



State Route 24 (Gateway Freeway) Interim Phase II

ELLSWORTH ROAD TO IRONWOOD DRIVE

Public Information Meeting

Nov. 14, 2019 | Eastmark High School, Mesa

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Welcome!

Tonight's Agenda

6 – 6:30 p.m.	Open House
6:30 – 7 p.m.	Presentation
7 – 7:30 p.m.	Open House

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Questions or Comments received by Dec. 13, 2019, will be included in the Public Involvement Summary Report

Terms You'll Hear Tonight

- **EA:** Environmental Assessment (environmental study)
- **DCR:** Design Concept Report
- **Alternatives:** The various options that were evaluated for design and construction
- ***Interim* facility or roadway:** What we can design and build NOW with available funding
- ***Ultimate* facility or roadway:** What the final, completed highway would be if we had all necessary funding now

Background

- Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design Concept Report (DCR) completed in 2011.
- Selected Alternative analyzed by EA and DCR included new, approximately 7-mile freeway between State Route 202 (Santan Freeway) and Ironwood Drive.

Background

- Selected Alternative separated into two phases, based on funding availability.
- Phase I, extending from Santan Freeway to Ellsworth Road, opened in May 2014.
- ***Tonight's focus:*** Phase II (interim) roadway

Background

- Phase II, extending from Ellsworth Road to Ironwood Drive, is in final design.
- Future phases would extend further east beyond Ironwood Drive – **funding/timeline unknown**

Background

- Current and projected development in area growing at faster rate than expected in 2011
- More immediate need for a regional corridor
- Study completed in 2017 led to *interim roadway* being included in updated DCR

Purpose Statement

- Objective: To provide a transportation corridor that supports current and expected traffic demands and improves connectivity in the region prior to anticipated ultimate build-out
 - *Area is developing rapidly*
 - *Interim roadway would enhance roadway operation until full build-out can be accomplished*
 - *Maricopa County and western Pinal County will benefit from improved transportation options*

PROJECT OVERVIEW



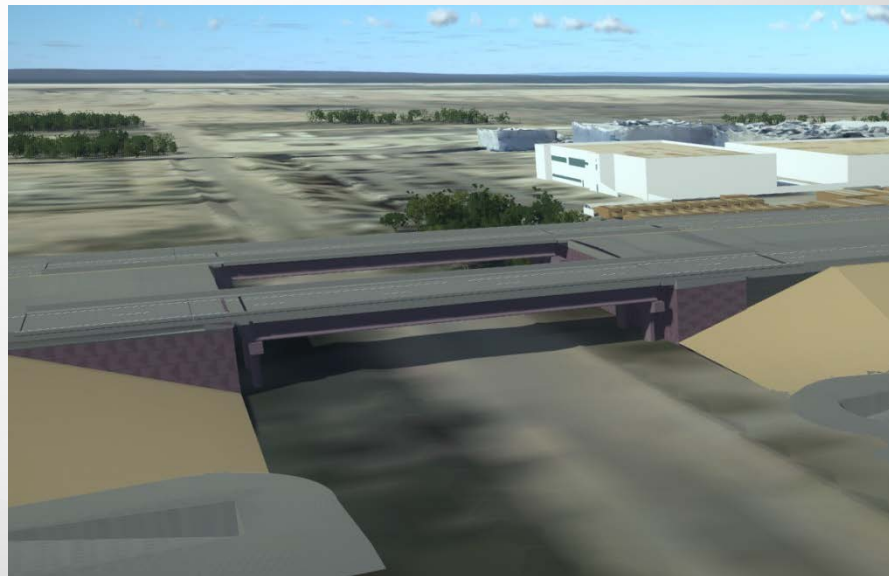




- Divided roadway with two paved travel lanes in each direction
- New cross-road improvements at Williams Field, Signal Butte and Meridian roads and Ironwood Drive.



- Bridges over Ellsworth and Mountain roads
- Ultimate drainage improvements for the roadway.



- ADOT providing right-of-way space for potential shared-use pathway to be built by local government along the interim Phase II corridor.

- Interim Phase II has about \$260 million programmed for:
 - Design/construction (\$167 million)
 - Right-of-Way acquisition (\$93 million)



RECENT CHANGES



Bridges Over Ellsworth Road



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- Not included in updated 2017 DCR for Interim Phase II project
- Traffic analysis during final design showed need for bridges to continue traffic flow over Ellsworth Road

Bridges Over Ellsworth Road

- Local governments providing up to \$7.5 million
- State Legislature appropriated \$6.5 million
- Improved roadway and crossroad operations at Ellsworth Road

Mountain Road

- SR 24 will now go over Mountain Road, rather than underneath it
- Less impact to surrounding properties
- No changes to current access to Mountain Road

KEY POINTS



Right-of-Way

- ADOT to acquire primarily vacant residential, commercial and State Land parcels
- Minimal impact to existing homes, businesses
- For more information, visit **Right-of-Way** Table

Drainage

- Currently, on-site drainage is collected in basins and conveyed to existing off-site drainage systems
- New drainage channel along north side of the Phase II project will discharge into Maricopa County Flood Control District facilities

Environmental Clearance

EA evaluated various environmental factors, including:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources (animals, plants)
- Cultural Resources
- Noise
- For more information, visit **Environmental Table**

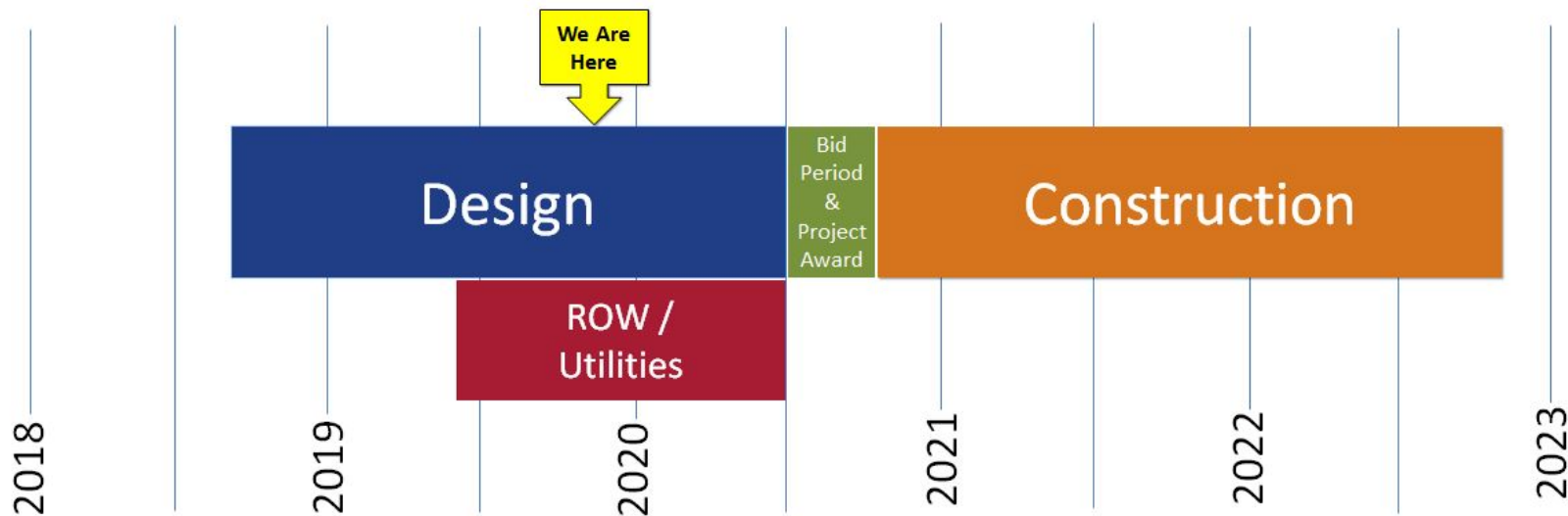
Utilities

- Project will require several utility relocations
- Utilities include SRP power, CenturyLink, Mediacom and city of Mesa water
- ADOT working with all impacted utility owners/operators to relocate facilities

WHAT TO EXPECT



Project Timeline*



*Schedules are subject to change

ROW = Right-of-Way

During Construction

- Traffic restrictions for several months at Ellsworth Road during roadway and bridge construction
- Lane closures at Mountain Road; detours planned on Williams Field Road, 222nd Street and Pecos Road
- Lane restrictions and traffic shifts for several months at Ironwood Drive during phased construction

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Ultimate Build-Out

- Roadway to be widened into the median
- Three general purpose lanes, one auxiliary lane and one HOV lane in each direction
- Bridges at Williams Field, Signal Butte and Meridian roads, and at Ironwood Drive

Ultimate Build-Out

- Additional system-to-system interchange improvements at junction of Loop 202 Santan Freeway and SR 24, including widening of Santan Freeway in both directions
- Extension of SR 24 east of Ironwood Drive being evaluated

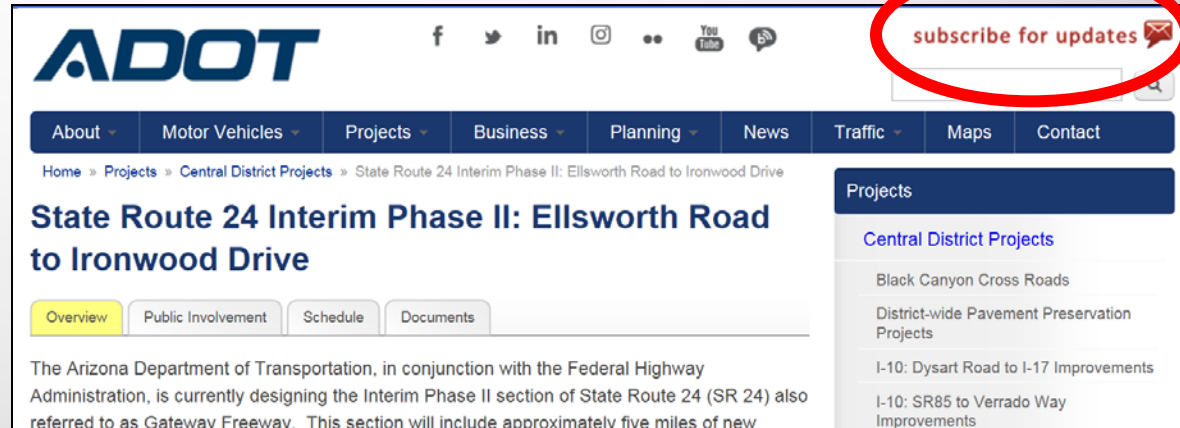
Local Projects

- City of Mesa working on improvements to Signal Butte Road between Williams Field and Germann roads
- Town of Queen Creek and Pinal County working on improvements to Meridian Road between SR 24 and Germann Road

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