Arizona’s Budget Includes $283M for Infrastructure

Source: Office of the Governor Doug Ducey

Arizona is growing rapidly, and our state’s infrastructure needs to keep up. Arizona’s fiscally conservative, balanced budget invests a total of $283M to build Arizona’s infrastructure of the future.

These investments will increase public safety, support commerce and spur economic development, ensuring Arizona will continue to attract more high-paying jobs to our state.

Here are some of the infrastructure investments included in Arizona’s budget:

- Expanding Interstate 17 To Northern Arizona: The budget invests $130M over three years to accelerate and expand the widening of Interstate 17 from Anthem to Black Canyon City, a critical commerce corridor. This expansion will reduce traffic congestion, especially during peak traffic times, and improve safety on the interstate.

- Preventative Road Resurfacing: The budget prioritizes funding for preventive road surface maintenance with an investment of $10.5M for a safer, smoother drive. With the additional funding, Arizona will now have $51M to maximize the life of highways in good condition across our state.

- Adding High-Speed Internet in Rural Arizona: High-speed internet is essential for accelerating economic development, enhancing education, improving public safety, modernizing government services and more. This year’s budget invests $3M to expand broadband services in underserved rural areas.

- Enhancing Ports of Entry at The Border: The budget includes $700K to build a new cold room inspection facility at the Mariposa Port of Entry in Nogales, Arizona. The cold room will improve the port’s ability to import temperature-sensitive cargo like produce and pharmaceuticals and move more goods through our ports.

- Funding Targeted Priority Infrastructure Projects: In addition to baseline funding for transportation and infrastructure projects, the budget adds $95.3M for targeted transportation projects to improve safety and spur economic development across the state.

Credit: Stock Photo
Pima County Proposal Would Set Aside $26M for Road

By Joe Ferguson for Arizona Daily Star

Pima County roads could get an infusion of $26M for repairs under a budget proposal that avoids raising taxes but dips into other funds.

The $26M sum comes from a variety of sources, including increased state shared revenues, unused funds re-allocated from a 1997 roads bond, a reduction in overall county debt leading to reduced payments, and a re-organization of the county’s street department, which laid off 36 employees earlier this year.

Roughly $5M budgeted for road repairs in the next fiscal year would come directly out of the county’s primary source of funding — property taxes — which county officials have mostly been reluctant to use. With the county’s transportation department already funded by the state’s gas tax and vehicle license registrations, county officials have been unwilling to tap the general fund, which primarily supports most of the services provided, including law enforcement, parks and the health department.

An undated memo, distributed to the county’s Transportation Advisory Committee, outlines the various costs of paving roads in Pima County.

The cheapest form of repair, known as a fog seal, costs about $35.2K per mile, while tearing up an old street and rebuilding it costs roughly $792K per mile.

The final adoption of the county budget is expected next month.

Read more at Arizona Daily Star.
Comments Sought on Proposed Kofa Refuge Bypass

By Blake Herzog for Yuma Sun

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking public comment through June 8 on a draft environmental assessment report for a proposed unpaved bypass road on Castle Dome Road in Kofa National Wildlife Refuge.

The recommended route for the road would allow high-clearance, two-wheel drive vehicles to reach the McPherson Pass area inside the refuge without crossing the Castle Dome Mining Museum property, the site of a reconstructed mining town, the report says.

When Castle Dome Road is closed, the only other access road into the refuge is several miles to the north and requires a 4-wheel drive high-clearance vehicle, because it goes over the top of McPherson Pass. The round-trip length from Yuma is five hours.

The report assesses the environmental disruption to be expected from the recommended 4.5-mile recommended road path, plus two alternative routes.

Read more at Yuma Sun. (Login Required)
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Bagels and Breaches: A CyberSecurity Buffet
Location: 22520 N 18th Drive, Phoenix
Time: 7:30am - 9:00am

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AMCA Training: Sexual Harassment Prevention
Location: 2415 E Camelback Rd, Suite 600, Phoenix
Time: 8:00am - 9:30am

ABA: Surety Financial Benchmarking
Location: 1707 E Highland Ave, Phoenix
Time: 7:30am - 9:00am

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Phoenix Luncheon
Location: 2901 N 7th Street, Phoenix
Time: 11:30am

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ASCE: Grand Canyon’s Kaibab Trail Suspension Bridge
Location: 7505 E McCormick Pkwy, Scottsdale
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

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ABA Member Mixer Hosted by Buesing Corp.
Location: 3045 S 7th Street, Phoenix
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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Insiders Series: Light Rail Ballot Initiative Update
Location: 2201 E Camelback Rd, Ste 405B, Phoenix
Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

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APWA June 2019 Luncheon
Location: 2901 N 7th Street, Phoenix
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

FRIDAY FORUMS
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PANEL 1 Shortages of Skilled Laborers
PANEL 2 Managing Risk In Construction
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>Jalal Kamal, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:Jkamal@azdot.gov">Jkamal@azdot.gov</a> or Chris Olson, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:colson.consultant@azdot.gov">colson.consultant@azdot.gov</a></td>
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<td>Rene A. Teran, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:Rteran@azdot.gov">Rteran@azdot.gov</a> or Darin Dryden, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:Ddryden@azdot.gov">Ddryden@azdot.gov</a></td>
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Sexual Harassment Prevention
2019 AMCA Education Training Event
Breakfast & Learn

DATE:       June 5, 2019
TIME:       8:00—9:30 AM
LOCATION:   Spencer Fane
            2415 E Camelback Rd Ste 600
            Phoenix AZ 85016

ABOUT THE FACILITATOR

Helen Holden helps businesses understand how successfully navigating the alphabet soup of federal and state employment laws can positively impact company culture. Helen brings over 20 years of experience to her focus on management-side employment law, which is evident in the practical advice and training she provides to management on human resource issues. Helen’s clients include companies in diverse industry sectors, including construction, real estate, manufacturing, technology, healthcare, distribution, and the retail and service sectors.

When disputes arise, Helen is a strong advocate for the employer’s interests, without losing sight of the larger issues impacting the business. She regularly represents employers in agency proceedings involving allegations of discrimination or harassment and has successfully defended employers in lawsuits brought in both state and federal courts.

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Breakfast will be provided — $25 Registration Fee
Don’t Miss our June **Friday Forums**

**Managing People**

*(in-person and online attendance options)*

As a part of our popular Friday Forum program, ADOT is pleased to invite you to participate in the 2019 “Managing People” workshop series (attend via webinar or in-person).

Finding and keeping the right people is increasingly harder in today’s competitive environment. It is also hard to do all this within the rules and regulations faced by small businesses. This series includes presentations by human resource and legal experts, as well as, an ADOT expert. Whether you currently have employees or independent contractors or expect to in the future, this is a don’t miss series!

### June 14: Recruiting and Hiring the Right Talent

- Hiring and training a new employee involves a significant investment of time and money. A bad hire wastes these resources, sending you back to square one. Companies need solid strategies and tactics that can help them identify their needs and find the right person.
- **Speaker:** Tyler Kinnie, Tuft & Needle

### June 21: Employee vs Independent Contractor

- What difference does it make? When the IRS and/or the U.S. Department of Labor determine that workers have been treated (misclassified) as Independent Contractors and are instead Employees, the consequence(s) to the employer can include back wages, back taxes, fines/penalties, class-action lawsuits, and/or prison. Do you know the rules and guidelines?
- **Speaker:** John Perkins, HR-Help

### June 28: Prevailing Wages

- In government contracting, a prevailing wage is defined as the hourly wage, usual benefits and overtime, paid to the majority of workers, laborers, and mechanics within a particular area. There are also 32 states including Arizona that have state prevailing wage laws, also known as "little Davis-Bacon Acts". Learn more about how to stay in compliance with this critical requirement.
- **Speaker:** Estella Robinson, ADOT

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