



# Interstate 17 Near-Term Improvements Auxiliary Lanes: (I-10/I-17 “Split” Interchange to 19th Avenue)

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has initiated a Project Assessment (PA) and environmental study to evaluate near-term freeway operational improvements on Interstate 17 (I-17) from the I-10/I-17 “Split” Interchange to 19th Avenue.

## STUDY PROCESS

The purpose of this PA and environmental study is to evaluate near-term freeway improvement options and recommend a preferred alternative that meets the goals of the Regional Transportation Plan Freeway Program (RTPFP), satisfies the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and obtains public and agency support. This study will evaluate the addition of auxiliary lanes on I-17 between the entrance and exit ramps in both directions between the I-10/I-17 system interchange and 19th Avenue. Design options and potential impacts will be evaluated and considered for this study. Potential environmental impacts will be documented in a Categorical Exclusion following the requirements of NEPA.

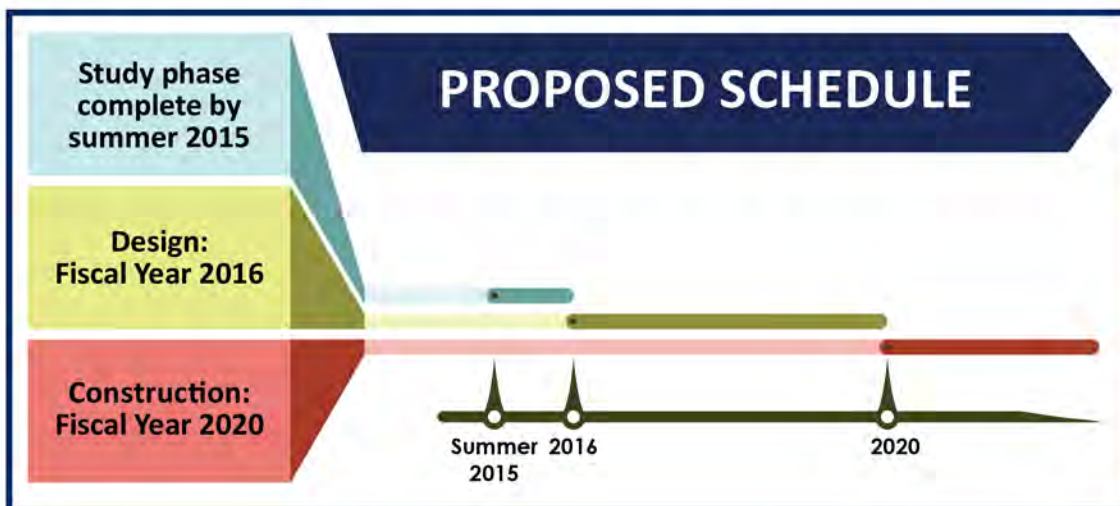
## STUDY PURPOSE

Growing traffic demand has caused the I-17 corridor from the I-10/I-17 “Split” interchange to 19th Avenue to become increasingly congested. This study will evaluate the addition of auxiliary lanes between successive entrance and exit ramps to improve operations by providing additional length for traffic weaving movements in this congested corridor.

## INITIAL CONCEPT FOR IMPROVEMENTS

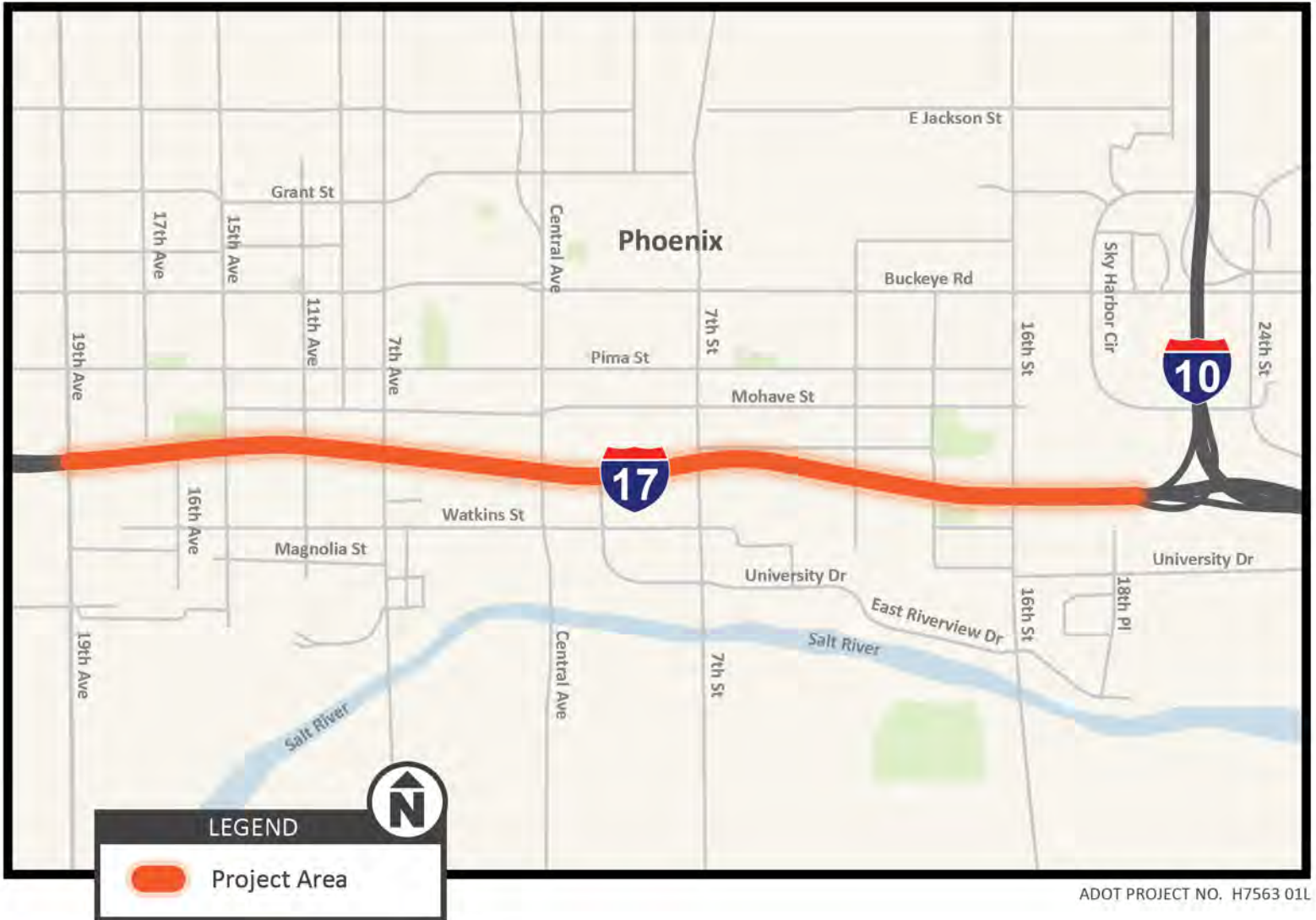
You are encouraged to provide study related comments and questions so they can be considered by the project team and addressed in the PA and draft environmental document. The potential improvements could include the following:

- Provide auxiliary lanes between successive entrance and exit ramps
- Maintain existing I-17 alignment with auxiliary lane widening to the outside
- Implement two lane entrance ramps with ramp metering
- Increase the distance between the ramps and the frontage road intersection with the cross roads
- Maintain the existing cross road conditions





## STUDY AREA



## RELATED STUDY

Additional freeway improvement studies within the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 corridors include the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), study of the Interstate 10/Interstate 17 corridor, called the SPINE Corridor Master Plan. The Spine study, being performed in partnership with ADOT and FHWA, will analyze various long-term strategies to improve mobility in the corridor. The second study, by ADOT in partnership with FHWA and MAG, is the Interstate 10 Near-Term Improvements from State Route 143 to the Loop 202 (Santan Freeway), which will analyze freeway capacity improvement options. All three studies will be conducted through separate efforts, but will integrate information gathered for recommended overall corridor improvements. Additional information on the SPINE study can be found by visiting the MAG web page, [spine.azmag.gov](http://spine.azmag.gov) or by calling 602.759.1916. Information pertaining to the I-10 Near-Term Improvements study can be found on the ADOT webpage, [azdot.gov/I10NTI](http://azdot.gov/I10NTI) or by calling 855.712.8530.

# YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

Submit comments for consideration by Wed., March 18, 2015.

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