ADOT Holding Virtual Loop 303 Improvement Meeting

A virtual public meeting about a study of planned improvements along Loop 303 between Interstate 17 and Lake Pleasant Parkway in the north Valley is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Oct. 20.

The Arizona Department of Transportation will host the virtual meeting about the ongoing study of improvements that include new freeway lanes and other potential upgrades. That includes direct freeway-to-freeway ramps at the I-17/Loop 303 interchange and a future Loop 303 interchange at 67th Avenue. Information also will be provided about planned construction of new Loop 303 traffic interchanges at 43rd and 51st avenues starting as soon as fall 2022.

The ADOT meeting is scheduled as follows:

**What:** Loop 303 Study Virtual Public Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 6 to 7 p.m.

**How to Join:** Via your computer or smartphone at [azdot.gov/L303PublicMeeting](http://azdot.gov/L303PublicMeeting) or via [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) (Meeting Number (Access Code) is 879 3592 4208. Password is 303303.

Those interested in joining by phone can call in at 1.253.215.8782. The phone-in meeting number (access code) is 879 3592 4208#. Password is 303303#.

To be prepared for anticipated growth in traffic, ADOT is conducting the Loop 303 study of improvements between I-17 and Lake Pleasant Parkway in association with the Maricopa Association of Governments, which serves as the Phoenix-area’s freeway planning agency, as well as the Federal Highway Administration and the cities of Phoenix and Peoria.

For more information about the Loop 303 study, including ways to submit comments or questions or subscribe for free email updates, visit the project website at [azdot.gov/L303LakePleasantI-17](http://azdot.gov/L303LakePleasantI-17). (Source)
The Art and Science of Planning Work
Improve Outcomes When You Think and Plan Ahead

“The Project” just landed on your desk or in your email Inbox. Is it a surprise or have you been waiting for days, months, or years? Most importantly, what is your first reaction?

Do you clap your hands in gleeful anticipation or take a deep breath as you ponder late nights and missed meals? And that long-awaited vacation? Did it just get pushed back... again?

Many entrepreneurs struggle to adequately plan their work, which makes them frustrated. When professionals plan their work well, employees perform effectively, clients are satisfied and the business flourishes.

Good work planning is both structured to make sure the full scope is considered and flexible so crises can be avoided.

Here are five steps to plan work effectively:*  

1. **Define the project.** Take plenty of time to clearly define the objectives, scope, success criteria, deliverables, requirements and schedule. What internal and/or external client objectives should you consider? Are they aligned or do they conflict? Identify not only what is in scope, but also what is out of scope. Who makes the decision for defining scope changes? What does success look like to the client, team or stakeholders? What exactly are the deliverables? What is required for you to meet the project’s objectives, such as resources, people, materials, etc.? Finally, what is the schedule, including what needs to be delivered and when.

2. **Identify the potential risks and pitfalls.** Considering “what could happen if” is an excellent step that makes inevitable change less chaotic. What are possible risks that will impact the project, and who is responsible for risk management? What assumptions are you making about how the project is defined, and what are constraints that will limit you and your team. This is an important phase to document, so everyone is aware of knowns and unknowns, which is likely to reduce problems later.

3. **Be specific about people.** Who is the client? Who will receive the final product or service? Who are stakeholders, those who have a vested interest in successful completion of the project? Who has the final say on decisions? Who is the client’s point of contact? Who monitors the budget and schedule? Who is actually doing the work?

4. **Describe the project resources.** Think through what is required in technology, technical experts and materials. What computer hardware and software is necessary? How will teams collaborate effectively; are cloud-based tools needed, what are requirements and how will you ensure security? Who are subject matter experts who can be tapped to provide special expertise and insight? Are they available to meet project requirements? What materials are needed, such as equipment and tools. Remember to consider if your team needs training or coaching on specific tasks or activities.

5. **Create the communication plan.** Most projects go awry because of poor communication, so identify these details beforehand to keep the project on track. What are the goals of every communication message, such as sharing or getting information? Make sure you are clear about what you want your employees, clients or stakeholders to do with the information. Who is the target audience? Who should be included in reports and updates? Who does not need to be included for routine messages, and when does an executive need to be apprised of a situation? What is the content required for each report or status update? Finally, what is the method and frequency for communications? Clarify what is in-person, email, telephone or virtual.

Good work is the result of a good plan. When entrepreneurs take the proper time to consider factors that will impact work performance, they are more likely to achieve goals and adapt to changes that inevitably occur.

While not every “i” can be dotted, nor every “t” crossed, a good plan combines the science of structure with the art of adaptability. Savvy entrepreneurs prepare themselves to deliver success.

*This article is taken from “5 Steps to Writing a Killer Project Plan,” by Andrew Conrad, May 29, 2019, [https://blog.capterra.com/how-to-write-a-project-plan/](https://blog.capterra.com/how-to-write-a-project-plan/)*
Materials Shortages Frustrating Contractors

Recent data from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Commercial Construction Index marked records. Unfortunately, they were records pointing in the wrong direction.

Ninety-three percent of responding general contractors reported facing at least one material shortage in third quarter. An all-time high of 98% reported cost fluctuations for materials were impacting their operations.

Lowered materials availability was contractors’ top concern at 62%, followed by worker health and safety (38%) and labor shortages (37%).

While industry experts predict materials shortages will continue through the rest of 2021, there is no clear vision as to how far beyond year-end the problem will persist, or which materials will be affected at a given time. Materials that have seen supply chain disruptions include lumber, steel and mill products, roofing materials and PVC piping, among others.

In some markets and for some materials, lead times have gone out as long as 10 months, down from a normal timeframe of three months. (Source)

The DBE/SBC Resource Center is available for firms that are looking for instructive guidance for bidding work, technical assistance with prompt payment and certified payroll reporting requirements and most other questions regarding working under the I-10 Broadway Curve Agreement.

THE APPOINTMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONCE WEEKLY FOR 60 MINUTES IN 20-MINUTE INCREMENTS.

DUE TO THE COVID 19 PROTOCOLS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN PLACE AT THE CO-LOCATED OFFICES, THESE SESSIONS WITH PFF JV STAFF WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA VIRTUAL PLATFORM OR CONFERENCE CALLS.

SUBCONTRACTORS MAY SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT BY SENDING THEIR AREAS OF INTEREST TO RMOORE@PFFJV.COM

MONDAY MORNING APPOINTMENTS:
7:20/7:45/8:10 - OCT. 4, 11, 18, 25
MONDAY MORNING APPOINTMENTS:
7:20/7:45/8:10 – NOV. 1, 8, 15 MONDAY
MORNING APPOINTMENTS:
7:20/7:45/8:10 - DEC. 6, 13
**COMPANY DESCRIPTION:**

Archer Western is a member of The Walsh Group, a 4th generation family-owned general contractor with 19 regional offices across the U.S. including Phoenix, Arizona. Since 1999, Archer Western has successfully executed water/wastewater treatment plants and pipeline projects through the CMAR, design-build, job order contract, and design-bid-build delivery method in the Southwest. Our strength lies in providing comprehensive technology expertise and collaborative pre-construction services to the construction delivery process with project owners and design engineer partners.

**CURRENT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. **Copper Basin WRF - San Tan Valley, AZ | 6/2022 - 9/2023**
   - **Total Construction Cost:** $64M
   - **Owner:** EPCOR
   - **Engineer/Architect:** Water Works Engineers
   - **Description of Scope:** New 3.0 MGD water reclamation facility expanable to 12 MGD

2. **NWWRP Process Improvements - Mesa, AZ | 10/2022 - 10/2024**
   - **Total Construction Cost:** $26M
   - **Owner:** City of Mesa
   - **Engineer/Architect:** Carollo
   - **Description of Scope:** Upgrades to aeration basin, headworks, effluent disinfection system, UPS and EI&C, methanol system, and PLC

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Certifications: DBE/SBE

COMPANY DESCRIPTION:
DBE Surveying (DBE) is a DBE/SBE-certified land surveying firm based out of Phoenix, Arizona. For almost 15 years, DBE has worked on public and private jobs throughout the Valley. We specialize in land surveying, terrestrial LiDAR Mapping, aerial mapping, drone 3D mapping & photography, and CAD services, making DBE Surveying a firm that is on the forefront of current technologies and surveying techniques.

We utilize multiple software platforms to analyze, process, and reduce point cloud data, including Revit, Recap, and Cyclone.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:
1. Phoenix Sky Harbor Sky Train Stage 2
DBE Surveying provided 3D Laser Scanning Services for as-built of the Sky Train concrete work and tunnels. 3D CAD files with modeled surfaces were created. PDF section views with dimensions for clearances were submitted. Fully registered point clouds were delivered in .E57/.PTS/.RCP format with geo-referenced coordinates to our published control network.

2. Salt River Landfill
DBE Surveying provided surveying services to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to gather the necessary information to perform the required settlement analysis. The site is 150 acres and is monitored on a yearly basis. DBE Surveying provided the topographic on-ground 3D survey, partnered with drone.

WANT TO HAVE YOUR FIRM HIGHLIGHTED HERE?
Reach out to Communications Consultant Rebekah Morris at rmorris@azbex.com or call 480.709.4190 for more information.

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OCTOBER

21  LAI: Building Construction Standards
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location: Online Only

26  ACEC Arizona/City of Phoenix Liaison
8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Location: 535 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85003

27  ABA Member Mixer Celebrating Caliente Constructions 30th Year in the Industry
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: 485 W. Vaughn St., Tempe, AZ 85283

28  Green Chamber: Community Networking With Breakout Sessions
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: Online Only

28  SMPS: Thursday Evening - Reception Under The Stars
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Location: 7000 N. Resort Dr., Tucson, AZ 85750

NOVEMBER

5  Ryan Companies: Night Golf
6:30 p.m.
Location: 7920 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85257

5  NAIOP: Developing Leaders - Philanthropy Event at Feed My Starving Children
11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Location: 1345 S. Alma School Road, Mesa, AZ 85210

17  AZ Water Association: Merging Process Measurement Solutions in the Water and Wastewater Industry
12 p.m.
Location: Online Only

18  CCIM: Par-Tee on the Green Networking Event
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Papago Golf Course 5595 E. Karsten Way, Phoenix, AZ 85008
# Featured Federal-Aid Projects

## CURRENT OPEN SOLICITATIONS

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<td>City of Tempe - Streetscape Improvements: Alameda Drive from 48th Street to Rural Road. The work consists of the installation of landscaped concrete-curb traffic calming bulb-outs, sidewalk widening, new ADA ramps, bike lanes, raised medians, traffic signage improvements, new traffic signals, pavement slurry treatment &amp; pavement markings.</td>
<td>Wendy Springborn, Engineering Services Manager, at <a href="mailto:wendy_springborn@tempe.gov">wendy_springborn@tempe.gov</a></td>
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<td>ADOT - Pavement Rehabilitation, Tucson-Benson Hwy (I-10): Ajo Way to milepost 272. The work consists of pavement rehabilitation &amp; bridge repair, including milling &amp; replacing existing pavement along the mainline &amp; shoulders; constructing guardrail, concrete barrier &amp; bridge deck repair, installing conduits, traffic signs, pavement marking, &amp; highway lighting.</td>
<td>Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts &amp; Specifications, at <a href="mailto:ihossain@azdot.gov">ihossain@azdot.gov</a></td>
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- ADOT Advertised Alternative Delivery Projects
- ADOT Engineering Advertisements
- Bidding Opportunities Around the State
- ADOT Public-Private Partnership Initiatives

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A Virtual Event for Small Businesses
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THE WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER
JOINT DBE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP:

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