



DBE News & Events

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Gas Tax Could Double Under Proposed Bill

By Ryan Randazzo for The Arizona Republic

The price Arizonans pay for fuel would increase by 18 cents a gallon by 2023 under a proposal to raise the gas tax that won preliminary approval at the Legislature this week.

The proposal also would increase taxes for registering electric, hybrid and alternative-fueled vehicles, all in the name of better funding road repair and maintenance.

Arizona gas taxes are 18 cents a gallon today and would increase 6 cents a year for the next three years, to 24 cents, 30 cents and 36 cents under the proposal from Rep. Noel Campbell.

The full 18-cent-per-gallon gas-tax increase would add about \$2.88 to a 16-gallon fill-up in the third year.

Arizona gas taxes were last increased in 1991.

House Bill 2899 passed the **House Transportation Committee** Wednesday.

The bill also would add an annual tax for registering an electric car of \$111 next year, \$139 in 2022 and \$166 in 2023. No such tax exists today.

Hybrid vehicles would see a new tax of \$45 a year rising to \$67 in 2023 under the bill.

All the taxes listed in the bill would increase with inflation each year after 2023.

Campbell backed a similar bill last year and was met with opposition from auto enthusiasts and free market think tanks, who are lining up against him again this year.

Last year's effort was blocked before it could get a vote from the full House.

It's odds of moving look better this year.

Read more at The Arizona Republic.

NEWLY CERTIFIED DBE FIRMS

- Chickenango Marketing Solutions, Inc.
- Sprocket Transport, Inc.
- Stewart Manhattan Investments, Inc (Interstate)
- XIM Solutions, LLC
- DBE Consulting, LLC DBA Traveling Grace, Fly Shoppers (Interstate ACDBE/DBE)
- Evolve Lab LLC
- FBBC, LLC (Interstate ACDBE/DBE)
- Goodyear Logistics LLC

This event is next week! [REGISTER HERE](#)

March 12, 2020 from 7am-12pm
at the Glendale Civic Center.

This event is **FREE** to attend!

If you're a small business in the transportation sector, then this event is for you! Network with exhibitors and officials in the following public agencies:



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ADOT Offers First Construction Academy Training Session Just for Women

Source: Arizona Department of Transportation

An **Arizona Department of Transportation** training program that helps members of economically disadvantaged groups launch careers in transportation construction is getting ready to hold its first session just for women.

By focusing the next two-week **Construction Academy**, to be held March 2nd-13th in Phoenix, ADOT's **On-The-Job-Training Supportive Services Program** is helping address underrepresentation by women in the field. Women comprise about 9 percent of construction workers nationally, according to the **U.S. Department of Labor**.

With spaces still available, those interested in participating in this free training can get information and apply by visiting azdot.gov/Academy.

Through the years, ADOT's Construction Academy has helped more women enter the construction trades. Of the more than 600 graduates since this pre-apprentice training began in 2014, about 35 percent have been women.

Steve Navis, a manager with ADOT's On-The-Job-Training Supportive Services Program, said the certifications earned by Construction Academy participants are particularly beneficial for women. A candidate with those qualifications has a more powerful resume, especially because of regulations on the number of women and members of other economically disadvantaged groups contractors must employ for federally funded projects.

"However, the larger goal of the Construction Academy is helping participants view construction as a viable career and not just another job," Navis said. "Modern technology and construction methods mean that all people with ability have places in the construction world."

Construction Academy training also is available to minorities, veterans and members of other economically disadvantaged groups, including those who are unemployed.

Three-quarters of Construction Academy participants have gone on to work in the construction field as flaggers, commercial truck drivers, heavy equipment operators, highway surveyors, electricians, carpenters, painters, pipe fitters, concrete finishers and block masons. Depending on the position, they

start out earning \$14 to \$24 an hour, and sometimes more.

Participants receive training in construction math, flagger certification, OSHA 10 safety certification, reading construction plans, obtaining a Commercial Driver License permit and resume building. If participants have perfect attendance, they also receive a set of tools valued at \$200. ADOT offers the free two-week training through a **Federal Highway Administration** workforce grant.

For more information or to apply for this or future Construction Academy sessions, please visit azdot.gov/Academy, call 602.712.8125 or pick up materials at the **ADOT Business Engagement and Compliance Office**, 1801 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 101, in Phoenix.



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Ducey Touts Pinal Growth, I-10 Projects

By Suzanne Adams-Ockrassa for Eloy Enterprise

The money for widening Interstate 10 is coming, Gov. Doug Ducey assured **Pinal Partnership** members.

The governor spoke at the development-government organization's monthly meeting at **Robson Ranch** in Eloy. He highlighted several initiatives from his 2021 budget including funding to widen I-10, the closure of **Arizona State Prison Complex-Florence**, Pinal County and the state's economic growth, concerns over the water supply in Pinal County and the spread of the coronavirus.

The governor repeated his budget pledge of \$28M to accelerate the project to widen the 56-year-old bridge over the **Gila River** to three lanes in either direction and said he's working with federal transportation officials

to round up the remaining funds to finish widening the roadway between Casa Grande and Chandler.

Ducey also said his office plans to invest more than \$4.6B over the next five years in transportation infrastructure, especially in rural counties. That infrastructure includes running broadband internet fiber along major highways, such as Interstate 40.

(He) also praised Pinal County's work in helping to make the state No. 1 in the nation for new residents and No. 2 in the nation for job growth.

"This community has played a pivotal role in Arizona's rise as a manufacturing powerhouse," he said. "There are more

manufacturing jobs than construction jobs. The world has come to take notice as Pinal County has become home to not one but two major auto manufacturers."

The governor was also asked about the state's efforts to find a solution to Pinal County's water needs. A recent study from the **Arizona Department of Water Resources** shows that the **Pinal Active Management Area**, which governs the use of most of the groundwater in the county, may not have enough water in its aquifers to support future growth.

"This is a problem of growth and prosperity," Ducey said. "We want a tailored plan for Pinal County. That's a priority."

Read more at [Eloy Enterprise](#).



Credit: Court Rich/Rose Law Group

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Transportation Committee OKs SR347/Riggs Overpass

Source: inMaricopa.com

House Bill 2802 passed out of the **House Transportation Committee** on a 7-0 vote.

Two members of the nine-person committee were absent.

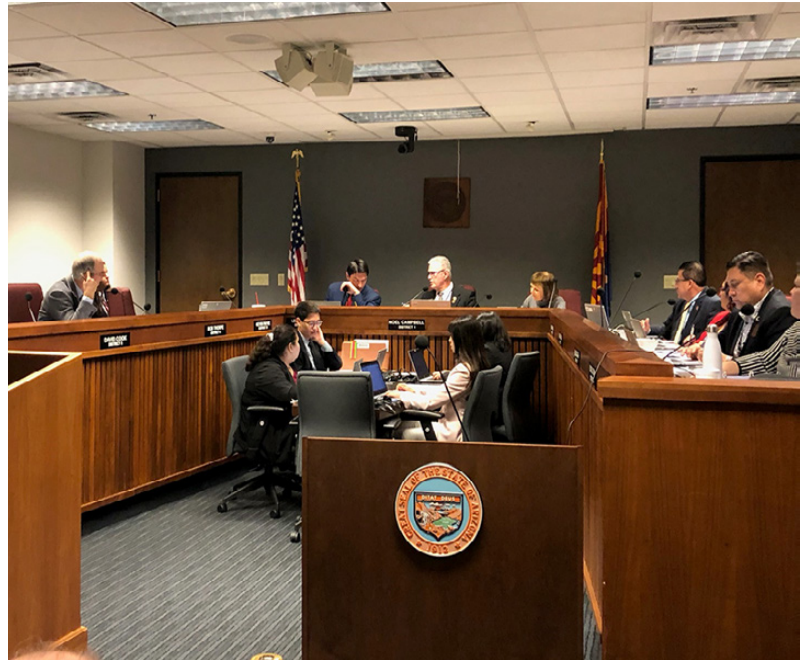
The bill, sponsored by Rep. Bret Roberts (R-District 11), would appropriate \$35M toward building a **State Route 347** overpass at **Riggs Road** in Maricopa County. It is co-sponsored by most of the legislators representing Pinal County.

HB2802 is now scheduled to go to the House for a second reading, a process that Roberts said may start Monday.

If eventually passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor, the bill would send the funds to the **Arizona Department of Transportation**. The construction of an overpass on SR 347 would need additional funding and multi-governmental cooperation.

For that to happen, Price said HB2802 needs strong public support.

Read more at inMaricopa.com.



Credit: inMaricopa



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Business & Industry Events

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19th Annual Contractor's Golf Classic
 Location: 2400 E Missouri Avenue, Phoenix
 Time: 6:30am-2:30pm
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Disparity Study Draft Results Meeting
 Location: 206 S 17th Avenue, Phoenix
 Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
- 19

USACE LA District AZ Business Opps. Open House
 Location: 3636 N Central Ave., Ste. 805, Phoenix
 Time: 8:30am-12:30pm
- 19

LAI: Planned & Future Expansion of Fwy Systems
 Location: 11500 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale
 Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
- 24

NASA Small Business Opportunity Fair
 Location: 300 E Green St., Pasadena, CA
 Time: 8:00am-4:30pm
- 26

MPA:Cocktails & Connections
 Location: 4450 N 12th St., #228, Phoenix
 Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

April

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ABA Member Mixer
 Location: 2210 S Roosevelt St., Tempe
 Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm
- 14-16

93rd AZ Water Annual Conference
 Location: 100 N 3rd Ave., Phoenix
 Time: 8:00pm-5:00pm

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Other Associations

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["Preparing DBE Affidavits"](#)



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

ADOT's Business Development program is designed to provide DBEs with general and firm-specific training and technical assistance to help them to become more competitive within the transportation industry. This program will give DBE firms an opportunity to gain a competitive edge within and outside the highway industry.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 26, 2020

APPLY HERE



SAVE THE DATE

May 20-22, 2020

Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix AZ



SAVE THE DATE

April 13-15, 2020

201 W Butler Ave., Flagstaff

ADOT DBE & SMALL BUSINESS TRANSPORTATION EXPO

March 12, 2020

at the Glendale Civic Center

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Project Opportunities

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- [ADOT Engineering Advertisements](#)
- [ADOT Public-Private Partnership Initiatives](#)
- [ADOT Advertised Alternative Delivery Projects](#)
- [Bidding Opportunities Around the State](#)

Did You Know?

Arizona started issuing licenses that were good until age 60. Starting at 65, drivers must now renew every five years, with a vision test each time.

Please use this as a reminder that: **Effective October 1, 2020**, only the Arizona Travel ID (driver license or ID card), a U.S. passport and other federally approved identification will be accepted at [TSA airport security checkpoints \(link is external\)](#) for domestic travel.

Featured Federal-Aid Projects

General / Subcontractors Opportunities

Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation / Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
3/20/20 11am MST	\$5.3M	2.23%	NHPP 010-A(233)T; F019901C	IFB	ADOT - Rest Area Rehabilitation, Bouse Wash Rest Area, Ehrenberg-Phoenix Highway (I-10). The work consists of rehabilitating existing restroom buildings & ramadas, renovating vending buildings, rehabilitating water & wastewater systems, widening parking lots, installing pipe culverts, catch basins, striping, & ADA compliance.	Brandon Campbell, Engineering Specialist, at BCampbell2@azdot.gov or Jaime Hernandez, Construction Supervisor, at JHernandez@azdot.gov .
3/20/20 11am MST	\$2.2M	4.03%	NHPP-019-A(236)T; F010101C	IFB	ADOT - Bridge Deck Replacement, Ruby Rd TI UP #1240, Nogales-Tucson Hwy (I-19). The work consists of replacement of the existing concrete bridge deck & concrete barrier on the south bridge.	Vian Rashid, Engineering Specialist, at Vrashid@azdot.gov or Jorge Montoya Navarro, Construction Supervisor, at jmontoyanavarro.consultant@azdot.gov .
3/27/20 11am MST	\$1.3M	6.07%	180-A(205)T; F006001C	IFB	ADOT - Construct Turn Lanes, B-40 & Aspen Ave, Flagstaff-Valle Hwy (US 180). The work consists of widening by adding turn lanes using Portland Cement Concrete Pavement, installation of curb & gutter, sidewalk, sidewalk ramps, storm drainage pipes, catch basins, traffic signals, pavement markings, & landscaping.	Ghalib Mahdi, Engineering Specialist, at GMahdi@azdot.gov or Steve Monroe, Construction Supervisor, at SMonroe@azdot.gov .