

Lagos parents to get freeway update

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Parents of Kyrene de los Lagos Elementary School students are invited to an update on the South Mountain Loop 202 freeway.

The meeting will be held Feb. 28, at Lagos, 17001 S. 34th Way, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. and is open to all Lakewood residents and parents of Lagos students.

Principal Jim Stroger and Lakewood resident John Rodriguez are members of the South Mountain Citizens Advisory Team updating the 1988 freeway plan, and will be present, along with Arizona Department of Transportation officials, to answer questions.

The 1988 freeway plan is to build the Loop 202 where Pecos Road now is, right behind the Lagos playground. The

citizens advisory team is looking at possible alternatives, updating the plan to take into account development over the past 18 years.

The freeway could require the demolition of between 255 and 659 Ahwatukee Foothills homes, depending on if it is built at ground level or below grade to help dampen noise.

The freeway would connect Interstate 10 in

Ahwatukee Foothills, head west through a corner of South Mountain Park and reconnect with I-10 somewhere between 51st Avenue and the Loop 101 interchange.

A final decision on the freeway route isn't expected until the end of this year or early 2007.

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