



I-17 Willard Springs Wildlife Overpass

PROJECT FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

The Arizona Department of Transportation has initiated a wildlife overpass and fence installation project along Interstate 17 between Kelly Canyon and Munds Park (mileposts 322-331) south of Flagstaff. The Willard Springs Wildlife Overpass will be located at approximately milepost 327, and the wildlife fencing and other improvements will be located between mileposts 322-331.

ADOT, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish, sought a \$24 million grant through the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program to reduce motor-vehicle crashes involving wildlife and better connect habitats along I-17 south of Flagstaff. The I-17 wildlife project is one of 19 nationally to receive funding through the first round of \$110 million in grants from FHWA.



PROJECT ELEMENTS

- ▶ Constructing a wildlife overpass bridge over I-17.
- ▶ Retrofitting the existing right-of-way (ROW) fencing to wildlife fencing.
- ▶ Installing wildlife ROW fencing, including new connections to box culverts and metal pipe end treatments.
- ▶ Installing gates in ROW fencing, as necessary.
- ▶ Constructing wildlife escape ramps.
- ▶ Removing and replacing guardrail and concrete barriers.
- ▶ Installing, removing and/or replacing cattle guards (double wide).
- ▶ Seeding all disturbed areas with a native seed mix.
- ▶ Constructing temporary detour crossovers in the median for traffic control that will be removed after construction is completed.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The project is expected to be under construction in early May 2025 and completed by fall 2026.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ▶ Ongoing daytime lane restrictions will be in place on I-17 Mondays through Fridays.
- ▶ Temporary detour crossovers in the median will maintain traffic flow around the work zone.
- ▶ A minimum of one lane in each direction will remain open during construction. ADOT advises drivers to plan for possible delays while the work is underway.

ADOT will provide advance notice of restrictions and closures to email subscribers and on the project traffic alert web page

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