Maricopa County Officials Seek Public Comments For Transportation Plan

By Chris Caraveo for Independent Newsmedia

Maricopa County officials are looking ahead to another five years of planning for roadway improvements.

The Maricopa County Department of Transportation is doing so through the Transportation System Plan 2040. The plan sets the framework of the future transportation system as population, development, technology, and other factors impact the country’s fourth-most populous county.

The plan will evaluate roadway needs, set performance measures, and provide a clear vision through 2040. MCDOT said the TSP 2035 focused on capacity-driven needs. However, TSP 2040 will incorporate recent MCDOT planning efforts to inform a broader scope of needs.

To complete the 2040 plan, MCDOT needs a clear understanding of challenges and opportunities that are present in the county’s transportation system. As users of the transportation system, the public is encouraged to submit their comments on the plan by using MCDOT’s Interactive County Map. They can also email TSP2040@mail.maricopa.gov or call 602-506-4176.

“Previous TSP’s have helped MCDOT identify needs in the transportation system,” said Chad Amos, a spokesman for MCDOT. “We are unable to be everywhere in such a large geographic area as Maricopa County and rely on citizens to be our eyes in the community. The interactive map was used during our most recent TSP and provides an additional area for residents to reach out.”

Input includes gaps in the system, areas of high congestion, safety concerns, maintenance needs, etc., according to MCDOT. The agency will review replies and display them within 72 hours.

People are able to input a location description, their comment, and select a topic like pedestrian, bicycle, congestion, and signal timing. Users are also able to click their “support” of a comment.

Commenting on the interactive map ends Friday, Nov. 15 for processing. However, MCDOT will reopen the map at the beginning of 2020 for additional comment.

Maricopa County — the fastest growing county in the nation — covers 9,200 square miles, of which MCDOT focuses on over 7,000 square miles of unincorporated area. According to the TSP 2035, MCDOT plans, designs, builds, maintains and operates roadways within the unincorporated areas, of which there are about 2,000 miles of roadway and over 400 structures.

Most of the comments on the map as of Wednesday afternoon appear west of the Central Avenue alignment, with users commenting the most in Buckeye.

However, Mr. Amos said MCDOT is unable to speculate why one area of the county is more active than another in utilizing the interactive map.

Read more here.
$10M Grant Confirmed for Airport Terminal

By Cindy Barks for Daily Courier

The long wait is over for the new Prescott Regional Airport terminal project.

During a Prescott City Council study session Tuesday, November 19th, Mayor Greg Mengarelli announced that he had just received word that the airport terminal project had been confirmed for a $10M Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant.

And that means that the postponed groundbreaking on the terminal project could occur by as early as December.

Mengarelli told the audience that he had heard from the office of U.S. Sen. Kyrsten Sinema just before the start of Tuesday’s meeting.

City officials had long reported that FAA officials had assured them that a grant was coming.

City officials had expected to hear about the grant award by late summer, and originally scheduled the groundbreaking for construction on October 4th.

Because of the delay, the city announced in September that it would be pushing off the terminal groundbreaking.

Airport Director Robin Sobotta said a formal public announcement is scheduled for Friday, November 22nd.

Meanwhile, she said, city officials would be in contact with the FAA to talk about the schedule for processing the grant.

The grant will also require a review and approval by the Prescott City Council.

With the next regular meeting of the City Council set for December 10th, Sobotta said a special council meeting could take place in the meantime to speed up the process.

City Manager Michael Lamar noted that with the FAA’s $10M — in combination with the $1M that the city recently accepted from the state and the $3.5M that the city has allocated from its own funds — the project should be ready to go.

On Monday, the city received word from its contracting team Willmeng Construction/Fann Contracting that the $13.9M guaranteed maximum price for the project would be extended from its initial deadline of November 16th until December 16th.

Read more at Daily Courier. (Login Required)
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<td>City of Scottsdale - Retaining Wall (Gabion) Replacement, Shea Tunnel Access Shared Use Pathway. The work consists of removing &amp; replacing the north gabion retaining wall.</td>
<td>Karie Ingles, Bid &amp; Contract Specialist, at 480-312-5744 or <a href="mailto:kingles@scottsdaleaz.gov">kingles@scottsdaleaz.gov</a>.</td>
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<td>Pima County - Bopp Road: Sarasota Blvd at Kinney Rd Improvements, Tucson. The work consists of realigning Bopp Rd to create a 4-leg intersection with the Kinney Rd/Sarasota Blvd intersection &amp; installing a new traffic signal &amp; intersection lighting.</td>
<td>Matthew Sage, Procurement Officer, at <a href="mailto:Matthew.Sage@pima.gov">Matthew.Sage@pima.gov</a></td>
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<td>Jalal Kamal, Engineering Specialist, at <a href="mailto:Jkamal@azdot.gov">Jkamal@azdot.gov</a> or Carl Ericksen, Construction Supervisor, at <a href="mailto:CERicksen@azdot.gov">CERicksen@azdot.gov</a></td>
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<td>Maricopa County - Construction Administration Services for Northern Parkway: Dysart Rd &amp; El Mirage Rd Overpasses. The work consists of construction of bridges over Dysart Rd &amp; El Mirage Rd to allow Northern Pkwy to bypass the traffic signals at the intersections.</td>
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