

## Tempe Bicycle Boulevards

### Background

In June 2014, the City Council directed staff to pursue development of a bicycle boulevard system in Tempe and placed \$100,000 in the Capital Improvements Program budget beginning July 1, 2015.

Bicycle boulevards enhance access and comfort for bicyclists, attract new bicycle users and increase ridership. Bike boulevards are off-street pathways and streets with low-motorized traffic volumes and speeds designated and designed to give bicycle travel priority. Bicycle boulevards can have a range of amenities to reflect local conditions and generally use signage, pavement markings, landscape and hardscape, as well as speed and volume management measures to discourage through trips by motor vehicles and promote safe, convenient bicycle use and crossing of busy arterial & collector streets. Bike boulevards connect neighborhoods to major destinations, employment centers and activity centers.

As part of the Tempe Transportation Master Plan ([www.tempe.gov/transportationplan](http://www.tempe.gov/transportationplan)), which was approved by the Council on Jan. 8, 2015, the overall Tempe bicycle network has been branded as BIKEiT (Bike in Tempe) and the bicycle boulevard system has complimentary logos.

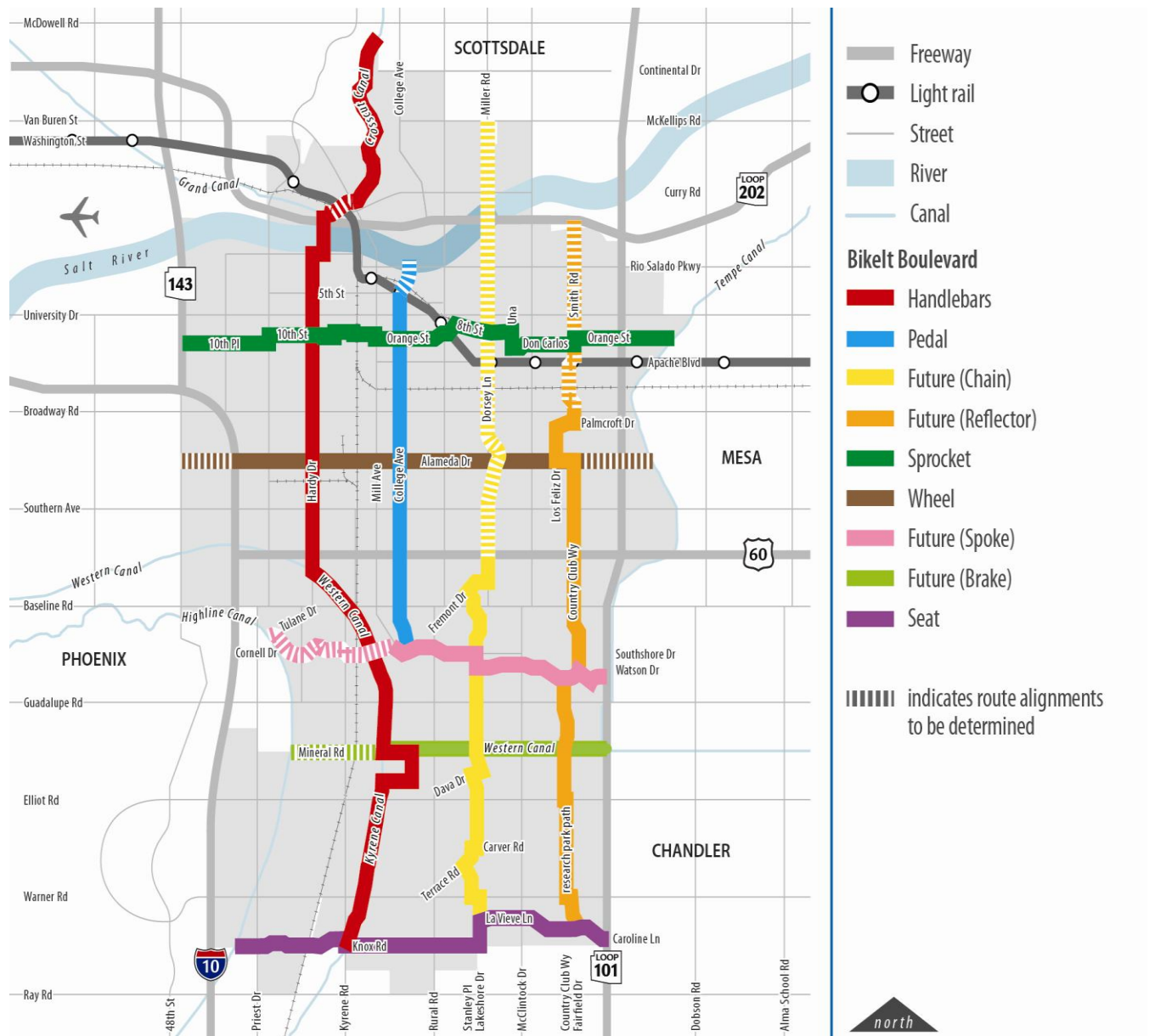


### Implementation

As part of the Transportation Master Plan, and utilizing public feedback a network of bicycle boulevards for Tempe has been developed. The map on the next page details nine bike boulevards city-wide that would be implemented to connect existing facilities, major destinations, neighborhoods and the downtown Tempe and ASU campus.

Staff plans to implement the first phases of the work related to the Seat (Knox Road) and Pedal (College Avenue) bike boulevard routes in FY 2015/16. These initial two routes were selected to provide broad coverage of the city (south, central and downtown Tempe) and because they follow existing popular bicycle corridors that will facilitate easier implementation.

# Bike Boulevard System Map



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