



City of Prescott

City Council - Study Session

June 24, 2025 | 1:00 PM
201 N Montezuma Street
City Council Chambers
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Phil Goode - Mayor
Connie Cantelme - Mayor Pro Tem
Lois Fruhwirth - Councilwoman
Ted Gambogi - Councilman
Patrick Grady - Councilman
Brandon Montoya - Councilman
Eric Moore - Councilman

3. DISCUSSION

- A. Presentation & Discussion Regarding the Willis Street Traffic and Warrant Study. Traffic Manager Ian Mattingly introduced the discussion regarding the recently completed Willis Street Traffic and Warrant Study.

Senior Traffic Engineer with Burgess & Niple Alyssa Whitten provided the presentation to the Council regarding the study on Willis Street between McCormick Street and Montezuma Street. She reviewed traffic operations related to vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, looking at various control options to enhance roadway usage.

Data Collection:

- * Took place on Tuesday, December 17, 2024
- * Average Daily Vehicle - 7,136
- * 85% of vehicles traveling at 25 miles per hour, with only 1% traveling over 35 miles per hour
- * 2019-2023 - 28 total crashes, 80% with no injuries, zero fatalities and 57% angle or left-turn crashes, which are typical of intersections

Councilman Moore expressed his concern regarding the date the data was collected.

Ms. Whitten responded that school was in session at this time, which was representative of local use. Higher trail users during the summer months may have been different, however.

All-Way Stop Control Warrant Analysis:

- * Warrant A Crash Experience
 - Willis and Granite: No
 - Willis and McCormick: No
- * Warrant B Sight Distance
 - Willis and Granite: Yes
 - Willis and McCormick: No
- * Warrant C Transition to Signal or Yield Control
 - Willis and Granite: No
 - Willis and McCormick: No
- * Warrant D 8-Hour Volume
 - Willis and Granite: No
 - Willis and McCormick: No
- * Warrant E Other Factors (All Way Stop)
 - Willis and Granite: Yes
 - Willis and McCormick: No
- * Traffic signal not warranted at either intersection

Councilwoman Fruhwirth commented that she was surprised to see a yes even though some criteria were no.

Ms. Whitten responded that meeting one warrant satisfies the criteria.

Mr. Mattingly added that while the numbers may have been low, they were not substantially lower than summer, the difference wasn't large enough to trigger an additional study outside of significant holiday impacts. And growing traffic volumes still did not trigger a warrant for a traffic signal.

Councilman Moore commented that his office has a view of Willis Street and there are times when the traffic gets backed up all the way to Granite, which is where he thinks the issue is coming from for visibility.

Mr. Mattingly responded that there are safety issues warranting a change at this intersection, but staff needs to also look at the Willis and Montezuma intersection to determine how best to address these in a cohesive way.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme asked if anyone had ever looked into a "back" exit through the APS property, under the bridge and to Lincoln.

Mr. Mattingly responded that he had never seen a plan to connect that area. However, staff will be looking into some Dexter connectors which will allow discussions regarding that area, which could lead to discussions on something like that. Those are opportunities to look at links but this study is not that.

Councilman Moore commented that any access out would go through Granite Creek Park, which the Council decided to protect, so he doesn't feel that would be an acceptable option.

Corridor Observations & Recommendations:

- * Refresh pavement markings
- * Maintain vegetation
- * Signage - speed limit, bike route, pedestrian "ahead" plaque

McCormick Street Intersection Observations & Recommendations:

- * Installation of truncated domes on corners of McCormick Street intersections
- * Relocate the existing T sign on the east side of the bridge to the west 100 feet in advance of the intersection
- * Relocate the stop sign and stop bar just to the north at the natural desired stopping point

Granite Creek Trail Crossing Observations & Recommendations:

- * Remove RRFB
- * Install curb ramp west of Sam Hill Alley
- * Reconstruct ramp and curb ramp on northeast corner of the intersection to increase pedestrian visibility
- * Install striped crosswalk
- * Install stop signs
- * Install truncated domes at all corners of Willis and Granite Street intersections
- * Install hi-vis crosswalk

Mayor Goode asked if any of the drivers involved in the recorded accidents are interviewed.

Mr. Mattingly confirmed that they are interviewed when the police come out to investigate the scene and that is all included in the study.

Ms. Whitten responded that a high number are no-injury crashes, so there is a lot of property damage from angle and left-turn crashes which are leading to these.

Mr. Mattingly added that the city is dedicated to trying to reduce crashes in the city, and even if they aren't high speed with casualties, these improvements will do that. This is all a compromise.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth added that the design of the intersection is difficult because the visibility is hard and it is busy, she thinks that the alignment of the intersection so people can see will help to solve those problems. The changes and enhancements in these areas have made an area that wasn't busy before much busier so we need to make it safer.

Mr. Mattingly concurred, these are opportunities to provide safety in an area where it is needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme commented that she is hesitant about taking out the flashing light intersection.

Mr. Mattingly responded that there are step-up tools for pedestrian traffic in areas, changes are needed in this area because there are not ADA curb ramps

currently. As these recommendations are implemented, will make the changes needed and make sure that there is a safe crossing in that area.

Councilman Gambogi commented that a 4-way stop at this intersection is a good idea.

Mr. Mattingly concurred, this is a heavily trafficked area that needs safety improvements.

Ms. Whitten added that agency preference and what works for the users in this area is taken into consideration for these warrants as well, so all of these can be looked at for these areas. Feedback while they were doing the study also indicated that users are in favor of an all-way stop in this area.

Next Steps:

- * Short Term Implementation (2-3 months) - install 4-way stop at Granite Street, modify striping, signing changes, and landscape trimming (\$5-6,000 likely cost)
- * Long Term Items (1-2 years) - ADA curb ramp construction, truncated domes added, median bulb-out construction (likely fall under the paving contracts, or JOC agreements but at a higher cost), need to work those projects into the plans though

Mayor Pro Tem Cantelme commented that she is in favor of getting these things done as quickly as possible. She asked when there is a road closure for a special event if there is a requirement for traffic control.

City Manager Dallin Kimble responded that any special event has requirements during permit review that do include traffic control.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth asked that a communication plan be included in the short-term planning both for the affected businesses and public.

This item was for discussion only, no formal action was taken.

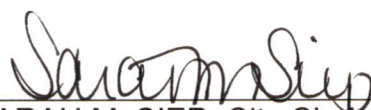
4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Goode adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.



PHILIP R. GOODE, Mayor


ATTEST:



SARAH M. SIEP, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Voting Meeting of the City Council Voting Meeting of the City of Prescott, Arizona held on June 24, 2025. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk

