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11-mile I-10 & Broadway Project Advances

Source: Arizona Department of Transportation

The **Arizona Department of Transportation** has been granted environmental approval to continue moving forward with plans to improve an 11-mile section of **Interstate 10** that includes the **Broadway Curve**.

ADOT issued a Finding of No Significant Impact after completing a Final Environmental Assessment for the **I-10 Broadway Curve project** in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Final Environmental Assessment includes comments from the community received during and after public meetings in February and October of 2019. The document is posted at azdot.gov/I10BroadwayCurve.

The project includes adding lanes between the **I-17 "Split" interchange** and the **Loop 202 Santan/South Mountain Freeway**, improving the interchange at **US 60**, replacing the interchange at **State Route 143** and making other improvements.

Currently, ADOT expects to begin construction in summer 2021. Work is scheduled to continue until late 2024.

More information is available at the [project website](#).



Credit: Arizona Department of Transportation

NEWLY CERTIFIED DBE FIRMS

- Innova Technologies
- Walker River Construction, Inc.
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DBA Bay Area Economics
- Uneath Sonoran Desert Locating
- DiscountCell, Inc
- ACT Security LLC
- Nighthawk Industries



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ADOT Seeks Comments on Kingman I-40 Interchange

Source: Arizona Department of Transportation

The **Arizona Department of Transportation** is seeking input on a project to build a freeway-to-freeway interchange between **US 93** and **Interstate 40** in west Kingman by hosting the agency's first project-level virtual public meeting.

Given social distancing requirements due to the current public health situation, the public will be able to call in and submit comments during this virtual meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 28th. Those who want to participate can call 833.380.0669 at the time of the event.

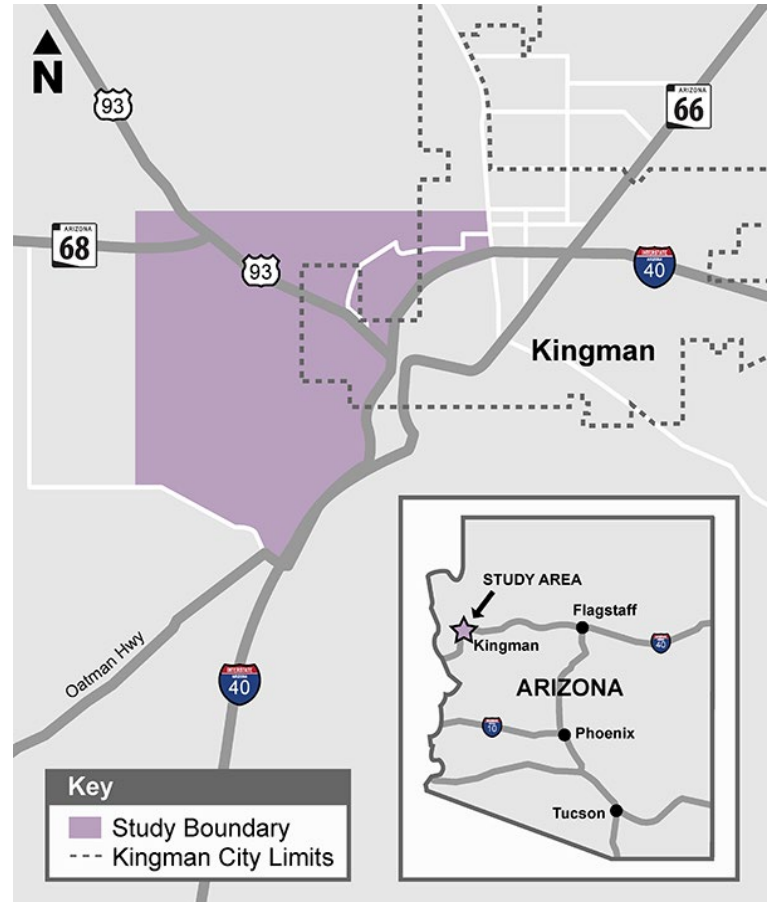
ADOT has been conducting an environmental assessment and a preliminary design of the interchange that will create a free flow of traffic

between the two highways. The draft environmental assessment is ready to share with the public and can be found online at azdot.gov/WestKingmanTIP.

Public comments will be accepted from through Saturday, June 6th. They can be submitted through the website at azdot.gov/WestKingmanTIP, by email at WestKingmanTI@hdrinc.com (link sends e-mail), by phone at 602.474.3919 or by mail to West Kingman TI Study Team, c/o HDR Inc., 20 E. Thomas Road, Ste. 2500, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

The public meeting also will be broadcast live on KAAA-FM, KZZZ-FM and KZZZ-AM in the Kingman and Bullhead City areas.

Construction of the first phase of this interchange is slated for FY 2024. •



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ADOT Predicts Drop in Hwy Project Revenue Due to COVID-19

The estimated financial impacts of **COVID-19** on the **State Transportation Improvement Program** over the next five years may be as much as \$540.4M, according to Kristine Ward, Chief Financial Officer for the **Arizona Department of Transportation**.

Ward presented the current revenue reports for the **Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF)** and **Regional Area Road Fund (RARF)**, as well as the estimated impact to the **Arizona State Transportation Board** at its April 17th meeting.

So far, approximately \$1.2B in revenue has been received for HURF, which was about 0.9 percent below forecast, and approximately \$333M has been received for RARF, which was about 2.2 percent above forecast. "Gas tax is about 3.6 percent above last year and about 2.7 percent above what our forecast was," according to Ward.

However, these numbers only report through March for HURF and February for RARF and does not capture the impacts of COVID-19 and the stay-at-home order Governor Doug Ducey announced back in March.

"The bottom line is we don't know what the COVID revenue impacts will be," Ward said as she discussed developing upcoming revenue estimates.

She went on to note that the Great Recession cannot be a comparative model because, unlike the pandemic, the Recession was more gradual and not an, "immediate shock to the system."

The estimated \$540.4M came from the preliminary recasting of the State Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2020 through 2022 due to impacts on the State Highway Fund and the municipal bond market.

By significantly reducing the forecast for gas tax/VLT revenues early on and then

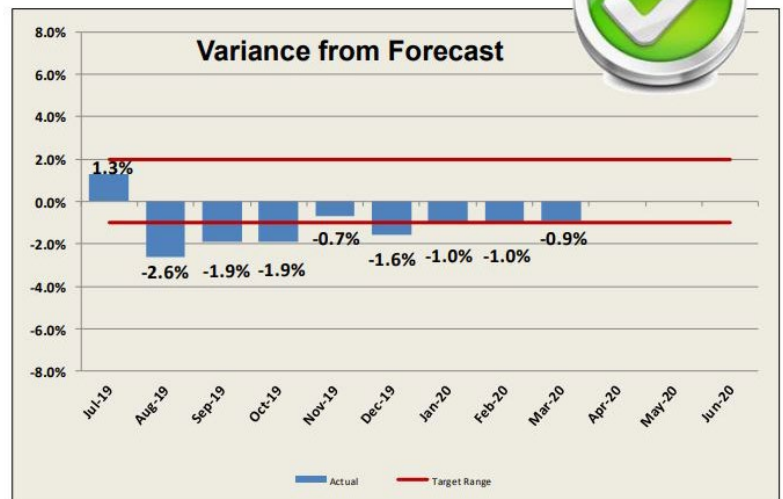
slowly raising them around October/November, a 9 percent decline in HURF revenue is estimated for FY '20, with a 22 percent decline for FY '21 and a 12 percent decline for FY '22. This will drop the available revenue for the State Highway Fund by \$385M. "When you are in a situation in which you have no way of forecasting what is to come, the approach is to preserve your most liquid and flexible fund source. So, we are looking to preserve cash so we can not only respond to the situations that are dealt to us but deal with matching our federal funds and so forth," Ward said.

The municipal bond market is also volatile, with limited bond demand and investors looking to cash out. Ward noted there was \$2.3B flowing out of the bond market and that, mixed with declining revenue and a higher cost of capital results in an estimated \$155M in deferred planned bond issues.

The next steps, according to Ward, are to recast the tentative program with the new revenue figures given and rebalance it to bring it back into the "fiscal constraint" knowing that the forecasts are very speculative and are subject to change. •

Revenue Report: Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF)

- **Gas tax** – Strong growth month (7.6%), moderate growth FY20 (3.6%)
- **Diesel tax** – Moderate growth month (4.5%), moderate growth FY20 (2.1%)
- **VLT** – Strong growth month (12.0%), moderate growth FY20 (5.4%)



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San Luis Returns Site for Border Crossing Expansion

By Cesar Neyoy for Yuma Sun

A parcel of federally owned property that is the site of (San Luis') first public park is being returned to federal control, in what is expected to be the first step toward expansion of the **U.S. Port of Entry** downtown.

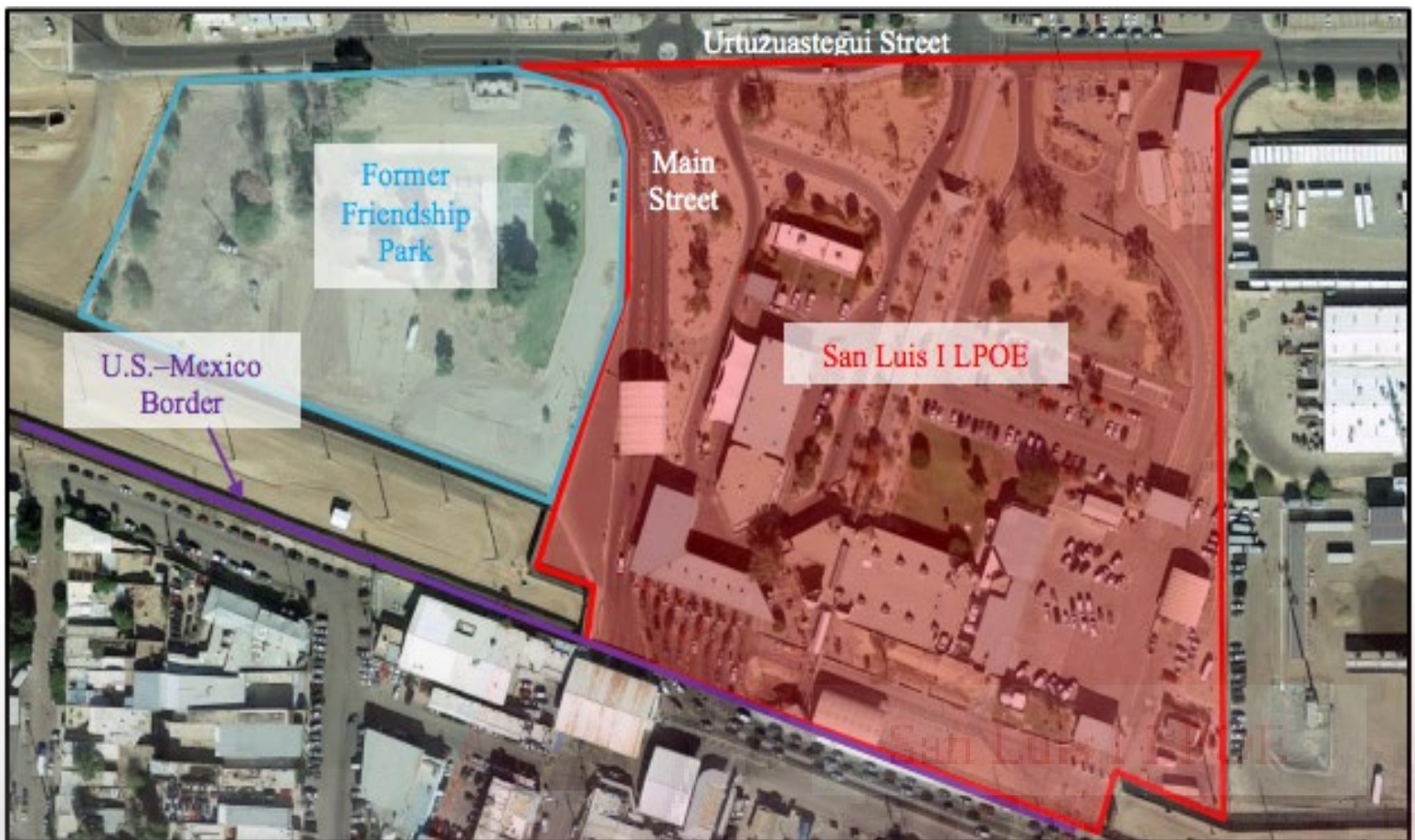
The **San Luis City Council** approved a resolution returning the 5.22-acre site of **Amistad Park**, located at Main and Urtuzuastegui streets, next to the boundary with Mexico.

The **U.S. General Services Administration** needs the land to make room for the expansion of the **San Luis I** crossing to include additional lanes for cars entering the country. Congress last year allocated \$152.4M for the project.

At about the time San Luis incorporated four decades ago, the federal government donated the land to the nascent city as a park site. Other parks have since opened in San Luis, and Amistad Park was shuttered in 2014 to allow a major renovation project to take place on nearby streets in the downtown.

The agreement transferring the land to the city included a provision requiring the city to return it should the federal government ever need it — a condition city officials seem willing to meet, given they have long appealed for an expansion of the border crossing.

Read more at [Yuma Sun](#). (Subscription required.)



Credit: General Services Administration

Business & Industry Events

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May Webinars

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WTS Metropolitan Phoenix Virtual Happy Hour

Location: Online
Time: 4:30-5:30pm

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ADOT Public Notice Announcement

Location: Online
Time: 4:00-5:30pm

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Arizona Forward: Balancing the Economic and Environmental Future of Arizona During the Pandemic: A Business Discussion

Location: Online
Time: 1:30-2:30pm

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ULI Arizona: Case Study: Culdesac Tempe – A Car-Free Neighborhood

Location: Online
Time: 8:00-10:00am

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Arizona Green Chamber Sip & Connect Series

Location: Online
Time: 5:00-6:00pm

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CMAA: Who Owns the BIM Model?

Location: Online
Time: 12:00-1:30pm



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May 13, 26 and June 3, 15

The Federal Government is the World's largest buyer of goods and services. Federal agencies purchase over \$500B in goods and services each year. 23% of all prime contracts are designated for small businesses. Please join us to learn more about how to do business with the Federal government.

Topics will include:

- How the government buys goods and services
- SBA's role in government contracting
- How to define your products and services
- SBA's Federal government contracting programs
- Small business set-asides
- Marketing your business & identifying Federal opportunities
- How the SBA and its Resource Partners can help

Formal Certifications: SBA 8(a) Business Dev. & HUBZone Program

May 18, 27, and June 8, 17

The Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development and HUBZone Programs were established to level the playing field for firms owned by small, socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and businesses located in Historically Underutilized Business Zones to assist them in obtaining Federal government contracts. Please join us to learn more about these formal certification programs.

Topics will include:

- Eligibility requirements
- The application process
- Required documentation
- Looking for opportunities
- 8(a) contracting procedures

Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Fed. Contracting Program

May 20, and June 1, 10, 22

The WOSB Federal Contracting Program was implemented in February 2011 with the goal of expanding the number of industries where woman-owned small businesses can compete for contracts in the Federal marketplace. Please join us for this informative presentation.

Topics will include:

- Overview of Program Eligibility and Contracting Eligibility
- Details on the Most Current Steps to Getting Self-Certified as a Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) or an Economically Disadvantaged Woman-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB)
- Where to Look for Federal Contracting Opportunities
- How to Market to Federal Agencies

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To view the Arizona Commerce Authority broadband deployment plan for the state, visit <https://www.azcommerce.com/broadband/>.

Featured Federal-Aid Projects

General / Subcontractors Opportunities

Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation / Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
5/28/20 2pm	\$12M- \$13M	11.26%	CP0800; HSIP-MES-0(224)D; SH5440IC; ACI-SOU-01-03-B	IFB	City of Mesa - Southern Avenue & Stapley Drive Intersection Improvements. The work consists of widening the intersection to accommodate new medians in each direction, required tapers, a 3rd SB lane from Southern & Stapley to Harmony Ave, pavement reconstruction & additional work. DBE Goal of 11.26%.	Donna Horn at donna.horn@mesaaz.gov.
6/19/20 11am MST REVISED	\$700K	3.05%	260-C(204)T; H826901C	IFB	ADOT - Bridge Preservation & Scour Retrofit, Little Colorado River Bridge Str #416, Show Low-McNary-Eagar Hwy (SR 260). The work consists of constructing a new scour concrete floor underneath the existing bridge & repairing pier stem walls, including box culvert extension, shotcrete, pavement marking, & signing.	Farhana Jesmin, Engineering Specialist, at fjesmin@azdot.gov or Randy Routhier, Construction Supervisor, at routhier@azdot.gov.
6/19/20 11am MST	\$17.5M	6.87%	NHPP-008-A(233)T; F009201C	IFB	ADOT - Pavement Rehabilitation, Avenue 36E - MP 46, Yuma-Casa Grande Hwy (I-8). The work consists of pavement & bridge rehabilitation, including milling & repaving of asphalt concrete pavement, cross road, median crossover, gore areas, ramps, bridge decks & slabs; removing & replacing cattle guards, guard rails, spillways; shoulder build-up, pipe replacement, & pavement marking. DBE Goal of 6.87%.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts & Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov.

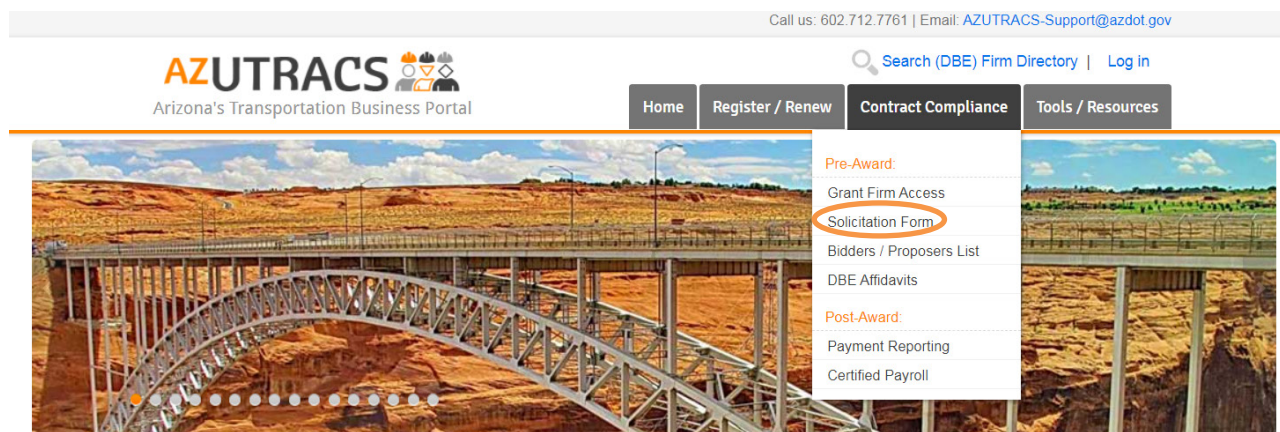


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