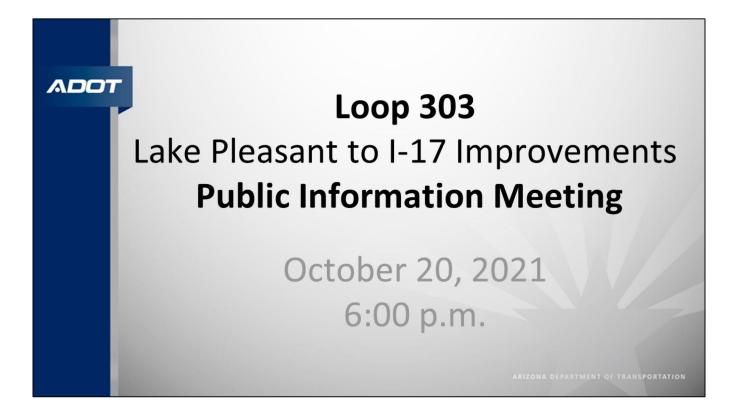


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While we are waiting for the meeting to begin, we invite you to visit the link shown on the screen – <u>azdot.gov/L303selfIDsurvey</u> to complete a confidential, one question survey for our reporting purposes. We've also put this link in the chat.

Mientras esperamos que comience la reunión, lo invitamos a visitar el enlace que se muestra en la pantalla: <u>azdot.gov/L303EncuestaParaIdentificarse</u> para completar una encuesta confidencial de una pregunta con el propósito de informar. También pusimos este enlace en el chat.



Good evening. Welcome and thank you for joining us for the public information meeting for the Loop 303, Lake Pleasant Parkway to I-17 Improvements

I'm Nikki Green, ADOT Community Relations Supervisor.



Participants are joining us via their computers on Zoom or through their phones and are currently muted. I'll describe the meeting format and how to participate in just a moment. But first, if you are having any technical issues right now, you may need to hang up or log off, then redial or reconnect. If that does not work, please contact our team at (352) 246-5246. Again, that number is (352) 246-5246.

After the presentation, we'll describe and display instructions for asking a question or making a comment.

Please note this event is being recorded and will be

posted to the project website.

Now I'm going to hand it off to Stephanie Dyer with ADOT Communications.

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Para ver esta presentación en español, visite la pestaña de reunión pública en el sitio web del proyecto: <u>azdot.gov/L303LakePleasantI-17</u>

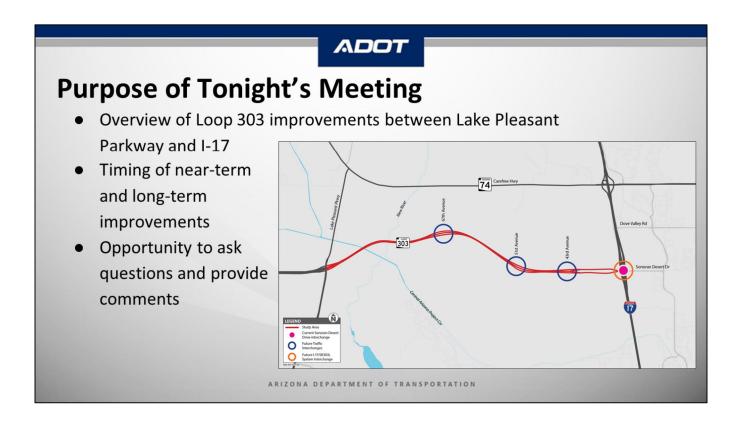
Una vez que haya revisado la presentación, únase a nosotros para las preguntas y respuestas, a partir de las 6:30 p.m. Estaré disponible para interpretar todas las preguntas en español.



Thank you, Stephanie.

Additional presenters this evening include: Tom O'Reilly, ADOT's Project Manager and Troy Sieglitz, the Design Manager with Jacobs

Other project team members will be available during Q&A.



The purpose of this meeting is to present information on the proposed near-term and long-term improvement plans to Loop 303 between Lake Pleasant Parkway and Interstate 17.

We will also let you know how you can comment tonight, as well as after the meeting through the comment period ending Nov. 3.

I will now turn the presentation over to Tom who will start us off with the background of the project.

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Project Background

- In 2006, ADOT completed a Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessments that established ultimate vision for the Loop 303 corridor.
 - Four general purpose lanes and one high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction
 - Traffic interchanges at Happy Valley Parkway, Jomax Parkway, Lone Mountain Parkway, Westland Drive, 99th Avenue, Lake Pleasant Parkway, 67th Avenue, 51st Avenue, and 43rd Avenue
 - System to System traffic interchanges at New River (to SR 74, Carefree Highway), and I-17

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Thank you, Nikki.

In 2006, ADOT prepared a Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessment that identified the ultimate footprint and alignment for Loop 303 from Happy Valley Road to Interstate 17.

This established the ultimate vision for this segment of the Loop 303 freeway and identified the ultimate widening of Loop 303 to provide four general-purpose lanes and one high occupancy vehicle lane (HOV) in each direction. Traffic interchanges at major cross streets were also identified, along with system-to-system interchanges at Loop 303 and I-17, as well as New River Road to Carefree Highway.

The purpose of this current study is to update the 2006 study for the segment of Loop 303 between Lake Pleasant Parkway and I-17 to reflect new conditions and future traffic projections. The DCR will consider the addition of a third general-purpose lane in each direction and evaluate interchange alternatives at 67th, 51st and 43rd Avenues, and determine when the I-17/Loop 303 direct connecting ramps will be needed.

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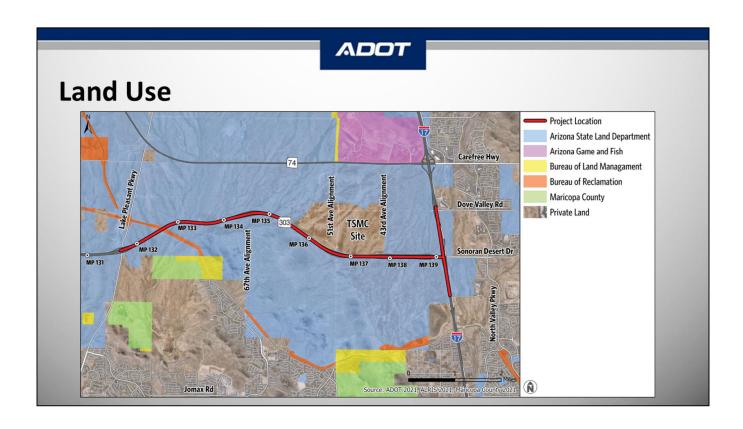
Project Need

- Loop 303
 - Accommodates traffic from Interstate 10 to Interstate 17
 - Major element of the MAG-adopted Regional Transportation Plan Freeway Program
 - A third general-purpose lane in each direction is consistent with other area projects and would alleviate future congestion.
- Growth
 - Maricopa County has been one of the fastest growing regions in the U.S.
 - Several west valley communities rank among fastest growing in the U.S.
 - Population growth is contributing to increasing traffic congestion
 - Population within Maricopa County will continue to increase over time

Loop 303 is a major element of the Maricopa Association of Governments adopted Regional Transportation Plan Freeway Program. This segment of Loop 303 accommodates traffic from Interstate 10 to Interstate 17, serving several west valley communities.

Maricopa County has been one of the fastest growing regions in the United States and projections predict the population will increase by nearly 30 percent by 2040. Several of the west valley communities rank among the fastest growing in the United States and this growth is contributing to increasing traffic congestion throughout the region, including along the Loop 303 corridor.

A construction project is currently underway on Loop 303 between Happy Valley Parkway and Lake Pleasant Parkway that will add a third general purpose lane in each direction and will also construct the Jomax Parkway traffic interchange. The Loop 303, Lake Pleasant Parkway to I-17 project would also add one additional general-purpose lane in each direction and includes potential implementation of direct-connecting ramps at the I-17/Loop 303 system interchange. This would help alleviate future congestion and is consistent with the Loop 303 segments to the south.

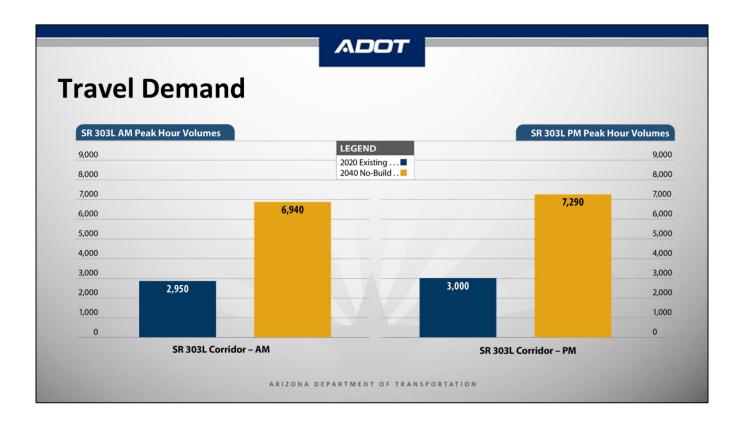


The area adjacent to Loop 303 is comprised primarily of undeveloped Arizona State Trust Land managed by the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) within the Cities of Peoria and Phoenix. Rapidly developing parcels north of Loop 303 will further contribute to deteriorating traffic operational performance.

The Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) is a planned facility located on the north side of Loop 303. The TSMC development is north of Loop 303 and extends from 43rd Avenue to west of 51st Avenue.

The additional general-purpose lanes and proposed

service interchanges along Loop 303 would increase the freeway capacity and help accommodate traffic generated from population growth and these future employment areas.



Over the next 20 years traffic is anticipated to grow by almost two and a half times the current levels, leading to increased traffic congestion on Loop 303.

Now, Troy Sieglitz, our design project manager, is going to walk through the planned improvements and our implementation plan.



Thank you, Tom.

Currently Loop 303 has been constructed as an interim facility with two lanes in each direction and accommodates future implementation of traffic interchanges at 67th, 51st and 43rd Avenues.

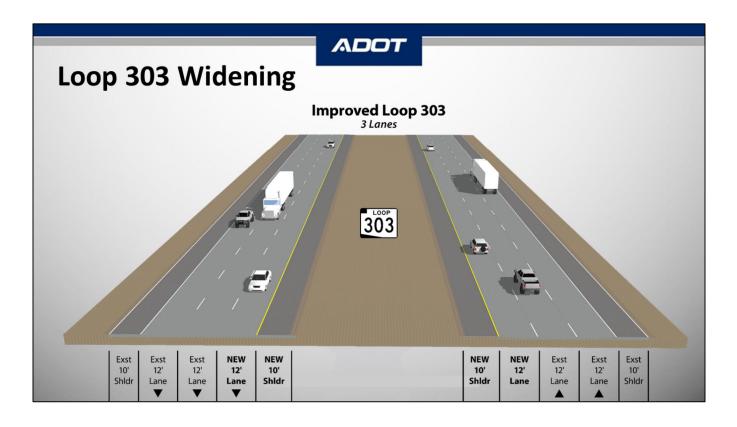
Loop 303 is ultimately planned to provide 4 general purpose lanes and a high occupancy vehicle lane (carpool lane) in each direction.

This study update is looking at potential implementation of a third general purpose lane in each direction, traffic interchanges at 67th, 51st and 43rd Avenues, and the timing of the direct connecting ramps at the I-17/Loop 303 system to system interchange.

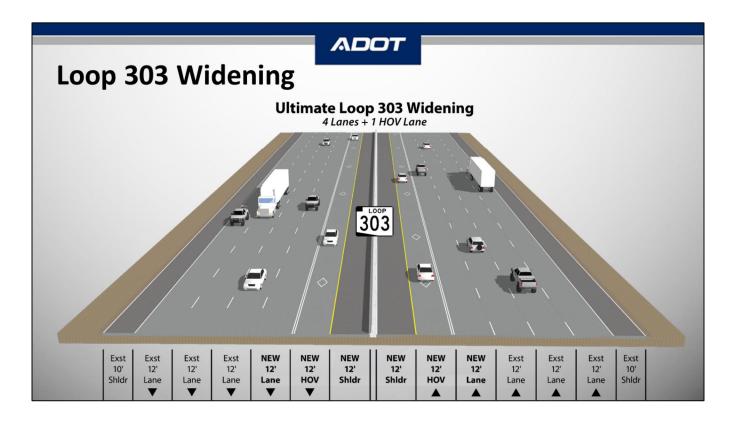
This study focuses on the Loop 303 freeway system but considers connection points for future local roadways. Extension and timing of the City streets beyond the interchange areas is not part of this study and will be determined by the respective local agencies.



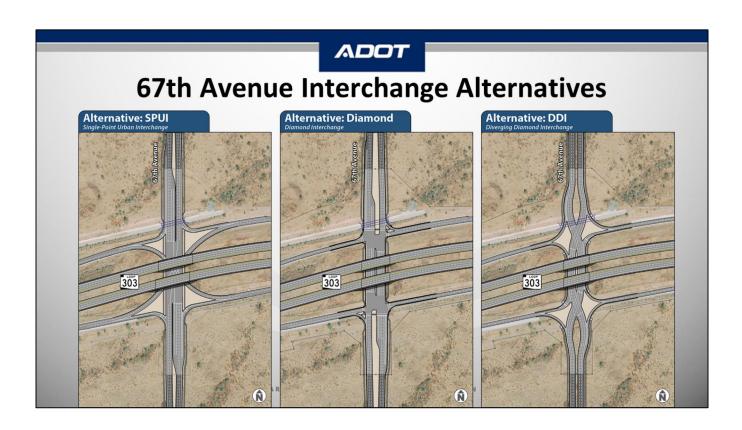
Loop 303 has been constructed as an interim facility with two 12-foot lanes in each direction with 10-foot outside shoulders and 12-foot inside shoulders. The freeway was originally designed and constructed to allow for future lane additions within the median.



The addition of a future third lane would be accomplished by converting the existing 12-foot inside shoulder to a travel lane and a new 10-foot inside shoulder would be constructed toward the median.



The ultimate Loop 303 freeway would add a fourth general purpose lane and an HOV lane in each direction, and a concrete barrier in the median would separate opposing directions of traffic



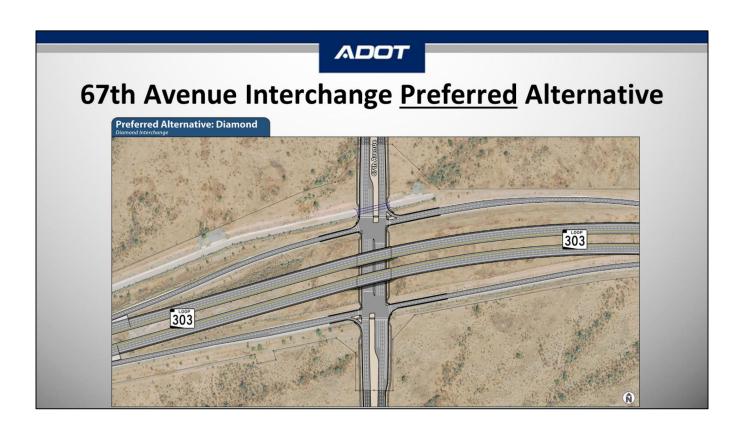
As mentioned earlier, this study is considering implementation of the ultimate traffic interchanges at 67th, 51st and 43rd Avenues.

At 67th Avenue, three alternatives were considered:

- A Single-Point Urban Interchange, or SPUI. This is similar to the existing interchange at Loop 303 and Happy Valley Parkway.
- The second alternative is a standard Diamond Interchange. This is similar to the existing interchange at Loop 303 and Lake Pleasant Parkway.
- 3. Finally, a Diverging Diamond Interchange, or DDI was also considered. This is similar to the existing

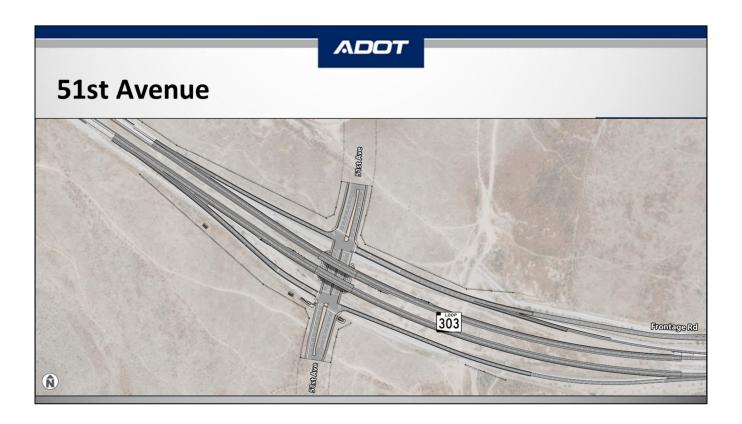
interchange at I-17 and Happy Valley Road.

We evaluated these three alternatives using a set of evaluation criteria and performance measures.



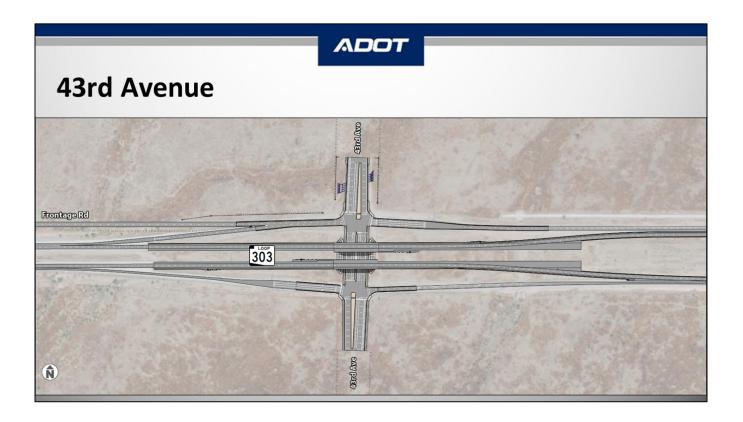
Based on the results of the analysis, the Diamond Interchange is the recommended alternative at 67th Avenue. The diamond configuration ranked higher or equal to the SPUI and DDI in nearly every category evaluated.

Further details of the evaluation of these alternatives can be found by reviewing the Initial Design Concept Report on the project webpage.



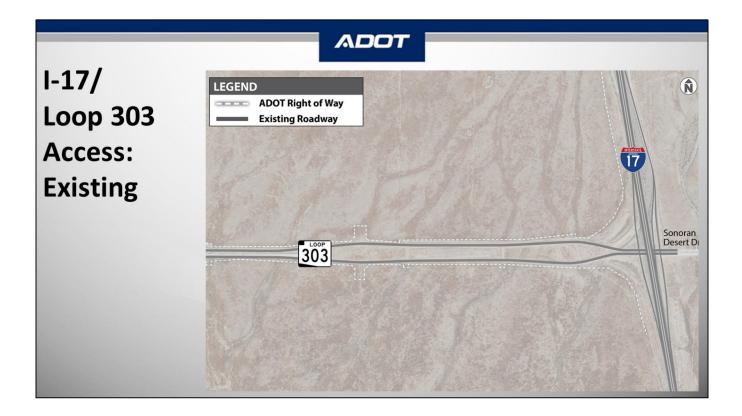
In response to the need to provide access to the developing parcels north of Loop 303, earlier this year ADOT prepared the Loop 303, 51st Avenue and 43rd Avenue Traffic Interchanges Project Assessment, or PA. The PA evaluated the interchanges at 51st Avenue and 43rd Avenue, including shifting the 51st Avenue alignment approximately 1,000 feet west of where it was originally planned. The PA is included as an appendix to the Initial Design Concept Report.

A diamond interchange for 51st Avenue was recommended and includes the Loop 303 freeway lanes and bridges through the interchange location, and a frontage road on the north side of Loop 303 between 43rd and 51st Avenues.

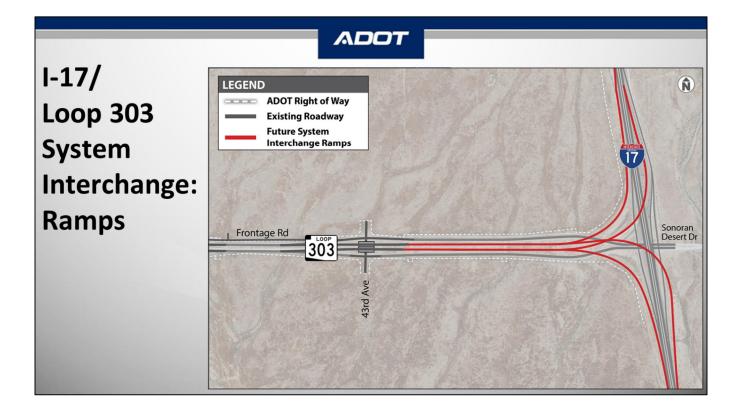


A diamond interchange was also recommended at the 43rd Avenue interchange and includes temporary connectors from the new mainline paving at 43rd Avenue to the existing frontage road between 43rd Avenue and the I-17/Sonoran Desert Drive interchange.

Traffic accessing Loop 303 and 43rd Avenue from I-17 would continue to use the I-17/Sonoran Desert Drive interchange.

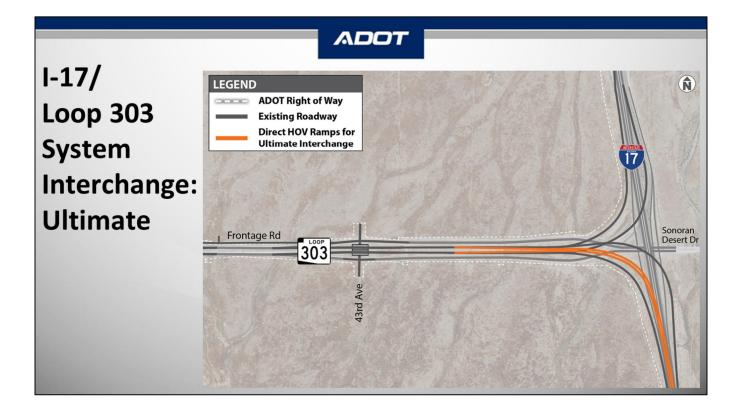


Interstate 17 traffic traveling to/from Loop 303 currently uses the Sonoran Desert Drive traffic interchange. For example, traffic on I-17 exiting to Loop 303 uses the Sonoran Desert Drive/Loop 303 exit ramp.

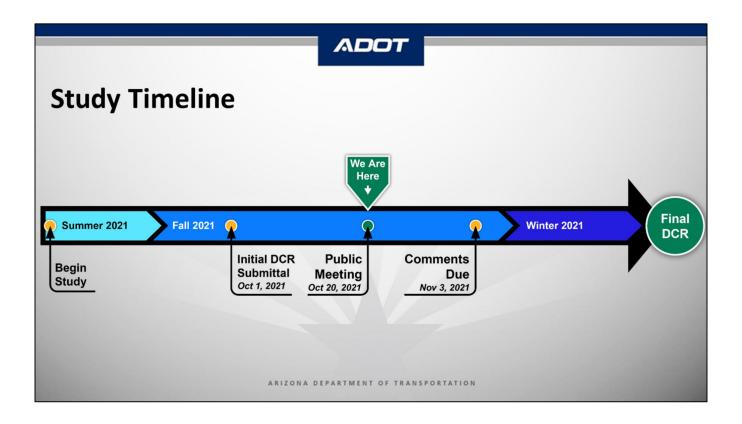


The Loop 303 freeway is planned to have direct connecting system ramps at I-17. The study is evaluating when in the future these ramps would be needed.

Traffic to and from I-17 and Loop 303 would use the direct connecting ramps, but traffic to/from 43rd Avenue and I-17 would continue to use the Sonoran Desert Drive interchange and the frontage roads between 43rd Avenue and I-17.

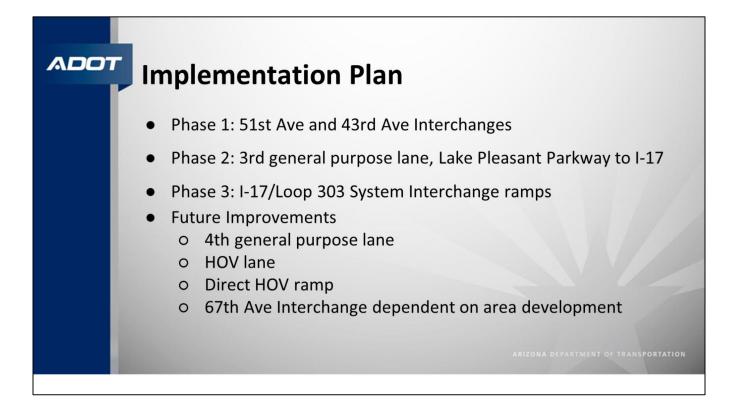


The ultimate system interchange also includes direct connecting HOV ramps to/from Loop 303 and I-17 to the south.



ADOT began the study late last year and we have been actively working with agency stakeholders to understand the project goals and objectives and document the preliminary findings. We have recently completed the Initial Design Concept Report (DCR), which includes 15% design plans, which are available for review by agency stakeholders and the public.

Comments on these documents are due by November 3. The study team will review and consider all comments and expects to complete the DCR by the end of the year.

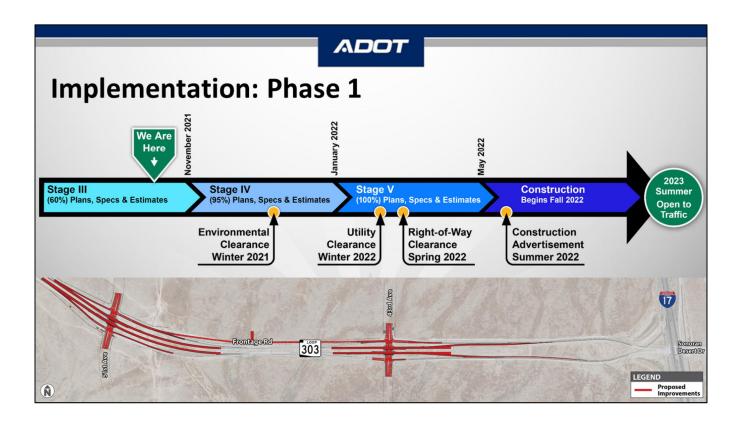


Timing of the improvements is largely dependent on when they are needed. It is anticipated that the Loop 303 corridor would be developed in phases.

- Phase 1 includes construction of the 51st and 43rd avenue traffic interchanges, temporary connectors from Loop 303 mainline paving to the frontage road system and the frontage road on the north side of Loop 303 between 43rd Avenue and 51st Avenue.
- Phase 2 would construct the third general purpose lane in each direction on Loop 303.
- And Phase 3 would add the I-17/Loop 303 direct connecting system to system ramps
- Future phases would include the fourth general

purpose lane, the HOV lane on Loop 303 and the direct connecting HOV ramp.

 Implementation of the Loop 303/67th Avenue interchange would be dependent on area development, city implementation of 67th Avenue and traffic need.



Due to the rapidly developing parcels north of Loop 303 and the anticipated increased levels of traffic on Loop 303, ADOT is moving forward with design and construction of the interchanges at 51st and 43rd avenues and would connect to the City streets north of Loop 303. It is anticipated that these interchanges would begin construction in Fall 2022 and open to traffic by late summer 2023.

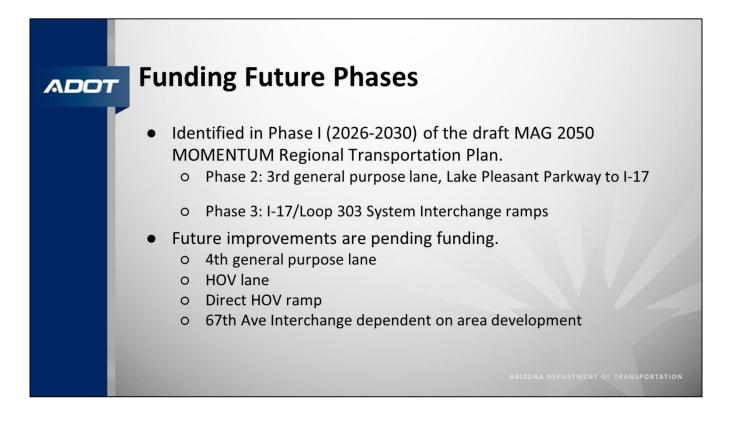
Construction would have minimal impacts to existing Loop 303 traffic since most of the work will take place outside of the current traffic lanes. Intermittent weekend and/or overnight closures may be needed.



Here is a brief video simulation of what the 51st and 43rd Avenues interchanges would look like after construction.

- This is a view of Loop 303 from the I-17 Sonoran Desert drive interchange looking west.
- There are temporary connections from the Loop 303 mainline to the existing frontage road
- The 43rd Avenue interchange is shown in a diamond configuration.
- The westbound frontage road is shown on the north side of Loop 303 between 43rd and 51st Avenues
- The 51st Avenue interchange is also shown in the diamond configuration.

Now, I will send it back to Tom.



Phase 1 is currently funded and is planned to be open to traffic in the Summer 2023. Phases 2 and 3 are identified as part of Phase I (2026-2030) of the draft MAG 2050 MOMENTUM Regional Transportation Plan.

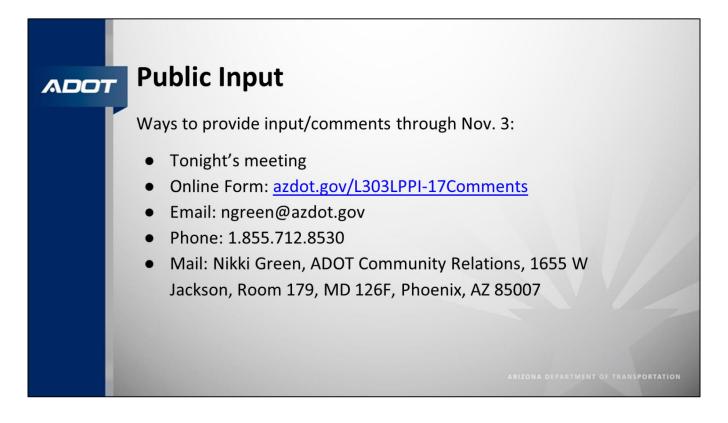
Future improvements are pending funding.



There are several non-ADOT projects going on within the Loop 303 study vicinity:

- The City of Phoenix is currently constructing segments of 51st and 43rd Avenues north of Loop 303 and Dove Valley Road from 51st Avenue to I-17.
- The City is also constructing utility infrastructure along the north side of Loop 303 and Sonoran Desert Drive to provide water and sewer facilities to the area development
- And the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) is currently constructing their initial phases of a new semiconductor manufacturing plant.

Now, I will hand it back over to Nikki.

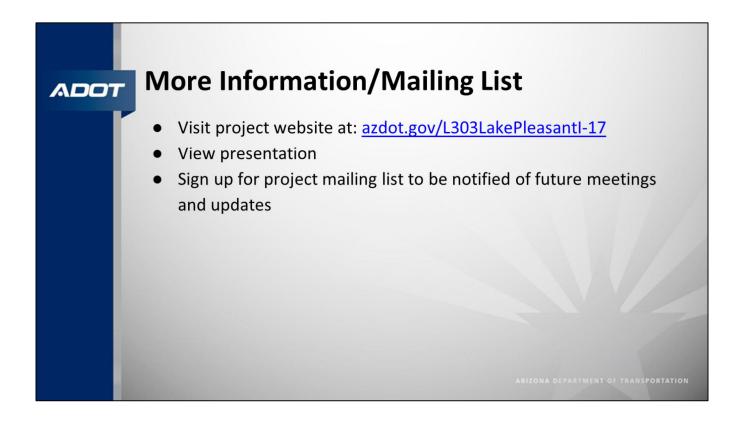


Thank you, Tom.

Here are all the ways the public can provide their input and comments on these planned improvements. We are accepting comments through Nov. 3. -You can comment at tonight's meeting -You can comment on our website at azdot.gov/L303LPPI-17Comments -You can email us at: ngreen@azdot.gov -You can call us at 855.712.8530

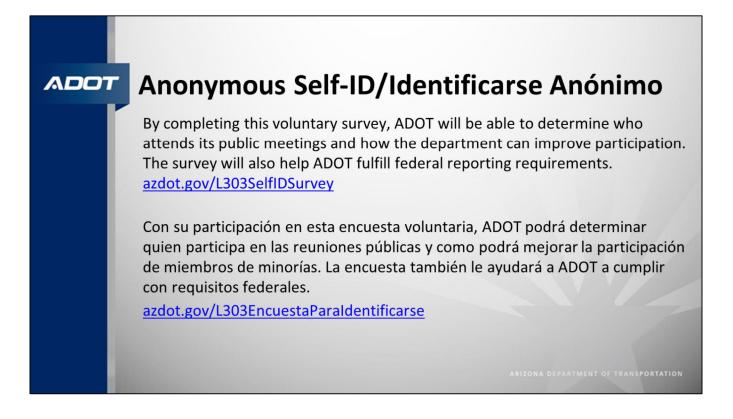
Finally, you can mail comments to me, Nikki Green, at

ADOT Community Relations, 1655 W Jackson, Room 179, MD 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007



As mentioned earlier, we will be posting the recording of tonight's meeting on our project website at: azdot.gov/L303LakePleasantI-17

Additionally, you can sign up for the project mailing list to be notified of future meetings, updates and traffic restrictions.

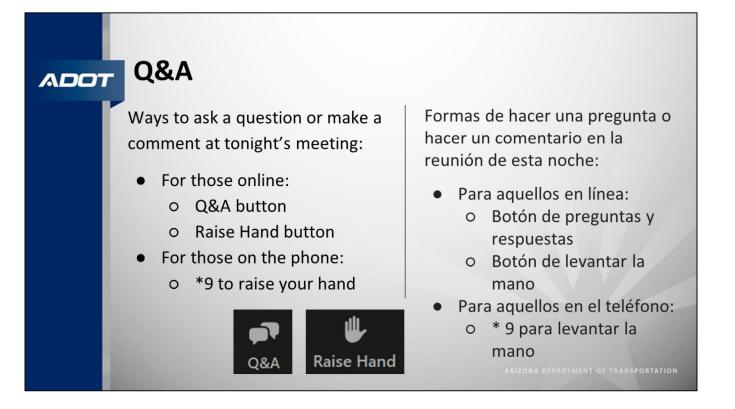


Thank you so much for taking the time out of your busy evening to attend this meeting. We appreciate your participation. If you are not staying for Q&A, we ask that you help us with a voluntary survey. If you are staying for Q&A, we'll share this information again at the end of tonight's meeting.

As part of ADOT's federal reporting process, we are required to document participation in our public meetings and other outreach activities. By completing this voluntary survey, ADOT will be able to determine who attends its public meetings and how the department can improve participation. A link to the survey is provided in the chat. For those joining on the phone, the survey link is: <u>azdot.gov/L303SelfIDSurvey</u>

Muchas gracias por tomarse el tiempo de su ocupada noche para asistir a esta reunión. Nosotros agradezco su participación. Finalmente, como parte de los informes federales de ADOT proceso, estamos obligados a documentar participación en nuestras reuniones públicas y otras actividades de divulgación.

Con su participación en esta encuesta voluntaria, ADOT podrá determinar quien participa en las reuniones públicas y como podrá mejorar la participación de miembros de minorías. La encuesta también le ayudará a ADOT a cumplir con requisitos federales. Se proporciona un enlace a la encuesta en el chat. Para aquellos que se unen por teléfono, el enlace de la encuesta es: <u>azdot.gov/L303EncuestaParaIdentificarse</u>



For attendees joining us online, there are two options for asking a question or making a comment:

- If you prefer to type in your question, click the Q&A button at the bottom of your screen.
- If you prefer to verbally ask your question, click on the Raise Hand button at the bottom of your screen.

For attendees joining us on the phone, please enter *9 to raise your hand. Our host will ask you to unmute yourself by pressing *6 when we are ready for your question/comment.

This meeting is scheduled to end at 7pm. If we still have

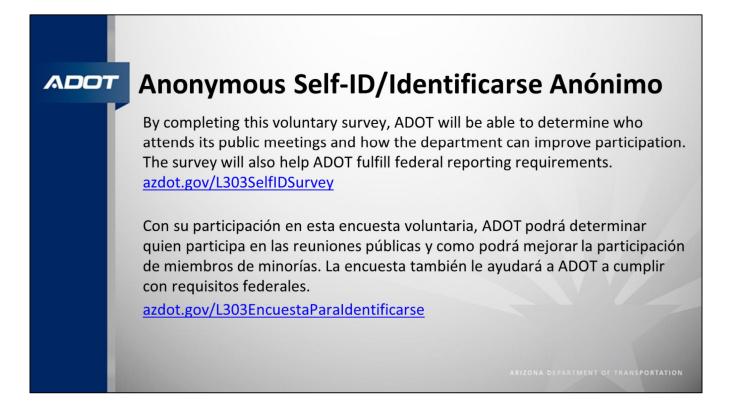
people with questions or comments at that time, we will extend the meeting until 7:15pm. Anyone with additional questions or comments at that time can provide them after the meeting through the other commenting methods. The team will respond to all questions.

Para los asistentes que se unen a nosotros en línea, hay dos opciones para hacer una pregunta o hacer un comentario:

- Si prefiere escribir su pregunta, haga clic en el botón Preguntas y respuestas en la parte inferior de la pantalla.
- Si prefiere hacer su pregunta verbalmente, haga clic en el botón Levantar la mano en la parte inferior de la pantalla.

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Esta reunión está programada para terminar a las 7 pm. Si todavía tenemos personas con preguntas o comentarios en ese momento, ampliaremos la reunión hasta las 7:15 pm. Cualquiera que tenga preguntas o comentarios adicionales en ese momento puede proporcionarlos después de la reunión a través de los otros métodos de comentarios. El equipo responderá a todas las preguntas.



Again, thank you for taking the time out of your busy evening to attend this meeting. We appreciate your participation.