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## Transportation Master Plan Study – Your Opinion Please

Almost a year ago the Scottsdale City Council retained a consultant to study the transportation needs of the city and to formulate short and long term solutions for projected future traffic increases. A citizen working group was created to help in the study; Bob Vairo is a member of the group.

In 2003 the City Council identified Scottsdale Road as the designated corridor for high capacity transit that, among other modes of transportation, could include light rail. Other forms would be buses and so-called modern street cars.

Each of these transportation systems presents a variety of benefits and problems to be addressed. For example light rail requires a dedicated track and overhead lines for power, as do street car and certain types of bus systems. Cost is an issue, with light rail estimated to cost approximately \$65 million dollars per mile to construct.

The disruption created by construction on Scottsdale Road is also a major concern to business owners as well as residents who use it on a daily basis. Also, the ongoing cost of operating this or similar systems would be substantial and it is generally assumed that such costs would have to be subsidized by city taxpayers.

So far, no recommendation has been made for a preferred type of high capacity transportation system. A completed report to the City Council is not expected until later this year. At the Coalition's request, the City Council has agreed that any decision for a high capacity transportation system will be put on the ballot for the voter's opinion before it decides to go ahead with one.

The concern the Coalition has with the study is that it has not identified or defined the transportation problems that

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## Calendar of Events

April 7 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, 9191 E. San Salvador Drive. 7:30-am-2:00 pm. For a list of acceptable items, refer to [www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/recycle](http://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/recycle) or call (480) 312-5602.

April 14-15 Neighborhood Clean Up Weekend in conjunction with Keep Scottsdale Beautiful Month. Organize a clean up project and register with the Scottsdale Pride Committee to receive city recognition. Refer to [www.scottsdaleaz.gov/boards/pride/cab.asp](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/boards/pride/cab.asp) or call (480) 312-3111.

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# Transportation *(continued from page 1)*

most residents are concerned about in their daily lives. Traffic congestion at certain city streets, lack of alternative north/south roads in the north, the anticipated congestion created by out of town labor commuting to and from the Air Park, and downtown access problems such as Chaparral Road are issues that have not been addressed as yet. From everything we know a high capacity system on Scottsdale Road will not be the short or long term solution for such traffic issues.

The Board of Directors will continue to monitor the study to make sure it identifies the traffic problems that all of us face every day. We urge members to become better acquainted with the study by going to the city's web site at [www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Traffic/TransMasterPlan/?catID=6&linkID=266&lType=1](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Traffic/TransMasterPlan/?catID=6&linkID=266&lType=1) where the study is described and links are provided for related topics.

We would like to have your opinion on the Plan and any thoughts you have about transportation issues in general. For example, would you use a light rail system if was available on parts of Scottsdale Road south of Frank Lloyd Wright? Please email us at [coppeak@coppeak.org](mailto:coppeak@coppeak.org). That kind of information will provide us with real time feedback for a more productive evaluation of the study in progress.

The Board of Directors

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## Scottsdale's Preserve Vision

In her State of the City address, Mayor Mary Manross called on Scottsdale residents to contact Governor Napolitano to urge her to stop the proposed auction of 1700 acres of trust land that is within Scottsdale's Preserve Boundary. If you haven't already done so, please email or fax the Governor to let her know you support Scottsdale's Preserve Vision and the Governor's goal of State Land Reform and better growth management. Tell her that in keeping with her campaign promises and the commitments made in her State of the State address, she should insist that no lands within any community's voter-approved preserve boundaries should be moved to market until a solution to land trust reform is found.

Contact information is at <http://azgovernor.gov/contact.asp> or fax to: 602-542-1381. You can also write to Governor Napolitano, 1700 West Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007. Please email, write or call today. It would be helpful if you would copy us at [coppeak@coppeak.org](mailto:coppeak@coppeak.org) or mail to COPP, 8912 East Pinnacle Peak Road, PMB 275, Scottsdale, AZ 85255-3649. Send us a copy of any response you receive from the Governor's office. Also, please pass this information on to friends, neighbors and business associates who share our concerns about the need for better growth management in the State of Arizona.

The Board of Directors

## *Calendar of Events* *(continued from page 1)*

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| April 21 | Pinnacle Peak Park will celebrate its fifth anniversary with guided hikes, wildlife exhibits and children's program. Phone for details at (480) 312-0990. |
| April 21 | Friends of the Scenic Drive Clean Up begins at 7:45 am. Refer to <a href="http://www.scenicdrive.org">www.scenicdrive.org</a>                             |

# City Budget

The City Council is in the process of conducting a series of Thursday meetings to receive public input and to review, discuss, and provide direction to staff for the proposed 2007-08 city budget.

The Coalition has been involved in directing the city's attention to critical budget areas.

These financial priorities are:

- Public Safety – To provide the highest quality Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services in order that our citizens can feel safe at work, at home, and at play.
- Code Enforcement – To protect and enhance the health, safety, and well being of all residents and to preserve the environment.
- Preservation – To protect the lands within the Preserve Boundary from abuse as more land is acquired and opened to public access.
- Good Planning Practices – To protect existing neighborhoods and unique desert vistas with forward looking planning policies. This essential area of city governance will also benefit from the planned citizen process that will ultimately result in an updated General Plan.

The Thursday budget discussions will continue through April, and then will switch to the regularly scheduled Tuesday Council meetings. A formal hearing of the proposed budget will be May 8, followed by a second hearing on May 22, with a final budget adoption on June 5.

Please refer to: <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/finance/>. Call the City Budget Office at (480) 312-2873 or write to: [citycouncil@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:citycouncil@scottsdaleaz.gov).

As financial priorities are determined and allocated, we hope these four areas will receive the resources necessary to maintain and enhance the quality of life that sets Scottsdale uniquely apart.

# Development Updates

## *Test Amendments Approved Temporary Fencing Text Amendment, 9-TA-2006*

In updating text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, the City Council voted to require temporary fences around major construction sites and vacant lots.

These temporary fences must be maintained in "neat and undamaged condition". Minimal signage regarding safety, contact names of the construction company, and conceptual images will be permitted, but political signs will be banned.

Excluded from this text amendment are improvements to private residences, projects that anticipate completion within three weeks, and sites that are smaller than 5,000 square feet.

## *Signs on Public Property and in the Public Right-of-Way, 12-TA-2006*

The City Council voted to ban all temporary signs in the public-right-of-way. Exempted will be government signs such as traffic management signs, street signs, and banners for special events.

Included will be the banning of off location real estate signs from private property with allowances made for temporary open house directional signs.

The goal of these newly defined ordinances is to promote a clutter-free and aesthetically pleasing environment within construction sites and along the roadway.

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## Preserve Acquires Fifty Additional Acres

In a land settlement agreement on March 6, City Council agreed by consent to purchase an additional fifty acres for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

The property, located at the northeast corner of 122nd Street and Rio Verde Drive-Dynamite Road, was purchased through eminent domain by the city from private owners, a partnership between Crown Golf Properties and Aberdeen Investments, for close to \$4.9 million. The purchase represents a culmination of negotiations between the city and the former owners over almost a five year period.

With voter backed support, the council is giving high priority to Preserve acquisition. This settlement represents a successful resolution for the former landowners, the city, and the citizens. The goal of 36,460 acres for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve is closer to reality.

# Message from the Scottsdale Police Department

## Tips to Prevent Identity Theft

- Promptly remove mail from your mailbox.
- Shred unwanted documents before discarding.
- Review bank credit card and financial statements regularly.
- Never give personal information unless you initiated the contact.
- Report lost or stolen credit cards immediately.

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## Election of Directors by Mail: Bylaws Amended

The Board of Directors, with approval of the membership, has voted to terminate regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Since the Bylaws of the Coalition of Pinnacle Peak required that Board Directors be elected at the Annual Meeting of the general membership held each April, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to amend the bylaws to permit the election of Directors by mail.

Included is background information for the two candidates for Director Positions:

Linda Whitehead became a member of COPP shortly after moving to Scottsdale in 1998 following her retirement from the Citigroup. She was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board in December 1999, elected to a three-year term in April of 2001, and re-elected to a second three-year term in April of 2004. She currently serves as Vice President and

Secretary of the Coalition, is a member of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission, and Treasurer of the Legend Trail Community Association.

Mike Stephenson has been a COPP member since 1999. He has resided in Legend Trail for eight years where has been an active participant. Currently Mike serves on the Finance Committee. He is also a Director of the Metro Phoenix Bank. Last year Mike was elected to complete a one-year COPP Board position. Mike feels strongly about desert preservation, sensible land use, and accountability of our leaders. With Mike's background and commitment, he adds to the diversity of the COPP Board.

The ballot and directions for voting are included in the *COPP News* insert. Please read the directions, vote, and return by mail before April 30. Thank you.



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 Comments/Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

In which city do you vote? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Voting for COPP Board of Directors: Please vote as listed below.

Fold, tape, and return this ballot with a 39 cent stamp to COPP before April 30.  
The election results will appear in the *COPP News* following the election. Thank you.

The Board of Directors

## BALLOT TO ELECT TWO MEMBERS TO THE COPP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following members have been placed in nomination  
and are recommended by the Board of Directors  
to serve the indicated terms for each nominee:

- Linda Whitehead – April, 2007 - 2010
- Mike Stephenson – April, 2007- 2010

Other Nominees – Print Names:

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