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State transportation planners looking for ideas

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SIERRA VISTA — Flying cars are not a part of the scenarios at this point, but Arizona Department of Transportation officials want Sierra Vistans to think about how transportation will change in 20 and 40 years.

Teresa Welborn, statewide public involvement director for ADOT, asked for the City Council's help Monday in getting the word out about the Nov. 18 community workshop at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center.

For the long term framework study, residents are asked to think ahead to the future transportation needs of 2030 and 2050.

Perhaps Sierra Vistans will walk or bike to work more, or take a train to Tucson. There will be three scenarios presented at the meeting for participants to comment on:

- A Personal Vehicle Mobility scenario, which assumes people will continue to choose to drive their cars as their primary mode of transportation but will also include much more public transit than is currently available.
- A Transit Mobility scenario, which places a greater “emphasis on public transit, walking, and bicycling for regular daily trips in response to increased cost of owning and operating personal vehicles (fuel, insurance, and vehicle maintenance costs) and socioeconomic trends such as an aging population, environmental considerations, and a desire for a wider range of transportation choices.”
- A Focused Growth scenario which “envisions a change in community development patterns toward more compact instead of spread-out development.” This scenario would be dependent on developers and local government for a mix of land uses in close proximity.

Comments from the meetings will be used to create a statewide transportation plan.

The local community work shops will be held Nov. 18 at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center, 2047 Highway 92, at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

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