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### **Not a Hoax: \$31,132,929 & Public Safety are at Stake** & Locations to Sign the Wildlife Overpass Petition



#### **Wildlife Overpass Petition Events**

Trailheads: Sats & Suns from 7 am - 11 am  
Pima/Dynamite, Brown's Ranch, and Gateway

Inner Circle Cafe 2515 N Scottsdale Rd Ste 106  
(Wilshire Plaza) 85257

Sunday 04/06 10:00am-12:00pm

Sunday 04/13 10:00am-12:00pm

Starbucks (Hayden/Osborn) 3300 N Hayden Rd. 85251

Wednesday 4/9 1:00pm-2:00 pm

Wednesday 4/16 1:00pm-2:00 pm

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Become a petition volunteer [HERE](#).



## ADOT: "Scottsdale will forfeit and pay back all federal funds"

Should the City Council majority vote next Tuesday (4/8) to eliminate a roundabout under construction in North Scottsdale, Scottsdale will forfeit a \$31M federal grant. Many residents received an email calling this a 'forfeiture hoax'.



It is not a hoax. The forfeiture is outlined in a letter from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) which states: (ADOT letter [HERE](#))

**“if Scottsdale chooses to proceed with this major change of scope, Scottsdale will forfeit and pay back all federal funds in the total amount of \$31,132,929.”**



Let's safeguard our tax dollars and improve road safety. [Email](#) council. Sign up to [speak](#) on 4/8, item 13.

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# Scottsdale wants to spend more to make a road less safe. Bad idea | Opinion

*Backtracking on a roundabout that's already being constructed will cost Scottsdale more, without making a dangerous intersection any safer. It's a mistake.*

**Solange Whitehead** opinion contributor

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A new Scottsdale City Council majority appears ready to forfeit a \$31 million federal grant to fulfill a campaign promise to eliminate future roundabouts. Apparently, even including those under construction.

I'm not for or against roundabouts. I'm for public safety and fiscal responsibility.

That's why I strongly oppose my colleagues' efforts to forfeit this large sum of federal dollars simply to eliminate one roundabout in North Scottsdale — a decision that would cost taxpayers citywide and make the intersection less safe.

Political ideology may win elections, but sound, pragmatic policies improve lives. Once elected, it is our job to pivot and deliver the latter.

Scottsdale Road is undergoing a [safety and traffic efficiency upgrade](#), including a roundabout at the Dynamite Boulevard intersection, where at least 150 traffic crashes have occurred since 2020.

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## Resident Roundabout Questions & Answers

**Can Scottsdale signalize the intersection without losing the \$31 million federal grant?** No. Removing the roundabout forfeits the entire grant.

**Do roundabouts cost \$31 million?** No. The federal grant is funding a 2-mile Scottsdale road improvement project that includes the roundabout.

**Isn't there already a traffic light?** Yes but the intersection is being redesigned. Completing the roundabout is the least expensive option and will deliver the best results. Re-scoping to signalize will increase costs, add significant delays, and will forfeit the federal grant. ([ADOT](#) letter)

**What about regional dollars and re-applying for federal grants?** On future grants, ADOT made it clear: no guarantees. Regional funds may be available but could divert money from other critical road projects. Local taxes will have to pay for any funding gaps. Based on all the information provided, Scottsdale taxpayers will pay millions more even in a best case scenario.

**I want my tax dollars spent on repaving!** Same here. Losing the grant means local taxes must cover the project, which will reduce funds for paving, crosswalks, and many other important projects.

**Don't North Scottsdale residents oppose this roundabout?** Opinions vary but there are plenty of residents supporting and opposing the roundabout. Safety decisions should not be based on polling.

**Aren't roundabouts more dangerous since people don't know how to use them?** No. Roundabouts reduce severe crashes by eliminating left turns and



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**Are you a roundabout fanatic?** No, Like many, I appreciate roundabouts now that I've gotten used to them.

Contact City Council [HERE](#).



*Forfeiting federal money may impact other city projects. Residents along 68th St filed an ethics complaint to protect the funding for a sidewalk approved in 2023.*



**After Years of Fighting for it, a Sidewalk Prompts an Ethics Charge.**

[Here's Why](#)

**by Taylor Seely, Arizona Republic, @taylorseely95**

Key Points:

- The Scottsdale City Council approved funding for the sidewalk in 2023, but its future is now uncertain.
- Councilman Barry Graham is accused of attempting to delay funding for the project, prompting an ethics complaint.
- Graham denies any wrongdoing, stating he was reviewing the project as part of his duties and in line with resident feedback

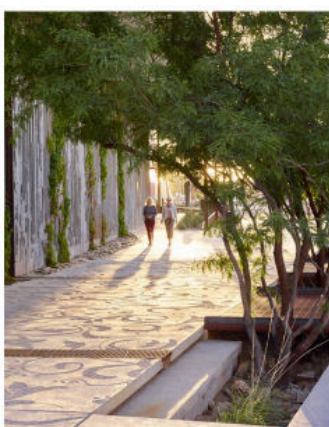
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