



Peoria Quality of Life Ad-Hoc Committee

Findings and Recommendations



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Committee Members



Agenda

- 1. Committee Process**
- 2. Focus Areas**
- 3. Financial Considerations**
- 4. Recommendations**



Committee Process

January through May 2016

Reviewed planning documents



Subject matter presentations



Input from the public



**Review financial
condition/strategies**



**Committee
discussion/recommendations**

Committee Focus Areas



Focus Areas

1. **Active Recreational Facilities**
2. **Open Space Preservation**
3. **Public Safety**
4. **Investing in our Mature Neighborhoods**





Active Recreational Facilities

Committee Interests

- Multi-Generational Perspective
- Access and availability throughout whole City
- Reenergize existing neighborhood parks
- Community-based centers

Focus Areas





Open Space Preservation Committee Interests

- Target Priority Sites
 - Cultural Resources
 - Recreational Opportunities
 - Wildlife Habitats
 - Risk of Encroachment
- Utilize Trailheads to Ensure Public Access
- Promote Awareness and Education

Focus Area



Public Safety

Committee Interests



- Community-based perspective
- Look for “Force Multipliers”
- Ensure safety/security of high profile recreational sites

Focus Area



Invest in Our Maturing Neighborhoods

Committee Interests

- Beautification of Streets
 - Shade
 - Public Health
 - Livability
- Old Town Improvements



Focus Area

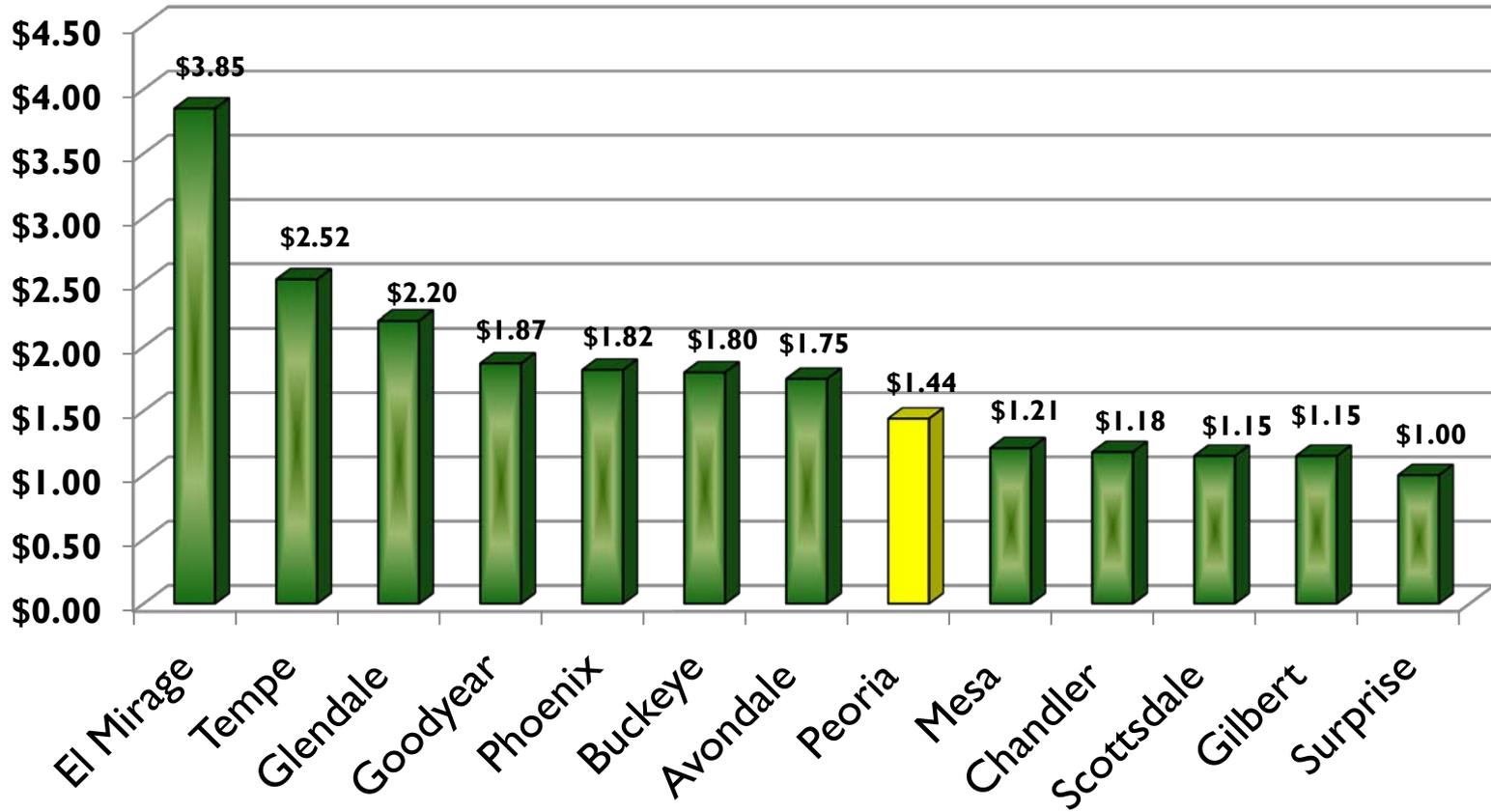


Financial Considerations



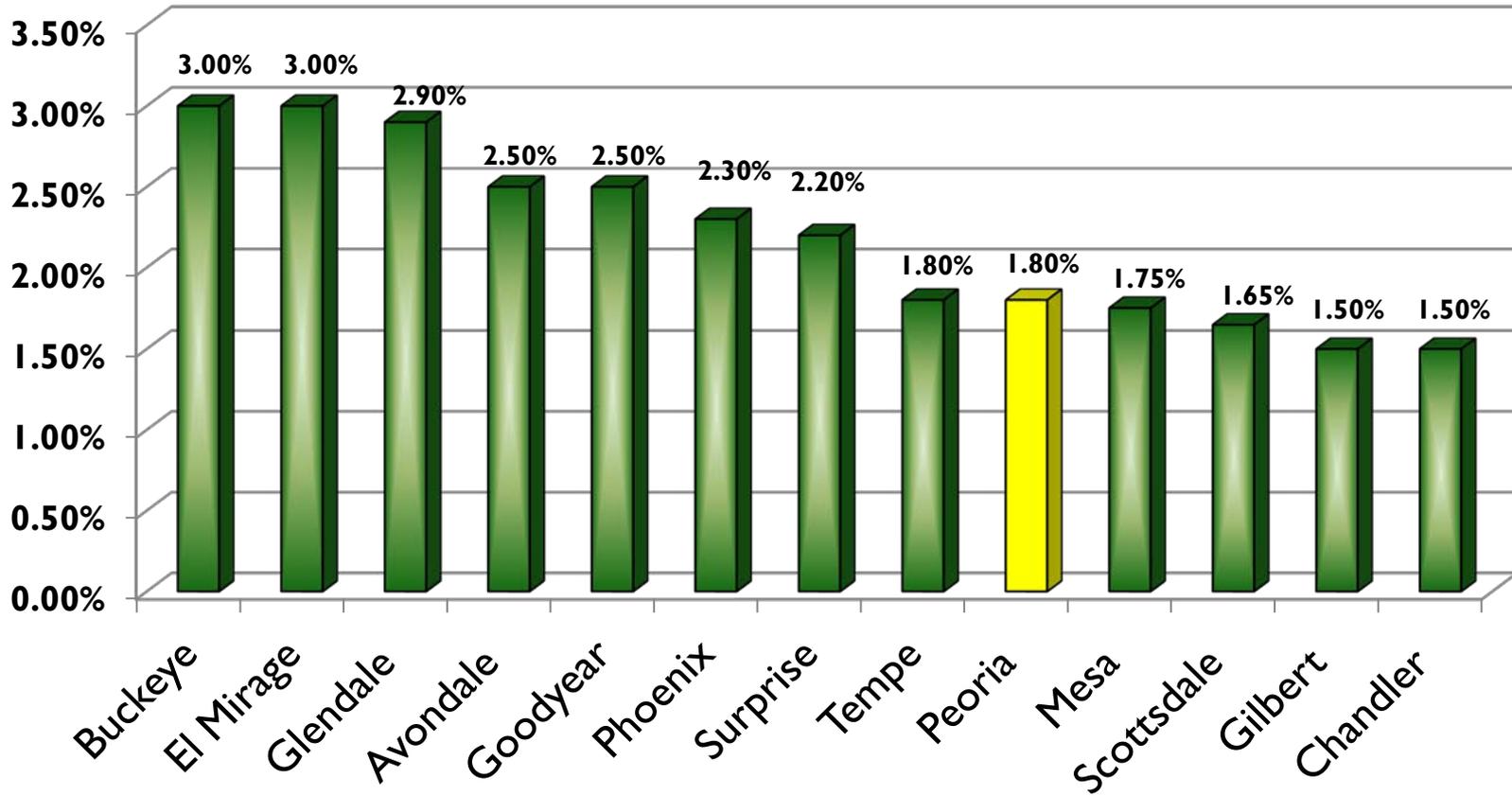


Property Tax Rate Comparison



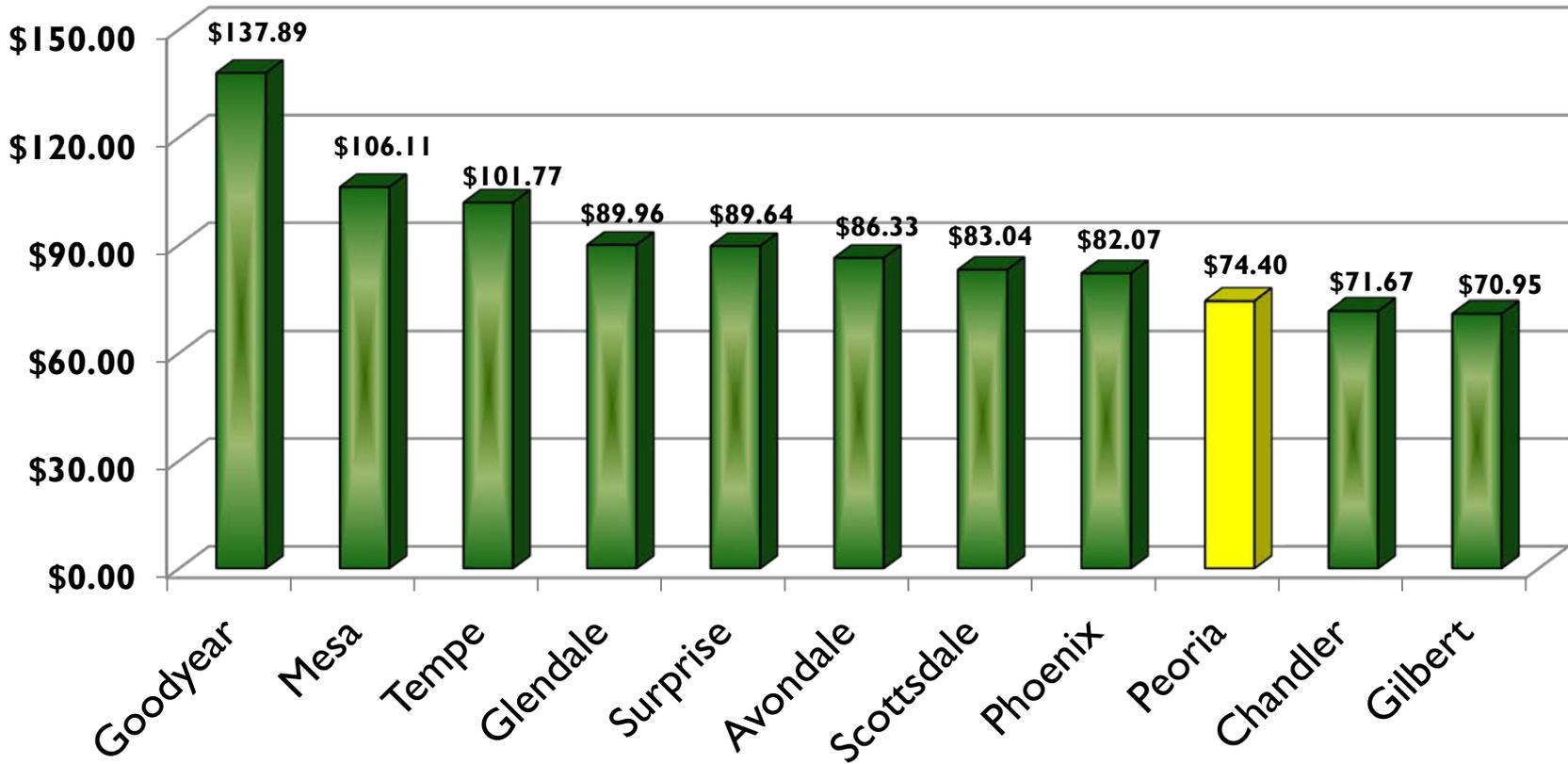


Sales Tax Rate Comparison





Utility Rate Comparison



Financials



Open Space Funding Sources

- Arizona Heritage Fund
- Growing Smarter Allocation
- Special Districts
- Open Space Impact Fee
- Arizona State Trust Land Exchanges
- Federal Grants (National Park Service Grant)
- Land Trusts
- Charitable Trusts
- Establish Local Not-for-Profit Conservancy
- Park User Fees

- Local Funding
 - Existing Operating and Capital Budgets
 - Dedicated Funding Stream

Recommendations



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Committee Recommendations

- Proceed with list of identified projects.
- 6/10 cent sales tax increase.
- Make every effort to maintain same standards throughout the City.
- Enter partnerships with other governmental agencies and co-locate facilities where applicable.





Explore Partnerships

Potential Partners

- School districts
- Public-private
- Not-for profit

Methods

- Coordinate improvements
- Share costs
- Find common interests

Recommendation



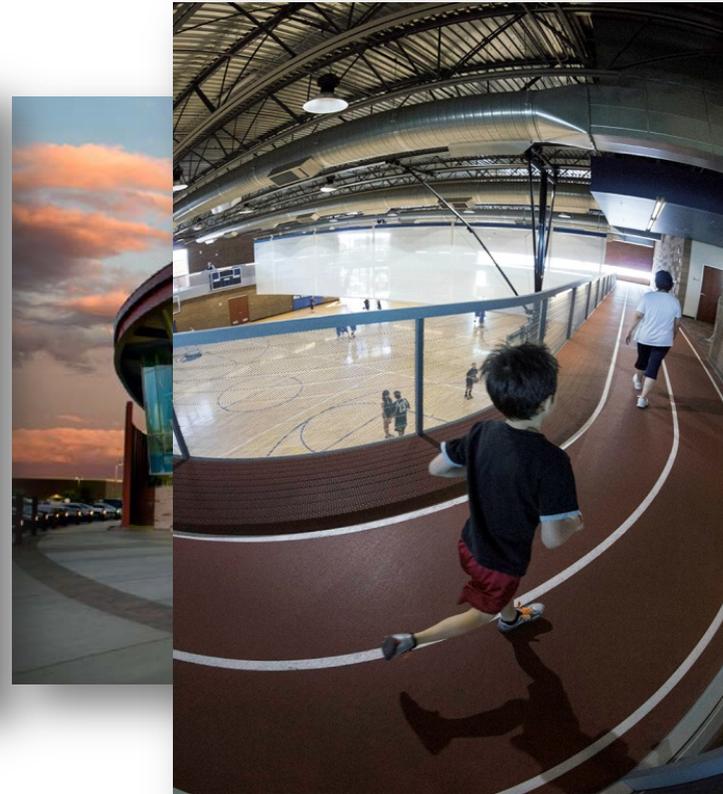
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Committee Recommendations

- Proceed with list of identified projects.
- 6/10 cent sales tax increase.
- Make every effort to maintain same standards throughout the City.
- Enter partnerships with other governmental agencies and co-locate facilities where applicable.
- Include the issue of universal accessibility to the project list. (disabilities)
- Obtain voters approval.



North Community Park Recreation Center



Project
Recommendation



Neighborhood Park Amenities



Project
Recommendation



North Community Center



Project
Recommendation



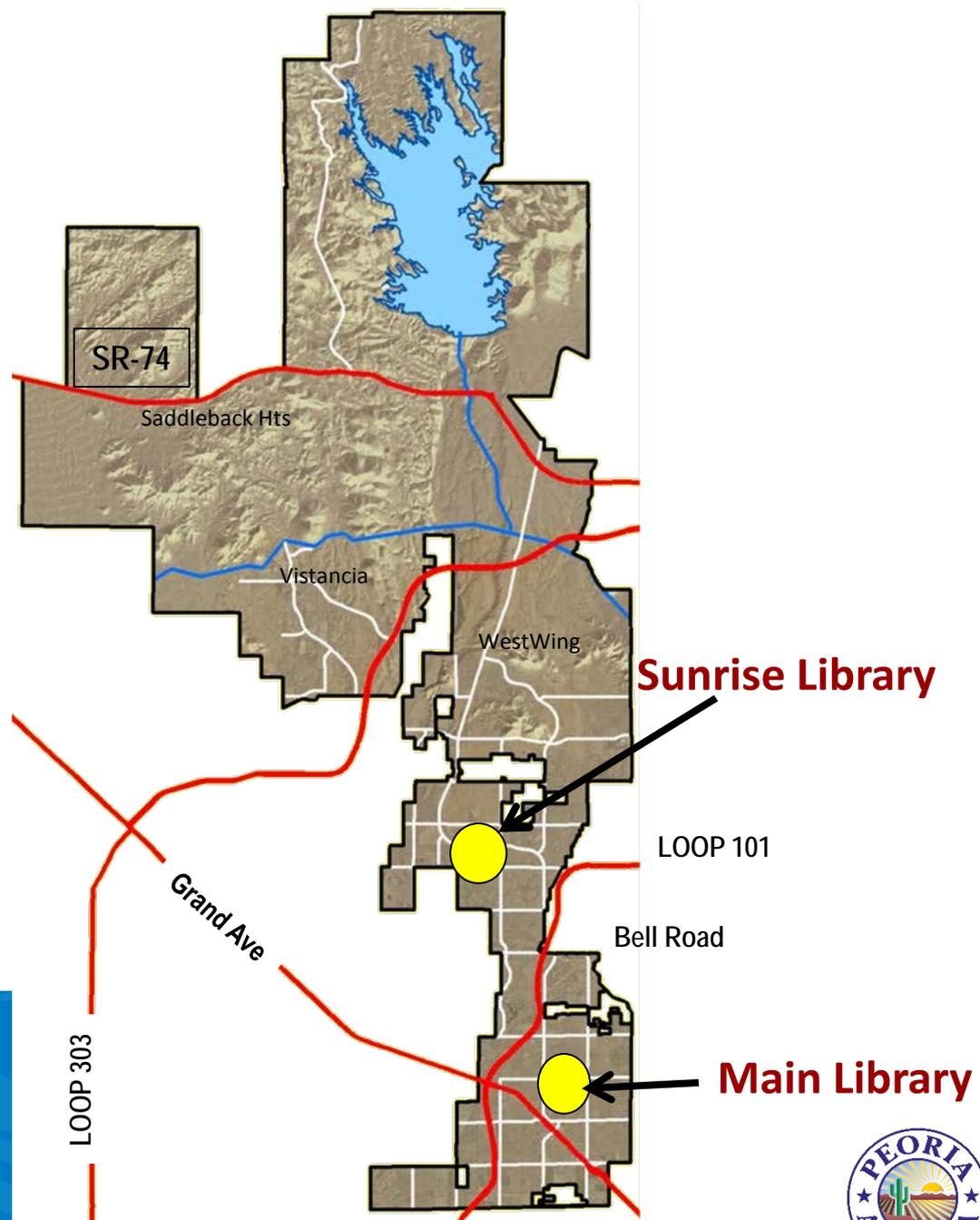
Library in Northern Peoria



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City Library Locations



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Aquatics Facility

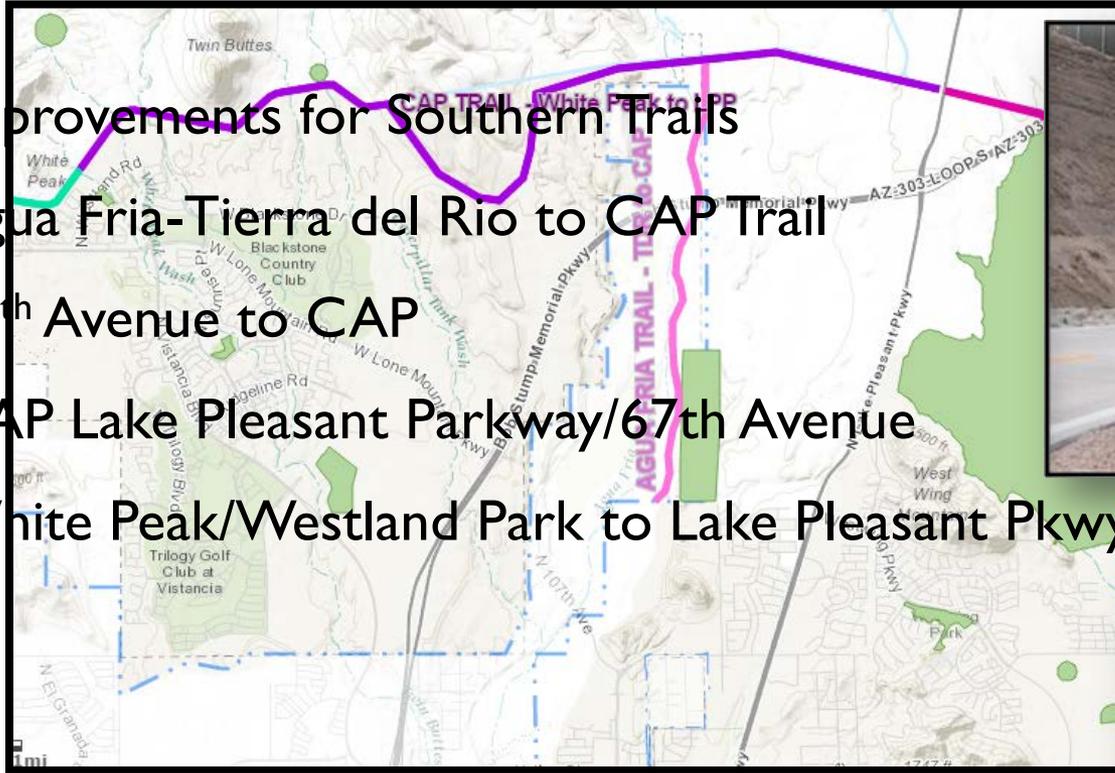


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River Trails

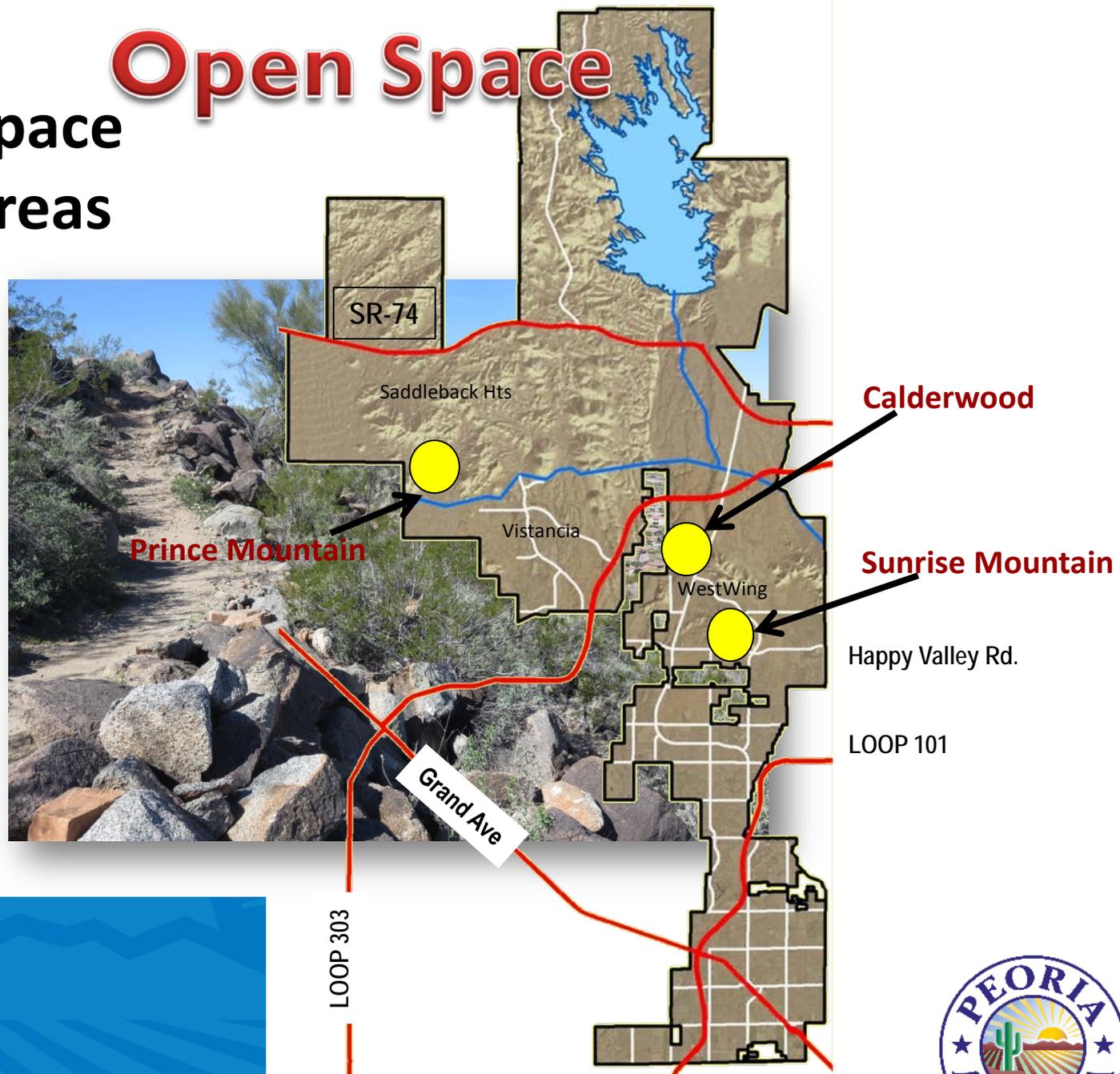
- Improvements for Southern Trails
- Agua Fria-Tierra del Rio to CAP Trail
- 75th Avenue to CAP
- CAP Lake Pleasant Parkway/67th Avenue
- White Peak/Westland Park to Lake Pleasant Pkwy



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Recommendation

Open Space

Open Space Focus Areas



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Mountain Preserve Trailheads



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Visitor / Cultural Center



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Public Safety Fire/Medical



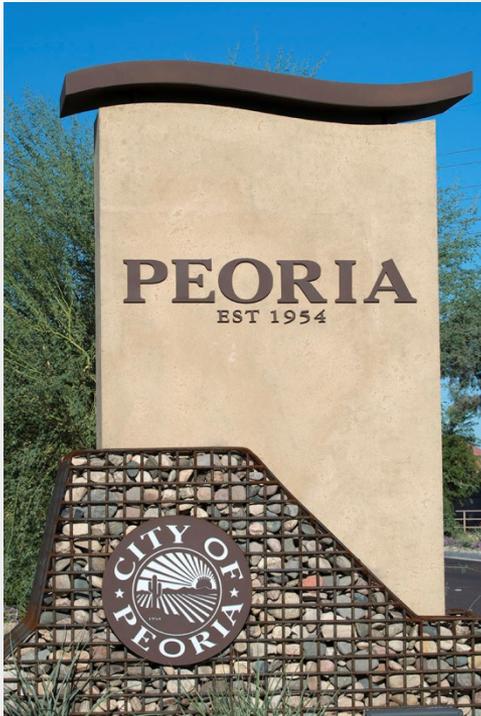
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Public Safety Police



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Community-wide Amenities



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Additional Committee Suggestions



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Committee Suggestions

- Address blight and deterioration in older areas of the Community.
- Continue efforts to broaden artistic activity throughout the Peoria Community.
- Strive to maintain a comparable standard of quality of life throughout the entire city.



Summary

1. **Actively engaged committee**
2. **Proud of the quality of life that is offered in our community**
3. **Recommendations address needed projects and identify a funding source**
4. **Appreciate City Council**

