



### ▶ What is the purpose of the shared-use path?

The 6-mile path is intended for recreational use by non-motorized users. It also provides access to the Arizona Department of Transportation right-of-way easement for maintenance, as needed.

### ▶ How did the idea of this shared-use path come about?

Pecos Road in Ahwatukee, a community in the southernmost edge of Phoenix, was a popular route for people riding bicycles. The road was replaced by the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway. The shared-use path is intended to offset the loss of Pecos Road, and provide a recreational path for bicycle riders, skaters, runners and pedestrians of all fitness levels. Most of the path follows the former Pecos Road alignment.

### ▶ Where does the shared-use path start and end?

It runs from 40th Street on the east to 17th Avenue on the west, following the contour of the desert.

### ▶ Can I ride an electric bike, motorized skateboard or scooter along the path?

No. The path is intended only for pedestrians and all other non-motorized users, with the exception of people using wheelchairs or motorized mobility scooters.

### ▶ Are dogs allowed?

Yes. All dogs must be on a leash. Dog walkers must pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.

### ▶ How can I access the shared-use path?

You can access the path at any of the South Mountain Freeway interchanges in Ahwatukee – 40th, 32nd or 24th streets, Desert Foothills Parkway and 17th Avenue – by following signs and crosswalks. Every access point is accessible for people with disabilities.

### ▶ Does the path connect up to Pecos Park?

The shared-use path does not connect to Pecos Park because ADOT does not own the right-of-way on the south side, east of 40th Street.

### ▶ Will any restrooms or drinking fountains be installed along the path?

There are no plans for these types of facilities. Path users should carry sufficient drinking water for themselves (and their dogs) as they would on any other trail that does not have drinking fountains.

### ▶ Are there trash and pet waste receptacles along the shared-use path?

Receptacles for trash and pet waste bags will not be installed. Path users must pick up and pack out their trash, just as they would on any other path, trail or sidewalk.

### ▶ Will it be lit at night?

Because the freeway is lighted, ADOT is not installing additional lights. Path users should wear reflective clothing and have lights and reflectors on their bicycles for safety.

### ▶ Will the shared-use path always be open?

The path is accessible 24 hours a day.

### ▶ What are the plans for landscaping and shade along the path?

There is desert landscaping, including trees and shrubs, between the shared-use path and the freeway, but no shade structures will be installed. There are no plantings on the south side of the path because of restrictions within the Salt River Project (SRP) easement, and for maintenance purposes.

### ▶ How wide is the shared-use path?

The shared-use path is between 15 and 20 feet wide depending on the location. The path narrows as it approaches the cross streets. The path provides ample space for multiple, simultaneous users including people running, walking and riding bicycles.

### ▶ Is the shared-use path separated from vehicle traffic?

The path is separated from the freeway by sufficient space and barriers, where needed, to protect users from vehicle traffic. Signage alerts drivers that people riding bicycles may be present at intersections.

### ▶ Is it a flat path, with no hills?

While the path looks mostly level, users will notice some inclines along the way.

### ▶ Which agency is responsible for maintenance of the shared-use path?

The path is owned by ADOT and maintained by the city of Phoenix.

### ▶ Where can I find information about other shared-use paths in Arizona?

ADOT's [Bicycle and Pedestrian Program](#) provides information about biking and walking in Arizona, including maps, laws and organizations.

### ▶ How is the shared-use path funded?

It was included in the overall project funding for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway from the Regional Transportation Plan and the Federal Highway Administration.

### ▶ Who do I contact with any further questions or concerns?

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