



Frequently Asked Questions

Proposed Lane Changes

7th Street, Peoria Avenue to Thunderbird Road

Q: Will these changes cause a traffic delay?

A: The city's traffic engineers analyzed the proposed lane changes and based upon their findings, we do not anticipate that this change will cause significant changes or delays for drivers. Recently, a construction project at this location restricted one of the southbound lanes for a significant amount of time. During this time, drivers did experience delays during the peak hours initially; however, this change did not cause significant backups in the area overall. These proposed permanent lane changes would produce a similar effect. The proposed lane configuration will still have the capacity to flow the amount of traffic that uses the street. The video presentation on the [project webpage](#) also addresses this concern.

Q: Why is the city considering this change?

A: The Street Transportation Department uses the [Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program](#) as an opportunity to examine the current lane striping on every street that is going to be re-paved. Fresh pavement is a blank slate and allows new lane striping to be added at minimal cost to the city. The city considers changing travel lane striping for a variety of reasons including safety improvements and the addition of, or improvement to, bicycle lanes. Changing lane striping can balance a roadway, narrow lanes to reduce speeds and allow connectivity for other modes of transportation such as bicycles. When a proposed change includes the removal of travel lanes or parking, public input is considered before moving forward with any changes.

Q: Will this street be re-paved?

Yes, this street will be treated through the [Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program](#) regardless of the outcome of the public input process for the lane changes. This treatment is scheduled for fall 2020 but is subject to change due to inclement weather or other extenuating circumstances.

Q: How can I learn more about this project?

A: Visit the [project website](#) and watch the video explaining the project details. You can also view the striping plans, maps and more at this site.

Q: How can I provide input on this project?

A: We welcome and value your input on the proposed changes! Please take the survey on the [project webpage](#) by August 31, 2020.



Q: Can you park or stop in the new bicycle lanes?

A: No, parking and stopping in bicycle lanes is illegal except in emergencies. There will be additional signage added to the project location as a reminder that parking is not permitted.

Q: Can you walk in the new bicycle lanes?

A: Arizona State Law does allow people to walk in bicycle lanes under specific conditions, including when a sidewalk is not present. For segments of this project, there are not sidewalks available, so walking in the bicycle lane would be legally allowed. However, while technically legal, walking in these bicycle lanes would not be recommended.

Q: Will these bicycle lanes be protected?

A: At this time, the city is proposing changes to the lane striping (paint) only. However, if this plan advances and bicycle lanes are added, the areas with buffers would be good candidates for vertical protection in the future.

Q: Do these plans include any crosswalks?

A: No, these plans do not include crosswalks or any changes to the roadway other than those outlined on the [project webpage](#).

Q: There will still be gaps in the bicycle network nearby. How does the city plan to address this?

A: The city is committed to installing and upgrading bicycle infrastructure. As additional pavement maintenance projects are scheduled, including nearby segments of 7th Street, they will be analyzed to consider the addition of bicycle lanes.

Q: My question wasn't answered – where can I ask additional questions?

A: Please contact the project team via email (bike@phoenix.gov) or by calling the project hotline at 623-825-3444.