Avondale: Complete Streets

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Overview / History of Project

CENTRAL AVENUE - CURRENT STATE

1. Five lanes - major thoroughfare
2. Schools, churches, businesses, homes
3. Mill & overlay unsuitable for rehabilitation
Overview / History of Project

Originated in 2009

From “mill & overlay” to “road diet”

to “complete street”

CMAQ funding

Traffic study addresses concerns

Avondale is adopting a “complete streets” philosophy that ensures all types of mobility are enabled on roads.
- Municipal Sustainability Plan, 2014
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CENTRAL AVENUE - “COMPLETE STREET”

1. Reduce five lanes to **three**
2. Six-foot landscaped **buffer** to separate modes
3. **Grade-separated** sidewalks and bike lanes
4. Bus / parking **pull-outs**
Complete Streets & Benefits

- provide more transportation options
- improve safety
- contribute to a healthy community
- ease congestion
- aid children, older adults, and those with disabilities
- save costs in future retrofitting
Complete Streets & Avondale’s vision

“A city of variety, vitality, and values, whose citizens pursue an active role in molding a great place to live, work, and play, in a manner respectful of the city’s rich history, growing culture, and invaluable natural resources.”

- “walkability”
- “livability”
- “bike-friendly”
- “greenery in neighborhoods”
- “quality of life”
- “economic sustainability”
The Script

1. Central Avenue’s **assets** and **challenges**
2. Complete streets and their **benefits** to Avondale
3. Complete streets in correspondence with Avondale’s **vision**, General Plan, etc
4. Avondale’s **future plans** for complete streets
In Summary

Write The Story

1. Capture more b-roll footage
   - Central “today”
   - Construction
   - Bicycle and pedestrian dense areas in Metropolitan Phoenix
   - Parks, schools, churches, other community-centered hubs on Central
In Summary

2. Find the Characters
   - Interview civilians and business owners
   - Establish with them how a complete street will benefit them
   - Address their concerns and make them transparent to Avondale

3. Monitor and collect data
   - Construct additional reports
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