Mission, Goals & Policies

Existing Conditions Report Fall 2016

"Safe, walkable environments will be maintained through an interconnected and continuous pedestrian network with sidewalks and trails that are enjoyable places to walk. A bicycle circulation system compatible with existing motorized circulation routes and local neighborhoods will be provided. Residents will be encouraged to integrate walking and bicycling into their daily activities to promote a healthier lifestyle and improve energy resource conservation."

Non-Motorized Circulation System. To provide a high-quality non- motorized circulation system throughout the Town to meet the needs of residents, employees, and resort guests.

- Safe and Convenient Access.
- Comprehensive System.
- Linkages.
- Right-of-Way.
- Construction Program.

Integrated Bicycle System. To create and maintain a safe, comprehensive, and integrated bicycle system throughout the town that is accessible and compatible with traffic patterns, local land uses, and neighborhoods.

- Bicycle Circulation.
- Motorists, Bicyclists, and Pedestrian Conflicts.
- Bike Lanes.
- Bike Routes.
- Roundabouts.
- Speed Management Policies.
- Regional Bikeway System.
- Connection to Schools and Community Facilities.

Integrated Pedestrian System. Design a universally accessible, safe, experientially rewarding, convenient, and integrated pedestrian system that promotes walking, running and hiking.

- Interconnected and Continuous System.
- Streetscape Design.
- Safe Sidewalks.
- Pedestrian-Friendly Streets.

Regional Transit Services. To promote public transit services through the Town.

- Traffic Volumes.

Local Transit Services. To promote local public transit services in and around the Town and to local destinations for residents, employees, and resort guests.

- Local Transit.
- Special Event Transit.

Roadway System. To create a roadway system that will ensure the safe and efficient movement of people, goods, and services that supports livable communities and reduces air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

- Access.

Roadway Design.

- Community Design.
- Scale and Character.
- Aesthetic Standards.
- Landscaping.
- Dust and Heat Reduction.
- Noise Reduction.
- Right-of-Way Alignment.
- Right-of-Way Abandonment.
- Rights-of-Way Extents.

Visual Character. To create high-quality street rights-of-way that shall demonstrate the positive character and image of the Town, Visually Significant Corridors will be designated to provide visual continuity through attractive, experientially rewarding, and cohesive design elements consistent with Town Landscaping Guidelines. All other roadway rights-of-way will demonstrate high- quality landscaping elements consistent with Town Landscaping Guidelines while permitting a diverse range of treatments of individual properties.

- Visually Significant Corridor Program.
- Visually Significant Corridor Treatment.
- Other Right-of-Way Treatment.

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Things to Know Bike Laws

- Bikes can ride 2 abreast and no more. ARS 28-815

- Bicyclist have to ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, unless they are preparing to make a left hand turn, or if there is an object in the way and the bicyclist needs to go around it. ARS-28-815

- A person riding a bicycle on a roadway is subject to all the duties that are applicable to the driver of a vehicle (i.e. need to stop at stop signs and obey traffic control devices). ARS-812

- Bicyclists need to ride with the flow of traffic. ARS-812

- The same rules of the road that are applicable to driving a vehicle on the roadway are applicable to a bicyclist. ARS 28-812

- Bicyclists should not pass in a school zone and should stop when children are in a crosswalk. ARS 28-797 & ARS 28-812

- There is NO bicycle helmet law for anyone in AZ.

- A bicycle lane is designated for the exclusive use of bicycles and a person shall not operate, stop, park or leave standing a vehicle in a path or lane designated as a bicycle path or lane unless it is used to gain access to a public or private roadway or driveway. ARS 82-815D

- A bicyclists may ride on a sidewalk.

- The Paradise Valley Police Department issues citations and warnings to bicyclists that do not obey the law. The Department does not keep track of bicycle specific citations as they are the same violation code for both a bicycle and vehicle.

- Paradise Valley provides education on rules for riding a bicycle on the roadway at the public safety fair/bike rodeo and through flyers to bicycle shops and bicycle groups.

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