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Bill Aims to Incentivize Airport Construction

By Melissa Yeager for The Arizona Republic

A new bill proposed by Sen. **Kyrsten Sinema** aims to speed up the amount of time it takes to finish airport projects by allowing airports to offer financial incentives to companies who finish ahead of time and under budget.

The **Expedited Delivery of Airport Infrastructure Act** is a bipartisan effort by Sinema and Sen. **Todd Young** (R-Ind.).

The bill would allow airports to use up to \$1M from **Airport Improvement Program** funds to offer incentives to contractors to finish projects early. The hope is those incentives would also lead to cost savings as well as improved airport efficiency and capacity.

Right now, airports are not allowed to use those funds to offer such incentives.

Rep. **Sam Graves** (R-Mo.) proposed a similar bill in the House.

What This Would Mean for Sky Harbor and Mesa Gateway

Both **Phoenix Sky Harbor International** and **Phoenix-Mesa Gateway** airports (stated) they are supportive of the proposal.

“There currently is no mechanism to incentivize contractors to finish early (saving money), and only penalties for being late,” said Ryan Smith, spokesman for Mesa Gateway Airport, when contacted by email.

Sky Harbor echoed that statement.

In an emailed statement, Phoenix Mayor **Kate Gallego** also expressed support for the legislation.

If passed, the bill would not affect any current projects. Smith said incentives would need to be worked into the bidding process of future construction.

Read more at [The Arizona Republic](https://www.azdot.gov/dbesupportiveservices).



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Preliminary CIP Totals Show 6 Percent Increase

The top 10 **Capital Improvement Programs (CIP)** in Arizona total \$22.5B, a 6.01 percent year-over-year increase over last year's tally. **BEX** evaluates the internal planning documents produced within more than 30 municipalities each year, identifying funding levels and future trends in public spending for infrastructure and public spaces. This is the fifth consecutive year of increased budget levels for capital spending in Arizona municipalities.

Top Capital Programs

The preliminary top capital programs for the state are very similar in order from last year. This year the added instability due to **COVID-19** introduced a new layer of risk. By and large, the preliminary CIP documents are not accounting for any projected revenue dip due to the public health epidemic. Rather, statements in the presentation to council and introductions indicate that municipalities budget process are establishing the upper limits of spending allowed by statute. If revenue comes in below projections, the municipality will adjust and reduce spending. Just because a project is in the CIP document, that does not mean the project will move forward. Not this year at least.

Municipalities with very large increases in their planned capital programs include: City of Phoenix, Town of Gilbert and the City of Scottsdale. In November 2019, Scottsdale voters approved bond questions, resulting in a new infusion of capital for much needed and delayed public works projects. Prior to November 2019, voters had repeatedly voted down bond questions, which led to a long list of unfunded projects the city was unable to complete. Similarly, Phoenix is enjoying additional revenue for capital projects due to a water rate increase passed by Council in January 2019 and **T2050**, a sales tax measure whose revenue is directed to transportation and transit projects.

Arizona Department of Transportation projects appear to be some of the least certain this year. What was touted last year as a great Economic Development investment, the I-17 reversible flex lanes between Black Canyon City and Sunset Point, is no longer showing in the Preliminary **State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)**.

Shift in Funding to Bonds

Last year, BEX identified a trend of local municipalities using "Pay as you Go" funds, or general fund monies for capital projects. That trend has reversed this year as cities like Scottsdale were able to pass bond questions and take on new debt to fund capital projects. That appears to be a saving grace for many agencies this year, what would have put these capital projects at risk, declining sales tax revenue, is much less of a risk now that cities are able to use one-time funds for one-time expenses.

Light Rail Projects End in Sight

While **Valley Metro** continues on with some of the largest projects across the Valley, when these expansions are complete, there are no new segments being added to the list. In 2021 both the **OMC** and

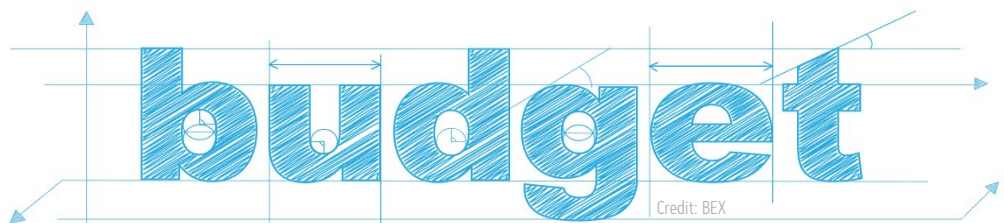
Tempe Streetcar are projected to complete construction. Then the **South Central** and **Northwest Phase II** expansions will wrap up in mid-2025. The last light rail extensions are the **I-10 Capitol West**, Phases I and II.

Conclusion & Outlook on Public Works Projects

Local agencies in Arizona continue to invest in infrastructure and public works, as shown by the totals in their preliminary CIP documents. For the last nine years, BEX has observed that between the preliminary CIP document and the final approved CIP, funds are re-appropriated and the final CIP document is larger than the preliminary. This year might be the first time that does not hold true as municipalities attempt to predict the economic impacts of COVID-19. Because most public works projects are funded from dedicated revenue streams like water user fees or debt including GO bonds, they appear to be more likely to move forward. Additionally, if another economic stimulus package is proposed at the federal level, it may include a large infrastructure component. If that does come to be, the federal infusion of capital spending would more than overcome any reduction in spending at a local level.

Top 10 Capital Improvement Plans

10	Glendale	\$639.6M = 18.02%	5	Maricopa County	\$1.304B = 8.11%-
9	Tempe	\$800.0M = 8.09%+	4	Gilbert	\$1.521B = 25.09%+
8	Scottsdale	\$1.022B = 70.53%+	3	Valley Metro	\$1.842B = 8.26%-
7	Mesa	\$1.203B = 34.81%-	2	ADOT	\$4.868B = 6.02%+
6	Tucson	\$1.291B = 11.18%+	1	Phoenix	\$8.067B = 15.18%+



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ADOT Nearly Doubling Meteor Crater Truck Parking

The **Arizona Department of Transportation** has expanded a renovation project at the Interstate 40 **Meteor Crater Rest Area** in northern Arizona to nearly double the parking spaces available for commercial vehicles.

With 65 truck parking spaces currently available at the rest area between Flagstaff and Winslow, ADOT is adding 32 spaces to the westbound facility and 24 spaces to the eastbound facility. This \$5.2M improvement was added to a current project renovating both the Meteor Crater Rest Area and the **Painted Cliffs Rest Area** along I-40 near New Mexico.

A similar project recently completed at the I-40 **Haviland Rest Area** in northwestern Arizona has added 38 truck parking spaces to the seven already available in each direction. That facility is west of Kingman between mileposts 22 and 23.

“Adding nearly 100 truck parking spaces along the busy I-40 corridor will promote safety by helping long-haul truckers who log long hours to get goods where people need them,” ADOT Director John Halikowski said. “They can pull into these rest areas with more confidence there will be spaces for them.”



Credit: Arizona Department of Transportation

There are 468 total commercial vehicle parking spaces at the state’s 27 rest area facilities. In addition, ADOT has temporarily reopened the Interstate 17 **Christensen Rest Area** south

of Flagstaff and the Interstate 40 **Parks Rest Area** exclusively for commercial vehicles, adding 44 truck parking spaces during the current public health situation. •

Paycheck Protection Program EZ Forgiveness Application Now Available

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently released updates pertaining to the Paycheck Protection Program forgiveness and opening of the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program to all eligible small businesses and non-profits.

[PPP EZ Forgiveness](#) The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, posted a revised, borrower-friendly Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness application implementing the PPP Flexibility Act of 2020, signed into law by President Trump on June 5, 2020. [Read more.](#)

[EIDL Open to All Eligible Small Businesses and Non-Profits](#) To further meet the needs of U.S. small businesses and non-profits, the U.S. Small Business Administration reopened the [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\) and EIDL Advance program portal](#) to all eligible applicants experiencing economic impacts due to COVID-19 today. [Read more.](#)

About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

Business & Industry Events

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June

25 **AZ Forward: Confronting AZ Water Issues**
Location: Online
Time: 1:30-2:20pm

25 **Tank Girl Marketing: Better Business Writing**
Location: Online
Time: 12:00pm

25 **AZ Water Association: Fundamentals of Flocculation**
Location: Online
Time: 10:00am

25 **AZ Crew: Managing Markets/Emotions of Investing**
Location: Online
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

25 **AZ Water Association: Fundamentals of Flocculation**
Location: Online
Time: 10:00am



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Need help preparing DBE Affidavits?
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["Preparing DBE Affidavits"](#)

July

7 **APWA: Embracing Change at Work**
Location: Online
Time: 12:00pm

13 **AZ Water Assoc: 6th Annual Career Connect**
Location: Online
Time: 12:00pm

14 **The Basics Of Prevailing Wage & DBA**
Location: Online
Time: 9:00am

14 **ASA: Auto Claim Increases**
Location: Online
Time: 12:00pm

16 **Thriving In A Multi-Generational Workplace**
Location: Online
Time: 11:00am

17 **Valley Partnership: Friday Morning Breakfast**
Location: Online
Time: 8:00am - 9:00am

21 **APWA: 7 Steps To Communicate Clearly**
Location: Online
Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm

NEWLY CERTIFIED DBE FIRMS / MAY 2020

- Pacific Coast Land Solutions, LLC
- VP Construction Services LLC
- Dynamic Landworks LLC
- PANGIS, INC
- AZ Builder's Exchange, LLC
- Gideon Toal Management Services LLC (interstate)



Project Opportunities

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Links

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

Did You Know?

You are not alone if you are dealing with increased anxiety and stress. For business owners, the uncertainty of current events can add to a sense a vulnerability. Take time to care for your physical health, try creative ways to engage your customers, and reach out to friends and peers just to connect.

For more information to handle stress, see this [Mayo Clinic article](#) on stress management.

Featured Federal-Aid Projects

General / Subcontractors Opportunities

Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation / Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
7/17/20 11am MST	\$870K	6.59%	095-D (218) T; F020901C	IFB	ADOT - Construct Raised Median, 7th Street - Aviation Way, Parker-Bullhead City Hwy (SR 95). The work consists of constructing a new raised median & sidewalk ramps, including constructing curb, installing signs, & placing pavement markings.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts & Specifications, ihossain@azdot.gov
7/17/20 11am MST	\$1.46M	8.92%	LLA-0(210)T; T016701C	IFB	ADOT - Bridge Rehabilitation, Farmers Bridge, La Paz County. The work consists of rehabilitating the Farmers Bridge including removal & replacement of existing bridge railing & roadway approach guardrail, construction of new concrete end blocks, repair & reinforcement of abutment cap beams, installation of steel decking, polymer epoxy deck overlay, asphalt paving, storm drain, & signing.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts & Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov . First published on 6/19
7/24/20 11am MST	\$3.3M	7.72%	191-D(202)T; F015001C	IFB	ADOT - Drainage Improvement, Carrizo Wash, St. Johns - Sanders Hwy (US 191). The work consists of constructing two new concrete box culverts.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts & Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov .
9/04/20 11am MST	\$21.6M	5.71%	019-A(237)T; F013801C; 019-A(238)T; F017401C	IFB	ADOT - Helmet Peak TI UP, & Duval Mine Rd TI to Pima Mine Rd TI, Nogales-Tucson Hwy (I-19). The work consists of replacing existing concrete bridge deck & concrete barrier walls, construction of new bridge barriers & bridge deck rehabilitation, pavement rehabilitation, including milling & repaving, guardrails, lighting, signing, pavement marking, & additional work.	Vian Rashid, Engineering Specialist, at VRashid@azdot.gov or Chris Page, Construction Supervisor, at CPage@azdot.gov . First published on 3/13

Reminder:

*Arizona Department of Transportation 2020
Disparity Study*



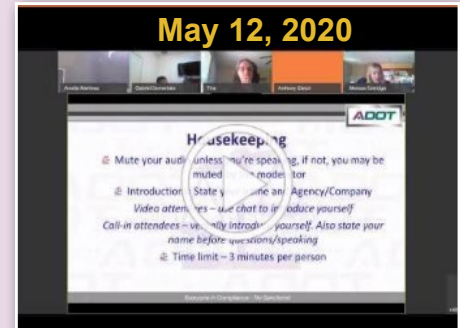
Deadline to submit any comments/questions concerning the recent Disparity Study will be accepted until **Friday, June 30, 2020 at Midnight**

Heres How to Submit your comments

- **By calling the study telephone hotline at 602-730-0466**
- **Via email at adotdisparitystudy2019@keenindependent.com**
- **Through regular mail to:**

Keen Independent Research LLC
701 N. 1st St., 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85004

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