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Pedestrian bridge called 'practical piece of public art'

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The planned Soleri Pedestrian Bridge will make it easier for locals to walk along Scottsdale's waterfront. But city officials and store owners also hope it will draw tourists -- and revenue -- to the city.

The bridge was designed by famed architect Paolo Soleri, who has a studio in Scottsdale. He is known for creating passive solar structures and communities that accommodate pedestrians and bikes, but not cars.

Soleri has lived in Arizona since 1956. He studied under Frank Lloyd Wright and has received multiple awards for his work, including fellowships from the Graham and Guggenheim foundations.

Scottsdale officials are banking on Soleri's cachet with art buffs and are hoping his first bridge, expected to break ground this fall and be completed within a year, will enhance the city's reputation as a vacation destination.

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