ADOT Requests Public Input for State Rail Plan Update

As part of the Arizona Department of Transportation’s focus on multimodal long-range planning, the department is updating its State Rail Plan to better determine rail improvements across the state, based on future needs and opportunities. ADOT is looking to the public and stakeholders to provide their input about what the State Rail Plan should include for both freight and passenger rail systems. A survey in both English and Spanish is available at azdot.gov/staterailplan. Comments are requested by Aug. 10, 2018.

The rail plan update will provide guidance for the existing rail systems and services used by Arizona’s freight shippers and the public. It will also provide an assessment of the statewide rail system, offering recommendations for policies, programs, processes and projects that will improve rail-related safety and service. The plan will consist of five major elements:

- Describing the role of rail transportation in the state.
- Profiling the state’s railroad assets and traffic, along with identifying markets, logistics, and economic and demographic trends that will have an impact on rail transportation needs.
- Determining freight rail needs and improvements.
- Determining passenger rail needs and improvements.
- Development of a rail service plan.

The State Rail Plan update will rely heavily on input from the state’s rail transportation stakeholders and the public. Several stakeholder workshops were held last year throughout Arizona to meet with those involved in the rail industry and to obtain input about the challenges and opportunities for Arizona’s rail network. The feedback gathered from these meetings will be included in the updated State Rail Plan, which is expected to be completed in late 2018.
ADOT Seeks Federal Approval to Administer Environmental Reviews

All highway projects require some level of environmental analysis to assess potential impacts. From installation of a new set of roadside signs to construction of a new urban freeway, different levels of environmental review are required under the National Environmental Policy Act, which the Arizona Department of Transportation is required to follow when using federal funds.

In order to further streamline environmental review for federal-aid projects, Congress created the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program, or “NEPA Assignment.” This program allows a state to apply for and assume decision-making and legal responsibility for meeting requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and other federal environmental laws otherwise administered by the Federal Highway Administration for projects.

The requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act apply to all projects that use federal funds, including local roadway projects that may be administered by ADOT.

Recognizing that states are able to comply with federal environmental requirements on their own while streamlining processes and have waived their sovereign immunity in relation to federal court jurisdiction, ADOT is seeking environmental review authority and responsibility under NEPA Assignment for projects that require environmental assessments or the more rigorous environmental impact statements.

An application for NEPA Assignment is a required first step toward entering the program. ADOT has posted its application for public review and comment at azdot.gov/business/environmental-planning/ce-assignment-and-nepa-assignment.

Reminder: July’s Friday Forums started July 6!

Getting the Most Out of QuickBooks®

July 13 – Setting up customers and vendors (income and expenses). This class is designed to show how to set up the income and expenses correctly and is for the individuals who will be invoicing customers, processing payments from the customers and paying the bills for the company.

July 20 – Reporting overview. This class will walk through the different financial reports (Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Bank Reconciliations, and Cash Flow Statements), common uses for these reports and how to read them.

July 27 – Additional overview including the differences between the online version and the desktop version and extra options QuickBooks offers (payroll, taxes, journal entries). You will also understand how to decide if you need to outsource aspects of administrative work to a CPA/tax firm, a bookkeeper, use a clerical in-house staff member or hire a degree accountant and the difference between those individuals and their skills.

All Friday Forum workshops are 9:00 am – 11:00 am and start on time.

To register, visit the website and select “Events” today!

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Board Room – Second Floor
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Time: 2:00-3:00 pm

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Business & Industry Events

July 12, 2018

July

13
Understanding and Getting the Most Out of QuickBooks
Location: ADOT BECO Small Business Resource Center
Time: 9:00am

19
Light Rail Construction 101
Location: 10409 S. Central Ave. Phoenix
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

20
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Location: ADOT BECO Small Business Resource Center
Time: 9:00am

24
Importance of Continuity of Leadership, Opps & BD
Location: 10409 S. Central Ave. Phoenix
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

26
Networking with Primes
Location: ADOT BECO 1801 W. Jefferson St. Ste 101
Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

26
Great JOC Programs - The Contractor’s Perspective
Location: 1725 S. Country Club Dr. Mesa
Time: 1:30am - 1:00pm

27
Connecting to the WV – Don’t be left out of the LOOP!
Location: Phoenix Country Club, 2901 North 7th St Phx
Time: 7:00am - 9:00am

August

1
The ABCs of Value Engineering
Location: Hotel El Conquistador, Tucson
Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

1
How to Create Joint Ventures
Location: 365 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 135, Scottsdale
Time: 7:30am - 9:30am

14
Dealing with Difficult People
Location: 1050 W. Washington St., Ste. 223 Tempe
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

15
ABA/ASA/AMCA General Contractor’s Expo
Location: 5001 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

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Force Accounts - Guidance for Contractors & Subs
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<td>ADOT Joint DBE Task Force</td>
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Did you know?

Call for Nominations for National MBE Awards

The MBDA National Minority Business Award is the highest level of national recognition that a U.S. minority-owned firm can receive from the U.S. Department of Commerce. All nominations for outstanding minority entrepreneurs in Construction, Professional Services, Innovative Technology, and several other categories must be submitted online at [https://medweek.mbda.gov](https://medweek.mbda.gov) no later than July 31, 2018.

General/Sub Contractors Opportunities

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<td>IFB</td>
<td>City of Tucson - Houghton Road from UPRR to I-10. A Pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 3:00 pm local AZ time at 201 N. Stone Avenue, 4th Floor, North Tucson, AZ 85701</td>
<td>Michael Marietti at 520-837-6629 or Dan Longanecker, Principal Contract Officer, at 520-837-4125 or <a href="mailto:Dan.Longanecker@tucsonaz.gov">Dan.Longanecker@tucsonaz.gov</a></td>
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<td>302994; TAP-PPM-0(246)D; SL73701C</td>
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<td>Pima County - Ina Rd: Shannon Rd to La Cholla Blvd. The work consists of the addition of sidewalk for one mile on the North &amp; South side of Ina Road, including the addition of curb access ramps, driveway &amp; cross-street adjustments, signal push button modifications, signing, pavement marking, tree reestablishment &amp; slope stabilization.</td>
<td>Matt Sage, Procurement Officer, at <a href="mailto:Matthew.Sage@pima.gov">Matthew.Sage@pima.gov</a></td>
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<td>CMAQ-APJ-0(212)T; SZ18301C</td>
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<td>ADOT - Widen Roadway &amp; Provide Sidewalk Connectivity, Winchester Rd; Southern Ave, &amp; 16th Ave, Apache Junction. The work consists of furnishing &amp; placing aggregate base &amp; asphalt concrete, constructing concrete sidewalk, curb &amp; gutter, &amp; pavement widening.</td>
<td>Ghalib Mahdi, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:GMahdi@azdot.gov">GMahdi@azdot.gov</a> or Kirk Kiser, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:KKiser@azdot.gov">KKiser@azdot.gov</a></td>
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<td>STBGP-HSIP-377-A (200)T; H893001C</td>
<td>IFB</td>
<td>ADOT - Curve Reconstruction, SR277-SR77, Heber-Holbrook Hwy (SR377). The work consists of improvement of ten horizontal curves &amp; extension pipe culverts, including differential milling &amp; AC overlay, shoulder widening, pavement marking, striping, signing &amp; seeding.</td>
<td>Fauzia Karim Koly, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:FKoly@azdot.gov">FKoly@azdot.gov</a> or Carl Ericksen, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:CERicksen@azdot.gov">CERicksen@azdot.gov</a></td>
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Welcome to the NEW ADOT Small Business Resource Center!

It’s the one place you can go to get one-on-one and small group help for your various business challenges! It will also offer in-depth workshops to help you deploy new ideas and tools in your company. You will be able to meet, seek help and get answers to your specific questions from experts.

The ADOT Small Business Resource Center is open to all small businesses seeking or performing work on ADOT projects. The Center will feature:

- One-on-one appointments with ADOT managers and business subject matter experts
- Small group appointments and discussions with ADOT managers and business subject matter experts
- Multi-week in-depth workshop series on key topics like QuickBooks, Sales Management and Compliance
- Unique networking opportunities with other small business owners
- Special educational tools and software to support small businesses
- Appointments with community partners that can help you pursue new work or employ different technologies

The Small Business Resource Center opens June, 2018! See the back of this flyer for more information about offerings and how to make an appointment.
ADOT Business Engagement and Compliance Office
• Certification
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• And More

Friday Forum Focused Workshop Series
• Contract Compliance
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• Sales Organization and Management
• Value Proposition and Business Model Canvas
• And More

Community Partners
• Coming soon

All appointments held at the ADOT Small Business Resource Center located at 1801 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007. Companies located outside of Maricopa County may request their appointment be held online.


For more information: ADOT Business Engagement & Compliance Office 602-712-7761 | www.azdot/beco
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THURSDAY JULY 26, 2018
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Networking with Primes

Presented by: Walter Fedrowitz, Deputy Project Director, Connect 202 Partners

• How to present yourself well
• How to market your company
• Where to look for contracting opportunities
• What primes look for

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THURSDAY AUGUST 16, 2018
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Force Accounts – Guidance for Contractors and Subcontractors

Presented by: Irene Del Castillo, Project Finals Specialist Supervisor
and Ladd Bouts, Project Finals Specialist

- How to apply Section 109.04(D) of the Standard Specifications (Labor, Equipment and Material)
- Required documents for a Force Account
- How to prepare the Force Account weekly detail
- Specifications questions and answers

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