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New Grant Road survey is on the way

Input is sought from users on 2013 widening

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The city plans to hit the streets next week to start talking to people who use Grant Road and hand out surveys to gather more public opinion on the plans to widen the street.

The surveys will ask people along Grant Road, such as those shopping at grocery stores, how they use the roadway, which features or parts of the road are important to them, and concerns they may have about the project.

Tucsonans who live near, work on or use Grant Road can answer the questions in person or take a survey home and mail it back, postage-paid.

As voters approved it in the Regional Transportation Plan, Grant Road is scheduled to be widened to three lanes in each direction from North Oracle Road to North Swan Road. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2013.

The survey questions, or type of information the city is seeking, will be similar to what was addressed during several community "listening sessions" the city held last fall in which groups talked about what they wanted to see when the roadway project is complete, and what they value about the roadway now.

Opinions during those sessions ranged from keeping green areas along the roadway and incorporating the mountain views into the project somehow to focusing on mass-transit options, while others wanted to ensure pedestrians have an easier time crossing the thoroughfare.

City officials will take information from the surveys and create a report on the results. The task force of citizens appointed to help decide the alignment and other elements of the roadway will also be involved in the information-gathering throughout the planning process.

If you'd like to take the survey or sign up for e-mail or postal mail updates on the project, go online to <http://grantroad.info> or call the Grant Road widening information line at 624-4727.

The survey will be available online by Sept. 4.

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