



Smith Hub Infrastructure Master Plan Public Input Summary – July/August 2021

A total of 117 unduplicated survey responses were received.

I. Background

The Smith Innovation Hub (SIH) Infrastructure Master Plan will identify and prioritize infrastructure needs for the Smith Hub area. It will be used as a guide for both the City of Tempe as it budgets for capital projects and private developers as they bring new projects online in the area. Public meetings, online surveys, and comments help ensure the plan aligns with the community’s vision as well as previously adopted development and policy guidelines.

The plan will help identify area needs and will include specific projects, cost estimates and a prioritized list of short and long-term infrastructure improvements. Improvements could include streetscape, water, sewer, freight mobility, vehicle flow, lighting, active transportation and transit amenities.

II. Outreach

- A public meeting was held on July 30 at Hilton Garden Inn, 86 S. Rockford Drive with over 20 attendees.
- A video of the presentation was available on the website with over 70 views.
- An online public survey was conducted from July 30 through August 16 on Tempe Forum.
- Postcards were mailed to the project area of Town Lake to Apache Boulevard, McClintock Drive to Price Road.
- Emails were sent to stakeholders in the area that had previously participated in outreach.
- Project website included background materials and a fact sheet.

Below is a summary of digital outreach that provided information to the public regarding the meetings, project and opportunities for input:

NEXTDOOR

7/16 – public meetings: Reach/Impressions: 32 | Engagement: 0

8/10 – survey reminder: Reach/Impressions: 25 | Engagement: 0

PRESS RELEASE

7/16 – virtual public meeting: 2978 emails sent, 27.8% open rate, 3% click rate

7/16 – virtual public meeting, dedicated list: 27 emails sent, 65.4% open rate, 34.6% click rate

7/16 – public meeting reminder: 33 emails sent, 48.5% open rate, 24.2% click rate

7/19 – survey reminder: 3131 emails sent, 28.6% open rate, 4.2% click rate

III. Survey Results

How do you associate with the Smith Innovation Hub?

Comment:

1. Bird?

A lane for the birds

2. Business owner

As small business owners opening a new restaurant at Apache Blvd and Smith Rd, it's really important for us to attract as many customers as possible. We are writing to ask the City to support a protected bike lane from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd. Cocina Chiwas will be located at Culdesac and we are taking a big risk to bring a new restaurant concept to the Apache corridor. Our food will celebrate Northern Mexican cuisine - we have already gotten national attention with our existing restaurant concepts and we expect to attract people from all around the Phoenix Valley and the U.S. to eat at Cocina Chiwas. It's a car-free neighborhood. The more people who bike to visit our restaurant, the more customers we can have. The national visitors will also get to enjoy safely riding down Smith Rd to the Rio Salado trail to visit downtown Tempe. It's a win-win for everyone.

3. Business owner

As a business owner in Tempe, many of my customers are students and bike riders. I believe in making the streets safer for all bikers, and I specifically support a protected bicycle lane on Smith Road.

4. Business owner

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Smith Hub. This is a great location that will only get better with the improvements planned. To that end, it would be great to see additional bike lanes for easy access from neighboring communities.

5. Business owner
I am in favor of extending the protected bike lane south to Apache Boulevard and beating up the timeframe,... Please and thank you!
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7. Business owner
Son attending ASU
I manage an single rider electrical vehicle company. Most Arizona cities are doing a great job of increasing density within their city borders, but not a great job planning the transportation. I understand that infrastructure is fixed but it needs to be adjusted to help reduce congestion. Bike lanes and preferred parking for electric single rider vehicles would go a long way in helping cities address these problems.
8. Business owner
Work in the area
As a member of the pedicab industry since 1990, I have seen the numerous benefits to not just a bike lane in any given area but a protected bike lane. In real terms, we have seen substantial positive growth in visitors to that area along with a serious uptick in growth for the local business community served by these roadways. Creating a bike lane with the highest level of safety is crucial to making a statement about your City. I have seen first hand very strong decisions regarding visiting an area based solely on the acceptance of bikes. I welcome any questions you may have as we have seen both sides of this issue in the various markets we have provided service since 1990.
9. Business owner
Work in the area
Resident
Family goes to school in area
It's necessary & will only help community
10. Commercial Real Estate Broker
I am writing in support of proposing a buffered bike lane on Smith Road from University to Rio Salado Blvd. I believe this will create more safety for bike riders and create a road map for Tempe, AZ to be a safe place to ride your bike.

11. Friend
Please extend the bike lane along the full extent of Smith rd. in Tempe. Well structured and protected bike lines are crucial with the greater Phoenix metro area given the increasing population density in urban and city regions. This includes bike lanes on major arterial roads to neighborhood streets. The bike lanes being protected is an important aspect of these bike lanes. I would suggest vegetative buffered that function as water basins and drainage. Or shorter boarder walls that feature local art. There are ways to ensure the safety of all modes of transportation with addressing the social and ecological needs of Tempe.
12. Friend lives in area
Please & thank you.
13. Future Culdesac Resident
Hello SIH, Please consider creating a protected bike lane on Smith Road. As anyone knows paint and pylons really do not create any type of true safety and feeling of security while bike riding. Paint does not stop cars and trucks from plowing into bike-riders. Please take a look at what the Dutch have done. Thank you!
14. future resident
Greetings, I am a future founding member of Culdesac in Tempe and have signed my lease for a Fall 2022 move-in. I look forward to a protected bike lane on Smith Road that will extend to the light rail on Apache Blvd so that I can continue to live car-free, keep a low carbon footprint, and easily support local businesses. I have lived in many places around the world and two of my favorites have been Boulder, Colorado and Valencia, Spain particularly because they made being a bike commuter very easy and safe. It is not only great for health, but for community building as well. I plan to make Tempe my long-term home and I urge the City to start construction on the protected bike lane for its citizens as soon as possible.

15. Future Resident

Hi! I'm Trent, and I'll be a future resident at Culdesac Tempe when they open. As someone who doesn't own a car, protected bike lanes on Smith Rd from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd would make my life much easier in Tempe and let me spend a lot more time around the city and exploring local businesses. What you're doing with Culdesac is awesome, and I'd love to see more of it.

16. future resident of Culdesac

I am looking forward to experiencing car-free living when I am able to move into Culdesac in Tempe. When I lived and worked in New York City I commuted by bicycle. Most of the bike lanes I traveled there were not protected when I first moved there. But more and more protected lanes were built over the years. The safety they offered made biking much more stress-free and encouraged more residents to bike in the city. I think protected lanes will have the same effect in Tempe.

17. Grandparent of ASU resident

My granddaughter is a student at ASU. When asked if she would like a car or a bicycle she opted for the bicycle. She majors in sustainability and interns at Cal de Sac which supports reduced use of autos and higher use of bicycles. She lives her beliefs. How much safer she would be if there were more safe bike lanes in Tempe. She bicycles from her dorm to work, back to campus, to buy groceries, and to attend religious services. I am certain that once she graduates all of these bicycle habits will remain with her--providing she hasn't had any bicycle accidents along the way.I applaud Tempe for its current bicycle lanes, but urge you to do much more and sooner rather than later. These students will take their bike riding habits with them as they move into the world. Tempe can set the stage for sustainable transportation, even if in a small way, by providing safe, barrier enforced bicycle lanes. Bicycle lane barriers don't need to be an eyesore. Mural contests extolling the beauty of our desert landscape, while also supporting artist students can be beautiful.I am particularly concerned with the proposed Smith road bicycle lane proposed for 2026! How about tomorrow! Too often our politicians at every level make promises they don't have to fulfill because they date them far enough in the future to be the next office holder's problem. Show some commitment, built the Smith road bike lane now, with barricades to protect our young riders, (and the older ones as well), all the way to Apache Lane and more. I ask this as an Arizona Resident, as the grandmother of one ASU graduate and an ASU honor student. Don't put off until tomorrow that which can serve the community today.Respectfully, Dr. Adrienne Kirschner

18. I commute through this area by bike.

I'm very glad to hear about the bike lane on Smith Rd. Extending the bike lane from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd would make my commute safer and make bicycle riders more comfortable while visiting the area.

19. I frequent businesses in the area, and travel through those areas by bike and car to access other areas - including Marketplace Mall and 202 bike path.

I like the thinking I'm seeing here. Protected sidewalks and clear areas for bicycles are always a good idea. I also like the evening out of the lighting situation. Frankly, anything that can make the area more pedestrian / bike friendly and add a few landscaping features to help the land breathe seems like a good idea.Thank you for making the study results available. I'll be interested in seeing the prioritization/planning docs on horizon.

20. I live in Tempe and want to be able to get to Smith Innovation Hub without a car

Historically, innovation happened in places like Athens, Florence, and Rome. Places that were dense and walkable, and had diverse incomes and interests among residents. Smith road is not walkable and has very little residential density. Smith should have mixed use zoning and building height/density limits similar to or higher than Mill Ave. Getting to Smith via public transit or bike from my home in Daly Park or from downtown is not easy. Smith Innovation hub needs to prioritize protected bike and micro-mobility lanes, dense urban canopy, and . Smith also needs infrastructure that will prepare it for streetcar installments (which should NOT share space with cars) and possible future pedestrianization. The city should also expand the housing stock controlled by The Affiliate by building mixed use apartments in the innovation hub, and should find land where it could build more emergency shelter units for the city's homeless.

21. Landscape Architect

Tempe has always been a leader when it comes to supporting pedestrian and multi-modal access - let's complete the loop by implementing this plan!

22. Live in the area

Hello! So exciting for a bike lane to be constructed. I personally ride through that area often to work and school and a bike lane would help me feel so much safer and more confident on the road. Even better, the bike lane should be protected (not just buffered)!Further, the timeline of having it done by 2026 is just too far off. So many residents and employees that rely on this path could benefit from the safety and confidence a bike lane provides. Plus, an established bike lane is aligned with the City of Tempe's sustainability goals and could help set trends for more sustainable habits for our residents. To foster a sense of belonging and ownership, it would be amazing to have residents add murals and art to the barrier, sweat equity could really encourage the use of more bikes and less cars.Altogether, a great bike lane will encourage and happier, healthier, cleaner lifestyle for people and our environment, make Tempe more livable, and forge new connections. Please consider expediting the deadline to bring these benefits to life ASAP. Thank you! -Lior

23. My daughter attends university in Tempe and we are considering relocating there. My daughter lives in Tempe and bikes everywhere. We're considering buying property or living in the area. A safe reliable infrastructure that supports biking and walking are key criteria for us! The extended bike lane would attract us more strongly to the area. We'd like the bike lane to be protected (and not just buffered) and hope that the building would take place in the immediate future. Waiting for 2026 seems an unnecessary amount of time and far too long in terms of the change cities are capable of. The bike lane would make Tempe safer, more bike-able and more livable for everyone. And added bonus that would increase community member well-being would be to add murals and art to the barrier. We're looking forward to see what Tempe prioritizes!
24. Organization leader and urban/tree advocate I would like to see a protected bike lane on Smith Road that extends to the light rail on Apache Blvd. Protecting our cyclists creates more access and makes it safer for exploring the city and including placemaking like enjoying local art and tree installations along the way. Protected bike lanes mean more people being comfortable with cycling and therefore having an affordable and healthy way to commute.
25. Pedestrian Building a bike lane will make Tempe safer and should be done in a timely manner(NOW).
26. Potential resident I'm one of those workers who can live anywhere. I'm anticipating moving to Tempe soon, but a big part of the draw is being able to get around easily and safely without a car.
27. Property owner A good bike lane, better lighted walkway from apache to Rio Salado would help. Mixed use with some restaurants / amenities would be a better plan for residents nearby.

28. Property owner

I am very happy that focus, strategy and direction is being implemented in these recommendation. My comment is that one of the highest priority projects should be the sidewalk along McClintock between 3rd Street to Rio Salado. It is the front door of the SIH and it is used frequently. I would NOT like to advance the bike route/Street improvements extension in the Short Term unless there is a clear path to get through Tempe Marketplace to the lake. Bikes get tot he lake at the McClintock traffic light because there is no clear path to get through the marketplace. Defer this to the Long Term. I would prefer to have the highest priority shifted to lighting throughout the SIH rather than the partial lighting project as well as funding a marketing and placemaking branding strategy. Thank you for putting this plan together!

29. Property owner

The redevelopment of the Smith is a much needed and well encouraged change! As a property owner, I do have concerns over funding and timing of street and streetscape improvements. Most of the streetscape improvements revolve around adding sidewalk & landscape to where there isn't any. How is this intended to be paid for? Is Tempe going to take the lead and get crucial areas done or rely on developers to complete the improvements as they revitalize the areas? If it's the later, will the City of Tempe be contributing to these costs or will it fully be the responsibility of the developer? Additionally, will the City expect the developers to extend sidewalks and street scape beyond their development site or will sidewalks abruptly halt? If forcing the Developers to extend, is the City going to reimburse the cost of the extensions, is that going to fall on the current property owners or will the Developer be solely responsible for the cost?

30. Property owner
Business owner

Hello, I am the owner of a Tempe business and I'm writing in support of bike lanes on Smith. Specifically, my hope is that Tempe accelerates the construction of these bike lanes, extends them south to connect to the light rail station, and improves their design to meet best practices (ie allows safe use by all ages and abilities). These changes are essential for safety, fostering more economic activity in the area, and achieving Tempe's sustainability goals. Thanks for your support making Tempe an even better place to live and work.

31. Property owner
Business owner
- Hello - we recently relocated our business to Tempe and bought a house in Tempe. We are regular bikers and think it is vital to have a protected bike lane and Smith Road.
<https://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/news/2021/03/26/destination-arizona-wedding-dress-company-relocate.html>
32. Property owner
Business owner
Work in the area
- Dear City - I am in support of the consultant's short-term and long-term recommendations for the Smith Innovation Hub. I believe that the proposed street, lighting, storm water, and sidewalk project would greatly enhance the attractiveness of the Smith in attracting high caliber employment and mix uses. Its a special corner of Tempe that will only get better with time and with the City's help.
33. Property owner
Business owner
Work in the area
- Please proceed with funding this area is in need of care. it is a jewel in the Tempe portfolio of properties and unique in AZ
34. Property owner
Business owner
Work in the area
Resident
- I recently moved to Tempe and re-located my business from California to Arizona. We try to bike as much as possible, and protected bike lanes are very important to us and I think vital to Tempe as it expands. There is a huge need for a dedicated bike track on smith road. We are looking for a new place to locate our business and would consider moving to the Smith Innovation Hub if there was a bike lane.
35. Property owner
Property Management Co.
- A bike lane up Smith Martain Lane would be nice.

36. Remote worker

Smith Innovation Hub Team, My name is Molly and I've had the amazing opportunity be closely connected with AZ for the past 5 years by way of work. My current company is headquartered in Tempe and I visit often. I am continuously impressed by Tempe's innovation and most recently, the commitment to building a car-free city. To fully support this initiative, it's important to create a protected bike lane on Smith Road and extend the bike lane from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd so it reaches the light rail. In its current state, the Smith Bike Lane is very dangerous - there is little space for bikes and I've been forced to take alternative routes to avoid biking on the sidewalk (especially after the sun goes down). This commitment will encourage remote workers to spend more time in Tempe to safely experience Tempe Marketplace and the River Walk and ultimately support a viable car-free culture. I look forward to seeing and contributing to continued growth in the area. All the best, Molly By doing this, the city will keep people safe and attract more remote workers,

37. Resident

With a protected bike lane on Smith Road that extends to the light rail on Apache Blvd, we can provide equal access to safe transportation for all. As a Tempe resident, working in mobility with a partner who bikes often, this is particularly important.

38. Resident
- I am a resident of The Level at 901 Smith, and my backyard opens up to Smith. I don't own a car and I get around primarily by bike to Tempe Marketplace, the light rail, work, and other places around Tempe. Every day is more dangerous than it should be to bike around. There is racing on the streets, including on April 11, when I was awoken by a driver who crashed into the entrance of The Level. Also, cars pass aggressively on Smith. That is even though my class 3 ebikes go up to 28mph and the speed limit is only 25mph. I'm deeply committed to Tempe, as my family has been since my mom and my grandma went to ASU. My company, Culdesac, chose Tempe to be the city to launch our first community in, and we couldn't be more excited. People and business are relocating to Tempe because they're so excited for this lifestyle. But Tempe has a long way to go to be a world class biking city. The Smith bike lane can get us started. What would serve the community best is a fully protected bike lane, with bidirectional traffic flow on one side of the street, and with the lane extending all the way to Apache.
39. Resident
- I bike to school and work and don't feel comfortable on the current streets. Updated bike lanes are MUCH needed.
40. Resident
- I am currently an ASU student and community advocate for transportation equity. I recently attended a meeting on the Smith Innovation hub but I saw that the bike lane on Smith doesn't extend all the way to Apache where the light rail is, leaving a crucial hole in the connection of low income individuals on bikes to affordable, efficient public transportation. Please consider plans to extend the Smith bike lane Apache to provide equitable transportation for all residents of Tempe.
41. Resident
- Hello. I would like to express my support for a protected bike lane that would extend from Rio Salado all the way to the light rail. I bike this route frequently and I believe this would be a great help!Thanks,Lisa

42. Resident
This is incredibly important for Tempe to become a world class, forward thinking city in which people want to live and dwell. If we want to compete with the likes of San Francisco, Denver, New York and Austin, this needs to happen. Please make it happen!
43. Resident
I'm considering renting at culdesac for my company of 100+ remote workers so with a protected bike lane on Smith Road that extends to the light rail on Apache Blvd, I can make Tempe a destination for my remote team, while making Tempe a safer place for all riders.
44. Resident
For me as an avid bike commuter it is important to me that the bike path a fully protected and that it extends all the way to the light rail stop on Apache. I would also be good if there was some way to regulate speeding down Smith. There are a lot of people to drag race right on that road leaving tempe Marketplace. Also I would like to tender the thought of signage that states bicycles and pedestrians have the right of way.
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45. Resident
As a resident, I am excited for this project as it will play a vital role in the continuous growth and relevance of Tempe. It is about time the city makes a meaningful investment in improving our infrastructure. Other than business space, how will this hub be utilized by the public? I think this project has a lot of potential to attract tourist and Arizonans from other cities.
46. Resident
A protected bike lane would make car-free residents and students feel much safer. As a future college student, I want to ensure that this is a privilege that I will receive. I'd like to feel safe commuting and see the City of Tempe set the standard for how we treat bicyclists.
47. Resident
We need a safe transportation bike route between Escalante and Tempe Marketplace.
48. Resident
I think the community would benefit so much more by extending the bike lane from rio salado parkway to Apache blvd, and by having it protected with a physical barrier instead of just a buffer zone. This makes the streets safer for people on bikes and in cars.

49. Resident

A strong infrastructure for biking is necessary to begin an equitable transition to a sustainable city. I support the bike lane on Smith Road and the extension from Rio Salado to Apache blvd. I would love to see other principles of sustainability integrated into it as well. A protected bike lane to ensure riders' safety and the inclusion of local art would be great. The inclusion of green infrastructure would also help thermal comfort during summer months.

50. Resident

I applaud the City of Tempe for the visionary plan to develop the Smith Innovation Hub. I have been involved in economic development with the State of Utah for over 20 years and have seen firsthand what focused, collaborative development and support for innovation can do for a community. Salt Lake City has been transformed by the efforts of an aligned community supporting innovation and company creation, which in turn has significantly increased venture capital and the number of high-tech companies in the metro area, including high-tech, highly paid career employment. I think, over a 20 year period, the Smith Innovation Hub can do something similar for Tempe. It certainly makes Tempe an attractive location within the Phoenix Metro area. I realize there are many tradeoffs to be made in any plan and many constituencies to consider. I am committed to a future residence in Culdesac, a new carless community in Tempe. I will also be moving a small company when I relocate. The attractions are the Culdesac location on the light rail line and its commitment to alternative transportation, including e-bikes and shared car services. For me, one of the most critical elements of our living plan is the Smith Road route to the Tempe Marketplace. We have been to Tempe many times in the past few years -- our son was a student at ASU and is now an executive for DoorDash in Tempe -- and have explored the Smith Road corridor. It leaves a lot to be desired as a safe thoroughfare that encourages active lifestyles. There are huge redevelopment opportunities along the Smith Road corridor between University and Apache to provide walkable and bikeable neighborhoods for the people who work in the Smith Innovation Hub. A vision that does not include providing attractive neighborhoods for employees is incomplete and starts to be a handicap for the businesses you hope to attract. As the Smith Innovation Hub develops, it seems to me that what you want is a bicycle highway that maximizes the use of bicycles and discourages automobile and truck traffic. That highway is going to be Smith Road, and that it is right up the center of the Smith Innovation Hub is both practical and symbolic. It is symbolic, if it is truly dedicated to bicycles, that Tempe is at the forefront of developing coherent communities that feel and are "local," with residence, work, and lifestyle blending together. It is also practical in that it makes bicycles -- and anyone who has been to Amsterdam or Copenhagen can appreciate what mass bicycle transit has the potential to be -- a vital part of the plan. Buffered bike lanes

are about accommodating car traffic, not bikes. They are surely not as safe as a protected bike lane and they also tend to result in bicycles moving onto sidewalks and endangering pedestrians. We are talking about one street that shows a commitment and support for what is one of the most promising options for lowered carbon and healthy lifestyles, e-bikes. To not go ahead with protected bike lanes and a bike-privileged transportation corridor is a huge missed opportunity. I applauded how comprehensive the proposal is and whatever is done, it will be an enhancement to Tempe. It makes me even more excited about our planned relocation. In addition to what is proposed, I hope the Council can see the wisdom in two enhancements: (1) extending the Smith Road bicycle corridor to Apache to include what is going to be an important residential community serving the Smith Innovation Hub; and, (2) enhancing the commitment to the bicycle corridor by making the bike lanes protected, which is a commitment to privileging bicycle riders and encouraging the use of bikes by future residents of the area. We have already made a commitment to living car-free. Our next choice is whether it is safe and convenient to bike on Smith Road or whether we should plan to use shared car or car services to go to and back to the Temple Marketplace. With a committed bike corridor, we will be biking.

51. Resident

Dear Team, I am a recent graduate of ASU and will be living in Culdesac starting this summer. I am writing to you to show my support for a two-lane protected bike lane from Culdesac to Tempe Marketplace; specifically, on Smith Rd. from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd. I think a protected bike lane is very important to the Culdesac community given that no residents will have cars.

52. Resident

It would make everything safer

53. Resident

Dear City of Tempe, My name is Mary and I'm a future founding resident of Culdesac Tempe. What drew me towards Tempe (and Culdesac) is its promise for a car-free, human-friendly community to live. With car-free comes environmentally-friendly alternatives as a means of transportation-- bicycling around town is one of them. City of Tempe, I ask you to prioritize this: protect the bike lanes on Smith Rd from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd. We need two-way bike lanes connected to public transit to promote equitable transportation access for all people. Just having the painted yellow lines isn't enough to ensure road safety-- the bike lanes *need* to be protected. If Tempe's vision as a city is to become a leader in "urban living", then please prioritize the protected bike lanes as it adds to Tempe being a space where car-free transportation is safe and secure .

54. Resident

Make more bike lanes for us bikers

55. Resident

As a resident of the City of Tempe, I'd like to request that the new bike lane being built on Smith Road be extended from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd. This bike lane should also be protected (not just buffered), and the schedule for it's construction should be accelerated (2026 is too long from now). Thank you!

56. Resident

I want to be able to ride birds more places, if we can't ride on sidewalks we need somewhere to ride. Birds are innovative and useful for college students and anyone looking for a fun safe ride.

57. Resident

I have lived in Tempe, specifically Alegre neighborhood, and worked at ASU since 2012, and I am a co-lead for the Alegre Neighborhood Association. Biking has been an influential part of my experience as a Tempe resident, from commuting to work, taking my kids to preschool, running errands, and exercising. When the weather is nice, I love to take my kids on bike rides, and my 8 year old is able to keep up pretty well now – his record distance is 11.5 miles, starting from our house and traveling along the Rio Salado Bike Path. But as a parent, the joy of riding with him is tainted by the stress of accessing the Rio Salado Bike Path – which requires riding close to motorists who are frequently unaware of cyclists, especially children (to clarify, we ride on sidewalks, not the street). A side-by-side protected and separated bike lane along Smith Rd would be an ideal solution for safely accessing the amenities in North Tempe that we love (Tempe Marketplace, Rio Salado Bike Path, Tempe Town Lake), and would make northeast Tempe safer for all cyclists, not just families. The proposal to develop the Smith Innovation Hub and add a protected bike lane on Smith Rd is an exciting prospect for us in Alegre Neighborhood. For this to effectively provide equitable access to residents in Alegre and Escalante (and other residents south of University Dr), it's critical that the protected bike lane on Smith extends from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd to connect to the light rail and existing bike lane network. Apparently Smith Rd is getting significant attention this year, because our neighborhood proposal to add a mosaic to the standpipe at Smith/Don Carlos through the city's Neighborhood Grant Program was approved. You can see our application here for more details: <https://www.tempe.gov/government/community-development/neighborhood-services/neighborhood-grant-program/grant-allocations/2021-22-funded-grant-applications>. The mosaic installation will be complete by June 2022, and I am eager to see it coupled with a protected bike lane that distinguishes the neighborhoods proximate to the Smith Innovation Hub as attractive and safe places to live, work, and play.

58. Resident
- My name is Bobby and I will be moving to Tempe after I graduate next year in 2022. I was born in Mesa and grew up in Chandler. I am currently a student at Harvard College, and I have very much enjoyed the biking infrastructure around Boston, MA. While the streets of Boston are not as organized and grid-like as Tempe, the streets in Boston have great bike lines that are buffered from car lanes and make commuting by bike a lot more safe and pleasant. I love Tempe, but I dislike how living in Tempe (and Phoenix in general) makes car ownership a necessity. Driving is bad for the environment and I wish I could commute by bike or rail more often. Adding a protected bike lane in Tempe would be a great step towards diversifying commuting options and reducing car congestion across the city.
59. Resident
- I think it's very important for the safety of our citizens to get this project up and running!
60. Resident
- I would like for the bike lane to be protected (and not just buffered)
- to build it ASAP (2026 is just too long to wait)
 - the bike lane will make Tempe safer, more bike-able and more livable for everyone :)
 - add murals and art to the barrier
61. Resident
- I am commenting to request the city to prioritize a protected (explicitly protected, and not just buffered) bike lane on Smith Road, from University to Rio Salado. As a future resident of the car-less culdesac community I would hope that the city would prioritize future residents needs for safety and access. Protected bike lanes save lives first and foremost and additionally provide the access and peace of mind to residents who use alternative transportation. This is not just safety and access for car-less residents, but for current residents as well who are looking to utilize alternate transportation. A clearly protected bike lane (and not just a buffer) gives people the peace of mind and encourages them to make more car-free decisions. Thank you for your time and I appreciate your consideration for this request.

62. Resident
Hello! I am excited to be moving to Tempe soon to live and work. I want to live without a car so that I can feel like I am contributing to positive action in response to climate change. I'm writing to support the idea of a protected bike lane from Smith Rd from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd because I know from experience and reports how much safer protected bike lanes are for everyone including drivers of cars whose lives are ruined by accidents with bicycles that could be avoided. Thank you for your consideration.
63. Resident
Adding a bike lane sooner rather than later will make Tempe more bike-able and live-able for everyone. Adding protection to the bike lanes will also add areas for murals and other art forms to decorate the city.
64. Resident
Building a bike lane on Smith Road is a key part of making Tempe a more bikeable city. This road should be built as soon as possible, and there should be a separation barrier between the bike lane and the road to keep bikers protected from vehicles. Additionally, if the barrier could be decorated with artwork this would be ideal. Thank you!
65. Resident
I am writing you about the extension of a bike lane. The bike lane going in is on Smith Road and as an avid biker (I do not even own a car!) in the city I would love to see an extension from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd. Tempe/Phoenix does not just need more bike lanes but they need to be strategically planned out as well as having:--More protected bike lanes, not just buffered--this should be a priority. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL 2026. Tempe/Phoenix should be a bike capitol of the country because of our glorious weather and the fact it is so flat. We need to take priority away from cars and give it to bikes.-- Tempe/the world needs to cut carbon emissions and prioritizing PROTECTED bike lanes is a great place to start. We need to tap into the interested but timid demographic of people in regards to bikes.-- When the barrier is built, enlist local elementary schools to paint it so it is colorful and not an eyesore.

66. Resident
I would like to see a protected bike lane on Smith that offers more safety and security to bicyclists and makes biking more accessible to the community.
67. Resident
The bike lane along Smith Road is absolutely necessary. As an ASU sustainability major, I recognize the importance of increasing bike lanes not only to encourage sustainability but also so vulnerable and underrepresented communities are able to easily commute. Increasing public transportation along with bike lanes is the future if we want to ensure a safe environment for future generations. Many people might not be on board yet, but so many college students like myself would greatly appreciate the bike lane.
68. Resident
Hi! I'm the Environmental, Social, and Governance Reporting Manager at Republic Services and I'm really excited to have signed a lease to live at Culdesac in 2022. I'm so impressed with the city having embraced this car-free community and I can't wait to see how Tempe continues to support sustainable lifestyles. I'm coming to the area from NYC, where I ride a bike every day, and I see how dangerous it is for cyclists to be forced to share the road with motor vehicles. I've had my share of run-ins when there are no protected lanes available, and I want to save the lives (and, yes, insurance rates) of the people of Tempe. Now is the time to commit to the creation of protected bike lanes on Smith Rd from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd, to continue to support Culdesac, the community being build there, and the hundreds of housing units that come along with it. The promise of this bike lane will ensure a safe transit-way for Culdesac and the surrounding communities to get to Tempe Marketplace. Thanks for your support.
69. Resident
Let's make Tempe more bike friendly! This would help the community in so many ways and encourage folks in the area to use other forms of transportation and can also be used for recreation!

70. Resident

I'm very excited about the Smith Innovation Hub, and can't wait to bike to it! I strongly want the bike lane to be explicitly protected, not just buffered. Buffered, non protected bike lanes are not safer for bikers, and at times can be MORE unsafe for bikers because drivers pay less attention to the lane. I think we need a protected bike lane to help their goal of Vision Zero. With the recent Baseline biker death, this is all the more important and something important to implement as soon as possible.

71. Resident

This is a land locked area. This does not offer anyone to travel by bicycle from either north or south. Tempe Marketplace is a barrier to the Rio Salado/Town lake bike path in which you have to cut through the mall. There is an advantage that northbound cyclists can traverse from the Smith Metro Station, but bike lanes are sorely lacking from Apache Blvd. Very few cyclists will enter this area from University or McClintock. Being so this is too car dependent. Ideally any success regarding cyclists to visit the area for work or retail emphasis should be in connecting a major bicycle route north south from Country Club with an overpass or underpass crossing the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks to connect to the majority of Tempe residents. Also an additional pedestrian bridge to cross the lake to join up to Indian Bend Greenbelt which will attract Scottsdale residents. A truly innovative suggestion.

72. ResidentFuture Resident

Hello, my name is Elliott and I'm a future Tempe resident (I've signed a lease in zip code 85281 starting in 2022). I teach at an online school for computer science, and in the past I've also worked as a product manager and a software engineer. I currently live in San Francisco, but my significant other and I are moving to Tempe next year because we believe it will be a hub for innovation and an exemplar for cities throughout the US. I'm writing to urge the City of Tempe to prioritize a protected (rather than buffered) bike lane on Smith Road. Based on recent research (Marshall et al. 2019), cities with protected bike lanes had significantly fewer deaths and injuries compared to the average city. I was very impressed by Tempe's commitment to road safety for all road users, and I believe such a protected bike lane is strongly aligned with the ethical and data-driven approach outlined in Vision Zero. Furthermore, I'd like to urge the City to prioritize extending the bike lane south to Apache Blvd, so as to connect to the light rail. By connecting the bike lane network to public transit, the City can promote equitable access to transportation for everyone. Finally, given the significant benefits of these infrastructure improvements (as well as the significant costs if they're not implemented), I urge the City to accelerate the timeline for these projects so as to accelerate the timeline towards equal transportation access and improved transit safety. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to becoming a Tempe resident soon. Regards, Elliott

73. Scooter user

Bird is the word

74. Shop in area

As someone who routinely access the area around Smith Innovation Hub for certain shopping needs, I wish the area was more walkable and connected better to public transit, esp. the streetcar.

75. Tourist

When I visit Tempe, I use an eBike to get around to save costs and carbon footprint. It would be much easier if there was a protected bike line on Smith Rd, from Rio Salado to Apache. It would make my travel much safer when I visit. The bike lane should be on just one side of the road to preserve parking, and also allow artwork and plants to preserve/enhance the beauty of Tempe. Could we get this bike lane as soon as possible rather than waiting for a matter of years?

76. urban transportation expert

I am writing this comment as a volunteer urban transportation expert with Culdesac. I understand that the City of Tempe has proposed a Buffered Bike Lane connecting Culdesac to Tempe Marketplace and the Rio Salado multi-use path. I recommend that this proposal be upgraded to a Protected Bike Lane for the following reasons:

1. The residents of Culdesac will use the bike lane as their primary access to Tempe Marketplace. They will not have cars available in their residential community. Bikes will be a primary mode of access.
2. The plan developed by the City of Tempe does not address the connection from Apache Boulevard to University Drive. This connection is a key part of the Culdesac to Rio Salado scheme.
3. The City of Tempe plan does not discuss Protected Bike Lanes at all. What are the costs and benefits of Protected versus Buffered Bike Lanes? What is the effect of Culdesac's offer of \$100,000 contribution to the project costs, and what additional benefits could be achieved? These questions must be considered before going forward with this plan.

77. Visit often

Please protect the bike path. It's important that it remains and extends all the way to the light rail stop on Apache. Thank you.

78. visitor

If more shade was provided on Smith Road people would be more likely to travel between Tempe Marketplace and the light rail station. It's especially hot during the middle of the day and more shade would create a more walkable area. Half of the parking spaces could be used to shade both the vehicles and the east sidewalk in the afternoon. I would like to see some sidewalk improvements in the area so that residents can safely walk to Tempe Marketplace and future streetcar. I've walked the area many times and it doesn't feel safe sharing the road with large trucks, if the city wants to encourage people to live, work, and play, then you need sidewalks and trees.

79. Work in the area

Having bike lanes more prominent, abundant, and obvious protects bikers, pedestrians, and drivers by reducing accident and crash risks. It also encourages more green and carbon-reducing modes of transportation and increases walkability of the city. It also makes the roads less of an eyesore and increases attractiveness of the area.

80. Work in the area

I work along Apache Blvd (at Smith Rd.) and frequently take a combination of light rail and bicycle to work, in addition to biking around the neighborhood for lunch and simple errands. I write to advocate strongly for extending a protected bicycle lane south from University along Smith Rd. to the light rail station at Smith-Martin. This will be a key step in connecting the neighborhoods of Escalante and the emerging Smith Innovation Hub to the activity and transit of Apache. The connection to the light rail and downtown Tempe's boundless opportunities represent a valuable opportunity that can be unlocked through a true, protected bike line that the residents and employees along the Smith corridor can access. Tempe has gotten a great start, and speaking from the perspective of my business as a developer I know a well protected bike lane heading north from the light rail on Smith would make us even more interested in continuing our investments along the corridor. The road represents a great place for Tempe to take a bold step to creating real best-in-class bike infrastructure with a protected lane that continues to keep the city at the top of the pack ahead of other municipalities competing for the same jobs and employers that understand the value of deeply designed and connected bike and transit infrastructure. Thank you and I am hopeful to be taking a protected bike lane north from the Smith-Martin station in the coming years!

81. Work in the area

I live and work in Tempe, it's such a joy. Being close enough to bike my commute is been one of my favorite things about being here and I've gotten familiar with the roads. It would be a great service to the community if we had a protected bike lane. I often feel unsafe and frustrated with our roads and there's too many bikers getting killed, why wouldn't we be interested in protecting the lives of those who chose to ride their bike, the gov suggests people to choose alternative, healthier options rather than driving. Having protected, reasonably sized bike lanes, could really change things.

82. Work in the area

I am the Principal at Thew Elementary in the Tempe Elementary School District and have served the Thew community for the past 7 years. In my time working at Thew I've seen how important it is for the community, our families and students to have safe places to ride bikes to get to and from where they are going. Due to the large number of families that live within walking and biking distance of Thew we've held bike safety classes and even partnered with Phoenix Children's Hospital to hold a bike rodeo which focused on bike safety in the neighborhood. Having protected bike lanes on Smith would help encourage kids and families to safely utilize bike transportation. Our kids and families deserve to be protected and research shows these lanes do just that. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

83. Work in the area

I love riding my bike around Tempe, but there are various areas that are not as rideable as others. I think extending the proposed bike lane on Smith road would significantly increase the amount of bike use in the area, this decreasing car traffic and the negatives associated with it.

Some ideas for the extension include:

- Make the bike lane protected (and not just buffered)
- Build it ASAP (2026 is just too long to wait)
- add murals and art to the barrier

The bike lane will make Tempe safer, more bike-able, and more livable for everyone.

84. Work in the area

Putting in a bike lane it will be an added benefit to the neighborhood.

85. Work in the area

I bike to work to Tempe High Five days a week.

86. Work in the area

I live in Scottsdale, and I commute to Tempe by bicycle to work just south of the Smith Innovation Hub. I commute via the Greenbelt, and it's an idyllic. It has tons of greenery and the notable absence of cars. I feel happy and safe. It's the best way to start the day. When I reach Tempe, I start to get a slight feeling of dread - since I have to share the road with cars at fast speeds. While it is delightful to ride along the Rio Salado multi-use path and use the McClintock underpass, I then have to cut south at Tempe Marketplace to reach my destination. There is no protected south-bound bike lane, and it's scary. I commend the City of Tempe for the tremendous planning and hard work that has gone into the Smith Innovation Hub Master Plan. There's a huge opportunity to make the Smith Innovation Hub a center for economic growth for Tempe, and attracting new jobs and residents. While the proposed bike lane would be an improvement to the current state of Smith Rd, it doesn't go far enough. I'm writing to ask the city to extend the proposed Smith Bike lane south to Apache Blvd. This is not only where I work, but also where more than 1,000 residents will be moving into Culdesac as my neighbors. As a car-free neighborhood, we have an opportunity to make Smith Rd a bicycle highway for a new generation of Tempe residents who will bike to their jobs and support local businesses. Ten customers who arrive by bike can fit into a parking space of one customer who arrives by car! Furthermore, a connection to the light rail is essential for transportation equity. The City of Tempe Smith Innovation Hub Master plan states that the Escalante and Alegre neighborhood residents use transit and bike 1.5x the rate of others in Tempe. It will be very important to provide safe passage to the Smith-Martin/Apache light rail. I urge the City of Tempe to consider a protected bike lanes as the safest mode of transportation for cyclists and pedestrians, which are proven to result in fewer deaths and serious injuries. Research shows that painted only bike lanes provide little to no improvement on road safety. We can do better, and we must do better. Finally, I am concerned that the current plan removes parking, which has been noted by many neighbors as a key feature to supporting a bike lane on Smith Rd. The ideal design would have two car lanes, a parking lane, and then a protected barrier (perhaps a planter with local art) to separate a two-way cycle track on one side of the road with fewer intersections. This is the safest, most efficient design that preserves parking. While I realize funding is limited and

needed for many important initiatives led by the City of Tempe, the timing could not be more critical to start the Smith Bike lane as soon as possible. The infrastructure investment of the Smith Bike Lane will have many positive ripple effects for the Smith Innovation Hub: a) It will attract start-ups and companies who seek to attract employees looking for a more active lifestyle; b) It will be a destination for tourists and residents for daily commutes and weekend rides; c) It can be combined with other plans, such as the Gateway Entrance project with local art on the bikeway. There's an entire community ready to get behind it and support this effort - the time is now to harness this energy and momentum to keep Tempe residents safe, and to put Tempe on the map for world-class bicycle infrastructure.

87. Work in the area
As a student and employee at ASU, I have a vested interest in the safety of the area. With better bike infrastructure, commuters like myself would be more likely to bike rather than drive in Tempe. This would contribute less pollution in Tempe, which is a win-win. I believe the proposed bike lane is a good start, however it could be improved by extending it from Rio Salado to Apache, protecting the bike lane instead of simply buffering it, and adding public art to the buffers. This will make Tempe a safer and healthier place to live and work!
88. Work in the area
The city of Tempe should extend the proposed bike lane from rio salado to Apache blvd!
Examples of why this would be good / should be done:
- the bike lane should be protected (and not just buffered)
- please build it ASAP (2026 is just too long to wait)
- and the bike lane will make Tempe safer, more bike-able and more livable for everyone
- also add murals and art to the barrier
89. Work in the area
I would feel better going to and from classes if the bike lane was protected instead of buffered.
90. Work in the area
I almost get ran over daily
91. Work in the area
I volunteer at the Escalante Garden and I have always found bicycling in Tempe to be a bit risky. I think that a designated bike lane on Smith would be a great move towards making cycling in Tempe safer.
92. Work in the area
for the bike lane to be protected (and not just buffered)
to build it ASAP (2026 is just too long to wait)
the bike lane will make Tempe safer, more bike-able and more livable for everyone :)
add murals and art to the barrier

93. Work in the area
I work near Apache and Smith and have friends that live on Smith just north of University so I frequent the area often. As an individual trying to do my part to curb traffic and pollution, I often get around by bike and scooter. As a mother who wants to get home to her family each day, a protected bike lane on Smith would allow me to feel safer when biking to work, meetings, coffee chats, and friends' homes all in the area. As the head of HR for our business, adding better and safer connection for Smith to the incredible amenities at Tempe Marketplace and surrounding area will help us attract and keep talent in the area - the sooner the better. Thank you for your consideration and efforts.
94. Work in the area
Hi, My name is Michelle and I come to the Tempe area for work pretty frequently. I love biking in Tempe but not having a protected bike lane on Smith road makes it difficult to feel safe while biking around the cars that are passing at high speeds. It would be great to see this built as soon as possible. I have a lot of friends moving to Tempe and see a lot of cool companies moving to Tempe. I think all of them, and myself as a business traveller, would benefit from a bike lane that allows people to get around easily.
95. Work in the area
Please make a protected bike lane as soon as possible! Biking can not only help Tempe reach its climate goals, but also promote public health and build community. Bike infrastructure can make biking safer, more popular, and more accessible. We need a protected bike lane to extend from Rio Salado to Apache to make this happen.
96. Work in the area
Please extend the bike lane on Smith road from Rio Salado to apache blvd. ASAP! The bike lane is currently unprotected and this addition would help Tempe be a safer more enjoyable place to live.
97. Work in the area
I believe a protected bike lane on Smith, and not just a buffered one, will be so important to the safety of people on the road. Having biked down this road myself tons of times, it really just felt so unsafe and dangerous with cars rushing past me. I would hope this experience can be improved to promote more bike usage in Tempe!

98. Work in the area
As someone with a friend who was hit by a car while riding a bike, I deeply understand the value of protected bike lanes and I urge the city of Tempe to prioritize it as well. I bike through Smith frequently and would feel so much safer in a protected bike lane that is distinctly separated from passing cars.
99. Work in the area
Please install a protected bike lane between Culdesac and Tempe Marketplace: my partner and I plan to move to Culdesac, and both of us plan to bike to Tempe Marketplace. But biking safely is vital: only protected bike lanes really work. I know because I currently live in Scottsdale, and the routes from Old Town Scottsdale to Tempe are perilous; I've ridden them anyway, but would rather not risk life to do so.
100. Work in the area
I'm an ASU student that lives in the area and works in the Smith innovation hub. I'm proudly car-free and bike everywhere. The most efficient way to get to work for me is on Smith road between University dr and Apache. A protected (not just buffered :)) bike lane would not only improve my safety in Tempe but my happiness to live and work here. Please extend it from Rio Salado to Apache (because business yo!) and construct as soon as possible so more residents and visitors can be safe, be happy, and enjoy the area
101. Work in the area
This project would be a great improvement to the area!! Please approve!
102. Work in the area
As someone who bikes Smith Rd 4-5 times per week, Smith is the best way to get to Tempe Marketplace and the Rio Salado Pathway from Apache. And all the people who would use the Smith bike lane live south of University in the Escalante community.

103. Work in the area

I want to see a protected bike lane on Smith from Apache up to Rio Salado. I work and live in the area and there's no good way to bike north to Tempe marketplace, where I like to go frequently for shopping and movies. It's very unsafe biking up McClintock and Smith and I know one day I'll get hit by a car on these dangerous roads. It's sad that a resident needs to feel unsafe just trying to get from point A to B because the city won't prioritize safe infrastructure for residents using all types of mobility options, not just cars. Please put in a protected bike lane, it will increase business to the area and will create a great way to access the Rio Salado bike path

104. Work in the area
building tenant - small business owner

we are on the S. side of rio salado, right on rio salado pkwy. the plan shows mixed use here. mixed use is putting a priority on residential. there's zero residential here. what is going to happen to the existing buildings? are they going to forced into residential? any residential here is just asking for trouble. tempe is allowing residential as fast and as high up as it can go all around this area. putting residential right up against commercial, industrial and manufacturing is going to make for owners/renters who were sold this cherry pie and got a mud pie. would you like to live right next door to a CNC shop that runs their machines 24/7? or a shop that manufactures long strips of materials and has 53' long bed trailers pulling in and out, lining the street all day? this is what your saying in your plans.....leave it as is and put in your pretty lights and sidewalks and leave it an industrial/commercial area tempe needs centrally located.

105. Work in the areaFrequent Visitor

The sheer safety mathematics of an automobile versus...anything that isn't an automobile...constitutes one of the purest cases of demonstrable willful bliss in our wheeled society. No one should be at a severe disadvantage for electing a human-powered mode of transportation. Imagine that — to have an entire region primarily built in a way that is literally hostile to people. We did this. We own this disaster. We fix it. We must, instead, at a granular level, commit to a different way, block by block, to replace inertia and ignorance into a less destructive and dangerous transportation future. So, friends, leaders, and even the morbidly curious, we ask for three simple small steps to demonstrate this new commitment to human-centricity in the Smith Innovation Corridor: First, for the love of Salt, give us a protected bicycle lane on Smith Road. Can we have a planter? No planters available - too expensive in the post-pandemic supply chain? Alright then, what about bollards? No bollards available? Bollocks! Okay, how about pavement stoppers (doled out like candy in parking lots to save cars from other cars)? Yes! Save bicyclists... from cars...by threatening massive wheel or substantial undercarriage damage, and enough friction to slow a vehicle from a lethal 40 to a slightly-less-lethal 35? No pavement stoppers in the budget? Fine, give us hideous plungers that provide the illusion of protection. It's still better than a simple strip of reflective paint that merely 'implies' a barrier, provided your vehicle is even low enough to see it (...looking at you, literally any SUV)!Secondly, extend the bike lane from Rio Salado Pkwy. to Apache Blvd. so it reaches the light rail. Multimodal is what that federal funding was for -- don't be the butt of every train joke visitors to our city might crack because it's a cute use of perhaps 20% of our interagency budget to expand and maintain over the next decade [fact check me here, I might have invented this percentage]. This is one of those things that's been kind of ignored so long -- like the seam in the ceiling that bubbles once-a-monsoon, or the downloads folder on your MacBook. Complete the square, cross the "T," or mind a "p" and "q," just do the thing. Finally... start yesterday, not 2026. We can bikeshed all day; the best antidote to planning paralysis is actually doing the thing. Let's do the thing. Thank you.

106. Work in the area
Resident
- I would really like to see a protected bike lane and for it to go all the way south to the light rail (extended from Rio Salado to Apache Blvd) as I am a student in the area and rely on riding my bike to get to school and work. I think a protected bike lane would really benefit students and other individuals that live in the area.
107. Work in the area
Resident
- With a protected bike lane on Smith Road that extends to the light rail on Apache Blvd, we can provide equal access to safe transportation for all. Bike lanes are greatly beneficial in making sure everyone has access to transportation and can help remove cars and lower emissions city wide.
108. Work in the area
Resident
- This is a major issue that needs to be dealt with and I believe that putting up the safety bike lane would keep the place safe and make a lot of students feel more comfortable living here.
109. Work in the area
Resident
- As an ASU student that often uses bikes as my primary form of transportation, I feel a protected bike lane from the Apache light rail to Tempe marketplace could be incredibly beneficial to the community. I have to commute to the marketplace for groceries, school supplies, work, ect but often feel unsafe due to the lack protection for bikers. If the bike lanes were protected I would feel much safer and would commute more regularly.
110. Work in the area
Resident
- So you give me the oprotunity to talk about my opinion regarding this smith development yet as soon as a minute is up from not typing but in stead I'm having to be interrupted by someone. I go back to continuing and nothing is there everything I just spent the last half hour confiding in you my independent view not once but twice now this is the third time but this time i will give you the clift note version. Governments, since George Bush Jr. And the 2007 recession there was a lot of steps taken to pull our nation financially out of what very well could have been a depression instead a recession. But measures were taken to prevent it from happening. Due to predatory lending and the government over site in the methods in which citizen's were being allowed to qualify based on there net income and either didn't explain clearly or the buyers understood and felt the could make the balloon payment. Unfortunately a large majority of the people that purchased

homes.during that time lost their homes. Causing the recession. Now covid caused our unemployment to sky rocket. So to combat the unemployment trend jobs had to be made this come in the play. Real estate. Think of every thing that goes into building homes in the form of condos which some will have the first floor retail shops and restraunts to make it your personal Utopia. Well the unemployment rate dropped every thing needed to build a nice new looking condo from fasteners to appliances . so they started building all over the united states and they all started seeing recovery in the economy and the employment sector. Banks and lending institutions are all for it money flowing threw the economy ,however, what happens when the building construction starts wrapping up. Suppliers start laying off construction workers start getting laid off money isn't flowing threw the economy and contenuies to become less. And less. Because most every one has a home they own probably 25% of the population rent and can't qualify for a mortgage loan so now.we have all of these butiful state of the art dwellings to believed in. Not getting sold this going on all over the united states. Now the lenders and finantial institutions are not getting the return the were expecting 2hich means their invewters are not seeing the yield on their investment and its unexceptible and some are seeing losses in their investment. People who had the means to purchase the propertiesnthat were sold now whatch the value of their homes aplumit but still obligated where they paid 400,000.00 now their being sold for 25 pecent of wha5 they originally paid for.it. so now you have people u0s8de down and guess what people DEPRESSION OUR ECONOMY IS GOING TO COLLAPS. SO THAT IS WHAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU. ENJOY IT WHILE IT.LAST OR TAKE MEASURES IN STOCKING RATIONS WEPONS AND HYDRATION EQUIPMENT. ALL THE BOOKS YOU CAN FIND ON LIVING OFF THE LAND AND HOW TO BUILDNSHELTER.DRY OUT MEAT AND SO ON be cause THIS FALSE UTOPIA. IM SORRY TO SAY IS THE BEGINNING TO THE END. AND THATS MY OPINION AND BELIEFE. BUT HAY TRUMP PULLED US OUT OF A POSSIBLE RESESSION AND bidden doesn't have a clue and you people are to foolish to believe this may and I give it a 75 % reality in the happening of our financial and ways of our life as we know.it.

111. Work in the area
Resident
Dedicated bike lane please
112. Work in the area
Resident
Make Tempe a bike-able city! I bike to work every day, and everyone I know is progressively getting more into biking in general. Anything the city can do to foster this transition will help residents be safer and happier, help small businesses generate foot-traffic, and reduce city-wide pollution and smog :)
113. Work in the area
Resident
I currently work in the area near Apache and the 101 and I have either lived in/attended school/worked in Tempe my entire life. I love riding my bike, just a couple years ago I averaged about 30 miles of biking per day. In November of 2020, just days before Thanksgiving, I was biking to work (in Tempe) and I was hit by a driver running a red light on a Ford Expedition. I can attest that if there is no physical barrier then space and air is not sufficient enough to stop a 5000lbs SUV going 20-30 mph. I encourage the City of Tempe to build a protected bike lane on Smith Rd that has a physical barrier. The barrier should be more meaningful than the bike lanes on 3rd avenue in Phoenix so that it can actually protect bicyclists (see this article <https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/news/phoenix-3rd-avenue-bike-lane-bollards-damaged-by-car-drivers-11563192>). The motorist damage is sufficient evidence that Arizona is in dire need of better bike infrastructure as a whole - this physically protected bike lane improvement on smith road are a great way to pave the way forward. From my experiences biking in Spain and France, I saw more instances of 2 way bike lanes on one side of the road. While I think the research on the effectiveness of 2-way or 1-way protected bike lanes is still too indecisive, I had my favorite biking experiences on 2-way bike lanes. When well designed as in my experience in Barcelona, unique traffic control measures leveraging the 2-way design allowed for a safer biking experience alongside vehicles and pedestrians from my perspective. I imagine this would be more cost efficient to build a single meaningful barrier than 2 separate ones. It would be best in my opinion to construct this as soon as possible, especially to incentivize more development less reliant on cars in that area and encourage more similar bike lanes throughout Tempe.

114. Work in the area
Resident
- Please do a bike lane extension, protect the bike lane, add art, and build it ASAP
115. Work in the area
Resident
- It's important to me that the Smith Innovation Hub is safely accessible by bicycle. Separate bicycle facilities make things less stressful for cars and bikers alike, and the road is currently wide enough to accommodate a protected bikeway, parking, and car traffic. If we follow the proposed layout, trucks will just park in the bike lane and make it more dangerous and confusing for everyone.
116. Work in the area
Resident
- I live and work along near the Smith Innovation Hub and regularly use it as a bike route to light rail, to Tempe Marketplace, and to Tempe Town lake paths. Many of my friends and community members in Escalante use it as well, and we'd love to have a safer route to access all these amenities! This is an issue of transit equity and amenity access, as I know many families with children and elderly who use this route. Thank you for considering this!
117. Work in the area
Resident
As co-chair of CVAC and interested in how our area develops
- The residents of North Tempe have been asking for north-south bike lanes on Dorsey & Smith for more than 20 years. Protected bike lanes should extend from Rio Salado south to Apache at the least, with plans to create bike pathways further south past the rail tracks. This will help spur greater development, bike safety (and therefore greater bike use), and truly make Tempe more livable. Such bike lanes help us become the 15 minute city and with Tempe's Vision Zero resolution. I also live in Hudson Manor and my family really struggles with the lack of bike pathway to get to Tempe Town Lake. We would ride our bikes more if these north-south pathways existed. Therefore I am very much in favor of the proposed bike lanes on Smith, and want to see that plus what I mentioned above.