

PROJECT UPDATE – JUNE 2022 Grand Avenue from Van Buren Street to 15th Avenue

The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department appreciates the community's participation and thoughtful input while it considered proposed changes to the section of Grand Avenue from Van Buren Street to 15th Avenue.

In February 2022, the department hosted a virtual public meeting to present its plans to repave and make updates to the striping along this section of the road. Comments from the community were virtually gathered after the meeting, and several in-person events were held near the project area to better engage with community members.

City staff used stakeholder input gathered during various outreach efforts and engineering judgment to select the final design.

PROJECT DETAILS

• There was one option presented for Grand Avenue from Van Buren Street to 15th Avenue, that included adding buffers to the existing bike lanes, using green paint to highlight intersections instead of the bike lanes, expanding the painted bumpouts at intersections and outlining them with reflective separators, highlighting existing crosswalks with a high-visibility stripe pattern at signalized intersections and adding parking spaces where the street was already being used for parking.

DECISION

- The proposal is moving forward as presented. A detailed <u>roll plot</u> illustrates the changes.
- There was interest and concern in protecting and safely moving the existing planters along Grand Avenue, especially the ones decorated with mosaic tile. The department is coordinating the movement of the planters away from the street to better protect the artwork. Additionally, the department will purchase more than 20 new planters.

WHAT'S NEXT

- This section of roadway is scheduled to be paved in June 2022 and striping work will follow. The new planters will be installed after the pavement and striping is completed. Timing for the installation of the new planters has not been determined. The installation is included in the project scope and will be completed pending production and delivery.
- Follow the project webpage for additional updates: <u>Phoenix.gov/Streets/GrandAve</u>.
- Questions about the project can be directed to 623-825-3444 or agranillo@gciaz.com.