

City of Bisbee

Shared Use Path Feasibility Study



Example of Existing 3' Sidewalk on SR 80



Background

City of Bisbee received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Economic Development Grant Program, to conduct a feasibility study for a new shared use path that would run along a 1.25-mile segment of SR 80 between the historic Downtown District, and the Lowell District. The study area is illustrated in **Figure 1**.

This study will identify the feasibility of a new pathway that, when implemented, will provide a safe and comfortable facility for residents to walk and bike, improving their health and quality of life. The pathway will also serve as a catalyst for economic development.

Project Goals

SR 80 connects Bisbee's historic Downtown District to the Lowell District. The project area, including the Lavender Pit overlook and parking area, is entirely within an easement of land owned by Freeport McMoRan.

It is envisioned that the pathway will be constructed by removing one of the two southbound travel lanes from SR 80, as illustrated in the graphic below. The outside southbound travel lane between Naco Road and Erie Street will be replaced with a shared use path and a buffer area separating the shared use path from traffic lanes. It is envisioned that the new pathway will:

- Improve safety and comfort of people walking and bicycling along SR 80
- Provide connectivity between historic Downtown and Lowell
- Incorporate identity / branding and aesthetic improvements
- Promote tourism

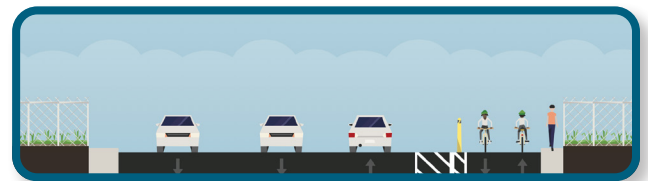
The preferred alternative will be developed considering traffic and safety impacts on SR 80, improved comfort of people riding and bicycling, right-of-way impacts, and cost and complexity to construct.

Project Activities

Bisbee Shared Use Path Feasibility Study project activities include:

- Prepare an inventory summary of SR 80 within the project limits
- Identify pathway alignment concepts
- Evaluate preferred segment for impacts to traffic, safety, and environmental considerations
- Solicit community input
- Prepare Draft and Final Report

SR 80 with Shared Use Path



Schedule

The Final Report will be completed by end of June 2021.



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