

# **TOWN** *Of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



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## **STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members

**FROM:** Jill Keimach, Town Manager  
Lisa Collins, Community Development Director  
Paul Mood, Town Engineer  
Jason Harris, Capital Projects Administrator

**DATE:** September 22, 2022

**AGENDA TITLE:**

Discussion of the proposed Mockingbird Lane improvements from Lincoln Drive to McDonald Drive.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Town Council approval to proceed with design in accordance with the Council's request to present preliminary concepts and findings for input and direction.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

In 2018, the town identified a need in the Capital Improvement Program to bring Mockingbird Lane up to minor arterial roadway standards. The town applied for a federal grant available through the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program administered by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). In February 2020, the town was awarded the grant for cost-sharing of construction costs to improve Mockingbird Lane from Lincoln Drive to McDonald Drive.

The improvements include minor widening of the roadway in limited areas, adding vertical curb and gutter to address drainage issues where needed as well as new sidewalk and driveway adjustments to complete the roadway cross-section. Striping for bike lanes and bike lane symbols will also be included. No additional right-of-way is needed for these improvements.

On May 27, 2021, the town awarded contract CON-21-174-ENG to T.Y. Lin International for engineering services. To date, T.Y. Lin has completed up to 60% design and was a participant in all three public meetings held within the past twelve months. The town recently completed bike & pedestrian counts on Mockingbird Ln on Sept 13, 2022 from 5:00AM to 7:00PM. The results of these counts along with the video clips will be available on the project's [website](#) by Sept 19, 2022.

The town has notified all residents adjacent to the project and requested input from them as part of the project's public outreach efforts which began in August 2021 with mailers to promote the project's website and an online survey. A summary of public input received to date are included as Attachment D Public Comments. The major areas of concern identified by residents were related to traffic speeds, drainage, cyclists and the need and/or lack of need for a sidewalk on the east side of Mockingbird Lane.

Staff's recommendation is to:

- A. Proceed with design related to the minor roadway widening, bike lanes, west sidewalk, and chicanes
- B. Obtain direction and input from Town Council on the chicane layout and offset from curb face based on a 4' or 6' bike lane between curb and chicane
- C. Obtain direction from Town Council on the east sidewalk

The town's request for revisions in scope, including advancing construction project from FY24 to FY23, are anticipated to be made to MAG in Oct 2022 with results of the town's request known by Dec 2022.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

There are no budgetary impacts as a result this discussion. The budget and design contract were previously approved by the Town Council.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Attachment A: Staff Report

Attachment B: Presentation

Attachment C: Roll Plot (Concept)

Attachment D: Public Comments