Loop 303: LAKE PLEASANT PARKWAY TO I-17 IMPROVEMENTS

The Arizona Department of Transportation, in association with the Maricopa Association of Governments, and in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration and the cities of Phoenix and Peoria, is currently conducting a study to evaluate improvements to Loop 303 between Interstate 17 and Lake Pleasant Parkway.



## **STUDY/PROJECT INFORMATION**

The study is evaluating adding a third general-purpose lane in each direction on this segment of Loop 303, with an ultimate future configuration of four general purpose lanes and an HOV lane in each direction. Additionally, the study will evaluate interim and ultimate improvements to the I-17/Loop 303 system interchange ramps, as well as a possible future traffic interchange at 67th Avenue.

ADOT has also initiated a project to construct new Loop 303 traffic interchanges at 51st and 43rd avenues. The freeway was originally constructed to accommodate these traffic interchanges with current Loop 303 freeway traffic using the location of the future ramps. The 51st Avenue interchange will be shifted slightly to the west to accommodate the future alignment of 51st Avenue.

These projects seek to address growing traffic demands on Loop 303.

## **STUDY/PROJECT ELEMENTS**

- Evaluate the addition of a third general-purpose lane in each direction, with an ultimate build-out of four lanes and an HOV lane in each direction.
- Develop and evaluate interchange alternatives at 67th Avenue.
- Develop and evaluate direct connecting ramps at theI-17/Loop 303 system interchange, and their implementation.
- Construct new traffic interchanges and cross street improvements at 51st and 43rd avenues within ADOT's right-of-way, as well as new bridges.
- Construct new freeway lanes on Loop 303 between 51st and 43rd avenues.
- Reconstruct the drainage channel west of 51st Avenue.
- Install signing, pavement marking and ramp lighting.





# SCHEDULE

The project is currently in the study phase for the general-purpose lane widening and the design phase for the 51st and 43rd avenues traffic interchanges. Construction of the new traffic interchanges is anticipated to begin in fall 2022 and be completed in summer 2023.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Construction will mostly occur outside the existing roadway; however, periodic restrictions and closures on Loop 303 may be necessary. Restrictions and closures will be minimized to the extent possible to lessen impacts. Schedules are subject to change.

## MORE INFORMATION/STAY UP TO DATE

For more information or to subscribe to our project email list, visit the project website at <u>azdot.gov/L303LakePleasantI-17</u>.

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