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Input Needed on I-17/Indian School Interchange Improvements

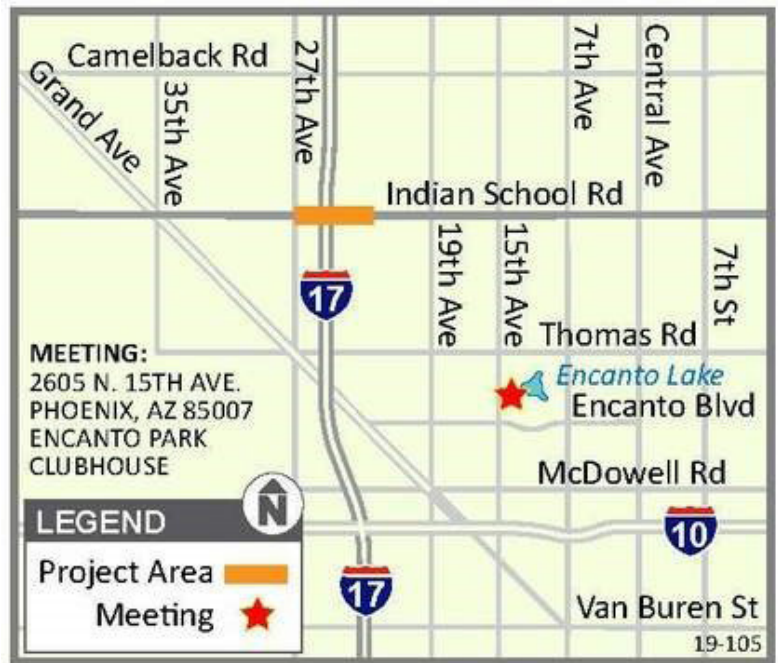
Source: Arizona Department of Transportation

A proposed project to improve the movement of east- and westbound traffic and enhance safety on Indian School Road at Interstate 17 will be the topic of a public meeting in Phoenix on April 24.

The **Arizona Department of Transportation** encourages the public to attend, ask questions and provide input on the environmental study and initial design concept for a proposed three-level diamond interchange at I-17 and Indian School Road, where the already-heavy traffic congestion is forecast to reach unacceptable levels by 2040.

The public meeting is scheduled from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at the Encanto Park Clubhouse, 2605 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85007. The meeting will be an open-house format with a formal presentation at 5:30 p.m., followed by a brief question/answer session. The open-house and opportunities to speak directly with members of the study team will continue until 6:30 p.m.

Input and questions must be received by Friday, May 10, 2019, to be included in the study record.



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I-11 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Available for Public Review

Source: Arizona Department of Transportation

The Draft **Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement** for the 280-mile **Interstate 11** corridor – stretching from Nogales to Wickenburg – is now available for review and comment. After three years of study, technical analysis, and input from communities and stakeholders, movement of the I-11 Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement to the public comment phase is a milestone for the proposed corridor.

Members of the public are encouraged to review the draft environmental document and provide input beginning April 5 through May 31. The Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement, including a Preliminary Section 4(f) Evaluation, is available at i11study.com/Arizona. The website also lists locations throughout

the study area where a copy of the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement is available for review.

Prepared by the **Arizona Department of Transportation** and the **Federal Highway Administration**, the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement describes the study process, completed in compliance with the **National Environmental Policy Act**. It proposes a Recommended Corridor Alternative, including a parallel analysis of the No-Build Alternative.

The Recommended Corridor Alternative is 2,000 feet wide and includes an area where construction of I-11 could be further analyzed. If a corridor is selected at the end of the Tier 1 study, further Tier 2 studies

and evaluations must take place before construction could be considered. The corridor would be narrowed to a highway alignment, which is about 400 feet wide. An alignment determining where I-11 could be built would be decided during a future phase of design and environmental studies. Currently, however, there are no plans or funding available to initiate these Tier 2 studies.

There are several ways to submit comments on the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement, including online, in person at a public hearing, and by email, U.S. postal mail and a bilingual telephone hotline. The same information, as well as opportunities for the public to comment, will be available at each hearing:

HEARING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 29

5 to 8 p.m.

Palo Verde Energy Education Center
600 N. Airport Road
Buckeye

Tuesday, April 30

4 to 7 p.m.

Wickenburg Community Center
160 N. Valentine Street
Wickenburg

Wednesday, May 1

5 to 8 p.m.

Holiday Inn
777 N. Pinal Avenue
Casa Grande

Tuesday, May 7

4 to 7 p.m.

Quality Hotel Americana
639 N. Grand Avenue
Nogales

Wednesday, May 8

3 to 8 p.m.

Tucson Convention Center
Ballrooms/Lobby
260 S. Church Avenue
Tucson

Saturday, May 11

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Marana High School Cafeteria
12000 W. Emigh Road
Marana

Once the public comment period is complete for the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement, the I-11 study team will continue to evaluate the Recommended Corridor Alternative based on the comments received and the ongoing technical analysis. The Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement will present a Preferred Corridor Alternative and the No-Build Option. Finally, the Record of Decision from the Federal Highway Administration will present either a Selected Corridor Alternative or the No-Build Option.

The proposed I-11 is envisioned as a multi-use corridor that would provide a connection from Mexico to the Hoover Dam, connecting with I-11 in Nevada. This proposed statewide highway would

improve Arizona's access to regional and international markets while opening up new opportunities for enhanced travel, mobility, trade, commerce, job growth and economic competitiveness. While the evaluation phase of this high-priority and high-capacity transportation corridor has begun, funding for further studies, design and construction has not been identified.

In 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or FAST Act, formally designated I-11 in Arizona. The designation doesn't include funding but identifies I-11 as a high-priority corridor eligible for federal funding. I-11 is envisioned to include a combination of new and existing roadways. •

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Construction Input Prices Increase for 2nd Straight Month

Source: Associated Builders and Contractors

Construction input prices rose 1.7% in March on a monthly basis, according to an Associated Builders and Contractors analysis of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data released. On a year-over-year basis, construction input prices are up 2.5%, and following a stretch of four consecutive months of input price decreases, March was the second straight month prices have risen in the aggregate. Inputs to nonresidential construction also increased 1.7% on a monthly basis and are up 3.2% compared to one year ago.

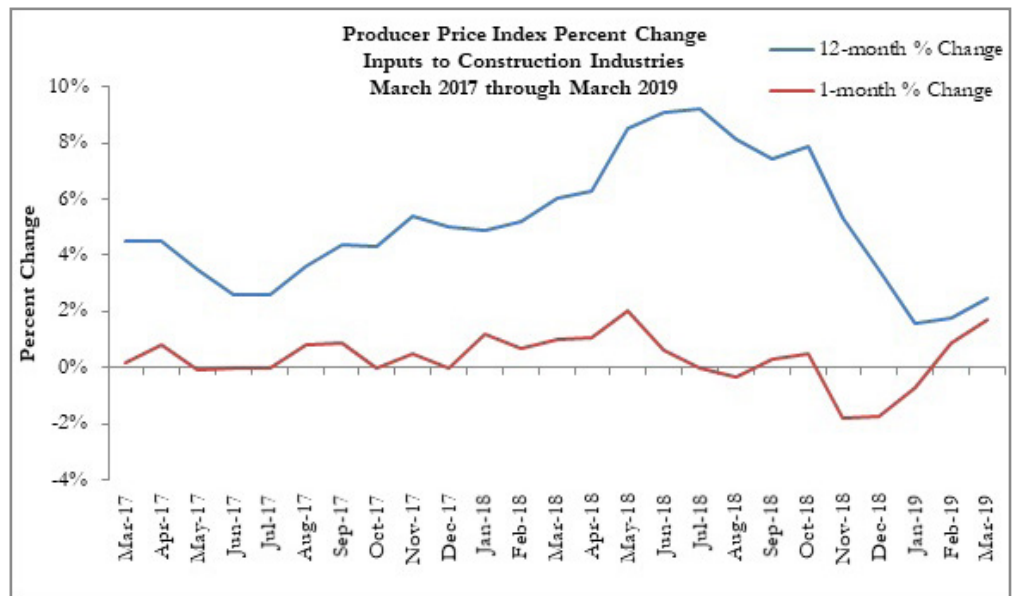
Input price increases were broad-based. Eight of 11 construction sub-categories experienced price increases last month—fabricated structural metal products and concrete products were unchanged from February—with the only decrease coming from the prepared asphalt product category, which fell 2.9%. The largest monthly increases were in crude petroleum (+15.3%), unprocessed energy materials (+7.3%) and nonferrous wire and cable (+2.5%). The subcategories with the largest year-over-year price increases were steel mill products (+10.3%), prepared asphalt products (+8.4%) and natural gas (+8.1%).

“Construction input prices failed to rise as expected in 2018, but the last two months have ushered in a new trend,” said ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. “Materials prices fluctuations should be viewed in the context of economic dynamics in China, which registered its softest economic growth in 28 years in 2018. As a result, Chinese policymakers have responded by racing to rejuvenate growth, which among other things would tend to increase the demand for productive inputs.”

“At the same time, oil prices have been rising in North America due to a number of factors, including some recent weak inventory and efforts by

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries producers to limit supply,” said Basu. “Accordingly, much of the increase in materials prices recorded in March related to crude petroleum. If the past is any indication, oil price increases are unlikely to be sustained, especially as Russia recently announced a decision to raise oil production, a natural response to higher prices and upward movement of profit margins.”

“The most likely outcome going forward is a gradual increase in materials prices,” said Basu. “While China’s growth may accelerate, Europe’s economy continues to stumble, and there is evidence that industrial production in the United States is slowing as well. While construction activity remains robust, that in and of itself is not enough to trigger rapid growth in input prices in the context of broader global dynamics.”



Producer Price Index, March 2019

	March 2019	Feb. 2019	March 2018	1-Month % Change	12-Month % Change
Inputs to Construction	232.3	228.5	226.6	1.7%	2.5%
Inputs to Nonresidential Construction	117.0	115.1	113.4	1.7%	3.2%
Plumbing Fixtures and Fittings	281.2	280.4	269.1	0.3%	4.5%
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	242.7	242.7	229.1	0.0%	5.9%
Iron and Steel	238.1	235.2	227.5	1.2%	4.7%
Steel Mill Products	215.8	215.5	195.6	0.1%	10.3%
Nonferrous Wire and Cable	252.1	246.0	246.1	2.5%	2.4%
Softwood Lumber	220.4	219.0	254.3	0.6%	-13.3%
Concrete Products	266.5	266.5	263.8	0.0%	1.0%
Prepared Asphalt, Tar Roofing & Siding Products	237.4	244.4	219.1	-2.9%	8.4%
Crude Petroleum	160.9	139.5	173.9	15.3%	-7.5%
Natural Gas	101.7	100.4	94.1	1.3%	8.1%
Unprocessed Energy Materials	153.4	142.9	155.2	7.3%	-1.2%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Business & Industry Events

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April

24 [Community Infrastructure Resiliency Workshop](#)
Location: 11460 W Hilton Way, Avondale
Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm

26 [Networking Chamber Luncheon: Presenting ACONAV](#)
Location: 9000 E Chapparal Rd, Scottsdale
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

26 [The 21st Annual Southern AZ Procurement Fair](#)
Location: 2805 E Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ 85713
Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm

30 [Airport Rental Car Supplier Diversity Outreach Day](#)
Location: 2485 E. Buckeye Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85034
Time: 8:00am - 2:00pm

May

1 [Sky Harbor Airport - Sky Train Jobsite](#)
Location: Hensel Phelps Trailers, SE Buckeye & 24th St
Time: 8:00am - 10:00am

1 [Emerging Business Seminar Series](#)
Location: 1365 N Scottsdale Rd, Ste. 135, Scottsdale
Time: 7:30am - 9:30am

12 [IRS Series - Managing Your Payroll Taxes](#)
Location: 1221 N Central Avenue, Phoenix
Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

16 [Phoenix Luncheon Program - Central AZ Project](#)
Location: 1 East Continental Drive, Tempe
Time: 11:45am - 1:00pm

16 [Be the Winning Presentation](#)
Location: 2901 N 7th Street, Phoenix
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm



DBE TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Apr. 23 - [DBE Construction](#)
ADOT BECO 1801 W. Jefferson, Ste. 101,
Phoenix, AZ Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

May 14 - [DBE Professional Services](#)
ADOT BECO 1801 W. Jefferson, Ste. 101,
Phoenix, AZ Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

**DBE TASK
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FRIDAY FORUMS

“Working with ADOT”

Apr. 26 - Engineering Consultants Section (ECS)

May 3 - Procurement

May 10 - Contracts & Specifications

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

**FRIDAY
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Did you know?

National Work Zone Awareness Week – supported by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and other transportation partners at the start of construction season each spring – raises awareness of safety measures taken on roads all over the country. This year’s campaign theme is “Drive Like You Work Here”. It is important for drivers to make safety a priority by slowing down and remaining alert when driving through work zones.

For more information on this year’s National Work Zone Awareness Week, visit http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/outreach/wz_awareness.htm, or follow @USDOTFHWA.



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

General/Sub Contractors Opportunities						
Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation/ Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
4/26/19 11am MST	\$1M	3.44%	STP-WEL-0(200)T; SZ07701C	IFB	ADOT - Construct Pedestrian Bridge, Coyote Wash Multi-Use Path, Town of Wellton. The work consists of constructing a new single-span prefabricated steel pedestrian bridge & paving a multi-use asphaltic concrete path.	David Do, Engineering Specialist, at DDo@azdot.gov or Jaime Hernandez, Construction Supervisor, at JHernandez@azdot.gov .
4/26/19 11am MST	\$7M	5.58%	NHPP-019-A(233)T; F000401C	IFB	ADOT - Replace Bridge Decks, El Toro Rd OP, SB #1573 & NB #1572, Nogales-Tucson Hwy, I-19. The work consists of reconstructing existing bridge decks, including widening, constructing median crossover roadway, signing, striping, guardrail & seeding.	Rene A. Teran, Engineering Specialist, at Rteran@azdot.gov or Daniel Casmer, Construction Supervisor, at Dcasmer@azdot.gov .
4/26/19 11am MST	\$6.7M	8.68%	STP-89A-B(216)T; H877901C	IFB	ADOT - Bridge Deck Replacement, SR 89A Spur Overpass, S. Milton Rd, Flagstaff. The work consists of a full deck replacement widening, box culvert extension, sidewalk construction, relocation of sewer line, constructing driveway access road, replacing guardrail, & placing pavement markings.	Mohammed Patwary, Engineering Specialist, at MPatwary@azdot.gov or Nathan Reisner, Construction Supervisor, at NReisner@azdot.gov .
5/3/19 11am MST	\$4.5M	7.92%	STBG-260-B(222)T; F003801C	IFB	ADOT - Pavement Preservation, Mainline Rd to Overgaard, Payson-Show Low Hwy (SR 260). The work consists of chip seal, micro surfacing, slurry seal & mill & replace the existing asphaltic concrete at spots locations, including constructing sidewalk & ramps, curb & gutter, driveways, & pavement markings.	Jalal Kamal, Engineering Specialist, at Jkamal@azdot.gov or Randy Routhier, Construction Supervisor, at Rrouthier@azdot.gov .