

### Q What is the purpose of this study?

The objective of the study is to define a proposed transportation corridor for future planning purposes. The study will identify and evaluate feasible corridor alternatives for the potential future extension of Loop 303 between ADOT's proposed SR30 freeway and the Maricopa Association of Government's (MAG) proposed Hassayampa Freeway.

### Q How many corridor alternatives will be considered and how will they be evaluated?

The study approach did not set a number of corridor alternatives to be evaluated, but instead will consider a variety of feasible corridor locations. The evaluation will take into account current land uses, topography, an inventory of engineering and environmental considerations, and agency and public input. The corridor alternative analysis will consider Gila River crossings and potential transportation corridors between the proposed SR30 and Hassayampa Freeways.

### Q What environmental factors will be considered in evaluating the alternatives?

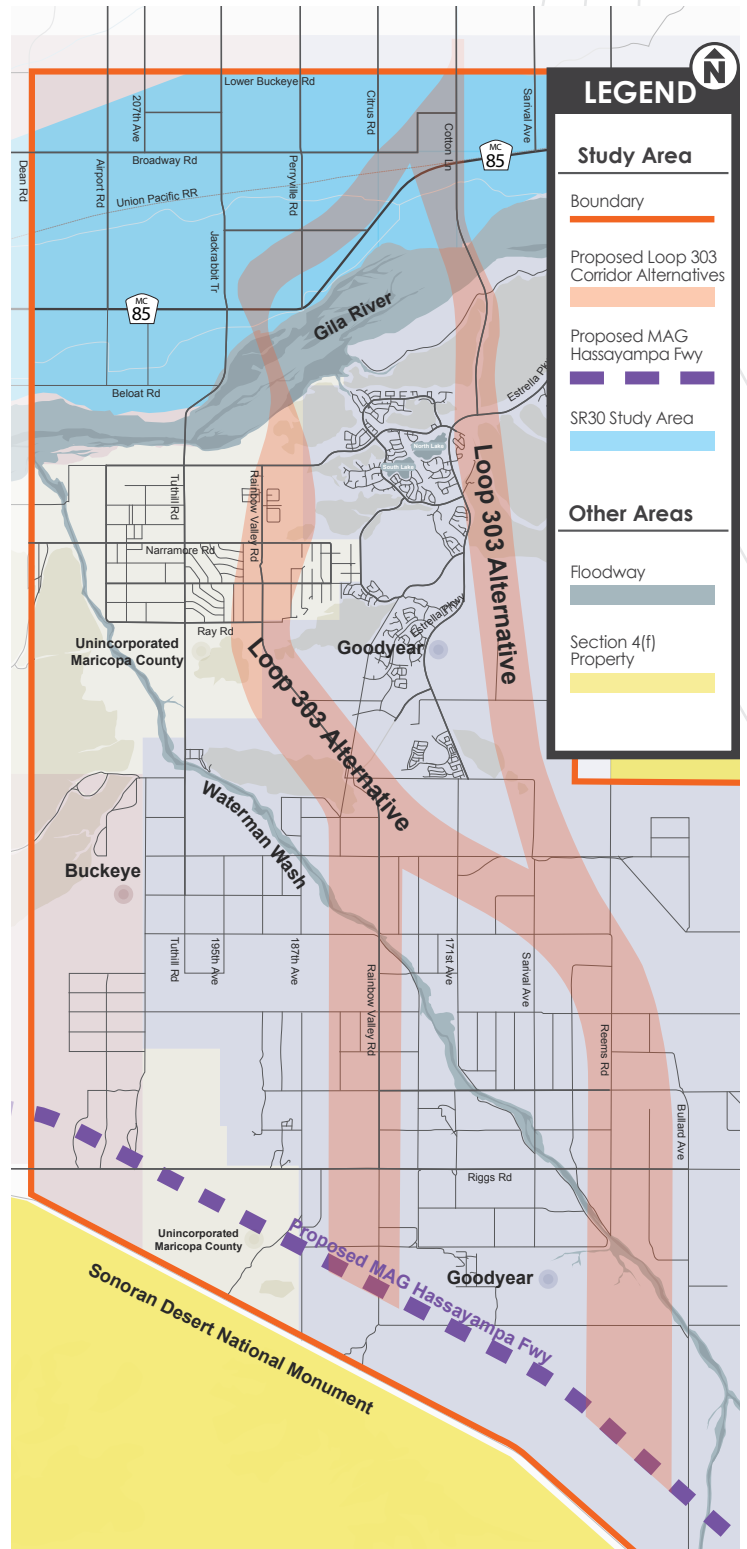
The potential displacement of residential and commercial properties will be evaluated, along with potential impacts to historic sites, traditional cultural properties, lands managed for waterfowl conservation and habitat for endangered or threatened wildlife species.

### Q How long will the study process take? When will construction start?

Completion of this feasibility study is expected during the summer of 2012. Subsequent development steps include additional studies, approval of an environmental document, design, right of way acquisition and construction. Further steps beyond this study phase of project development have not been scheduled or funded at this time.

### Q What type of transportation facility will be evaluated?

The facility may be a high-capacity regional freeway with fully controlled access. Potential traffic interchange locations in the study area have not been defined but will be evaluated in future studies.



**Q Will right of way be required for this project?**

Yes, right of way will be required for any build alternative. However, ADOT cannot say for certain which parcels might need to be purchased because a specific transportation alternative has not been identified.

**Q Will there be coordination with ongoing studies/projects?**

Yes, the development of alternatives between SR30 and the proposed Hassayampa Freeway is being coordinated with ADOT's studies for Loop 303 to the north between I-10 and SR30, and SR30 to the east and west of Loop 303 between Loop 202 (South Mountain Freeway) and SR85.

**Q How does this study relate to previous studies?**

This study involves a further analysis of the findings of the Maricopa County Department of Transportation's 2004 Corridor Improvement Study, SR303L Between Riggs Road and MC85. It is also consistent with MAG's I-10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study, completed in September 2007, which proposes a conceptual network of north-south and east-west freeways and major arterial roadways that could ultimately provide access throughout the Buckeye/Goodyear area.

## Project Funding

**Q What role does MAG play in this study?**

MAG is responsible for regional transportation planning and determines project priorities based on available funding.

**Q What is the estimated cost of constructing this section of Loop 303?**

No cost estimates for construction have been developed at this time. Conceptual construction cost estimates will be developed in the future.

**Q How is this current study being funded?**

This study is funded by the voter approved ½ cent sales tax under Proposition 400.

## Agency and Public Involvement

**Q Will the public have a voice in evaluating the proposed alternatives?**

Yes, an extensive effort is ongoing to keep the public informed of the progress of the study and to gather public input. Issues, concerns and opportunities expressed by community members will be considered in the study process.

**Q How will public input affect the study?**

Public comments are a vital component in the decision-making process and one of the many criteria used in evaluating alternatives. All public comments received will be considered, compiled and recorded for inclusion into the project's administrative record.

**Q How can the public get involved?**

Initial public meetings will be held in January 2012, at which time the public is invited to learn about the study and submit questions and comments to the study team. Contact information for the study team is:

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