

OVERVIEW

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in partnership with the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), Maricopa Association of Governments, and in coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has initiated a study for a proposed traffic interchange at Riggs Road and State Route (SR) 347.

PURPOSE

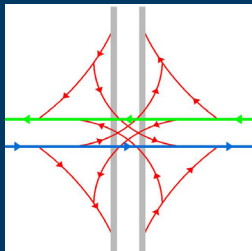
- Provide free-flowing traffic movements along SR 347 as it passes Riggs Road.
- Reconstruct the existing intersection to separate SR 347 from Riggs Road traffic on a new bridge.

NEED

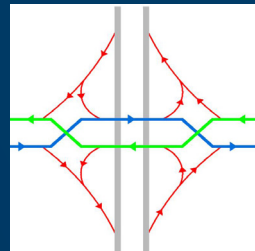
- Reduce traffic congestion and travel times.
- Reduce crash rate and improve safety.
- Enhance regional mobility.



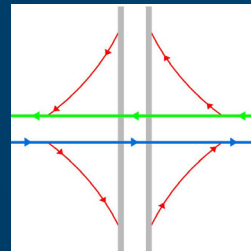
The study will evaluate a range of interchange alternatives to separate SR 347 from Riggs Road traffic on a new bridge. Alternatives developed will consider the following types:



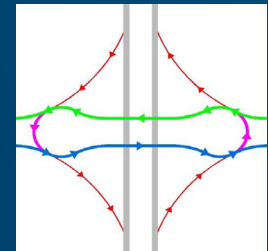
Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI)



Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)



*Diamond Interchange
Tight Diamond (TDI)
Spread Diamond (SDI)*



Double Roundabout Interchange (DRI)

The study will include a Design Concept Report with a conceptual design for the Recommended Build Alternative for evaluation and decision making. The study team will identify and evaluate environmental impacts of a Recommended Build Alternative for the interchange and any mitigation, and compare those to a No Build Alternative, which represents the existing transportation system with ongoing maintenance.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

The study will consider various factors in the selection of a preferred alternative including:

- GRIC, agency and public input.
- Minimizing right-of-way, allottee lands, environmental and utility impacts (including the GRICUA substation).
- Limiting impacts to traffic during construction.
- Future Community plans for development.
- Future 2050 traffic operations.
- Engineering considerations.
- Estimated construction cost.

SCHEDULE

The project is currently in the study phase. The study is expected to continue through summer of 2025. If a build alternative is selected, the project is anticipated to advertise for construction in late 2025.

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