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College, freeway head agenda

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A briefing on a proposed South Mountain Community College center and a discussion on South Mountain Loop 202 Freeway issues and concerns will top Monday's meeting of the Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee.

The committee meets at 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Pecos Park Community Center, 17010 S. 48th St.

The SMCC presentation will be made by Ken Atwater, the college's president. The SMCC board recently approved paying $2.7 million for a six-acre parcel of land at the northeast corner of Cottonwood Lane and 40th Street to build a local campus. Some neighbors have complained at the prospect of a satellite college center on the land that backs up to their homes.

The Village Planning Committee will also discuss freeway concerns and questions submitted by committee members and the community, which have been organized to send to either the city of Phoenix or the

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Arizona Department of Transportation for answers.

Committee members plan on drafting letters to Gov. Janet Napolitano, as well as state and city officials, outlining issues and problems associated with building the freeway on Pecos Road.

The Village Planning Committee is a volunteer organization that provides non-binding recommendation to the city on planning issues in the Ahwatukee Foothills and the city as a whole.

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