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1. ADOT I-17/L303	Thank you for joining us. The meeting will begin shortly.
2. Survey	<p>Good evening. The meeting will begin shortly.</p> <p>While you wait, we invite you to complete a voluntary survey to help ADOT understand who attends its public meetings and how the department can improve participation. The survey is available by scanning the QR code on your screen, and the link is also being provided in the meeting chat.</p>
3. Welcome	Thank you for joining us for the Loop 303, Lake Pleasant Parkway to I-17 Improvements Final Design Public Meeting. My name is Gael Luna with ADOT Community Relations.
4. Housekeeping	<p>A few housekeeping items before we get started.</p> <p>Participants joining us are currently muted. I'll describe the meeting format and how to participate in just a moment, but first, if you are having any technical issues right now, you may need to hang up or log off, then redial or reconnect.</p> <p>Please note this meeting is being recorded. The recording will be posted to the project website.</p> <p>If you would like to turn on closed captioning, click Closed Caption on the bottom of your screen to start viewing closed captioning. Click Live Transcript, then select Show Subtitle.</p> <p>The format for tonight is a short presentation, followed by an open question and answer session. After the presentation, we'll provide instructions on how to ask a question or comment by phone or online. Keep in mind that after this meeting, you can continue to ask questions or provide comments through May 1. We'll tell you how at the end of the meeting.</p>
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7. Aids & Services	<p>ADOT will make reasonable accommodations to ensure that individuals with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy ADOT's programs, services, and activities.</p> <p>If you require an accommodation, please contact Gael Luna at 855.712.8530 or gluna2@azdot.gov.</p>
8. Meeting Purpose/Presenters	<p>Thank you again for joining us for the Loop 303, Lake Pleasant Parkway to I-17 Improvements Final Design Public Meeting.</p> <p>There are two main purposes for this meeting: first, to provide you with an overview of the project improvements that are planned for Loop 303 between Lake Pleasant Parkway and I-17; and, second, to provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback about the project DESIGN.</p> <p>Our presenters this evening are Mark Chase, from AZTEC and Sam Grombacher from Kimley-Horn. And now I will turn things over to Mark.</p>
9. Planned Improvements	<p>Thank you, Gael.</p> <p>The project is located on the Loop 303 between Lake Pleasant Parkway and I-17. It also extends along I-17 between Dove Valley Road and Dixileta Drive.</p> <p>The planned improvements for this project will add a third general purpose lane in each direction, 67th avenue bridges to accommodate a future interchange and a new I-17/Loop 303 system interchange.</p>
10. Project Background	<p>In 2006, ADOT prepared a Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessment that established the alignment, footprint and ultimate vision for Loop 303 from Happy Valley Road to I-17.</p> <p>Within these documents, the ultimate roadway was identified to provide four general purpose lanes and one high occupancy vehicle lane in each direction, traffic interchanges at major cross streets and a freeway-to-freeway interchange for Loop 303 and I-17. ADOT's plan identified expanding Loop 303 over several phases based upon traffic needs and funding availability.</p> <p>In 2011, Loop 303 was opened as an interim roadway with two lanes in each direction, limited interchanges at cross streets and an interim connection between Loop 303 and I-17 using Sonoran Desert Drive. ADOT purchased the right of way and designed this interim roadway so that all future expansion occurred to the inside, in the median.</p> <p>In 2021 ADOT began design work for new improvements to this segment of Loop 303, between Lake Pleasant Parkway and I-17, and recommended a phased schedule to implement them.</p> <p>Work on the first phase of the new improvement began in 2022 at 43rd and 51st avenue.</p>
11. Completed Interchanges	<p>In September 2023, the new Loop 303 interchanges at 43rd and 51st avenues opened to traffic. Here you can see the 43rd avenue interchange with the new TSMC facility in the background.</p>

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12. Project Needs and Goals	<p>Loop 303 is a major element of the adopted Regional Transportation Plan Freeway Program overseen by the Maricopa Association of Governments (or MAG), which is the regional planning organization for transportation in the region.</p> <p>These improvements will address the continued growth in population and projected traffic in the northwest valley.</p> <p>This segment of Loop 303 accommodates travelers connecting between I-10 and I-17 and serves many growing west valley communities.</p> <p>The new system interchange will improve travel between Loop 303 and I-17 to address the current backups,</p> <p>A third general-purpose lane was opened to traffic in early 2022 for the segment of Loop 303 between Happy Valley and Lake Pleasant Parkways. This project is a continuation of those improvements to alleviate congestion in the corridor.</p>
13. Land Ownership	<p>The area adjacent to Loop 303 is comprised primarily of undeveloped Arizona State Trust Land managed by the Arizona State Land Department within the cities of Phoenix and Peoria.</p> <p>Rapidly developing parcels north of Loop 303 are contributing to increasing traffic and decreasing operational performance.</p> <p>The recently constructed service interchanges, the additional general-purpose lanes and the I-17/Loop 303 System Interchange will increase the freeway’s capacity and help accommodate the additional traffic generated from the surrounding developments currently underway and those which will occur in the future.</p>
14. Existing and Future Traffic Projections	<p>Between 2020 and 2040, traffic is anticipated to grow by almost two and a half times, leading to increased traffic congestion on Loop 303.</p>
15. Current Configuration	<p>Loop 303 between Lake Pleasant Parkway and I-17 is currently configured as an interim freeway with two 12-foot lanes in each direction, 10-foot outside shoulders and 12-foot inside shoulders. The freeway was designed for future lanes to be added within the median.</p>
16. Planned Improvements- Current Project	<p>This project will add a third general purpose lane in each direction by converting the existing inside shoulder and widening to add a new 10-foot shoulder in the median.</p> <p>A median cable barrier system will be installed to separate opposing directions of traffic.</p>
17. Planned Improvements- Future Project	<p>While not part of this project, the design of this project accommodates the ultimate Loop 303 configuration with four general purpose lanes and an HOV lane in each direction with a concrete median barrier separating opposing directions of traffic.</p>

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18. Planned Improvements- 67th Ave	I am going to turn the presentation over to Sam Grombacher to describe the improvements at the site of the future 67th Avenue interchange, which is shown in the orange circle at the left of this map.
19. Planned Improvements- 67th Ave	<p>Thank you, Mark.</p> <p>Today, Loop 303 mainline traffic runs on pavement that will ultimately serve as on- and off-ramps for a future traffic interchange at 67th Avenue. These ramps are already constructed to their ultimate planned width, carrying two lanes in each direction.</p>
20. Planned Improvements- 67th Ave	To add a third general purpose lane at this location, this project will extend Loop 303 through the open median and construct new bridges spanning the future 67th Avenue crossroad. Once complete, all Loop 303 traffic will be shifted to this new section of roadway and the existing ramps will be closed.
21. Planned Improvements- 67th Ave	Though there are no immediate plans to construct the 67th Avenue crossroad, this new segment of Loop 303 is being designed to accommodate a traffic interchange when the time comes. When 67th Avenue is eventually constructed, the existing ramps will be reopened, allowing access to and from the freeway.
22. Planned Improvements- Lake Pleasant Parkway	This project will also include improvements to the northbound entrance at Lake Pleasant Parkway, indicated by the purple arrow on this map.
23. Planned Improvements- Lake Pleasant Parkway	<p>ADOT received input from the community asking if the Lake Pleasant Parkway northbound entrance ramp configuration could be improved. As shown in the graphic on top, the existing ramp lane immediately merges with mainline traffic when joining the freeway. In response to the request from the community, this project will improve the layout by providing an acceleration lane for the entrance ramp prior to dropping the lane, as depicted in the bottom graphic. This will give drivers additional time to gain speed and identify a gap to merge with mainline traffic.</p> <p>I'm now going to turn the presentation back to Mark to discuss the remaining planned improvements.</p>

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<p>24. Planned Improvements- I17/L303 Interchange</p>	<p>Thanks Sam.</p> <p>This graphic shows the new I-17 / Loop 303 System Interchange improvements in green.</p> <p>In general, these improvements extend along Loop 303 between 43rd Avenue and I-17 and the ramp connections extend along I-17 between Dove Valley Road and Dixileta Drive.</p> <p>This project will implement a system of ramps that will provide a direct connection between I-17 and Loop 303 in each direction of travel.</p>
<p>25. Planned Improvements- I17/L303 Interchange</p>	<p>The current connection between I-17 and Loop 303 is the Sonoran Desert Drive interchange. Traffic to and from I-17 travels through the signalized intersections to connect to the existing Loop 303 frontage roads and then onto the Loop 303 mainline.</p>
<p>26. Planned Improvements- I17/L303 Interchange</p>	<p>This is an aerial view of what this area looks like today.</p> <p>You can see the existing Sonoran Desert Dr interchange at the right and the existing Loop 303 frontage roads and the temporary connections to the mainline Loop 303 at the left.</p>
<p>27. Planned Improvements- I17/L303 Interchange</p>	<p>This project will create a new system of direct ramp connections between I-17 and Loop 303 to improve traffic flow.</p> <p>It's important to note that these ramps will not provide direct access to or from 43rd Avenue, Dove Valley Road or Dixileta Drive, due to their proximity to the system interchange.</p> <p>Travelers who wish to access 43rd Avenue will continue to utilize the Sonoran Desert Drive interchange and the Loop 303 Frontage roads.</p> <p>Dove Valley Road and Dixileta Drive access will remain the same as today to and from I-17. Dixileta Drive will remain a half interchange with ramps to and from the south.</p>
<p>28. Planned Improvements- I17/L303 Interchange</p>	<p>Loop 303 users will be able to directly access northbound I-17 using a new ramp that will pass under the existing I-17 and the existing Loop 303 Frontage Road.</p> <p>This ramp will be constructed to accommodate two lanes in the future but will be opened in a single lane configuration with this project based on projected traffic volumes, as illustrated by the purple arrow on this map.</p> <p>The purple outlined arrow represents the future lane.</p>

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29. Planned Improvements- I17/L303 Interchange	<p>Loop 303 users will be able to directly access southbound I-17 using a new ramp that will pass over the existing Loop 303 Frontage Road before merging with southbound I-17.</p> <p>This ramp will be constructed to accommodate two lanes and both lanes will be opened with this project based on projected traffic volumes, as illustrated by the two purple arrows on this map.</p>
30. Planned Improvements- I17/L303 Interchange	<p>Southbound I-17 travelers will be able to directly access southbound Loop 303 using a new ramp that will pass over the Loop 303 Frontage Road.</p> <p>This ramp will be constructed to accommodate two lanes but will be opened in a single lane configuration with this project based on projected traffic volumes, as illustrated by the purple arrow on this map.</p> <p>The purple outlined arrow represents the future lane.</p>
31. Planned Improvements- I17/L303 Interchange	<p>Northbound I-17 travelers will be able to directly access southbound Loop 303 using a new ramp that will pass over the existing Sonoran Desert Drive interchange and I-17.</p> <p>This ramp will be constructed to accommodate two lanes and both lanes will be opened with this project based on projected traffic volumes, as illustrated by the two purple arrows on this map.</p>
32. Planned Improvements- Sonoran Desert Drive I-17 Northbound Off-Ramp	<p>Another planned improvement is the I-17 northbound off-ramp to Sonoran Desert Drive, indicated by the purple arrow on this map.</p> <p>ADOT recently completed a temporary improvement to help address the queuing experienced during peak travel times. This project will provide further improvements to widen the off ramp.</p>
33. Planned Improvements- Sonoran Desert Drive I-17 Northbound Off-Ramp	<p>The existing off-ramp configuration permits one lane to exit northbound I-17, as illustrated in the upper graphic.</p> <p>This project will widen the existing ramp to provide the required space for two lanes to simultaneously exit northbound I-17, as illustrated in the lower graphic.</p>
34. Flyover Video	<p>The project team has prepared a fly through video of the project improvements that we will now share with you.</p>

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35. Environmental Analysis	<p>A comprehensive Environmental Analysis is being prepared to address Biological, Cultural, Clean Water and Hazardous Materials in accordance with Federal regulations.</p> <p>In addition, a Noise Analysis has been performed for this project and it has been conducted in accordance with ADOT’s Noise Abatement Requirements.</p> <p>Noise measurements were taken throughout the project limits.</p> <p>Future noise levels were predicted within the project limits based on 2050 traffic volumes.</p> <p>Based upon the predicted noise levels and mitigation requirements, potential locations for new noise barriers were evaluated, including residential developments permitted for development prior to the completion of the Loop 303 Environmental document, known as the Date of Public Knowledge.</p> <p>Based on the noise analysis, we are recommending a noise barrier along the west side of I-17 south of Dixileta Drive.</p> <p>Benefited Property Owners have the right to reject the Proposed Noise Barrier.</p>
36. Noise Barrier	<p>The recommended noise barrier is located along the southbound frontage road and on ramp between Dixileta Drive and the CAP Canal. The noise barrier height ranges from 14 to 16 feet.</p>
37. Dixileta Drive Access	<p>The planned improvements for this project do not change the Dixileta Drive interchange on I-17 or the existing access south of Dixileta Drive.</p> <p>Drivers will continue to need to use a combination of the Jomax Road interchange, Dixileta Drive interchange and frontage roads to access properties between Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive.</p>
38. Air Quality Analysis	<p>The final component of the project’s Environmental Analysis will address Air Quality.</p> <p>An Air Quality Analysis is being conducted in accordance with the Clean Air Act to ensure the project remains in conformity with Federal regulations.</p> <p>The project is located in a Nonattainment Area, which means it doesn’t meet national air quality standards for certain air pollutants.</p> <p>The project will require a more extensive Air Quality Analysis, including an Atypical Event Report along with Hot Spot Analyses.</p> <p>The results of the Air Quality Analysis will be available for public review and comment once completed.</p>

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39. Timeline and Funding	<p>We are currently in the Final Design phase for this project, and the team recently completed the Stage III (60%) Design Plans.</p> <p>We anticipate completing the Stage IV (95%) plans this Summer and completing the 100% plans this Fall.</p> <p>Currently, there is no funding available for construction of this project.</p> <p>The Maricopa Association of Governments has included the construction of this project in their Regional Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Investment Plan. This plan serves as the basis for Proposition 479 that will be decided by voters on the November 2024 ballot.</p> <p>If Proposition 479 is passed by voters, the construction funding would be secured, and construction would be scheduled according to the Regional Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Investment Plan.</p>
40. Adjacent Projects- Peoria	<p>There are several other current and future non-ADOT projects that are adjacent to our project area.</p> <p>The City of Peoria is initiating a project along Lake Pleasant Parkway between Loop 303 and SR74, indicated by the purple arrow on this map.</p> <p>This project is planning to widen Lake Pleasant Parkway to 4 lanes with a wide median for a future third lane in each direction.</p> <p>The Design Concept Report will begin this year with construction planned to occur in the 2026/2027 timeframe.</p> <p>More information is available by contacting the City of Peoria’s Project Manager Charles Andrews at the contact information provided.</p>
41. Adjacent Projects- MAG	<p>The Maricopa Association of Governments is leading a project along SR 74 from Lake Pleasant Parkway west to the intersection of SR 74 and New River Road, indicated by the purple arrow on this map.</p> <p>This study will evaluate near and long-term improvements in this corridor.</p> <p>More information is available by contacting the Maricopa Association of Government’s Project Manager Quinn Castro at the contact information provided.</p>

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42. Adjacent Projects-Phoenix	<p>And lastly, both 51st and 43rd Avenues currently end on the south side of the new Loop 303 interchanges at the edge of the ADOT right of way in the blue circles and once this project is completed there will be bridges and interchange ramps for the future 67th Ave in the orange circle, but the crossroad will not be constructed.</p> <p>The City of Phoenix Long-Range Transportation Plan, also known as Phoenix Transportation 2050, calls for these roadways to be extended sometime in the future based on future development in the area.</p> <p>The City has no immediate plans to extend these roadways.</p> <p>For more information about these locations, please contact Myesha Harris with the City of Phoenix at the contact information provided.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and I will turn things back over to Gael.</p>
43. How to Comment	<p>Thank you, Mark.</p> <p>Your input is important, and we appreciate you taking the time to learn more about the project and provide your feedback. ADOT is accepting comments on the Final Design through May 1 in the following ways:</p> <p>During this meeting, which I will get to in just a moment.</p> <p>You can complete the online comment form by scanning the QR code on the screen or clicking the link in the chat box.</p> <p>You can send an email to ADOTL303I17 at HDRINC dot com</p> <p>You can call 602.792.8880</p> <p>Or you can visit our website at azdot.gov/L303LakePleasantI-17</p>
44. Questions and Comments	<p>Now we'll begin the question and comments portion of the meeting. If you would like to submit a written question or comment, please use the Q&A function at the bottom of the screen. If you would like to submit a verbal question or comment, click the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen and the host will call on you and ask you to unmute. For attendees joining us on the phone, please enter *9 to indicate you would like to speak and we will receive the hand raised signal. When we are ready for your question/comment our host will ask you to unmute yourself by pressing *6.</p> <p>If there are similar comments or questions received in the Q and A box, we may consolidate them. And with that, we will now start our Q and A.</p>

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45. Thank You	<p>We thank you for your time. Your input is important, and we appreciate you taking time to learn more about the project and provide your feedback. If you haven't yet taken our one-question self ID-survey, we are including the link in the chat again. We will be posting the recording of tonight's meeting on our project website at: azdot.gov/L303LakePleasantI-17</p> <p>We encourage you to visit the website to learn more about the project. As a reminder, comments are being accepted through May 1, 2024, in any of the following ways:</p> <p>You may take the online survey at azdot.gov/loop303lakepleasantpkwaytoI17comment via email to adotI303i17@hdrinc.com over the phone by calling 602.792.8880 or by mail to ADOT Communications, 1655 W. Jackson St., MD 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007</p> <p>Thank you everyone and have a great rest of your evening.</p>