

Gila River Indian Community I-10 Project

INFRA Award: \$95,000,000

Pinal County, Arizona

Applicant: Arizona Department of Transportation

Project Description:

The project will widen approximately 10 miles of I-10 in the Gila River Indian Community and Pinal County from two lanes to three lanes, with inside and outside shoulders. The project will improve the SR387/SR 187/ Pinal Avenue interchanges, build a new Seed Farm Road interchange, and remove or replace the low-clearance bridges to improve clearance through the segment. Fiber-optic conduit will also be installed.

Project Benefits:

The project is strong in Safety, and also has benefits in Equity, Multimodal Options, and Quality of Life. The project includes adding a travel lane and shoulders to I-10 which will significantly improve safety and provide needed capacity between Tucson and Phoenix. The proposed bridge replacement to the SR 387/SR187/Pinal Avenue interchange will help to improve capacity, reduce conflict and result in safety improvement for both motorists and pedestrians. The new interchange at Seed Farm Road provides access to both the Gila River Farms and Sacaton (the Governance and healthcare center for the Gila River Indian Community), and includes pedestrian infrastructure.

The Arizona Department of Transportation commits to providing job opportunities for the Gila River Indian Community through project delivery, by working with the Community's Tribal Employment Rights Office. The recipient also commits to mitigating any increase in greenhouse gas emissions in the community, primarily by avoiding Interstate detours through the community.

