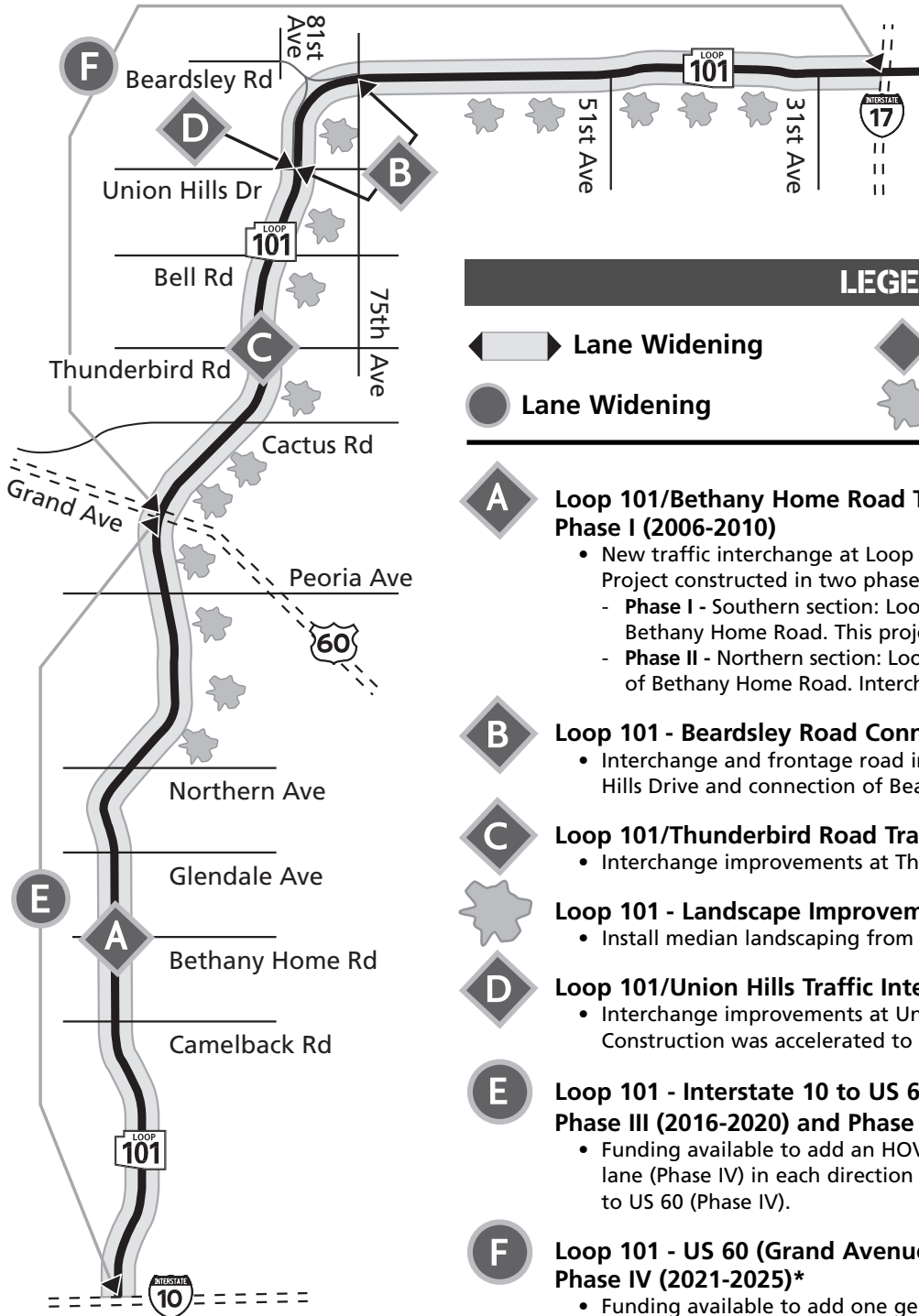


FACT SHEET

May 2009

Loop 101 Agua Fria Freeway Improvements



LEGEND

- Lane Widening
- Traffic Interchange Project
- Lane Widening
- Landscaping Improvements

- A** **Loop 101/Bethany Home Road Traffic Interchange Phase I (2006-2010)**
 - New traffic interchange at Loop 101 and Bethany Home Road. Project constructed in two phases:
 - Phase I - Southern section: Loop 101 exit and entrance ramps south of Bethany Home Road. This project was completed in August 2006.
 - Phase II - Northern section: Loop 101 exit and entrance ramps to the north of Bethany Home Road. Interchange opened to traffic in August 2007.
- B** **Loop 101 - Beardsley Road Connector Project Phase I (2006-2010)**
 - Interchange and frontage road improvements at 75th Avenue and Union Hills Drive and connection of Beardsley Road to Loop 101.
- C** **Loop 101/Thunderbird Road Traffic Interchange Phase I (2006-2010)**
 - Interchange improvements at Thunderbird Road to improve traffic flow.
- Loop 101 - Landscape Improvements Phase I (2006-2010)**
 - Install median landscaping from Northern to 31st avenues.
- D** **Loop 101/Union Hills Traffic Interchange Phase I (2006-2010)**
 - Interchange improvements at Union Hills Drive to improve traffic flow. Construction was accelerated to Phase I by the City of Peoria.
- E** **Loop 101 - Interstate 10 to US 60 (Grand Avenue) Phase III (2016-2020) and Phase IV (2021-2025)***
 - Funding available to add an HOV lane (Phase III) and a general purpose lane (Phase IV) in each direction and auxiliary lanes from Northern Avenue to US 60 (Phase IV).
- F** **Loop 101 - US 60 (Grand Avenue) to Interstate 17 Phase IV (2021-2025)***
 - Funding available to add one general purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction and auxiliary lanes from US 60 to Bell Road.

Note: The phasing dates represent the proposed funding phase for Loop 101 improvements identified in the Regional Transportation Plan.

*Projects pending outcome of environmental process

Regional Transportation Plan Phases

Phase I	2006 -2010	Phase III	2016-2020
Phase II	2011-2015	Phase IV	2021-2025



Construction of the section of Loop 101 known as the Agua Fria Freeway first began in 1985 after Maricopa County voters approved Proposition 300, which established a 20-year half-cent sales tax to construct Valley freeways.

Today, Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) is a six-lane highway extending north from Interstate 10 and west to Interstate 17. The Agua Fria Freeway is an integral part of the Valley freeway system, and serves as the link between these two Interstate highways that are important routes for transportation and commerce.

In 2004, voters in Maricopa County approved Proposition 400, which extended the transportation tax to fund regional transportation projects through 2025. The proposition included \$9 billion in funding for freeway improvements throughout Maricopa County as part of a comprehensive, 20-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Improvements to Loop 101 in the plan include widening by one general purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction from I-10 to I-17, as well as new interchanges and landscape improvements. These projects are scheduled throughout the 20-year cycle of the plan.

PLANNED WIDENING PROJECTS

INTERSTATE 10 TO US 60 (GRAND AVENUE)

Description: Add one general purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction. Construct auxiliary lanes from Northern Avenue to US 60 (Grand Avenue).

Schedule: Regional Transportation Plan Phase III (2016-2020) for HOV lane and Phase IV (2021-2025) for the additional general purpose lane and auxiliary lanes.

US 60 (GRAND AVENUE) TO INTERSTATE 17

Description: Add one general purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction. Construct auxiliary lanes from US 60 (Grand Avenue) to Bell Road.

Schedule: Regional Transportation Plan Phase IV (2021-2025)

PLANNED TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE PROJECTS

BETHANY HOME ROAD TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE

Description: New traffic interchange at Loop 101 and Bethany Home Road.

Schedule: The southern section of the interchange was completed in August 2006. The northern half of the interchange opened to traffic August 2007.

BEARDSLEY ROAD CONNECTOR PROJECT

Description: The Beardsley Road Connector Project involves extending Beardsley Road from 83rd Avenue to Loop 101 for traffic exiting westbound and entering southbound. The project includes a one-way southbound frontage road along Loop 101 from 75th Avenue to Union Hills Drive for traffic exiting Loop 101 westbound at Beardsley Road or Union Hills Drive and traffic entering Loop 101 from 75th Avenue or Beardsley Road. The southbound entrance ramp at 75th Avenue and the westbound exit ramp at Union Hills Drive will be relocated slightly to improve traffic flow at these interchanges. Additionally the project will add a u-turn bridge over Loop 101 running just north of the existing Union Hills Drive overpass, which will allow traffic to enter Loop 101 northbound/eastbound from the frontage road without going through the signalized intersection at Union Hills Drive.

The Beardsley Road Connector Project is a city of Peoria sponsored project funded through the RTP, which will be designed and constructed in coordination with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the city of Glendale. ADOT will oversee and construct any related elements within the freeway right of way, including frontage roads, ramps and bridge structures.

Schedule: Construction is expected to begin summer 2009. The schedule for the ADOT-related improvements was advanced by three years from the schedule identified in the RTP with funding from the city of Peoria and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

THUNDERBIRD ROAD TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE

Description: Improve the interchange at Thunderbird Road to improve traffic flow. The project will add one through lane in each direction on Thunderbird Road and another left turn lane from eastbound Thunderbird Road to northbound Loop 101, resulting in three lanes and dual left turns in each direction on Thunderbird Road.

Schedule: Regional Transportation Plan Phase I (2006-2010). Construction began in fall 2008 and is scheduled to be completed in spring 2009.

UNION HILLS DRIVE TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE

Description: Improve the interchange at Union Hills Drive to improve traffic flow. Planned improvements include widening the Union Hills bridge over Loop 101 to allow three through lanes in each direction, installing dual left turn lanes onto Loop 101 in each direction and constructing a sidewalk on both sides of the bridge. The northbound off-ramp will be widened to accommodate additional traffic. These improvements will be constructed in conjunction with the planned interchange improvements at this location as part of the Beardsley Road Connector Project and are funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Schedule: Construction is scheduled to begin summer 2009.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS NORTHERN TO 31ST AVENUES

Description: Design and install median landscaping

Schedule: Completed spring 2008.

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