

I-19 Frontage Road Expansion Project between Ruby Road and Rio Rico Drive

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE ON SEPT. 22, 2026



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Santa Cruz County, in partnership with the Arizona Department of Transportation, is in the design phase for a local project to make overall improvements to Interstate 19 frontage roads between Ruby Road and Rio Rico Drive. The project, located in Rio Rico, will start by making improvements to traffic flow in the area near Rio Rico Drive, with further improvements happening at Ruby Road at a later date. This project will provide better access to businesses, residences, Calabasas School, and emergency services along the corridor.

PROJECT ELEMENTS

- Extending the two-way west frontage road from Calle Calabasas north to Rio Rico Drive via Camino Caralampi.
- Widening and converting the east frontage road to two-way from Kipper Street north to Rio Rico Drive.
- Constructing a new slip ramp for the east frontage road traffic at Rio Rico Drive to northbound I-19.
- Installing lighting, signage, and pavement marking along the east frontage road, west frontage road and slip ramp.
- Installing traffic signals, pavement marking, and signage on Camino Caralampi, Yavapai Drive and Rio Rico Drive.
- Improving drainage infrastructure by modifying or installing box culverts, pipes, and headwalls, scuppers, channels and retention basins along the project area.
- Removing and replacing fencing, as necessary.
- Removing and replacing cattle guards, as necessary.
- Relocating utilities, as necessary.
- Installing landscaping and erosion control devices.



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Join us at our in-person open house to learn more about the I-19 Frontage Road Expansion Project between Ruby Road and Rio Rico Drive. Project information boards will be on display for viewing, and the project team will be on hand to discuss the project. This is an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide your comments.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Gabilondo-Zehentner Centennial County Service Center
275 Rio Rico Drive, Rio Rico, AZ 85648

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

- The project is currently in the design phase
- Design is expected to be completed in spring 2027
- Construction on the east frontage road improvements is anticipated to start summer 2027.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Project comments can be provided in the following ways:

During the open house

Online Comment Form: bit.ly/I19RubyRd

Phone: 520.375.7830 or 602.522.4336

Email: ljfontes@santacruzcountyaz.gov or ted.smithwick@hdrinc.com

Mail: HDR Engineering Inc., 1 South Church Ave., Suite 1400, Tucson, AZ 85701

Last day to comment is October 6, 2026



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