

## **Silverbell Road Public Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at El Rio Neighborhood Center**

### Transcribed from Comment Forms:

Left turn access from SW corner of Del Cerro & Silverbell 4755

Increased road noise

Property acquisition

Property access

Median opening at 4425 N. Silverbell for my driveway to drive north and south

Support the rural character

Support open space zoning

Please support the rural character

Bike paths throughout

Pedestrian paths separated from road with buffer strip

Sonoran desert native plants for low water use

Maximize rainwater harvesting basins to capture water for plants & avoid drainage problems

No curbs – to maximize rainwater harvesting

Shade at bus stops

Pullouts for bus stops

Public art should include some bicycle art theme

Support for wildlife crossings

Mitigate off-road vehicles

Mitigate ATVs & off-road motorbikes along corridor specifically in washes & easements behind Silver Creek

Wildlife & dust pollution & noise pollution

No signage

Thank you for creating a wide-open forum for public participation. I do wish the maps had been a little more accurate, because it impacts confidence in the planners. But we'll have plenty of time for that. I'm looking forward to this process with real optimism that we'll have the support of all Westside residents – thanks to the broad opportunity to participate.

Would like a median break at West Silver Sun Drive to access businesses and residences west of Silverbell Road just north of Grant Road – thanks.

Are the intersections going to have UPS's as a safety measure?

Who will inherit the maintenance responsibility? Pima County or City of Tucson?

What will happen with the Jehovah Witness Church entrance – it is currently within 100 yards of the Camino Del Cerro/Silverbell intersection.

Keep “rural” nature of Silverbell Rd from Grant to El Camino  
Contact Silverbell Stables directly for input on access and horse trails  
Access needs to accommodate horse trailers  
Underground utilities/power lines

1. What I love about Silverbell Rd. is that it doesn't feel like a Tucson city street – it has a meandering quality to it, a natural feel that reflects land contours. Please don't straighten the desert character out of Silverbell. Please don't conform to a tidy city feel. Seems like a lot of grey area exists between a road, a parkway, ... a boulevard. (!) I hope cost and efficiency don't rub the character out of Silverbell.
2. I'm very concerned about wildlife impact. I know that people need updated roadways, but I hope getting to work smoothly doesn't drive the decision making to too great a degree. I'd like to know about specific wildlife issues that will be addressed – I hope the website will be helpful for this as you continue.
3. For many – all? – of us, Silverbell is our only artery option to /from work – I hope the flow of construction, constriction, restrictions will be looked at carefully as you proceed.  
Thank you for the mailing to inform me of both meetings – this initial meeting was a great start & I liked having specific aspects spread around the room, with posters & a real person. ☺  
In future meetings, as we may have more questions/thoughts, can you please provide a real person @ each station/poster again? Very helpful. ☺

Charter School, 330 Students, 50-60 Staff

1. We like to see a multi-use bicycle paths (pavement) from Grant all the way to Ina. This will allow for a wider path for bicycles both ways {diagram of opposing arrows} (path like those on the river walk) also will allow for disabled to use path with ease and families.
2. Covered bus stops along route – Grant to Ina.
3. Safe routes for students to walk to our charter school; safe crossings
4. Add Hawk lights on several points between Grant and Ina (Introspect) or crosswalks/ safe crossing on Silverbell
5. Underground utilities for lights

Projects calls for “up to 4 lanes”

Definitely need all 4 lanes

Roadway surface on Silverbell north of Grant around Pritchett is subject to frequent potholes. We need surfacing similar to the improved section south of Grant.

I really like the aesthetic look south of Grant Rd.

Entrance to my business

Crossing for horses to river

Wash on the property

Road right of way

Is there a possibility of public art projects as part of the aesthetic appeal? If funding for this is not included in the project, how about applying for grants?

**Additional Comments added after meeting via web site:**

I was at the meeting at El Rio tonight, August 12, and have signed up for your mailing list. I have a suggestion that I didn't turn in earlier: Consider selecting a team from Tucson Pima Arts Council to participate in the design and planning of the Silverbell Road project. My earlier suggestion was for developing public art projects to add aesthetic appeal to the transportation improvements.

It would be interesting to look at traffic patterns on the stretch of Silverbell between St. Mary's and Grant before and after that was reconstructed. Accidents too, if there are records of that.

Landscaping plantings should be below the street level w/basins in order to catch rainwater & runoff & irrigate the landscaping.

Refer to above street level which causes flooding problems & \_\_\_\_ the rain water, incurring larger irrigation expenses. See Brad Lancaster's work on this. Thank you.

Please provide access to the Santa Cruz River Park @ Sweetwater. I use the riverwalk to commute to work on my bike.

Please bury the overhead electric lines. They are a significant eyesore.

Reduce traffic noise w/rubberized asphalt

Use the asphalt which allows water to permeate through to water table

Bus stops need shade for day & light @ night & put bus schedule @ bus stops

Need bus pull-outs

Left turn lane @ Neosha

Wildlife corridors very IMPORTANT near golf course especially

Use all native plants: BIG TREES! MESQUITES FOR SHADE!

Can a TRADER JOE'S be encouraged? ☺

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- Reduce traffic noise with rubberized asphalt
- Expand bus service to go further north
- Traffic lights at Silverbell Tree Drive?
- A left turn lane at Neosha
- TAKE OFF THE CREST OF THE HILL AT DESERT FOOTHILLS
- Will you take us out of the flood plain?
- Provide shade at bus stops
- Extend bus routes north on Silverbell
- Soccer fields at Del Cerro will have problem with egress & ingress as traffic backs up from I-10 and Ruthrauff past the Santa Cruz bridge
- Provide better lighting near the nursery – now
- Bring back the dirt roads, horse and buggy

**Silverbell Road Public Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library**

Transcribed from Comment Forms:

Since at least 80% of downtown Tucson traffic from the northwest of Tucson/Marana used the I-10/Frontage Road, especially when all I-10 exits are accessible, it would appear prudent to keep Silverbell Road to a maximum of three lanes and redirect any excess (saved) funds to the reconstruction of Sunset Road Bridge.

1. have a meeting @ a facility that can accommodate the number of residents/public. a high school or auditorium or local church?
2. at least a place that may also have the ability to project the sound/concepts into the audience.

Please continue to restrict the use of Silverbell Rd. by extremely heavy trucks. (over five tons). This restriction may minimize any deterioration in the quality of the wildlife, and rural character.

Please provide adequate equestrian facilities, crossings, access to Santa Cruz, etc.

Please make note of all of the bicycle traffic due to training for the El Tour – I'm not sure how you count that but we need to make room for them. Also a path w/gravel is much preferred to a sidewalk for those of us who like to run. Thank you.

- Would prefer asphalt paths away from road on west side of road.
- Sound reduction walls needed.
- Turn lanes needed.
- Lights for bigger neighborhood needed.

No sidewalks please! Leave as desert like as possible.

I'd suggest keeping the speed limits low. I do not like that Silverbell is already considered an alternative to the freeway. I see animals crossing and people (sometimes) walking. I do not want a speedway! Keeping and maintaining lower speeds is critical!

Put Sunset Rd. Bridge across Santa Cruz River.

Please try to minimize any right of way on 4627 Silverbell and to the west of Silverbell. The hills are the best features of the road and it would be a shame to lose the hills. My special property is already non-confirming in the zoning, and to take 20% would cause a hardship and it appears that movement to the east would be easier.

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- Avoid plants that trap plastic bags
- Blend ped facilities into surrounding landscape
- Prefer asphalt ped path to sidewalk, meander path like Lambert-La Cañada-Oracle
- Artwork should reflect historic significance

Please consider directing some of the funds to the reconstruction of the Sunset Road Bridge.

Request for HARD fencing on east side of Silverbell because of illegal activity getting into private property on eastside of Santa Cruz River. Area is barb-wired fenced and posted "No Trespassing" now, but the fence gets cut every weekend. Property owned by mining pit. Need hard fencing on eastside from Camino del Cerro to N. Panorama Dr. Quads & off-road trucks are destroying river front. Please contact us to witness activity, especially on Sundays. Working with Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson's office re: this situation.