

Transportation Master Plan Update, Dec. 2017

We're moving into a new phase – the implementation phase – of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The plan itself is undergoing final edits and direction from City Council on what projects should be the focus over the next couple of years has been given. A finalized version of the TMP will be available in December and will be posted online at www.SedonaAZ.gov/SedonaInMotion. From this point forward, any time you see the tagline, Sedona in Motion, and associated logo, it will be associated with information about TMP projects and/or activities.



Refer to my last email for the direction from City Council on each strategy but generally speaking, projects that will help address congestion in Uptown will be the initial focus moving forward, with more on that below. The way projects will be identified and moved forward after these initial projects, will be through our budgeting process, in which every year, we look several years out and estimate which projects will be done when, and of course how much they will cost. We put together a document that outlines the city's projected budget and it needs to be approved by City Council.

After we have worked with staff and our Citizen Budget Work Group to develop a draft of our budget with transportation projects scheduled, we'll open up the draft for public comment so that residents know what projects are planned several years out, and have an opportunity to comment before it gets considered and ultimately approved by City Council. Also as a side note, when looking at several years in the future, those projects are not absolute and have a lot of variables that affect the project being brought into fruition including partnerships, funding opportunities, etc. The budget that is approved is our best estimate of when projects will occur.

When this draft of the budget is open for public comment, it will be posted to the Sedona in Motion web page and a press release will be written, so look for that information in late winter/early spring.

Status on Potential Upcoming Projects

The City will solicit requests for qualifications in December for design and engineering work on Phase One of Uptown Traffic Improvements. The design and engineering work will include extensive public outreach to Uptown stakeholders. This input will be used to develop the design concepts for each of the improvements. Phase one could include:

- Adding a decorative median through Uptown
- A roundabout or turnaround at Jordan Road
- A turnaround at the north end of Uptown
- A second southbound lane on 89A in Uptown
- Vehicle and pedestrian signalization optimization improvements to the mid-block and Forest Road crosswalk and intersection

- Adding the Schnebly Road bypass connection (not to be confused with Schnebly *Hill* Road)
- Pedestrian and crosswalk improvements

The specifics of what elements this project will contain will also be solidified after the public outreach and during the design phase.

Subsequent phases of the Uptown Traffic Improvements have not been decided upon yet. If you recall from the potential strategies in the second online Transportation Master Plan survey, the improvements listed above are taken from two of the slides we had on Uptown strategies. If you need a refresher on these strategies -- and keep in mind this document shows these concepts in the strategy phase -- look here: <http://www.sedonaaz.gov/home/showdocument?id=31509>.

Additionally, feasibility work is being performed on the Forest Road connection project and the Portal Lane connection project at Tlaquepaque, which are also both described in the document link above.

With the completion of the TMP, this wraps up my update to emails to you. As projects are started, watch for Sedona in Motion signs, outlining the project and progress. Additionally, continue to monitor the Sedona in Motion web page to know what projects are being done when.

As always, if you have any questions on the master plan or future projects, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

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