West Quartzsite Traffic Interchange and Frontage Road
Public Meeting SCRIPT
March 4, 2026

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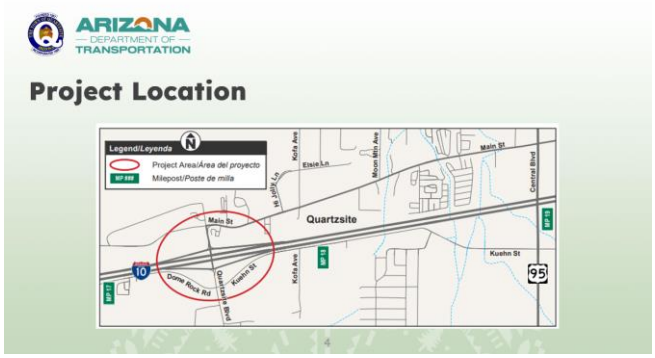
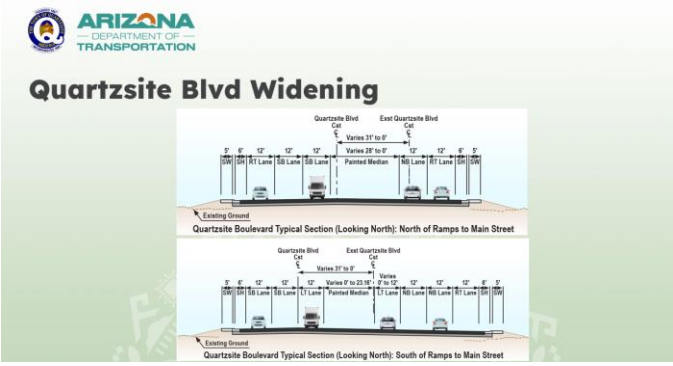
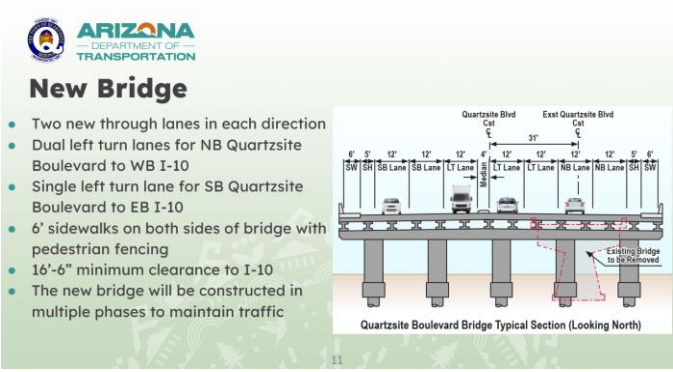
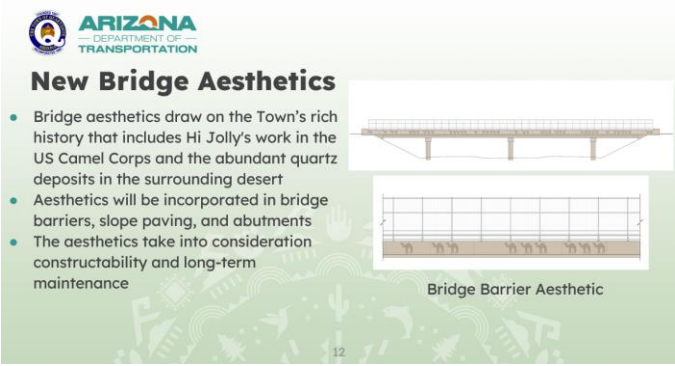
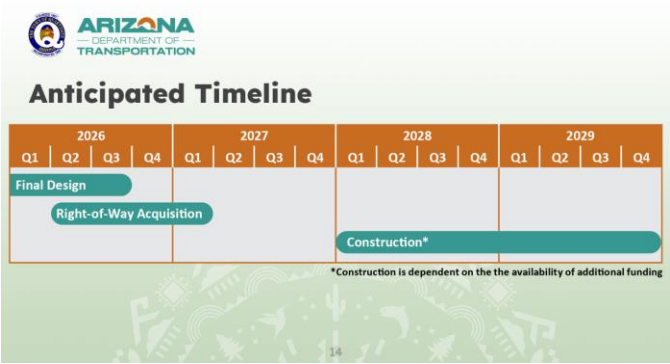
1. Welcome 	**Jim:** Good evening. My name is Jim Ferguson, and I'm the Town Manager for the Town of Quartzsite. Thank you for joining us for the West Quartzsite Traffic Interchange and Frontage Road public meeting. *Remarks from Jim about the history/importance of this project.* Our team has a short presentation, and then we'll take questions and comments from the audience.
2. Tonight's Presenters 	**Jim:** Tonight's other presenters include Paul Patane, ADOT Southwest District Manager; Judah Cain, the consultant project manager with Jacobs; and Cassie Waggoner, public outreach consultant with Jacobs. I will now hand it off to Paul.
3. Purpose of Tonight's Meeting 	**Paul:** The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide an overview of the planned improvements for the project, go over the estimated project schedule, and provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments.

4. Project Location 	**Paul:** The red circle on the map shows the project area. It is located at the traffic interchange in West Quartzsite near Milepost 17. This includes Quartzsite Boulevard between Dome Rock Road and Main Street, the I-10 on and off ramps at Quartzsite Boulevard, and the frontage roads of Dome Rock Road and Kuehn Street.
5. Project Purpose and Need 	**Paul:** The purpose of the project is to: • Accommodate current and future travel demand • Provide additional capacity for the traffic interchange • Replace the existing 2-lane bridge with a new 7-lane bridge with required clearance to I-10 • Maintain access to existing development along the corridor • Enhance opportunities for new development in the area ADOT procured Jacobs to do the final design. Now Judah is going to walk through the project details.
6. Project Visualization 	**Judah:** We will begin with a visualization of the entire project before discussing key elements in greater detail. Please note, we are approaching the 60% design stage, so refinements will be made to what you see here as final design is completed.

7. Quartzsite Blvd Widening  	**Judah:** As part of the planned improvements, The Town and ADOT are looking to widen Quartzsite Boulevard. The cross sections show two areas. The top section is between Main Street and the Westbound I-10 ramps, and the bottom section is between the Eastbound I-10 ramps and the Dome Rock Road/Kuehn Street frontage roads. Both areas include a painted median in the middle, 12-foot through lanes, 6-foot shoulders, and 5-foot sidewalks. For the area North of the I-10 Westbound on and off ramps to Main Street, we have a single northbound lane and right turn lane to Main Street and two southbound lanes with a right turn lane to the I-10 Westbound On ramp. For the area south of the I-10 Eastbound on and off ramps to the Dome Rock Road and Kuehn Street intersection, we have two through lanes in each direction with dedicated right and left turn lanes for the I-10 Eastbound on and off ramps and a dedicated left turn lane to Kuehn Street.
8. New Bridge  	**Judah:** A significant improvement is a new bridge at Quartzsite Blvd. This new bridge will be much wider than the existing bridge, which will be removed as part of the project. The new bridge design includes: • Two new through lanes in each direction • Dual left turn lanes for Northbound Quartzsite Boulevard to Westbound I-10 • A single left turn lane for Southbound Quartzsite Boulevard to Eastbound I-10 • 6-foot sidewalks on both sides of bridge with pedestrian fencing • A 16-foot-6-inch minimum clearance to I-10 • The new bridge will be constructed in multiple phases to maintain traffic

9. New Bridge Aesthetics 	**Judah:** The bridge aesthetics draw on the Town's rich history, which includes Hi Jolly's work in the U.S. Camel Corps and the abundant quartz deposits in the surrounding desert. Aesthetics will be incorporated in bridge barriers, slope paving, and pier columns. The aesthetics take into consideration constructability and long-term maintenance.
10. New Intersections – Quartzsite Blvd/Main St 	**Judah:** Now we want to show you some of the intersections our team is evaluating for planned improvements. This is the intersection of Quartzsite Blvd and Main Street. • At Main Street we will match the existing intersection lane configuration before Quartzsite Boulevard is widened to the south and improves the existing traffic signals.

11. New Intersections – I-10/Quartzsite Blvd Ramps 	**Judah:** This rendering shows the I-10 ramps at Quartzsite Blvd. • Both the Eastbound and Westbound ramp intersections provide pedestrian features including ADA ramps, striped crosswalks, and traffic signalization. The Westbound and Eastbound I-10 off ramps will be widened to three lanes at the intersection to accommodate dedicated left and right turn lanes in addition to another lane that allows for through, left, and right movements. • The Westbound I-10 On ramp will be widened to include an additional lane at the intersection.
12. New Intersections – Dome Rock Rd/Kuehn St 	**Judah:** The last intersection is at Dome Rock Road and Kuehn Street. • New traffic signals will be included at this intersection with pedestrian features that include ADA ramps and striped crosswalks • Dome Rock Road will be widened at the intersection to add an additional left turn lane to Quartzsite Boulevard. • Kuehn Street will be widened at the intersection to add an additional right turn lane to Quartzsite Boulevard • South of Dome Rock Road/Kuehn Street intersection Quartzsite Boulevard will be widened to include an additional travel lane each direction

13. Anticipated Timeline  	**Judah:** Here is the anticipated timeline for the project. We are currently in final design, we expect to start right-of-way acquisition in Q2, and finish right-of-way acquisitions in early 2027. A construction start date is based on funding availability. The Town is currently taking the lead in pursuing federal discretionary grants, with support from ADOT, for construction funding. The Town submitted a grant application on February 24, 2026, for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant, known as the BUILD grant, and if successful will receive $25M in funding for this project. Additional grants are being identified. If construction funding does become available, we anticipate construction would start in early 2028 and go until the end of 2029. During construction, you can expect short-term impacts on traffic. To limit impact on the travelling public through the Town of Quartzsite, and to reduce the impacts to nearby businesses, one lane of traffic in each direction on Quartzsite Boulevard will be maintained. Access to businesses will be prioritized. Some of the on- and off-ramps along I-10 will have limited closures required to facilitate ramp widening and construction of new intersections. Constructing the new bridge will require temporary closures of I-10 to set new girders and remove the existing bridge. This work is typically limited to night work and temporary weekend closures, when necessary, where the existing ramps would be utilized as a detour. The details of the potential traffic impacts will be further known as final design progresses. ADOT will provide advance notice of all construction restrictions and closures to the public. Now I will hand it off to Cassie to facilitate the Q&A portion of our meeting.

14. Public Comments & Questions 	**Cassie:** The project team will consider input from the public as part of the evaluation and decision-making process for these proposed improvements, and we will be accepting comments through April 3rd. In just a moment we will open the room to questions and comments, but there are several other ways you can comment on or ask questions about the project: • By filling out a comment form you received this evening • Or through the online comment form at azdot.gov/westquartzsiteTI-commentform • Contacting our team via email at projects@azdot.com • or calling us at 855.712.8530 • Or you can also mail your comments to: West Quartzsite TI, ADOT Community Relations, 2243 E Gila Rd, Yuma, AZ 85365 Now we will begin the questions and answers session of the public meeting. To ensure we can hear from everyone this evening, please limit your questions and comments to three minutes **Q&A**
15. More Information & Mailing List 	**Cassie:** We would also like to encourage you to visit the project website for more information and to sign up for the mailing list. The project website is azdot.gov/westquartzsiteTI Signing up for the project mailing list will allow us to keep you informed as the project progresses.

16. Thank You! 	**Cassie:** Thank you very much for your interest in the project and your participation. Members of the project team will be around until 7pm to discuss the project and answer any additional questions.