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January 8, 2020

Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Opens to Traffic

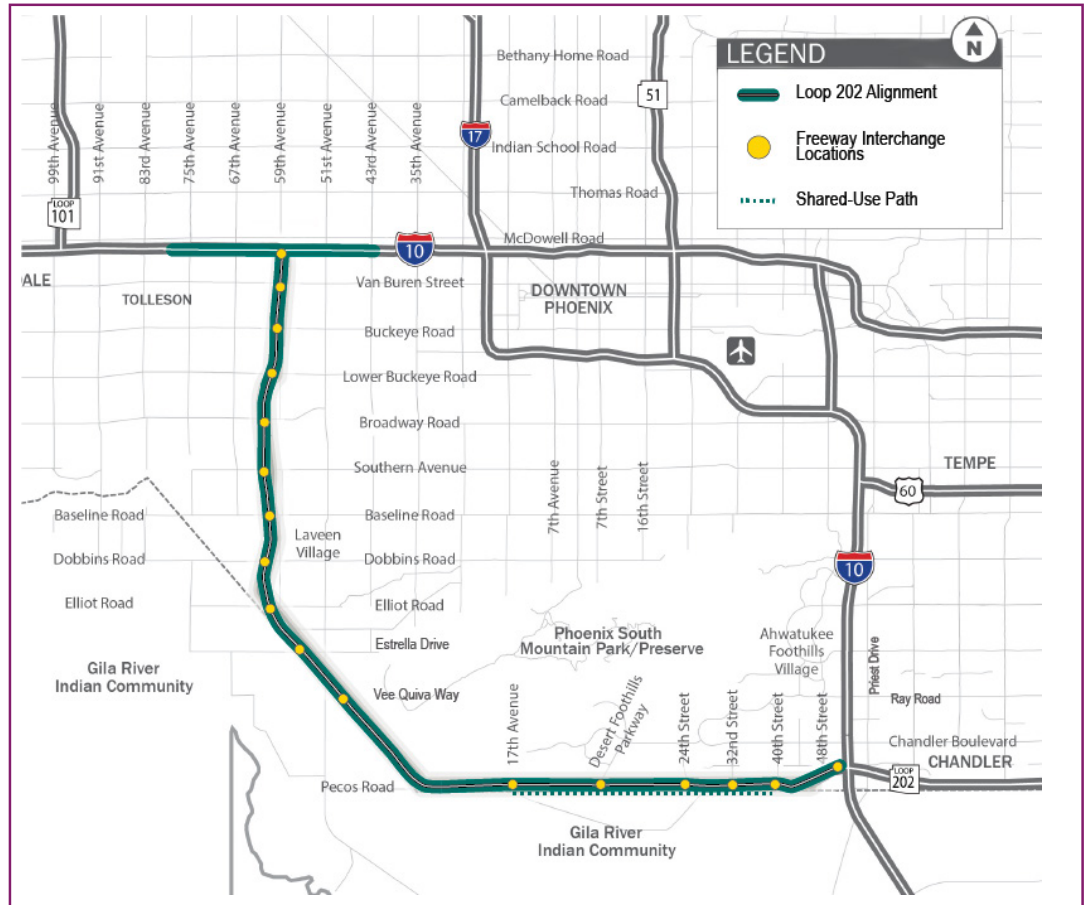
Source: Arizona Department of Transportation

PHOENIX – The Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway is open to traffic, providing a much needed alternative to Interstate 10 through downtown Phoenix while improving the quality of life in a fast-growing region.

South Mountain Freeway mapThe freeway opened Saturday, Dec. 21, three days after a grand opening ceremony that featured Governor Doug Ducey, Arizona Department of Transportation Director John Halikowski and other Valley leaders.

Using an innovative public-private partnership for the state’s largest-ever highway project, ADOT was able to open the 22-mile freeway three years earlier than if it had been built as a series of traditional projects. The agreement also allowed ADOT to deliver the \$1.7 billion South Mountain Freeway at a cost savings of more than \$100 million.

“Arizona has solidified its reputation as a state that is open for opportunity, and as we welcome hundreds of new residents every day, we are making sure our infrastructure remains some of the best in America,” Governor Ducey said. “This Loop 202 opening represents a big step forward in connecting the East and West Valleys, as well as prioritizing safety for drivers. My thanks to the local, state, tribal, federal and private partners



who helped bring this project to fruition ahead of schedule with major cost savings.”

Completing the Loop 101 and Loop 202 system, the South Mountain Freeway travels between Interstate 10 at the Loop 202 Santan Freeway in the East Valley and I-10 at 59th Avenue in the West Valley. It is projected to carry about 117,000 vehicles per day within its first

year and as many as 190,000 vehicles per day by 2035.

It’s Arizona’s first highway project built using a public-private partnership, which combined design, construction and maintenance in a single contract. Connect 202 Partners, the developer chosen for the project, will maintain the South Mountain Freeway for the next 30 years under the agreement.

“This freeway is open on an ambitious timeline because of the innovation, creativity and dedication of our teams at ADOT and at Connect 202 Partners,” ADOT Director John Halikowski said. “This monumental achievement will benefit Arizonans for decades to come.”



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While the freeway is open to traffic, work will continue into 2020 in several areas, including a traffic interchange at 32nd Street, a 6-mile multi-use path between 40th Street and 17th Avenue in Ahwatukee and landscaping. The 32nd Street interchange was added after the initial design at the request of area residents.

Connect 202 Partners, consisting of Fluor Enterprises Inc., Granite Construction Co. and Ames Construction Inc., with Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc. as the lead designer, completed more than 5.5 million hours of work without an incident causing lost time while using more than 120 subcontractors and suppliers.

“Working in partnership with ADOT over the last three and half years, we have achieved our goal of providing Arizona with

a safe, innovative, cost-effective and much needed freeway that will help alleviate traffic congestion, stimulate the economy and improve the safety and operational efficiency for drivers throughout the Phoenix-metro area,” said Walter J. Lewis, III, senior project director for Fluor and Connect 202 Partners.

Among the freeway’s 15 interchanges are Arizona’s first two using a diverging diamond configuration that promotes traffic flow and safety. The freeway’s 40 bridges include two half-mile spans over the Salt River that have the longest concrete bridge girders – 175 feet – ever used in Arizona.

It features three travel lanes and an HOV lane in each direction.

As with any new highway, ADOT will continue working with nearby residents to

examine any concerns related to noise or lighting.

Signs at each end of the South Mountain Freeway honor the late Arizona Congressman Ed Pastor, carrying a designation approved this fall by the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names.

The South Mountain Freeway has long been part of the region’s transportation plans. Maricopa County voters approved it in 1985 and again in 2004 as part of the Maricopa Association of Governments’ Regional Transportation Plan.

For information on the project and to sign up for project updates, please visit SouthMountainFreeway.com(link is external). For additional current and planned construction information, click on the Construction Info tab. •

North-South Fwy Will Not be Closer to Downtown Florence

By Mark Cowling for Eloy Enterprise

The **Arizona Department of Transportation** didn’t support the wish of Florence town officials for the proposed “**North-South Freeway**” to veer near downtown.

ADOT has announced a draft environmental impact statement and preferred corridor for the potential freeway in Pinal County running from Interstate 10 to State Route 60.

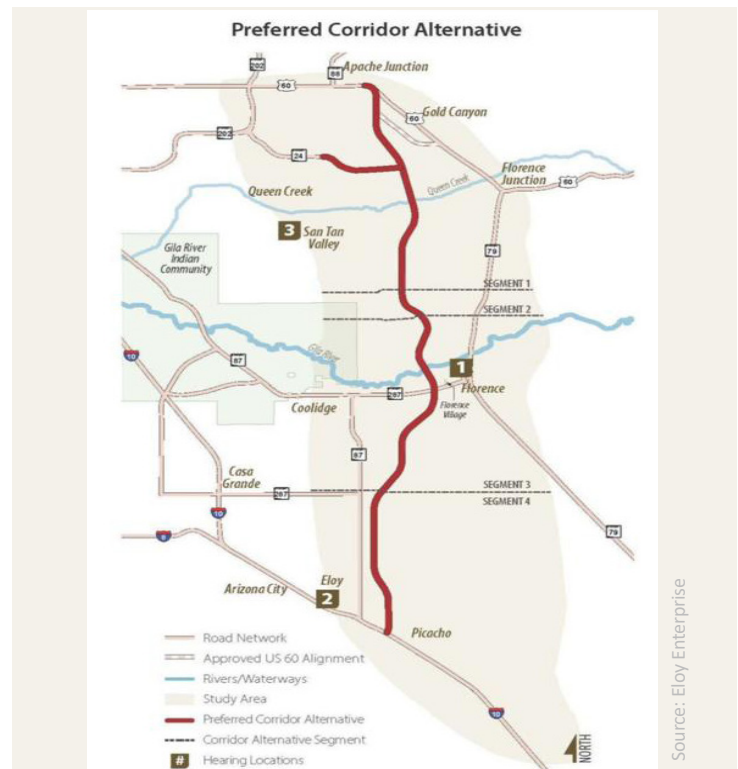
Florence Town Manager Brent Billingsley acknowledged it would cost more to build a bridge over the Gila River on such a route. “It’s a function of length, of skew. It is wider across there (near Florence).”

But the town is still hopeful of benefiting from the freeway.

Town staff met with the ADOT project team on December 12th and discussed the town’s official comments on the corridor. The state is planning exits on State Route 287, Hunt Highway and Arizona Farms Road. The only question is whether the Hunt Highway exit will be east or west of Poston Butte.

None is near downtown Florence, “so we’ve made it a point to push for an access point on the south side of the river so we can get access close to downtown Florence,” Billingsley said.

Read more at [Eloy Enterprise](http://EloyEnterprise.com).



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Strong Economic Outlook for AZ and Tucson in 2020

By Jamie Verwys for Inside Tucson Business

Tucson's economic forecast looks strong moving into 2020, and as far as economists are concerned, another recession is not likely in the years to come.

The good news came during the **University of Arizona Eller College of Management's 2019 Economic Outlook Luncheon**, held at Ventana Canyon Dec. 6.

George Hammond, director of the **Economic and Business Research Center**, presented positive trends for Tucson job growth, rising income and migration to the state specifically for jobs.

In Arizona, job growth is particularly on the rise in the manufacturing sector, as well as construction and healthcare.

"Manufacturing job growth is the fastest it's been in 23 to 24 years, almost a quarter century since we've seen manufacturing job growth at this pace," Hammond said. "That's good for income growth, as those are high paying jobs, and Arizona, particularly

Tucson, manufacturing is oriented towards defense and aerospace."

Overall, job growth for Tucson is on the upswing.

"In fact, for the last three months we've been beating the national average in terms of job growth, at least in terms of the preliminary data, and our job growth last month is close to what Phoenix is generating," Hammond said.

Transportation, utilities and the trade/retail sector did experience job losses and Hammond said a battle between brick and mortar locations and web-based retail is a factor.

Income growth is moving upwards alongside the growing number of jobs and the state's minimum wage increase. As a result, consumption in the form of retail sales and sales tax to the state's municipalities are also growing.

While Hammond said Arizona is a state that experiences fast population growth, the demographics are shifting some.

Though work is driving more net migration to Arizona, the number of young people in Arizona is threatened by a statewide "baby bust," where there is a decrease in birthrates and an increase in deaths, because society is growing older and less people are having children.

One area Hammond sees as particularly important moving forward is education.

The number of working age people with a Bachelor's degree or higher is lower than the national average in Tucson and Phoenix, as well as the overall state.

Read more at [Inside Tucson Business](#).



Source: Inside Tucson Business

Business & Industry Events

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January

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AZ Water: PFAS Occurrence, Research in AZ
 Location: 108 N 40th St., Phoenix
 Time: 8:00am
- 15

ADOT: Broadway Curve Networking Event
 Location: 10831 S 51st St., Phoenix
 Time: 1:30pm - 5:00pm
- 15

APWA Luncheon: South Mountain Freeway
 Location: 2901 N 7th Street, Phoenix
 Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
- 16

BOMA YPG Reverse Trade Show (With Networking)
 Location: 1122 N 8th St., Phoenix
 Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- 21

AZCREW January Lunch Program
 Location: 2901 N 7th St., Phoenix
 Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
- 22


AAED: City/Town Managers of Southern AZ
 Location: 2200 E Elm Street, Tucson
 Time: 11:30am
- 22-23

Local First: 2020 Good Business Summit
 Location: 100 N 3rd Street, Phoenix
 Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm
- 23

SMPS: CIP and Budgets!
 Location: 320 N 44th Street, Phoenix
 Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

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[**"Preparing DBE Affidavits"**](#)



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January 28, 2020 | 9am-11am

Location: ADOT 206 S. 17th Avenue, Mary Peters Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007

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If you cut down an endangered cactus like this Saguaro in Arizona, you could face up to a year in prison. It can take up to 100 years for a Saguaro cactus to grow an arm in areas of low precipitation.

The Arizona Department of Transportation has transplanted thousands of saguaro cactuses (link is external) during construction projects. Through decades of practice, the agency has developed many successful techniques for salvaging these iconic cactuses. To learn more about how Saguaros are relocated during construction, [check out this ADOT blog post](#).

“Landscaping design and landscaping during construction are services procured in most ADOT highway projects.”

Featured Federal-Aid Projects

General / Subcontractors Opportunities

| Due Date | Project Valuation | DBE Goal | Solicitation / Project Number | Type | Project Owner and Description | Contact |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| 1/17/20 11am MST | \$7.5M | 5.86% | NHPP-064-A(207)T; F008901C | IFB | ADOT - Pavement Rehabilitation, Williams-Grand Canyon-Cameron Hwy (SR64): Pipeline Rd - Airpark. The work consists of pavement rehabilitation & feasible safety enhancement, including mill & replacement of pavement, shoulder build-up, embankment slope flattening, new pavement marking & striping, rumble striping, guardrails, culvert extension & seeding. | Farhana Jesmin, Engineering Specialist, at FJesmin@azdot.gov or Steve Monroe, Construction Supervisor, at SMonroe@azdot.gov . |
| 1/31/20 11am MST | \$1.17M | 5.94% | STP-GGI-0(215)T; T008701C | IFB | ADOT - Bridge Replacement, Colcord Road Bridge, SR260, Gordon Canyon Creek, Gila County. The work consists of constructing a new single-span bridge using Accelerated Bridge Construction methods with Prefabricated Bridge Elements, including related roadway & drainage improvements. | Mohammed Patwary, Engineering Specialist, at MPatwary@azdot.gov or Tom Goodman, Construction Supervisor, at TGoodman@azdot.gov . |
| 2/7/20 11am MST | \$5.3M | 9.71% | NHPP-040-D(237)T; F010801C | IFB | ADOT - Bridge Deck Replacement, Winona TI Underpass, Flagstaff-Holbrook Hwy (I-40). The work consists of replacing the bridge superstructure & full depth pavement section, striping, & signing. | Jalal Kamal, Engineering Specialist, at JKamal@azdot.gov or Cordell Yazzie, Construction Supervisor, at CYazzie@azdot.gov . |
| 2/7/20 11am MST | \$3.25M | 9.99% | NHPP-040-D(235)T; H892801C | IFB | ADOT - Bridge Deck Rehabilitation, Babbitts Tank WB & Buffalo Range Rd TI OP, Flagstaff-Holbrook Hwy (I-40). The work consists of removing & replacing the existing bridge deck of the westbound Babbitts Tanks, & rehabilitating the Buffalo Range T. I. OP bridges. | Mohammed Patwary, Engineering Specialist, at MPatwary@azdot.gov or Tom Goodman, Construction Supervisor, at Tgoodman@azdot.gov . |

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Holiday Inn & Suites Phoenix Airport
Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Subject: **Pavement Preservation: Benefit, Timing and Practice**

Objective: The workshop is designed to help road and highway engineers, supervisors and crews become familiar with the concept of preventive maintenance, selection of most cost-effective maintenance treatment, maintenance materials, and various maintenance treatments for both asphalt and concrete pavements.

Instructors: Mike Mamlouk, Professor, Arizona State University
Mo Rahman, Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions
Rob Duvall, City of Phoenix
Bob Erdman, Cutler Repaving
Larry Scofield, American Concrete Pavement Association

When: Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Lunch and breaks will be provided.*

Where: **Holiday Inn & Suites Phoenix Airport**, 3220 South 48th Street Phoenix, Arizona 85040, (480) 543-1700.

Fee: \$95.00 includes all workshop materials, lunch and breaks. Workshop materials will be uploaded at <https://pavement.engineering.asu.edu/>. *All profits will go to the Witzak Endowment at ASU, which pays for student scholarships and other scholarly activities.*

Who Should Attend:

The target audience for this workshop is state and local highway personnel dealing with design, construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of asphalt and concrete pavement.

Topics:

1. The Case for Preventive Maintenance
2. Engineering a Preventive Maintenance Program
3. Materials for Preventive Maintenance
4. Crack Treatments for Asphalt Pavements
5. Fog Seals and Rejuvenators
6. Chip Seals
7. Slurry Seals and Microsurfacing
8. Thin Hot-Mix Asphalt Overlays (Conventional, Asphalt Rubber, Ultrathin Bonded Wearing Course, Hot In-Place Recycling)
9. Concrete Pavement Preservation (Diamond Grinding, Seal & Reseal, Full & Partial Depth Repair)

Registration:

Pre-registration is required at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/500519>. The registration fee is \$95 and will include workshop materials, lunch and breaks. **The deadline to register is February 10, 2020.** Registration fees are non-refundable. If you are unable to register online, please complete the form below and return it along with your check or money order **made payable to Arizona State University.** Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash.

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