



# DBE News & Events May 27, 2020

## ***New Leg of SR 24 Coming Soon***

By Gary Nelson for East Valley Tribune

With a financial kick-start from Mesa, work on the next leg of **State Route 24** is on track to begin this fall.

The **Mesa City Council** on May 4th approved an agreement with the **Arizona Department of Transportation** for construction of a freeway bridge over Ellsworth Road.

That will be the first link in extending the freeway from Ellsworth five miles east to Ironwood Road, a project that is expected to take about two years for completion.

ADOT refers to the new five-mile segment as an “interim” roadway.

The \$260M project will have bridges at Ellsworth and Mountain roads, but not where the freeway crosses what now are only the alignments of other major arterials.

Also anticipated, but not scheduled, are extensions of the freeway deeper into Pinal County, where it perhaps would connect with a proposed north-south freeway from the East Valley to connect with Interstate 10 near Picacho Peak.

Mesa has long viewed **SR24**, also known as the **Gateway Freeway**, as vital to developing the city’s southeastern reaches.

Read more at [East Valley Tribune](#).



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## Scottsdale OKs Road Project IGA

By Delarita Ford for Independent Newsmedia

In an effort to curtail traffic congestion issues from Scottsdale and Jomax roads to Dixileta Drive, **Scottsdale City Council** adopted a resolution authorizing an agreement with the **Maricopa Association of Governments**.

Council approved the intergovernmental agreement with MAG for the road

improvement project to be implemented as part of the Question one ballot initiative voters approved November 2018, according to a city staff report.

The agreement includes project administration and reimbursement of **Proposition 400 Regional Transportation Sales Tax** and **Surface Transportation Program**

**Block Grant Funds** for eligible costs incurred by the city for the targeted areas.

Funding is available through the fiscal year **2019-20 Capital Improvement Plan** budget for the budgeted \$1.7M that includes the project on Scottsdale Road from Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive, according to the report.

The total project budgeted is \$23.8M.

The arrangement also allows the city to be reimbursed up to \$16.659M for project design and implementation.

Read more at [Independent Newsmedia](https://www.independentnewsmedia.com).



Credit: Arianna Grainey/Independent Newsmedia



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## Tempe Planning \$349M in Bond Requests

By Delarita Ford for Independent Newsmedia

Tempe likely will ask voters to approve a \$349M bond issue to pay for dozens of capital projects in the next five years, ranging from road improvements to park upgrades.

The city weighed asking voters for about half the proposed bond amount — \$174M— to help pay for projects planned in the first three years of the five-year program after council members previously expressed concerns that asking voters to approve a bond during an economic downturn could be a tough sell.

That would have required the city to ask voters for additional funding in two years.

Ultimately, the council felt confident voters would approve the full amount.

### 5 Questions

The requests will be broken into five questions:

- Water and sewer improvements: \$134M.
- Street and storm drain improvements: \$74M.
- Public safety: \$34M.
- Park and Community Services improvements: \$45M.
- Municipal infrastructure preservation: \$62M.

The funds will be used to improve existing infrastructure, upgrade park amenities, maintain and rehabilitate the city’s buildings, acquire or build new facilities and improve technology across departments.

Bond-financed projects planned in the five-year program total \$525.1M. The city has about \$178M remaining from previous bonds.

Some of the planned projects include about \$8M in storm drain improvements throughout the city, a new fire station to the tune of \$9.6M and 32 park projects, including \$3.2M in park infrastructure and equipment replacements.

### Worried About the Economy

The city has adjusted its capital and operating budget as business closures and a decrease in sales tax revenue take a toll on city coffers.

Prior to the pandemic, Tempe was getting ready to propose its largest budget for projects ever, at about \$800M.

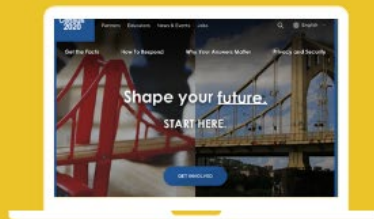
Staff has since proposed scaling back capital projects that the city was proposing to pay for with cash, as well as projects with large operating costs.

Read more at [The Arizona Republic](#).

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**Maricopa County Approves \$3B 2021 Budget**

Source: Maricopa County

Maricopa County is putting hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds to immediate use helping people impacted by the **COVID-19** pandemic while also pulling back on discretionary spending unrelated to the crisis.

It's a one-two effort to best serve taxpayers during a time of national emergency. The **Board of Supervisors** approved a tentative \$3.071B budget for fiscal year 2021. The bulk of spending is focused on core statutory responsibilities like public safety, with an increased amount dedicated to community health.

The overall county budget increased this year in large part because of an injection of federal funding through the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act**. As the nation's fastest-growing county with the 3rd largest public health jurisdiction, Maricopa County received more than \$398M to combat COVID-19, money that is being spent on priorities such as personal protective equipment, hiring extra case investigators, and mitigating the spread of disease among vulnerable populations.

As the scope of the pandemic and its economic impact became clearer, Maricopa County leadership considered new revenue and spending projections—assuming a *recession* scenario for major revenue streams— and then took steps to reduce costs including:

- 2 percent reduction of General and Detention Fund operating budgets
- Re-prioritization of capital projects based on adjusted available funds
- Require Special Revenue funds to submit budget plans with no additional money from the General or Detention funds

The tentative FY 2021 budget keeps the combined tax rate flat and maintains structural balance. At a time when many other counties are taxing as much as they are allowed by state law, Maricopa County's tax levy is \$140.5M below the maximum.

As in years past, a significant portion (44 percent) of the county budget is allocated to criminal justice and public safety with the next largest percentage covering health, welfare, and sanitation (32 percent).

New investments in FY 2021 include projects such as:

- The **Southeast Regional Justice Center** and the **Sheriff's Office Avondale Substation**
- Additional staff in jails and probation officers
- Improvements to the regional park system
- An increase in dollars for animal control enforcement in unincorporated areas

The county will also continue to invest in new technology across departments and elected offices that will help staff better serve the public, whether they are in the office or working remotely, as many county employees have had to do over the past few months.

The public will be able to [comment on the tentative budget](#) between now and the final vote which is scheduled for June 22nd, 2020.

**NEWLY CERTIFIED DBE FIRMS**

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



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### **Pima Adopts Tentative 2021 Budget**

Source: Real Estate Daily News

The **Pima County Board of Supervisors** adopted the **Fiscal Year 2021 Tentative Budget**, which if approved in June will lower the county's overall property tax rate by 4.5 percent, fix 170 miles of roads and provide over \$165M in capital improvement stimulus to the county's **COVID-19**-ravaged economy.

Tuesday's vote set the spending ceiling on the proposed budget. Supervisors can still change funding amounts for different programs and departments as long as they don't increase the spending limit set May 19th. The Board is scheduled to vote on final budget adoption June 23rd. The fiscal year begins July 1st.

The proposed \$1.42B budget is higher than the current \$1.31B budget, but includes more than \$65M in federal **CARES Act** stimulus funds to help the county pay for the costs of the pandemic. The grant can only be used for unbudgeted costs related to the pandemic and cannot be used to backfill the revenue hole in the county budget caused by the COVID-19 economic disruption.

The pandemic severely disrupted the county budget, reducing expected revenue by roughly \$60M, a hit that was compounded by an increase in state-imposed budget transfers of about \$10M. County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry proposes paying for the \$70M shortfall by suspending \$15M in intended facilities maintenance, cutting personnel expenses by 3 percent, slashing travel and training spending, reducing overtime and cutting department expenses countywide by 5 percent.

The pandemic also threatens continuation of the County's **PAYGO** program to fund road repairs and capital infrastructure improvements by using reductions in debt service tax rates and increases in net assessed property values to offset the costs of PAYGO.

The County Administrator is recommending suspending the PAYGO plan for next fiscal year and the Board instead use short-term Certificates of Participation.

For FY21, the county is proposing spending \$55M for road repairs, which will pay for about 125 miles of local roads and about 50 miles of collector and arterials.

The tentative budget includes \$165M in capital project funding. Among the projects to be funded are:

- Construction of the **Northwest Service Center** on Miracle Mile, which will combine in one location several county services;
- New libraries in Vail and Sahuarita areas;
- Extension of Valencia Road from Houghton Road to Old Spanish Trail;
- And continued renovation and reconstruction of the **Historic Courthouse**, which will be completed in early 2021.

The Board also approved budget limits for the **Stadium District**, which funds the **Kino Sports Complex**, and for several dozen facility and improvement districts.

Read more at [Real Estate Daily News](#).



**Business & Industry Events**

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**May Webinars**

**28** **ULI Arizona: Case Study: Culesac Tempe – A Car-Free Neighborhood**  
Location: Online  
Time: 8:00-10:00am

**28** **Arizona Green Chamber Sip & Connect Series**  
Location: Online  
Time: 5:00-6:00pm

**28** **CMAA: Who Owns the BIM Model?**  
Location: Online  
Time: 12:00-1:30pm

**ADOT/ BECO** **Other Associations**

**June Webinars**

**4** **WTS Metro Phoenix Presents: Elizabeth Fretheim and Nikola Motors**  
Location: Online  
Time: 1:30pm

**10** **ABA: Crash Course On Captives**  
Location: Online  
Time: 9:00-10:30am

**\*\*ATTENTION TO ALL FIRMS\*\***

**Need help preparing DBE Affidavits?**

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**Introduction to Federal Government Contracting**

**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



**Project Opportunities**

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**Links**

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- [ADOT Advertised Alternative Delivery Projects](#)
- [Bidding Opportunities Around the State](#)

**Did You Know?**

While the ADOT DBE program does not recognize other small businesses certifications such as the WOSB or VOSB, federal agencies do recognize those programs for direct procurement. (ADOT is a recipient of federal funds, not a direct federal buyer.). The U.S. Small Business Administration has just updated their final rule on Women-Owned Small Business (WSOB) programs effective July 15, 2020.

<https://advocacy.sba.gov/2020/05/11/sba-final-rule-women-owned-small-business-and-economically-disadvantaged-women-owned-small-business-certification/>

**Featured Federal-Aid Projects**

**General / Subcontractors Opportunities**

Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation / Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
6/4/20 2pm REVISED	\$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.	Donna Horn at donna.horn@mesaaz.gov.
6/18/20 2pm	10119102	7%	10119102	IFB	Tucson Airport Authority - Safety Risk Management Facilitator for Airfield Safety Enhancements (ASE) Program, Tucson International Airport. The work consists of consultant services to conduct an ADO Safety Risk Management (SRM) Panel and guide the program through each SRM process over the course of the next 5 years for the ASE Program.	Thomas Lyon at 520-573-8100 or Sylvia Granillo at sgranillo@flytucson.com.
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. DBE Goal of 3.05%.	Farhana Jesmin, Engineering Specialist, at fjesmin@azdot.gov or Randy Routhier, Construction Supervisor, at routhier@azdot.gov.