Agreement Seeks to Make Improvements to I-10

By Maricopa Association of Governments

A newly approved study will examine potential capacity and other upgrades to Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Casa Grande, creating a master plan for this corridor that is critical for the movement of commuters and commerce.

The study will be led by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), in partnership with the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The I-10 evaluation is expected to take about 18 months to complete, including an expected cost and phasing strategy.

Recently, the Gila River Indian Community Council agreed to participate in the study, which will establish an overall master plan for the corridor. The goal is to identify major elements that will need to be improved or replaced, and determine how to provide the necessary capacity to meet current and future travel demand. The bridge across the Gila River and the interchange at Casa Blanca Road are two examples of existing structures that may have to be replaced.

“An important part of the study will be the input of the Gila River Indian Community and its members to ensure that concerns about safety, community access and sensitive cultural resources are respected,” said MAG Chair Gail Barney, mayor of Queen Creek. Barney added that the economic development activities being pursued by the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority in the northern section of the Community will be considered in the study.

“The Gila River Indian Community is very appreciative of MAG for spearheading this effort and we look forward to being part of the team that completes this study. The Community believes this study will help ensure the safety of the Community’s members and residents of the surrounding municipalities as they travel the I-10 corridor, and promote development both on and off the Gila River Indian Reservation,” said Stephen R. Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community.

The study of needed I-10 improvements also will be coordinated with a study being conducted by MAG in partnership with the GRIC for State Route 347, which connects the City of Maricopa to I-10 across the Gila River Indian Community.

MAG has allocated about $65.5 million for improvements to the portion of I-10 in Maricopa County.

Funding for the improvements comes from the voter-approved Proposition 400 program, the dedicated transportation sales tax in Maricopa County. Proposition 400 is the continuation of the regional transportation program that began in 1986 and has funded new and improved freeways, public transportation, and street improvements. Additional funding for the I-10 improvements will be identified by ADOT through its priority programming process.

Read more at http://azmag.gov/Newsroom/Article/22978

How to get Quality Leads from your Website

By Giselle Aguiar of Greater Phoenix SCORE

Having a nice website and blogging regularly will drive people to your site, but how are you capturing leads? You need to turn visitors into leads and leads into sales. It takes the right call-to-action. But first let’s talk about those leads.

CLICK HERE to read full blog
I-17 Improvements North of Phoenix are Coming

As the Arizona Department of Transportation advances projects that will add capacity to Interstate 17 north of the Phoenix area, drivers can help improve safety and reduce delays by avoiding speeding, aggressive driving, distraction from things like cell-phones and other behaviors that lead to crashes.

The longest backups stemming from crashes occur most often on weekends, when many drivers take I-17 to and from Arizona’s high country.

ADOT is conducting an environmental and design concept study scheduled for completion by summer 2019. Initial construction of a third southbound I-17 lane between Black Canyon City and Anthem is planned in 2020.

The Maricopa Association of Governments has committed $50M in its Regional Transportation plan in 2019 and 2020 for design work and the start of construction of the third I-17 lane extending south from Black Canyon City.

ADOT’s statewide construction program includes more than $100M starting in 2021 to build I-17 “flex lanes” between Black Canyon City and Sunset Point. Construction is expected to take two years.

Flex lanes will operate as a separate two-lane system next to the existing I-17 southbound lanes between Black Canyon City and Sunset Point. Separated by barrier wall, the flex lanes will carry vehicles in one direction depending on traffic needs.

These new lanes will provide flexibility and additional traffic capacity at times when I-17 traffic is heaviest in one direction, including northbound on a Friday or southbound on a Sunday. The flex lanes, with gates or movable barriers at each end, also will help keep traffic moving if a crash or other incident has occurred on the steep, winding section of I-17 north of Black Canyon City.

Phoenix Transportation 2050 Report Shows Ongoing Progress

Recently the City of Phoenix released its second “Transportation 2050 Progress Report,” covering July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018.

“The voter-approved T2050 plan continues to improve transportation in Phoenix through a continually improving transit system and new paving projects on our city’s busiest arterial streets,” said Mayor Thelda Williams, introducing the report. “The horizon for Phoenix’s transportation future is bright with new light rail projects ready to start, new asphalt smoothing the drive on even more busy streets, and our bus system advancing to fill in the grid.”

In 2015, Phoenix voters approved Proposition 104 to create a 0.4-0.7 percent sales tax increase to help fund the T2050 plan for improved street and transit service. The sales tax will generate roughly half of the plan’s overall funds, the rest of which will come from a combination of federal, regional and other local sources.

High Capacity Transit Update

According to the report summary, “Phoenix’s T2050 plan includes a $1B investment planned for FY 2018-2023 in improving the city’s high capacity transit network, including developing bus rapid transit, and light rail improvements and expansion. In addition to revenues generated by the city’s sales tax, T2050’s other funding sources includes federal and state grants, the Public Transportation Fund, fares, advertising, and other local funds.”

The cumulative high capacity transit progress to date — covering Jan. 1, 2016-June 30, 2018 — lists several highlights.

Among these are:

- Accelerated completion of the controversial South Central Corridor by more than 10 years;
- Advancing preliminary engineering plans; awarding a project designer contract; and finalizing a funding, design and construction agreement for the Northwest Phase II Extension;
- Implementing a traffic planning analysis and commencing an environmental assessment for the Capitol/I-10 West Extension;
- Starting preliminary planning and evaluation efforts for the Northeast Corridor;
- Beginning construction on the 50th Street Station, and
- Starting preliminary planning for the West Phoenix Extension.

Read more at azbex.com
ADOT/BECO Events

**November**

1. **CalPortland, WTS, ACEC & ATB Nov. 2018 Mixer**  
   Location: Brother John’s Beer, Bourbon & BBQ, Tucson, AZ  
   Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm

5. **Moving Forward - Managing Tomorrow’s World, Today!**  
   Location: Scottsdale Public Library  
   Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

7. **Positive+Negative=Success: Balancing Entrepreneurship**  
   Location: Tempe Public Library  
   Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

7. **SBA Arizona: Selling to the Federal Government**  
   Location: 2828 N Central Ave, Ste. 800, Phoenix, AZ  
   Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

7. **How to Negotiate Contracts**  
   Location: 1365 N Scottsdale Rd, Ste. 135, Scottsdale, AZ  
   Time: 7:30am - 9:30am

8. **Social Media Marketing Basics**  
   Location: 2828 N Central Ave, Ste. 800, Phoenix, AZ  
   Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

8. **Top 10 Legal Mistakes That Can Destroy a Business**  
   Location: 245 W 2nd St, Mesa, AZ  
   Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

7-9. **Construction in Indian Country National Conference**  
   Location: Wild Horse Pass Casino, Chandler  
   Time: 7:00am - 6:00pm

10. **21st Annual Awards Banquet**  
    Location: Sheraton, 40 N 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004  
    Time: 6:00pm - 11:30pm

11. **IRS Series - Managing Your Payroll Taxes**  
    Location: Burton Barr Central Library, Phoenix  
    Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

13. **Construction DBE Task Force Meeting**  
    Location: ADOT BECO 1801 W. Jefferson St. Phoenix  
    Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

13-16. **Introduction to Project Management**  
    Location: Tucson, AZ  
    Time: 9:00am - 7:30pm

**FRIDAY FORUMS**

**Digital Marketing**  
Nov. 9 - B2Gnow  
Nov. 16 - LCPtracker

All Friday Forum workshops are 9am – 11am and start on time.  
Visit the website and “Select Events” today!

**DBE TASK FORCE MEETINGS**  
Nov 13 - DBE Construction Task Force  
ADOT BECO 1801 W. Jefferson Ste. 101, Phoenix  
Time: 1:30 pm -3:00 pm

**VALLEY VOICES**

**THE STATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
JANUARY 11, 2019  
8:00am - 10:00am  
REGISTER TODAY!

**DON’T FORGET**

Small Business Saturday is coming soon!  
November 24, 2018

CLICK HERE to promote your small business!
October 31, 2018

Project Opportunities

Did you know?

You can use the MAG Interactive Maps to view where planned capital improvement programs are scheduled across Maricopa and Pinal regions. The maps let you explore the current five-year schedule of specific projects in the current MAG Transportation Improvement Program be constructed across the region.

Links

ADOT Current Advertisements
ADOT Engineering Advertisements
ADOT Public-Private Partnership Initiatives
ADOT Advertised Alternative Delivery Projects
Bidding Opportunities Around the State

ADOT Bid openings after January 1st, 2017 will require prime contractors to submit DBE affidavits within 5 calendar days from bid opening. This is two days less than the current requirement. For example, if bid opens on Friday, the DBE Affidavits will be due to BECO, from the prime contractor, by Wednesday before 4:00 PM. Therefore, this is reducing the time DBEs and prime contractors have to prepare, sign and submit the DBE Affidavits to BECO. DBEs are urged to consider this new time restriction when working with prime contractors to complete and sign the DBE Affidavits in order for them to be submitted to BECO by the 5th calendar day from bid opening.

Featured Federal-Aid Projects

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<td>Vian Rashid, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:VRashid@azdot.gov">VRashid@azdot.gov</a> or Kirk Kiser, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:KKiser@azdot.gov">KKiser@azdot.gov</a></td>
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Join us for this very special Friday Forum series to learn how to successfully work on ADOT projects when navigating the B2Gnow system and labor law for contractors with LCPtracker. These workshops will also include ADOT BECO compliance personnel. Both sessions will be held at the ADOT Business Engagement and Compliance Office in Phoenix. You may attend in-person or online.

**Nov 9th, 9:00am-11:00am.** Join us for an introduction to B2Gnow for vendors. The session will cover main system functions including using the dashboard, system navigation, answering audits and customer support. A laptop is not needed unless you have a question that requires it.

*Speaker: Kathleen Arbuthnot - Director, Client Services – B2Gnow*

**Nov 16th, 9:00am-11:00am.** Learn about labor law for ADOT contractors and how LCPtracker can help. The session will take you through a high-level overview of labor law, discuss issues found on certified payrolls, and conclude with a LCPtracker contractor training. A laptop is not needed unless you have a question that requires it.

*Speaker: Kelli Hardge – Senior Project Manager, PMP - LCPtracker*

The ADOT Small Business Resource Center also features a wide variety of experts and resources to assist you. Set your one-on-one meeting today!

- **ADOT BECO Teams** – DBE Supportive Services, Certification, AZUTRACS and Contractor & Field Compliance
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Register for Friday Forum events or SBRC one-on-one appointments at http://bit.ly/ADOT-SBRC
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Connecting with Connect 202

As construction continues on the South Mountain Freeway Project, Connect 202 Partners, LLC (C202P) remains committed to reaching the project’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals. C202P has developed a DBE Spotlight Recognition Program and each quarter a DBE firm will be recognized for their outstanding contribution to the project.

C202P’s 4th Quarter 2018 DBE Spotlight is awarded to Taylor Made Security, LLC. Taylor Made Security has been providing project wide security since the commencement of work. Taylor Made’s ability to ensure the safety and security of the site and equipment has been instrumental to the project. The continued responsiveness and schedule flexibility has not gone unnoticed, just another reason why Taylor Made Security deserves this recognition. Congratulations!

Upcoming Procurement Opportunities:
- None at this time

Follow us for up-to-date information on the project.
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- @Loop202SouthMountainFreeway

On-The-Job Training (OJT) Statistics:
- 154,785 OJT hours on the project
- 194 trainees enrolled into an approved training program
- 25 trainees completing 2,000 hours on the project
- 3 trainees completing 2,000 hours and achieving Journey-Level status

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Owner:
Arizona Department of Transportation

Project Name:
SR 202L (South Mountain Freeway)
I-10 (Maricopa Freeway) – I-10 (Papago Freeway)

Public Private Partnership (P3)
Design-Build-Maintain Contract

Project Number:
202 MA 054 H882701 C

Project Substantial Completion Date:
November 2019

DBE Goals:
16.45% Professional Services, 10.93% Construction, 6.08% Capital Asset Replacement Work

Committed DBE Percentages:
Professional Services = 16.76%
Construction = 11.02%

Over $109 Million Dollars Awarded!