

## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Katrina Lessard ·  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 20, 2017 9:16 AM  
**To:** Paul Michaud  
**Subject:** Another Bicycle Accident on Hummingbird and 61st Place

This is why we need to stop the use of Hummingbird on the bike path!

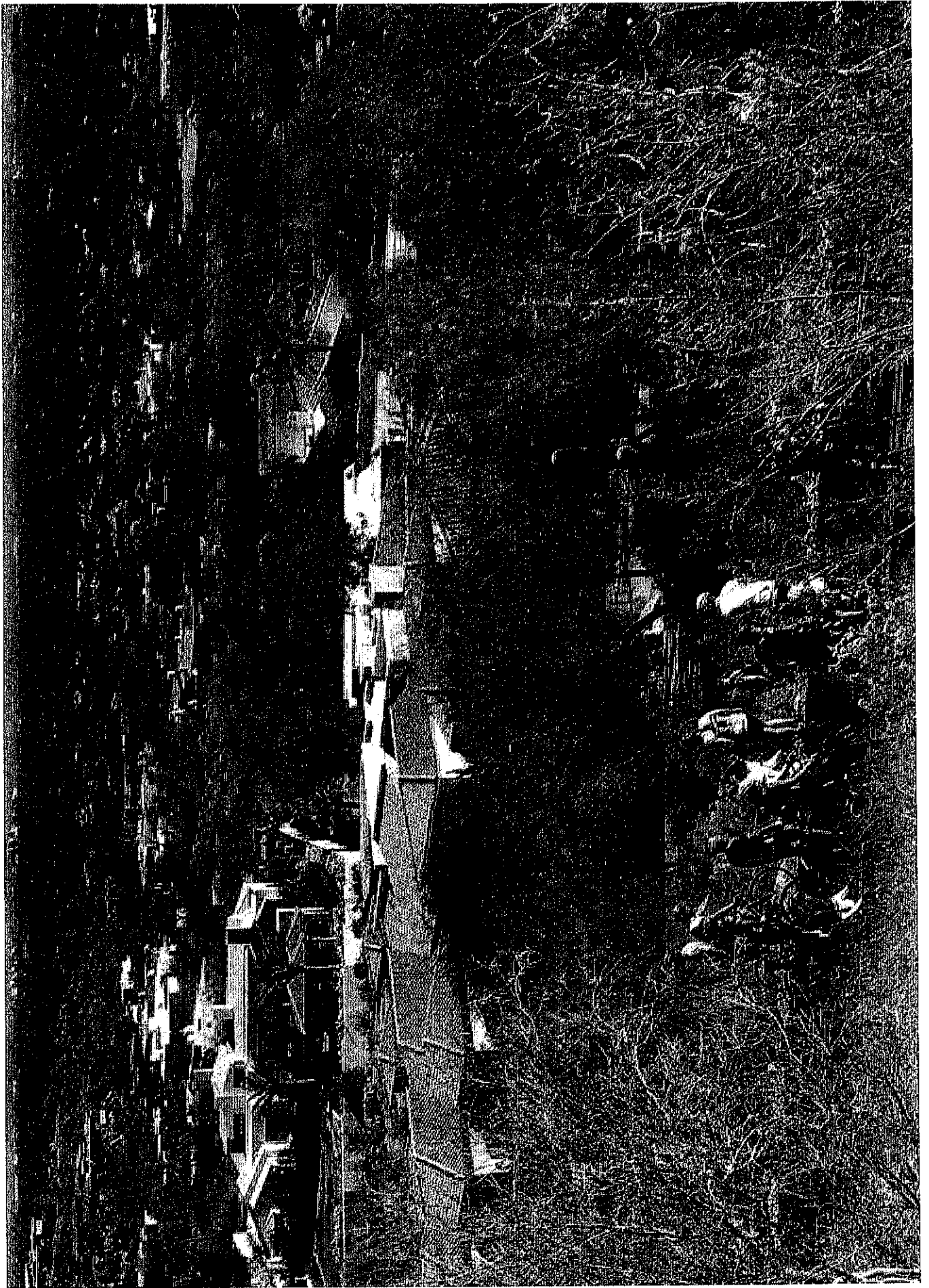
As I was relaxing with my 11 week old puppy a few moments ago, I heard screams from the road. I ran outside and saw a bunch of bicyclists looking down the side of the mountain. Another bike rider lost control and landed himself in our neighbors property. I ran out to see if anyone needed help or ambulance and they said to hold on and finally said no everyone was ok. One bike rider asked if this happened every weekend and I said just about and proceeded to tell them all they need to slow down and obey the posted speed limit signs. I also informed the last time the bike hit a car and was escorted away in an ambulance. They completely ignored my warnings and gave me some disgruntled words.

They then decided to all park in the middle of the road screaming CAR every time a car came by. These bike riders are unlawful and inconsiderate of everyone else on the road. They are lucky nobody happened to be walking as an impact like that could have resulted in serious serious injury to a pedestrian.

Please do something to get the slew of rude, unlawful, inconsiderate bike riders off our roads! Our roads appear to be way to dangerous for these inexperienced riders. I have witnessed too many of these accidents and am really fearful that one day...someone is going to be so severely injured from these accidents that could easily be prevented! Not to mention, my old ticker can't take all that excitement. My heart races in fear every time I hear those screams, knowing someone's life could be changed forever from a careless mistake.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Photo included: photo was taken a few minutes after accident and the bikers all stayed in the middle of the road until a truck came to pick up the wrecked bicycle - at least ten minutes.



*"Dream as if you'll live forever...live as if you'll die today" - James Dean*

On Apr 24, 2017, at 8:55 AM, Katrina Lessard

> wrote:

Dear Town Board:

I am definitely opposed to having Hummingbird Lane as part of the designated bike route. Bicyclists pose a serious danger and threat to all drivers, other bicyclists and themselves in our neighborhoods. We already have a serious problem with the bicyclists that are currently using Hummingbird as their go-to route...we do not need to add additional risk by encouraging more bicyclists.

The bicyclists do not seem to have any respect of the posted signs in our neighborhood that are there to protect us and make our community safe.

- **Stop Signs:** The stop sign at Hummingbird and Quartz Mountain is one that the bicyclists blow through every day. I will be stopped at the stop sign as bikes come whizzing by me. Those stop signs were put there not as a suggestion, but as a law. I find it so extremely disrespectful to our community and the safety of my family/neighbors when I see a bicyclist failing to stop at the stop sign.
- **Speed Limit Signs:** Again, the bicyclists disregard the posted speed limit signs. At Hummingbird and 61st Place (where I reside hillside and see first hand the dangers these bicyclists cause) the bikes can be whizzing by at speeds of 40MPH+. The posted speed limit is anywhere from 20 - 25 on Hummingbird. Again, those speed limit signs are not a suggestion, but the law. The law that bicycle riders feel they do not have to obey.
- **Blind turns/hills:** The bikes tend to travel in packs and instead of traveling single file and staying off to the side, they take up an entire lane. This causes problems as many of our roads have blind turns/hills and passing is unsafe. So instead of being able to pass a single bicyclist, we get stuck behind a pack as they struggle to make it up severe inclines.
- **No Parking:** There is a blind hill at Hummingbird between 61st Place and Quartz Mountain. There is actually a No Parking sign posted there. But

daily, I will see a few bike riders hanging out, parked right next to the no parking sign, taking in the sites, getting a drink of water, etc. As a car, you cannot pass there because it is blind - you cannot see if there is any oncoming traffic.

I have witnessed two very serious accidents involving bicycles in the past year. The last one was the worst - a bicyclist lost control of his bike as he travelled at high speeds down Hummingbird and traveled into oncoming traffic at 61st place hitting a vehicle. The crash was so loud I thought two cars hit and went running down my driveway to see if anyone needed help. The bike was totaled, the out of state driver was shaken, the car had a huge dent and about three foot mark where the bike slid in...and the bicyclist was pretty badly injured...but he was also angry. He caused everyone's day to be turned upside down and he was the one giving dirty looks to the driver and shaking his head. The driver did nothing wrong. The driver was in their lane. The bike crashed into them by going into oncoming traffic due to his disrespect for the posted speed limit sign. This is not the type of experience we want our visitors to have. I want to live in a safe community and the bicyclists have been getting worse over the years as they increase in numbers. I am pleading with the town to oppose the Master Plan of adding Hummingbird Lane to the bike route. We need more law enforcement of the current bicyclists not more bicyclists.

As a very involved citizen of this community, I would love to see more signs that warn bicyclists of blind curves and to be courteous of drivers, would love to see police writing more citations to bicycle speeders, stop sign runners and bike herds that hog the roads at blind corners/hills. I am very extremely opposed to encouraging more bicyclists by adding Hummingbird as a bike route. We have a 16 year old new driver and we always warn her to watch out for the bicyclists. We need to protect our community. We need to protect our families and our neighbors....encouraging more bicyclists that disobey our community laws is not the answer.

Thanks you for taking the time to hear my concerns. Please call me if I can be of any help in this matter. I will try to attend the town hall on April 27th, but I am teaching a pro bono workshop that evening so it just depends on how late I get done with my volunteer work.

Sincerely,

**Katrina C. Lessard**

for 30 years  
May 19, '17

Paul:

I worked in the City of Phoenix Planning Dept. before retiring in 2003. I was amazed to read that \$143,000. - of taxpayers money was given to a firm (Jim Coffman) to submit a "master plan" for bicycle use in PV.

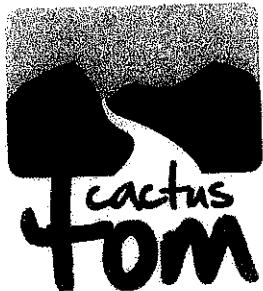
I am not a bike guy, but nothing is unlawful about the way bicyclists use the streets of PV except for a stop sign being run once in a while.

The options offered in a previous "independent" publication as presented by Mr. Coffman are far from rocket science & could have been as intelligently figured out by anyone on your planning staff.

Good luck with the upcoming public hearing. I'm sure there <sup>will</sup> be lots of whining & anger from the usual players - but you already know that.

Sorry about all the connections here - times a wastin'

There's no substitute for experience.



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**From:** R. Brett Goett <[rbgoett@olympiagroup.com](mailto:rbgoett@olympiagroup.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:17 PM  
**To:** Council Member Julie Pace  
**Cc:** Paul Michaud; Mayor Michael Collins; Kevin Burke; [mfitro@newszap.com](mailto:mfitro@newszap.com); T. F. Thornton; Paul Dembow; Eva Cutro  
**Subject:** RE: FOLLOW UP TO PARADISE VALLEY INDEPENDENT ARTICLE ("A VICIOUS CYCLE") – 05/16/17

Councilwoman Pace, I want to share with you the results of my informal survey I took with a few of our neighbors in the Hummingbird area this morning (05/18/17). I was on my bike and stopped four different groups of people. I asked if they lived in the area, if they had heard whether cyclists were causing problems in the area, and asked if they had noticed anything in particular concerning cyclists. The first two groups said the area was a great place to walk and ride. They went on to warn me to watch for police because they had heard that PVPD had stepped up law enforcement in the area. My third stop was a chat with a person (not a group) walking her dog. She indicated basically the same as the first two groups but added that she was concerned for cyclists and was worried for their safety.

My final visit was with a neighbor and lasted twenty or so minutes. She was aware of the bike initiative and wasn't really for it – I kind of agree with her. She went on to explain how there are more cyclists in the area and there have (and can be) some dangerous spots because of the hills, narrow streets, and blinds corners – again, I kind of agree with her. She indicated that banning or prohibiting cyclists from that area was not the answer – I totally agree with her. We really could not put a finger on the solution, but thought it would boil down to respecting each user – again, I agree with her. We introduced ourselves, and indicated that we would be at the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Frankly, speaking with her was a pleasure.

Basically 3 of 4 had no real concern, and the last person believed any solution would involve respecting the other's use and position. Not scientific by any means, but interesting nonetheless.

Thanks, again, for your time and I hope to see you on the 25th.

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**From:** Council Member Julie Pace  
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**To:**  
**Cc:** Paul Michaud; Mayor Michael Collins; Kevin Burke; mfittro@newszap.com; T. F. Thornton; Paul Dembow; Eva Cutro  
**Subject:** RE: FOLLOW UP TO PARADISE VALLEY INDEPENDENT ARTICLE ("A VICIOUS CYCLE") – 05/16/17

Thank you Brett. We do live in a special place that needs to be protected as a gem in our Valley and state :). Thanks again for your comments and willingness to work towards the common good

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On May 17, 2017 11:00 AM, "R. Brett Goett" <[rbg@olympiaaz.com](mailto:rbg@olympiaaz.com)> wrote:  
Councilwoman Pace, I appreciate your timely response. My response to the referenced article was more directed at precipitating stereotypes held by non-cyclists towards cyclists. I know those stories are exaggerated (one need only get on a bike and ride through PV to witness it first hand), but I also recognize that there are "bad apples" on both sides of the issue. The bottom line is that cyclists are not going anywhere, nor are automobiles, joggers or walkers – so, a combined solution will need to be reached. You correctly point out there needs to be education and a bit of give and take from all involved. As for the initiative, I wasn't addressing its merits. Currently the Town is a great place to ride a bike (with a few exceptions that the initiative will not fix, i.e. reckless drivers and users of public roadways that act like they are reserved for their own private purposes).

I can't speak for all cyclists who ride in PV, but I can assure you that the ones I ride with try to respect other users, respect the law, and try to keep it safe for themselves and others. There are no perfect solutions, but as I mentioned the bias is clear against bikes (look at the title of the article, "A Vicious Cycle" – it's inflammatory nature speaks for itself) without cause. I am happy to participate in reasonable discussions with reasonable people. I will be at the upcoming meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> (although I am not certain it is for this purpose or not).

On the bright side, if cyclists are the biggest problem facing the Town, it only confirms what you and I already know and that is PV is a great place to live. Hope to see you on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, again for your time.

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:29 AM

To: R. Brett Goett

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Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP TO PARADISE VALLEY INDEPENDENT ARTICLE ("A VICIOUS CYCLE") – 05/16/17

Thx Brett for your comments and participation. We want to hear from everyone to address issues and solutions.

The article you referenced actually involved a meeting in which there were many residents speaking and they had facts and details that addresses safety and bicyclists in there area. Council members also raised a number of items that were reported. No one spoke in support of expanding bicycle lanes in town or in the hummingbird lane area. The story accurately reported the comments and discussion that occurred that night

There have been many meetings and outreach by staff and it is good that all of these articles and comments provide opportunities for residents to become involved and provide comments and we appreciate all comments

Regarding problems we have had a number of complaints about public urination by variety of residents so it appears to be a real issue that needs to be addressed

We also have had a number of issues involving bike education and safety that we are all trying to educate and address. Whatever you can do to assist with education outreach on biker traffic safety especially at stop signs and by driveways would be greatly appreciated

We have also heard from a number of resident cyclists in Town and they are not supportive of expanding bike lanes and feel it will invite more issues not less

And we have heard from a number of residents about the bikes hitting them, accidents, blocking, etc. Some residents mention pelatons and bike clubs that have caused some issues. Educational outreach is occurring by the town and even the police department to try and address some of the residents complaints regarding bikes.

This has been a hard issue for everyone to figure out the best way to address bikes. The pedestrian side has been much more smooth to figure out. We are always open to ideas and comments so thank you for participating



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On May 16, 2017 1:04 PM, "R. Brett Goett" wrote:

Melissa, I am writing as a follow up to your story "A Vicious Cycle" in the Paradise Valley Independent, Wednesday, May 3, 2017 (Volume No. 17) (attached for convenience). As a journalist, I am sure you can appreciate that there are two sides to every story, as a lawyer, I certainly understand that principle. Good and fair reporting, will address both sides of an issue. In the case of your article, you flat out (no pun intended) missed the other side.

While your article attempted to discuss the Town's bicycling initiative, it quickly veered off track making several claims aimed at portraying cyclists as a rogue band of out-of-town mercenaries terrorizing motorists, neighbors, and urinating at every opportunity. The article seems to identify three basic problems with cyclists. First, they don't live in PV. Second, they don't obey traffic laws. Third, they have very small bladders. Even though these "popular complaint[s]" come from a very narrow segment of the Town's population – a few people living in and around the Hummingbird hill area and from generally held stereotypes, let's briefly look at them.

I am a father, husband, professional and yes, a long-term resident of the Town. The suggestion that the cyclists riding our streets are "outside competitive bicyclists who train within the neighborhoods of Paradise Valley" is laughable. Plenty of my friends and riders that I have been cycling with in the Town over the years live in the Town. I am not sure how one tells that a cyclist is "competitive," much less from "outside" the Town. Because I wear an Arizona Cardinals jersey from time-to-time doesn't mean I play football for the Cardinals. The "out-of-town" angle is popular falsity, but has no foundation.

I often hear about how cyclist don't obey traffic laws – please. This argument ignores fundamental principles of physics. Simply stated, cars go faster than bikes, and more importantly cars weigh more than bikes. My bike is a little less than 20 pounds, while cars weigh between 4,000 – 6,000 pounds. Think about it. How long would I be around if I challenged motor vehicles (as suggested) on a regular basis? My longevity demands that I defer to cars, to do otherwise means that I might not come home from my workout. Does someone driving to yoga at the club while talking on the phone and drinking a moca-licious calorie monstrosity have the same worry? Too fast? Seriously? Check with the PVPD and see how many photos they have issued to cyclists speeding from the "speed-cams." Rolling through stops signs? I challenge any credible expert to say a cyclist

rolling a stop sign (remember the weight differential above?) presents a more dangerous situation than a similarly situated automobile – oh, that's right, all cars stop at every stop sign. Come on.

The last topic is a brand new one I had never even heard of before. Councilwoman Pace states because of cyclists the Town has a "urination problem." Apparently, the cyclists that do ride in the Town need to relieve themselves so often, that they have chosen a particular cul de sac to act as some sort of public and communal outhouse. Then, the argument goes, to make PV more bike friendly would only exacerbate the problem because more cyclists, and more urination would follow. Ridiculous. I have ridden tens of thousands of miles over the years and have never heard that one, nor do I have any idea of the location of the secret out-house cul de sac. My guess is that the bushes at PVCC have seen far more illicit "watering" over the years than any secret pee-pee cul de sac.

Sure, there are reckless cyclists, just like there are reckless motorists, aggressive walker/hikers, but casting those few as the norm is not accurate. What makes cyclists different than the others is our longevity (literally) depends on riding smart and being safe. The Town's desire to support and make safer an eco-friendly and healthy lifestyle activity should be embraced and commended despite the contrary efforts of a few complaining neighbors. As an active member of the cycling community (and, again, as a resident of the Town), I am committed to finding a solution that safely respects the interests of all involved. Reaching that solution doesn't start with one-sided finger pointing or stereotyping, it starts with a simple conversation between all sides involved – the Mayor, the Council, the neighbors, and those who enjoy the beautiful streets of our or Town. When you get your basic information from one disgruntled group of people with an agenda, you might not get the straight story. Now, let's have that talk...

NOTE: I am purposefully (and respectfully) cc'ing the Mayor, select Council-people and a few others in the hope that they can arrange or facilitate a discussion.

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**From:** Council Member Julie Pace  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 12:22 PM  
**To:** Paul Michaud; Eva Cutro; Kevin Burke  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bicyclists on Hummingbird Lane

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Subject: Bicyclists on Hummingbird Lane  
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Cc: Ken Allison

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I know that you and the police department are already trying to address the dangerous conditions on Hummingbird Lane caused by speeding bicyclists; I am just adding another incident to call attention to those continuing dangers. I live at 6402 E Hummingbird and was walking down the road on the left side (i.e., facing traffic) this morning between 6:05 and 6:10. I was away from the curb in order to go around the vehicles parked in front of the construction site at the 6400s but still very much on "my half" of the road, when suddenly a mob of bicyclists tore past me at top speed. It was very clear that they could not have stopped at the stop sign up the hill and then picked up that much speed below the stop sign. I was terrified almost to the point of tears because, several years ago, I had been forced off the road into a ditch (in the area just up the hill

from the intersection with N. 61st Place) by a speeding bicycle pack and had fallen and broken my wrist, a break that required surgery and the insertion of a piece of metal.

My husband, Ken, and I appreciate the efforts you are making to improve safety on Hummingbird; and we are pleased that, after the recent presentation of the proposed new bicycle plan for the TPV, you reached the conclusion that additional research into the bicycle problem was necessary. Although we were unable to attend that meeting, we support the view of many at the meeting who opposed any accommodations that will attract more bicyclists to Paradise Valley.

Thank you,  
Becky Allison

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**From:** Paul Michaud  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 3:18 PM  
**To:** Peter Wingert  
**Cc:** Eva Cutro; Jeremy Knapp; Woody Scoutten (Woody.Scoutten@epsgroupinc.com); Richard Edwards; Andrew Miller; Paul Mood  
**Subject:** RE: Bike/Ped Hummingbird

Chief:

FYI. I just received a call from Laurie Schwab at 6117 N Camelback Manor Drive to report an altercation with some bicyclists using profanity and speeding down the street while her daughter was backing out of her driveway this morning at 7:30 a.m. I updated her on the upcoming bike-ped discussions at Council. Also, I informed her about the efforts PD is doing on enforcement. I am not sure how and when you decide what places to go to enforce. I told her I would pass your incident to the PD. She was appreciate that PD is doing enforcement on bicyclists that do not follow the rules.

Regards,

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**From:** Peter Wingert  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 11:40 AM  
**To:** Paul Michaud; Kevin Burke; Eva Cutro; Jeremy Knapp; Woody Scoutten (Woody.Scoutten@epsgroupinc.com); Richard Edwards; Andrew Miller  
**Subject:** RE: Bike/Ped Hummingbird

All,

There was a lot of discussion about enforcement of traffic and bicycling issues on Hummingbird at last week's Council meeting. I looked up the statistics on how many times officers had been on Hummingbird conducting traffic/bicycle enforcement. Since January 1, 2017, we conducted 40 traffic enforcement details on Hummingbird. For reference, that is an average of just over three per week. In 2017 we wrote three cites and three warnings.

For perspective, we conducted 35 deployments in the last quarter of 2016, which is an average of about 3 per week, and a total of 60 deployments during 2016. So, we definitely started ramping up the enforcement activity as we received complaints. In the last quarter 2016, we wrote three citations to bikers in this vicinity.

Best regards,

Peter Wingert

## Paul Michaud

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**From:** , Pace, Julie A.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2017 2:26 PM  
**To:** Peter Wingert; Kevin Burke; Paul Michaud; Eva Cutro  
**Subject:** Fwd: Town of Paradise Valley issue

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From: Kathleen Weber  
Date: May 5, 2017 1:40 PM  
Subject: Town of Paradise Valley issue  
To: "Pace, Julie A."  
Cc: "Geoffrey M. C

> Julie,

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> Hope you are well. Geoff and I haven't seen you and Dave in some time but we keep up with your news on the PV Council through the local newspaper. Thank you for raising the issue of public urination in PV by cyclists. Geoff and I witnessed this in astonishment on our own property last month. There used to be a portable potty in the neighborhood for way too many months a few years ago and we noticed the cyclists used it frequently. Apparently now in its absence some people use our ironwood trees instead. Just wanted to pass that along--we support of you and the town addressing this issue and would like to keep informed on the suggested solutions.

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> Thanks,

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> Katie Weber & Geoff Ossias

**Paul Michaud**

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**From:** Natalie Montenegro  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** Kevin Burke  
**Cc:** Eva Cutro; Paul Michaud  
**Subject:** Bike Lanes Issue

Liz Clendendin called. She asked that you add Doubletree Ranch Road on the list as another Town road overly used by bicyclists who are not Town residents, especially on the weekends.

Natalie

Natalie Montenegro  
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## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Council Member Julie Pace  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 8:13 AM  
**To:** Paul Michaud  
**Subject:** Fwd: Remove Hummingbird Ln. as a noted bike route

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Subject: Remove Hummingbird Ln. as a noted bike route  
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Cc:

Dear Board Members:

Thank you for your service to our beautiful town. This subject is the reason for my nightmares that one day coming out of my driveways on the north side of E. Hummingbird Ln, I will hit or be hit by a bicycle. I try to use Cheney Rd. as much as possible because it is a little wider. Bicyclist not only speed down hill on Hummingbird Ln. but also stop at the high points, without regard to our safety, to enjoy the view or rest. They are accidents waiting to happen.  
Ayshe Tashman



## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Council Member Julie Pace  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 7:55 AM  
**To:** Kevin Burke; Peter Wingert; Paul Michaud  
**Subject:** Fwd: PV Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan

If there are too many safety issues with bikes in this section, maybe we should prohibit bikes on this road

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From: Missy Douds <[missydouds@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:missydouds@paradisevalleyaz.gov)>  
Date: Apr 27, 2017 7:46 AM  
Subject: PV Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan  
To: Council Member Julie Pace <[jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov)>  
Cc:

Dear Julie,

I live on Hummingbird Lane..... ↘ Hummingbird Ln.

I am very concerned about the Master plan promoting more bicycles in our neighborhood.

I am not anti-bike at all and understand why the riders choose our neighborhood as a path, but PLEASE do not encourage anymore.

We already have hundreds or maybe thousands every week.....

Certain mornings during the week we count 70 riders in a pack, and we are very careful when walking pets or ourselves because these riders are flying down our hills way faster than cars.

PLEASE no more bicycles!

Thank you for your consideration, Shannon Douds

## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Council Member Julie Pace  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:27 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Consider removing "Bike Route" Designation Hummingbird Lane and North Foothills Drive

Thanks for your email. It is very helpful to get specific details and comments. Thank you for your participation.

The police are reaching out to address bike violators and issue tickets.

There does not seem to be much support for expanding bike lanes in PV. Safety is a big consideration. Thanks again for your comments

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On Apr 26, 2017 3:28 PM, John McCauley [jmccauley@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:jmccauley@paradisevalleyaz.gov) wrote:  
Councilwoman Pace,

Please consider removing the "Bike Route" designation for Hummingbird Lane and North Foothills Drive as this route is one of the most dangerous bicycle routes in the Town.

The Town needs to take a second look at the Bike Route designation of Hummingbird Lane and North Foothills Drive. I encourage you to drive it, there are too many blind curves, blind hill crests and blind driveways that set this designated bike route up for a multitude of unsafe conditions, "...at every turn". Unsafe, first for the neighbors living, commuting and walking their streets. Even more unsafe with conditions I constantly witness with bicyclists, peeing on the streets, speeding, cutting corners, taking wide turns, speeding (yes I know I repeat myself, but speeding), riding side by side in multiples, ignoring stop signs along every portion of this designated bike route.

The Paradise Valley Police Department has been very accommodating to neighbor's requests to "police" the bicyclists, but it appears they are not able to properly enforce violators. I am told in many discussions with the police department that the Town Judge rarely enforces tickets and that bicyclists in general think they are above the law.

I request that you drive the route and I am sure you will begin to agree that there is a lot of the route that is blind to what is around the corner or over the hill. Consider removing this bike route designation, for the neighbors of this area, it continues to be accidents waiting to happen and hopefully this can go a long way in preventing many more.

Thanks,

John McCauley  
1717 Mountain Rd

## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Council Member Julie Pace  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 11:04 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Re: BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN MEETING OF APRIL 27TH 2017

Paula,

Thank you for your comments and the specific details. It is important that residents let us know their experiences and perspectives.

Your concern for safety is commendable. These are real issues and we all want to be preventive.

Thank you for taking the time to submit comments and participate. I have been resistant to expanding Bike Lanes as we do not have the room and residents seem to want pedestrian paths and not expanded bike lanes

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On Apr 25, 2017 2:25 PM, Paula Lyon < > wrote:  
PV Town Board:

Scott and I are decades long residents of Paradise Valley and most recently purchased and are remodeling a home at 6210 E. Hummingbird. In the 2 years we have owned it we have witnessed almost a hundred violations of bicycle riders. A few that luck kept from being fatal. Our home is at the apex of the eastward decent and the speed they achieve is crazy fast. Our general contractor has erected hand painted signs to the east and west of our home (SLOW) due to contractors trucks and trailers almost colliding with bikes and cars. On occasions when I have to pull out of our west driveway and swing around Quartz Mountain to get to Hummingbird to go east is by far the most dangerous. Quartz Mtn has a stop sign at Hummingbird as does east bound Hummingbird traffic. West bound Hummingbird traffic does not. I stop then inch forward look to my right, seems clear, have to inch out even further due to plant material to check for west bound traffic, look west again and then the blur goes by right as I'm pulling out. Bikes going very very fast.. There is hardly a day that passes without extreme speeding on Hummingbird.

I have been behind some of them when and if they stop or slow down at Mockingbird and there have been evasive actions taken by south bound cars who were not expecting speeding bikes to bank around Hummingbird/Mockingbird curb. They will also take chances at Mockingbird and Lincoln because they don't want to unclip their shoes. If Scott or I or anyone in our family hit a rider it

would be a lifetime emotional burden.

We have many friends and acquaintances that do road biking and I'm sure some of them obey the rules. Sadly many of them do not. Statistics will probably prove tragic if they are allowed to continue.

It is our hope that the Town of Paradise Valley will prohibit road biking on Hummingbird Lane.

We will be traveling on meeting day but wanted to share our opinion.

Regards,  
Paula Lyon

## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Council Member Julie Pace  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:25 AM  
**To:** j  
**Subject:** Re: Paradise Valley Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan  
**Attachments:** image001.png; image002.png; image003.png

Thank you very much for your insightful comments. Very helpful to have specifics.

Thank you for taking the time to participate and provide comments. I too am concerned about expansion of bike paths. Pedestrian paths I think are wanted in our Town and enhance safety. Increasing bike paths with the limited space that exists seems to cause conflict and accidents. Thank you.

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On Apr 24, 2017 4:55 PM, "James R. Nearhood"

> wrote:

Ms. Pace---I am writing to express my opposition to the designation of Hummingbird Lane as a noted bike route by the Town of Paradise Valley. My wife and I have lived at 7170 N. 64 Place for more than 20 years. Hummingbird is the access street to our cul-de-sac. In the recent past, there have been at least three car/bike collisions at the intersection of 64<sup>th</sup> Place and Hummingbird. I was told by the police that one accident, that my wife and I witnessed, was fatal (although I cannot confirm that statement). I assure you, it is very traumatizing to see a unprotected bike rider hit a car at a high rate of speed, and then lay on the ground in convulsions. I will never forget it. Nor do I ever want to witness it again. Hence, the purpose of this email.

Hummingbird is very dangerous for bike riders, especially those less skilled. Going up, they travel at a very low speed, often weaving from side to side as they climb the grade. Cars are force to pass, often around a blind curve or over a hill. Coming down, they travel at a rate of speed that far exceeds the posted 25 mph speed limit. Their lives are literally on the line (i.e. two narrow bike tires).

I am not a traffic engineer, but if the Town is convinced that designating Hummingbird as an official Town bike route is a good ideal, I strongly recommend that at least one side of Hummingbird be restricted to no parking. With all the construction that is going on at any given time, beginning at dawn there is a lot of vehicle parking on Hummingbird; some of it large vehicles. Add walkers, runners, and dog walkers, and you have a very

dangerous combination. Imagine in your mind's eye a bike going 35 mph approaching a bottleneck of parked cars, walkers and dogs. Someone is going to get hurt. And if the Town has "encouraged" bikers to ride on Hummingbird, as a designated bike route, the Town is inviting a lawsuit.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

James R. Nearhood  
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## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Council Member Julie Pace  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:25 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Re: Paradise Valley Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Feedback

Katrina,

Thank you very much for your thoughtful email and with the specifics you provided. They are very helpful comments.

I also forwarded your email to our chief of police as he has been working on the bicycle violations issues. The police had been issuing more tickets and did do an education outreach to some of the bike clubs

Thank you for taking the time to participate and provide comments.

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On Apr 24, 2017 8:56 AM, Katrina Lessard <[katrina@lessard.us](mailto:katrina@lessard.us)> wrote:  
Dear Town Board:

I am definitely opposed to having Hummingbird Lane as part of the designated bike route. Bicyclists pose a serious danger and threat to all drivers, other bicyclists and themselves in our neighborhoods. We already have a serious problem with the bicyclists that are currently using Hummingbird as their go-to route...we do not need to add additional risk by encouraging more bicyclists.

The bicyclists do not seem to have any respect of the posted signs in our neighborhood that are there to protect us and make our community safe.

- **Stop Signs:** The stop sign at Hummingbird and Quartz Mountain is one that the bicyclists blow through every day. I will be stopped at the stop sign as bikes come whizzing by me. Those stop signs were put there not as a suggestion, but as a law. I find it so extremely disrespectful to our community and the safety of my family/neighbors when I see a bicyclist failing to stop at the stop sign.



- **Speed Limit Signs:** Again, the bicyclists disregard the posted speed limit signs. At Hummingbird and 61st Place (where I reside hillside and see first hand the dangers these bicyclists cause) the bikes can be whizzing by at speeds of 40MPH+. The posted speed limit is anywhere from 20 - 25 on Hummingbird. Again, those speed limit signs are not a suggestion, but the law. The law that bicycle riders feel they do not have to obey.
- **Blind turns/hills:** The bikes tend to travel in packs and instead of traveling single file and staying off to the side, they take up an entire lane. This causes problems as many of our roads have blind turns/hills and passing is unsafe. So instead of being able to pass a single bicyclist, we get stuck behind a pack as they struggle to make it up severe inclines.
- **No Parking:** There is a blind hill at Hummingbird between 61st Place and Quartz Mountain. There is actually a No Parking sign posted there. But daily, I will see a few bike riders hanging out, parked right next to the no parking sign, taking in the sites, getting a drink of water, etc. As a car, you cannot pass there because it is blind - you cannot see if there is any oncoming traffic.

I have witnessed two very serious accidents involving bicycles in the past year. The last one was the worst - a bicyclist lost control of his bike as he travelled at high speeds down Hummingbird and traveled into oncoming traffic at 61st place hitting a vehicle. The crash was so loud I thought two cars hit and went running down my driveway to see if anyone needed help. The bike was totaled, the out of state driver was shaken, the car had a huge dent and about three foot mark where the bike slid in...and the bicyclist was pretty badly injured...but he was also angry. He caused everyone's day to be turned upside down and he was the one giving dirty looks to the driver and shaking his head. The driver did nothing wrong. The driver was in their lane. The bike crashed into them by going into oncoming traffic due to his disrespect for the posted speed limit sign. This is not the type of experience we want our visitors to have. I want to live in a safe community and the bicyclists have been getting worse over the years as they increase in numbers. I am pleading with the town to oppose the Master Plan of adding Hummingbird Lane to the bike route. We need more law enforcement of the current bicyclists not more bicyclists.

As a very involved citizen of this community, I would love to see more signs that warn bicyclists of blind curves and to be courteous of drivers, would love to see police writing more citations to bicycle speeders, stop sign runners and bike herds that hog the roads at blind corners/hills. I am very extremely opposed to encouraging more bicyclists by adding Hummingbird as a bike route. We have a 16 year old new driver and we always warn her to watch out for the bicyclists. We need to protect our community. We need to protect our families and our neighbors....encouraging more bicyclists that disobey our community laws is not the answer.

Thanks you for taking the time to hear my concerns. Please call me if I can be of any help in this matter. I will try to attend the town hall on April 27th, but I am teaching a pro bono workshop that evening so it just depends on how late I get done with my volunteer work.

Sincerely,

**Katrina C. Lessard**



## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Shawna Glazier  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2013 4:30 PM  
**To:** Paul Michaud  
**Cc:** Mayor Michael Collins  
**Subject:** PV master bicycle/pedestrian plan at Tatum and Fanfol/Mountain View

Paul,

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today about the PV bicycle/pedestrian master plan. I'm thrilled to hear about the city of PV's efforts to protect and serve its residents thus far.

As mentioned in our conversation earlier, the area of concern for myself, my fellow peers, cyclists and motorists is Tatum Boulevard between Fanfol and Mountain View. You mentioned that the roads north of Doubletree fall under the City of Phx, so I'll also be reaching out to them.

Every weekday dozens of cyclists make the "death dart" to cross Tatum at either Fanfol or Mountain View and on the weekends that number is easily in the hundreds. Cyclists and motorists alike are both terrified. (I'd be curious to find out how many accidents with a cyclist have actually been reported at this location...)

There's no other safe/reasonable option for cyclist to cross from PV to Phx or visa versa. When cycling alone or with an inexperienced rider and trying to cross Tatum heading east, the option is to ride South on Tatum on the sidewalk to Doubletree and cross and the light, however, this is obviously not realistic with cycling groups, not to mention it's also dangerous.

I would like to put into motion a plan to build a pedestrian bridge at fanfol or Mountain View, crossing Tatum. Or any other type of crossing that the city would approve of.

I'm available to help put this motion into play in anyway possible.

A bit about me:

34year old Real Estate Broker and Owner, married to Andy Byrnes an architect, builder, and owner at The Construction Zone. We have boy/girl twins that are 18 and a younger boy who's 13. Andy and I are avid cyclists that ride at a minimum 5days per week. We own and support an armature and pro Mountain bike team, CZRacing. I'm also an elite Triathlete on TriScottsdale. Both of our son's have recently picked cycling up as well. I share this info to show you that we are in the "cycling world" and I know the true danger that our fellow cyclist and we take everyday while trying to cross Tatum Boulevard.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Looking forward to hearing about future plans.

Kind Regards,  
Shawna Glazier  
beSpoke real estate  
Designated Broker/Owner

## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Javoronok, Sara <SJavoronok@Scottsdaleaz.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 9:56 AM  
**To:** Paul Michaud  
**Cc:** Perreault, Erin; Conklu, Susan  
**Subject:** RE: Update: Meeting Date Changes- Paradise Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan  
**Attachments:** PV\_Bike\_Ped Master Plan\_Scottsdale Transp. comments.docx

Paul,

Thank you for the information. Below are comments from our Transportation Department on Draft #1. Please continue to send us information on the plan as it proceeds through the review process.

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Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sara

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**From:** Paul Michaud [<mailto:pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 4:47 PM  
**To:** Javoronok, Sara  
**Subject:** RE: Update: Meeting Date Changes- Paradise Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Sara:

The Town Council paused this plan until they can give Planning Commission more direction. Council is set to discuss this on April 27<sup>th</sup>. My best guess is Planning Commission will resume back in June. There will likely be a new draft plan with less focus on bicycles going back to the Citizen Review in front of Commission. You may want to wait or give what comments you have now.

Regards,

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**From:** Javoronok, Sara [<mailto:SJavoronok@Scottsdaleaz.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 2:35 PM  
**To:** Paul Michaud  
**Subject:** RE: Update: Meeting Date Changes- Paradise Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Hi Paul,

Do you have a new date for the Planning Commission meeting? We're looking at the plan and I wanted to know when you needed comments.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Sara

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## Plan Review Comments Sheet

<b>Date:</b>	<b>3/21/2017</b>
<b>Project</b>	<b>Paradise Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan</b>
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## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Paul Michaud  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2017 3:03 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Draft Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

Leslie:

Thank you for your comments. Being involved makes a big difference in developing a plan that works for the Town. The Planning Commission (Feb 21<sup>st</sup>) and Town Council (Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>) had opportunity this week to review the first draft of this plan. You can find videos of these meetings at <https://paradisevalleyaz.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Both the Planning Commission and Town Council expressed a preference for no bike lanes on McDonald Drive and generally did not want to eliminate the turn lane. The Town Council would like more opportunity to review the draft plan before it continues on to the Planning Commission. As such, the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting date and other dates will very likely change. I will be e-mailing out an update next week after I discuss the timing more with the Town Manager.

Regards,

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**From:** Leslie Schaffer [mailto:[lschaffer@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:lschaffer@paradisevalleyaz.gov)]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2017 1:17 PM  
**To:** Duncan Miller  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

Thank you for sending this detailed document. As residents of McDonald Dr, we are adamantly opposed to adding bicycle lanes on our street, particularly if this requires eliminating the center medians or worse yet, sharing bike lanes with drivers. It will make it increasingly difficult for trash pick up, mail delivery and just general egress into our property. McDonald carries a tremendous amount of commuting traffic, work truck traffic and school traffic...adding bikes into this dynamic could be very dangerous. We are planning on attending the Citizen Review Session in March to once again voice our opinions.

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**From:** "dmiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov" <[no-reply@ecnalert.com](mailto:no-reply@ecnalert.com)>  
**To:** [lschaffer@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:lschaffer@paradisevalleyaz.gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 3:50:10 PM  
**Subject:** Draft Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

The draft Paradise Valley Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan is available for review at



<http://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4810>

The Planning Commission will hold a Citizen Review Session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall. Residents will have an opportunity to discuss issues, raise concerns, and address questions. No action will be taken.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Senior Planner Paul Michaud at [pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov)

## Paul Michaud

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**From:** Paul Michaud  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** 'bple@aol.com'  
**Cc:** Freeman Carney  
**Subject:** RE: Bicycles

Robert:

Thank you for taking the time to express your thoughts on this matter. You are correct that the act of enforcing the traffic laws is separate from the master plan. The master plan does include policies related to the Town taking a more proactive stance on education and enforcement of such laws. I will point out that Lieutenant Freeman Carney is on the Technical Advisory Committee for this master plan. He and Chief Wingert get regular updates on the process of this plan. During the plan process I have heard several similar comments. I know that Chief Wingert and his team are looking at ways to improve enforcement. I understand there have been more bicycle patrols to cite violators. State law prohibits cyclists riding more than two abreast. I am sure Lieutenant Carney could provide more detail on what is being done today.

Regards,

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 10:41 AM  
**To:** Paul Michaud  
**Cc:** Freeman Carney  
**Subject:** Bicycles

Paul,

I have been concerned about bicycle safety for some time. I was, and still am, amazed that we have not had any bicycle/automobile fatalities (or have we) given the way that bicyclists regularly disobey traffic laws. Bicyclists are subject to the same regulations as motorists and yet it is rare for them to stop at stop signs, for example. I have exchanged emails with a local bicycle club and asked if it has any suggestions.

The first page of Mr. Coffman's Draft # 1 has a picture which illustrates another chronic problem: two or more cyclists riding side-by-side, some outside the path and into the street. Very often it is common for motorists to have to slow down to 10 or 15 MPH until multiple riders eventually move out of the road and ride in tandem. I have witnessed auto drivers, perhaps out of frustration, pass dangerously close to riders who refuse to move over. It is also common for bicyclists to block right turn lanes while waiting for light changes. About a year ago I forwarded my concerns to PVPD Sgt. Freeman Carney who has expressed an interest in this subject.

I understand that the enforcement of traffic laws is not the primary focus of the Paradise Valley Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. However I believe you should seek the counsel of our Police Department to ask if it has any suggestions.

**Paul Michaud**

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**From:** Julie Pace <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 7:24 PM  
**To:** marel brady  
**Cc:** Paul Michaud; Council Member Julie Pace; Kevin Burke; Eva Cutro  
**Subject:** Re: Bicycle and pedestrian plan

Marel

Thanks for your comments and participation. We look forward to hearing from residents and evaluating matters and it takes resident input to get to the best results for the community. Thanks again

On Feb 21, 2017 5:13 PM, "marel brady" < > wrote:

Dear Mr Michaud,

Thank you for your email, today, regarding the bicycle and pedestrian plan. Without having time to review the plan, there seems to be no need for this facility. We have few cyclists and pedestrians in our town. I'm not sure why we would incur expenditure to make it easy for trespassers to navigate around routes which are hidden from public view...in particular, Berneil Wash. Surely, this plan is courting criminal activity.

Regards

Marel Brady