioned separately from the highway; and including improved aesthetics provided by landscaping and an adjacent seat wall.

Substantial completion of these northbound improvements was achieved at the start of this Spring season and the improvements have been operating for a few weeks now.

Schedule:

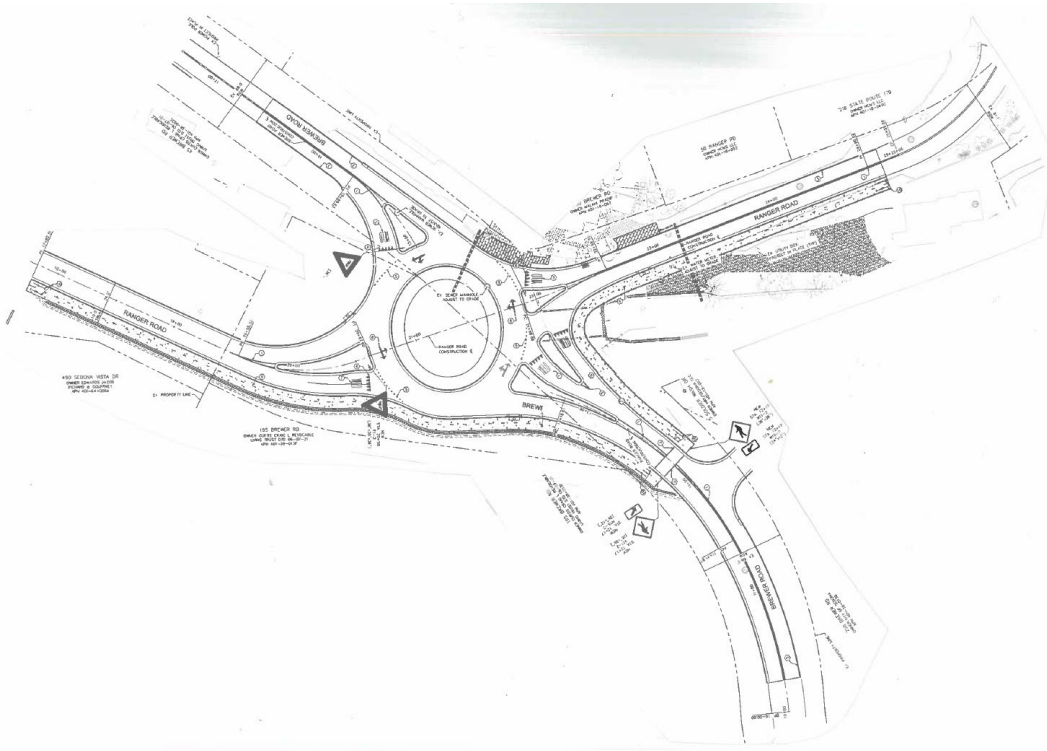
Currently at Substantial Completion and is scheduled to be completed by June 2024.

Budget:

The current remainder contract value is \$188,000 for pavement preservation work in Uptown.

SIM-5D Ranger Road / Brewer Road Intersection & Ranger Extension

This project includes improving the existing Ranger Road/Brewer Road intersection and extension of Ranger Road to the proposed Transit Hub location. The improvement of SR 179 has routed additional traffic onto Ranger and Brewer Roads. Also, traffic volumes are nearing the capacity of the Y Intersection. The current traffic conditions are not adequate for present traffic and need upgrading. Without improvement, future traffic increases would create safety issues, render the intersection ineffective, and create added congestion at adjacent intersections. The improvements will improve the efficiency of the intersection and accommodate potential transit improvements via a Ranger Road extension. The design is 100% complete with additional ongoing discussions to improve project value. As soon as these value-added efforts are finalized the design contract will be negotiated and presented to the council later this spring.



SIM-5A Portal Lane / Brewer Road Connection The intent of this improvement is to reduce traffic congestion along SR179 by directing vehicles from the Tlaquepaque parking lot to exit out to Brewer Road for West Sedona or Uptown destinations. Currently, a bridge over Soldiers Wash is the best alternative selection with concurrence from the Tlaquepaque partners to increase parking and traffic flow efficiencies. The parking lot redesign is complete with details of the bridge, and where the connection will align with Brewer Road, included in the Brewer Road / Ranger Road Roundabout project (100% complete). Discussions with adjacent businesses are ongoing.

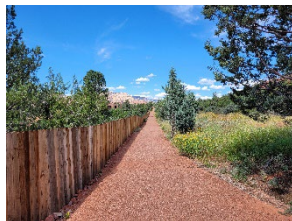


SIM-11 Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements These projects focus on improvements that can make walking and bicycling safer, more convenient, and more comfortable. The improvements we are currently pursuing begin the path toward a more bike-friendly and walkable Sedona. The GO Sedona master-planning effort has also been completed. This plan is 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.

Completed Projects:



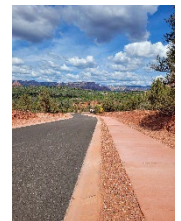
Bicycle Green Lanes



Dry Creek Ph1 SUP



Chapel Road SUP



Hillside Vista Estates SUP



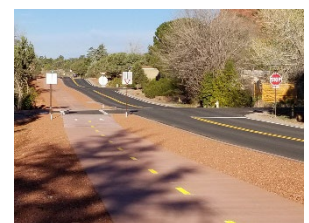
Posse Ground/Soldiers Pass SUP



Sunset Drive SUP



Shelby Drive SUP



Thunder Mountain /Sanborn SUP



Ranger Station Park Loop



Navoti to Dry Creek Ph1



Uptown SUP



89-B Route Map

There are now 5.0 miles of new ST&PS complete. Visit www.sedonaaz.gov/stps for more information on the ST&PS.

Projects Under Design:

- Harmony/Andante SUP
- Brewer Road (Grant received for design, in process)
- Navoti Ph2 (Submittal to AZ Land with APS support submitted)
- Shelby II (Grant received for design, in process)

Projects Under Construction:

- Forest Road SUP
- Dry Creek Road Ph2 – Two-Fences to Gringo Rd SUP
- Pedestrian Crossing on Oak Creek
- SR 179 – ST&PS Signing and Striping
- Posse Grounds Park (Loop around Pickleball courts)

SIM-6, Neighborhood Street Connections Neighborhood connections were put on hold in 2018. However, as of the 2020 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 has been on hold until Public Works has available staff time to pursue this effort, but the following question was included in the FY24 citizen budget survey and resulted in over 2/3 of respondents expressing opposition to the development of new vehicular connections:

- *The need for more neighborhood street connections is included in the City of Sedona's Transportation Master Plan and is also included in the emergency evacuation planning efforts. In the past, this initiative has been put on pause but with current concerns for*

increased safety and for resident convenience, the City would like to revisit resident interest. Do you support additional street connections in your neighborhood?

Yes 31.2%

No 68.8%

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. ADOT Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) upgraded all signal hardware and software this fall/winter to allow remote monitoring and improve traffic flow. TSMO continuing to monitor the system for optimization.

SIM-12, Traveler Information This ADOT project is 60% complete with plans, specifications, and estimate (PS&E) development to install the Dynamic Message Sign (DMS). Located on northbound I17, milepost 285.1, just north of General Crook Trail onramp. The 95% design and environmental clearance is scheduled for mid-June, 2023. This DMS is one of five other locations from Sunset Point to Flagstaff. Construction bids are to be advertised in December 2023. The DMS will display travel times to Sedona allowing travelers to choose SR 89A via SR 260 versus SR 179 prior to the Camp Verde SR 260 exit. The goal is to reduce congestion by actively informing and allowing motorists to decide what route to travel with current travel time estimations. This DMS installation is made possible by the State's rural broadband initiative (Digital Highways to the Digital Deserts).

In addition, traffic cameras have been installed along SR 179 near Tlaquepaque and Uptown that are used by staff to monitor traffic, weather, creek flows and TCA's. Currently two locations are being designed and scheduled for installation at the intersection of SR89 - Forest Road and Tip Top Lane. These additional cameras will have features to allow photo stills like ADOT AZ511 system accessed through the City's Website for the public viewing. The City Information Technology Department is working on how to make the camera photos publicly viewable. Staff are pursuing other locations for cameras as well. The city is continuing to monitor ongoing travel time information to gauge congestion frequency/duration, and gauge benefits of completed projects. In the meantime, all motorists are encouraged to use AZ511.gov for traffic and travel time information. Plan your trip, so you don't trip up your plan.

Climate Action Plan/Sustainability Consistent: Yes - No - Not Applicable

Strategies such as Transit and ST&PS aim to remove vehicles from our roadways and reduce vehicle emissions. Various other strategies reduce travel times which minimizes wasteful vehicle operations.

Board/Commission Recommendation: Applicable - Not Applicable

Alternative(s): N/A

MOTION

I move to: Discussion/possible direction only.