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Transit group seeks slower traffic

Favorable toward 2 sections of new median on SR 95

By SCOTT SHINDLEDECKER
TODAY'S NEWS HERALD

Trying to get drivers to slow down was the main topic at Tuesday afternoon's Lake Havasu Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting.

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee spoke at length about projects that could be done and in the end, two sections of new median on State Route 95 were their recommen-

dations to the MPO's Executive Board.

One section would include a 1 to 1.5 mile section from Mulberry Avenue to either Riviera or South Acoma Boulevard. The cost of that would run from about \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

The other section was from South Palo Verde Boulevard to just south of Industrial Avenue.

Street lighting was discussed, but TAC members generally thought it wouldn't be received

well because of concerns from residents how light poles would affect lake views.

TAC member Mark Clark wondered if medians were possible in the city without widening the highway and Mark Hoffman, the Regional Transportation Planner from the Arizona Department of Transportation assured him they were.

"The speed limit is 45 miles per hour there, so that's not an issue to try and get it lowered,"

Hoffman said.

Clark said he didn't think it was worth complicating the project by lighting the medians, but reflectors on them were an option.

Greenlight Traffic Engineering's Mike Blankenship explained that to get state funding, much of it is driven by the number of fatal accidents on a road in a 5-year period.

There was also discussion of putting in landscaped medians on McCullough Avenue, north and south sections, that would include space for pedestrians and

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DEVELOPMENT: WORK ON HAVASU RIVIERA PROJECT HEATS UP



Scott Shindledecker/Today's News Herald

Contractors work at the entrance to the Havasu Riviera Tuesday morning. Some paving has been done with curbing, sidewalks and fire hydrants installed. The biggest project in Lake Havasu since it was built is expected to provide a huge boost to the city.

Family, friends remember retired police officer, former sheriff's candidate Joe Archie

By PAM ASHLEY
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

When the late Joe Archie found out he had terminal brain cancer in July 2018, he turned to his one character trait that had served him well all his life. He set a goal. In fact, he set several.

Setting goals for himself was Joe's way to fuel his ambition, his family said. Diagnosed with glioblastoma, the Lake Havasu City resident needed that fuel now more than ever. Planning for the future was Joe's method to make sure that what remained of his life was geared toward getting the most out of every moment.

"Each month, he had a goal to get to," said Deanna Archie, his wife of 15 years.

Joe died at home in the mid-afternoon on March 15, surrounded by his loved ones. The date in itself was a goal.

"He wanted to die on or before his birthday," Deanna said. Joe celebrated his 68th year on March 8. She said he would want to be remembered as a man of integrity. "He had a good heart and cared for everyone," she said.

Describing her husband as a "straight up cowboy," Deanna said Joe grew up on cattle ranches in Colorado and Wyoming.



JOE ARCHIE

"It's why I have a very strong work ethic," he told Today's News-Herald in 2016. At the time, Joe was running for Mohave County Sheriff. He claimed that his 31 years in law enforcement qualified him for the job. He lost the election to

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File photo

Parker Dam is seen from above.

Leaders from 7 states call for Congress to OK drought plan

By HOWARD FISCHER
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — The leaders of Colorado River basin states are asking Congress to approve the newly adopted drought contingency plan that they admit is not a long-term solution to a dryer future and less water in the river.

Officials of the seven states on Tuesday signed the request for what Brenda Burman, commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation called a historic deal designed to reduce the demand for water from the river.

The deal, which now needs congressional approval, most immediately decides who shares in cuts in the amount of water that will become necessary when Lake Mead drops below a certain level. For Arizona the state's allocation will drop by about 18 percent, to 2.3 million acre feet.

An acre foot is considered enough water to serve two or three average families for a year.

More significant, the plan provides incentives for states to leave water in Lake Mead to avoid triggering an even more severe shortage declaration where the cuts would become more severe.

But those involved concede that even this drought contingency plan is not a long-term solution. That's because the current guidelines for how water is allocated, adopted in 2007, have proven to be far too optimistic in its assumptions about how much water is actually available.

More to the point, the presumption is that future cuts, even deeper, will be necessary.

"It is the bridge from where we are today, or yesterday, perhaps ... until we can get those 2007 guidelines renegotiated by 2026," said Patrick Tyrrell, the state engineer of Wyoming.

"We all recognize we're looking at a dryer future," said Tom Buschatzke,

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