



UTILITY AND RAILROAD ENGINEERING (URR)

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UTILITY COORDINATION

PROCESS OVERVIEW

What are Utilities

What is Utility Coordination

What it takes to be a coordinator

Why we need to do utility coordination

The Process in PDP Project Development & Construction

What are Utilities?

Utilities are the Veins and Arteries of our Cities and Roads...



Utilities:

- Electric Power
- Gas - Oil - Product Lines
- Telecom./Cable TV
- Water
- Sanitary Sewer
- Reclaimed Water
- RR (treated as a Utility)

Utilities

Existing utilities
abound!

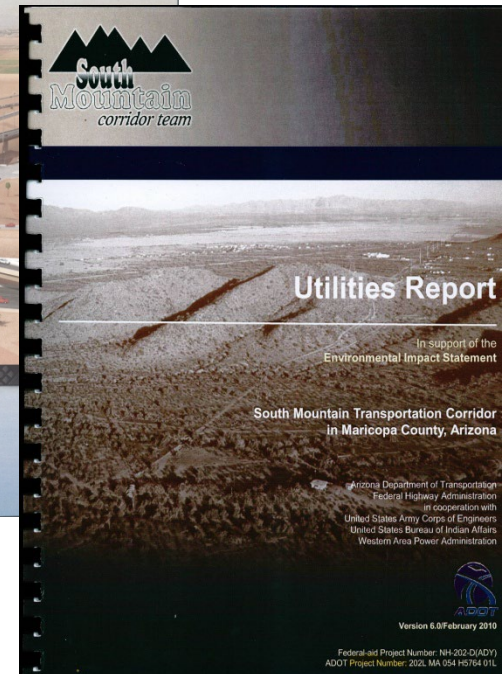
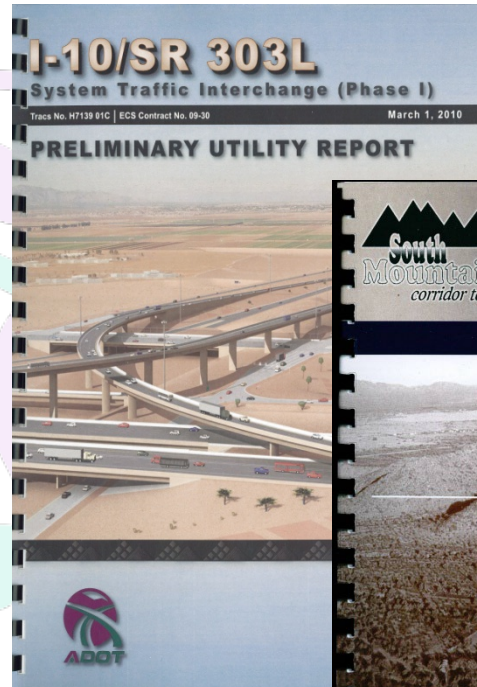
...and...

How do you
ever identify
and avoid these
facilities!!!



ADOT Utility & Railroad Engineering

Utility Coordination Process



Key Objectives

- **Public Safety:** Minimize / Eliminate liability on roadway CNST projects
- **Project Schedule:** Support project Construction Schedule & Service Delivery
- **Project Budget:** Ensure Cost Effective Operations & avoid unnecessary costs



Utility Coordination

■ PROCESS:

clearing the right-of-way of utility conflicts in advance of highway construction projects; in a safe, efficient, and cost-effective manner.

■ RESULT:

UTILITY CLEARANCE PRIOR to
PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT



Utility Clearance

- All Utility-related concerns have been addressed in the Utility Clearance Letter.
- The project Plans, Specifications, & Estimates (PS&E) contain all the information needed by the Engineer & Contractor to prevent unforeseen problems involving utility facilities.

Stakeholders

External

- Utility companies, Counties, Cities and Towns
- On-Call Consultants
- Design Consultants
- Railroad Companies
- AZ Corporation Commission
- AZ Attorney General
- FHWA

Internal

- Executive Mgmt
- PMG
- Contracts & Specifications
- Design & Construction Staff
- Environmental Group
- Right of Way Group
- Financial Services
- Audit & Analysis Office

FEDERAL & STATE LAWS

- FHWA 23 CFR
 - Utility Relocations, Adjustments & Reimbursement
 - Accommodation of Utilities

- Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS):
 - ARS 28-7092: Land acquisition for utility relocation
 - ARS 28-7156: Utility Relocation & Reimbursement

What does it take to do Utility Coordination

*Art
vs.
Engineering*



Art vs. Engineering

Art...

Not this Art...

**A position with ADOT
if you know who this is!**



Art vs. Engineering

This kind of Art:

- Knowledge of the Utility Coordination Process
- Knowledge of Standards and Procedures
- Knowledge of State Statutes (ARS)
- Knowledge of FHWA regulations (CFR)

Art vs. Engineering

Engineering:

- Plan Reading
- Field Reviews
- Utility Conflict Analysis
- General Utility Design Concepts & Alternatives
- Utility Construction and Inspection
- Principles and Practices of Civil Engineering



Why we need Utility Coordination!

Design in Progress

- Multiple Existing underground facilities.



**Traffic Signal foundation is
designed right here!**

Why we need Utility Coordination!

Construction
in
Progress!



Lack of Communication!

Why we need Utility Coordination!

Safety ... Safety ... Safety!!!



Why we need Utility Coordination!

- 36" gas line explosion



Why we need Utility Coordination!

Construction Completed!



Not what we
expected!!!

Why we need Utility Coordination!

That's Why:

- Public Safety
- Project Schedule
- Project Budget



***No unexpected delays/expenses occur during construction as a result of conflicts with utility or railroad facilities.

Utility Coordination



The Process in Project Development

Project Develop. Phases

- Scoping Phase: SL / PA / L-DCR
- Design Phase:
 - Stage I : 15% (F-DCR)
 - Stage II: 30%
 - Stage III: 60%
 - Stage IV: 95%
 - Stage V: 100% (PS&E)
- Construction Phase

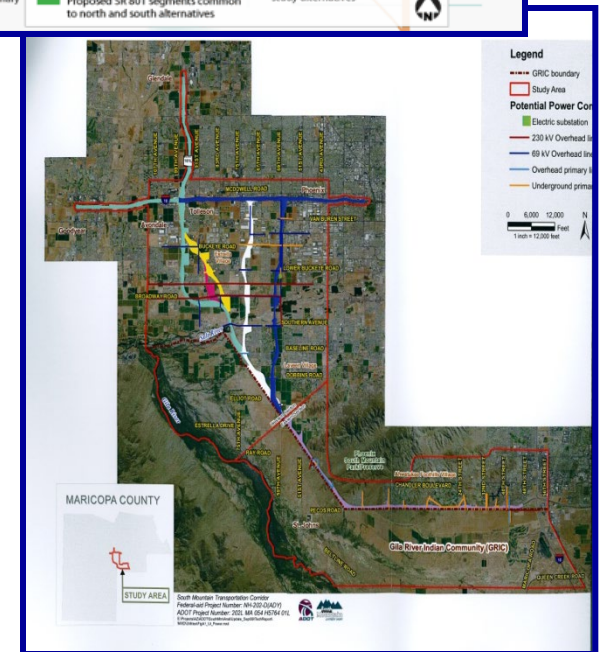
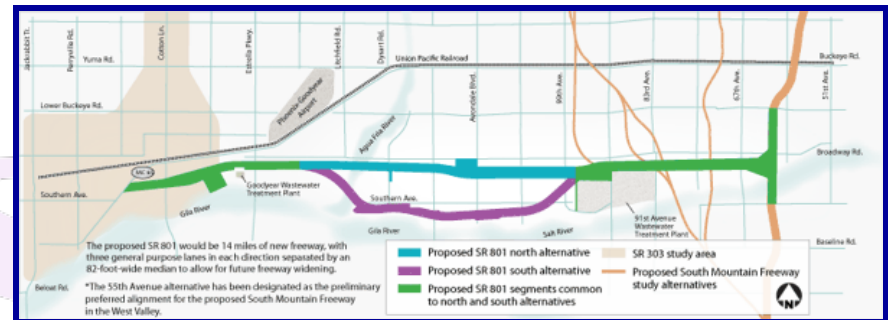


Scoping Phase (SL / PA / L-DCR)

Early Coordination:

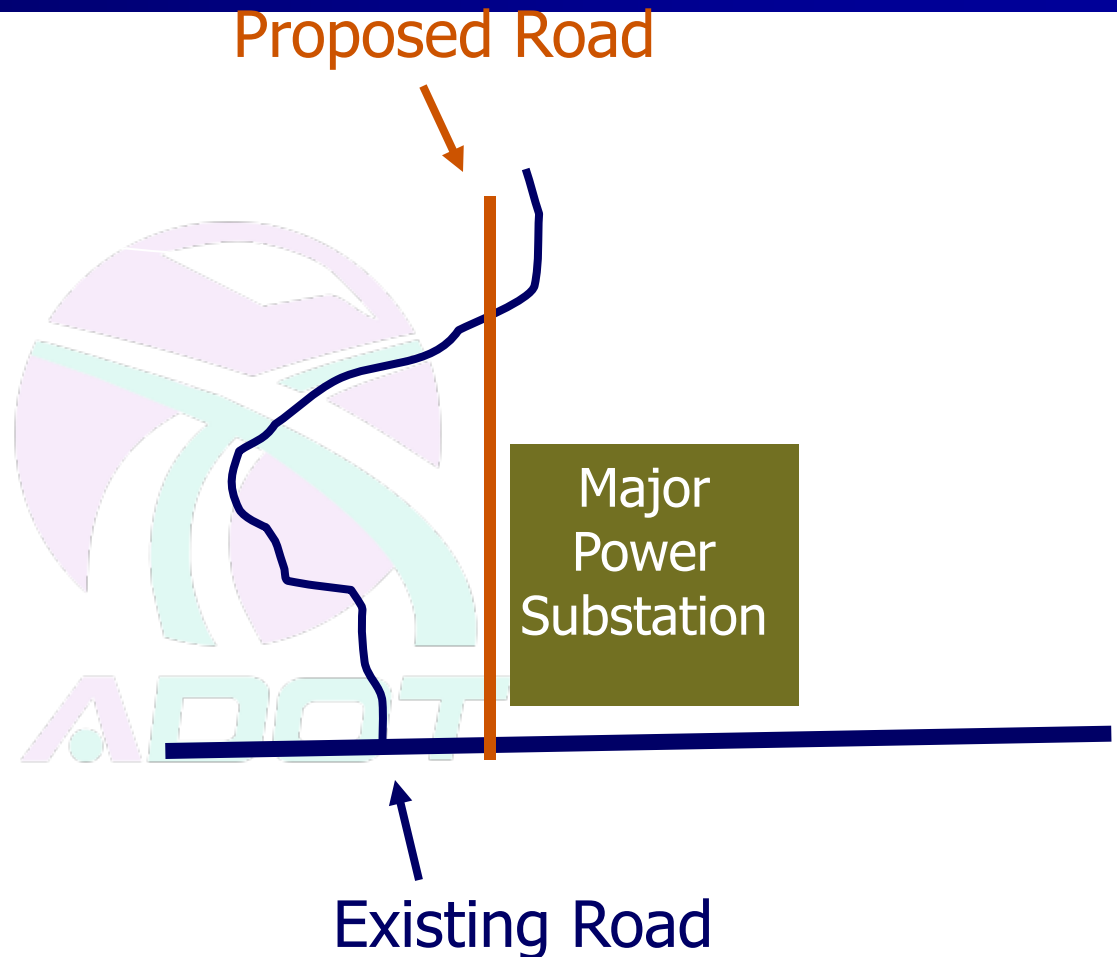
- Alignment Selection impacts on utilities
- Utility Relocation impacts on:
 - Environment
 - Right-of-way

***Corridor Studies



Initial Proposed Alignment

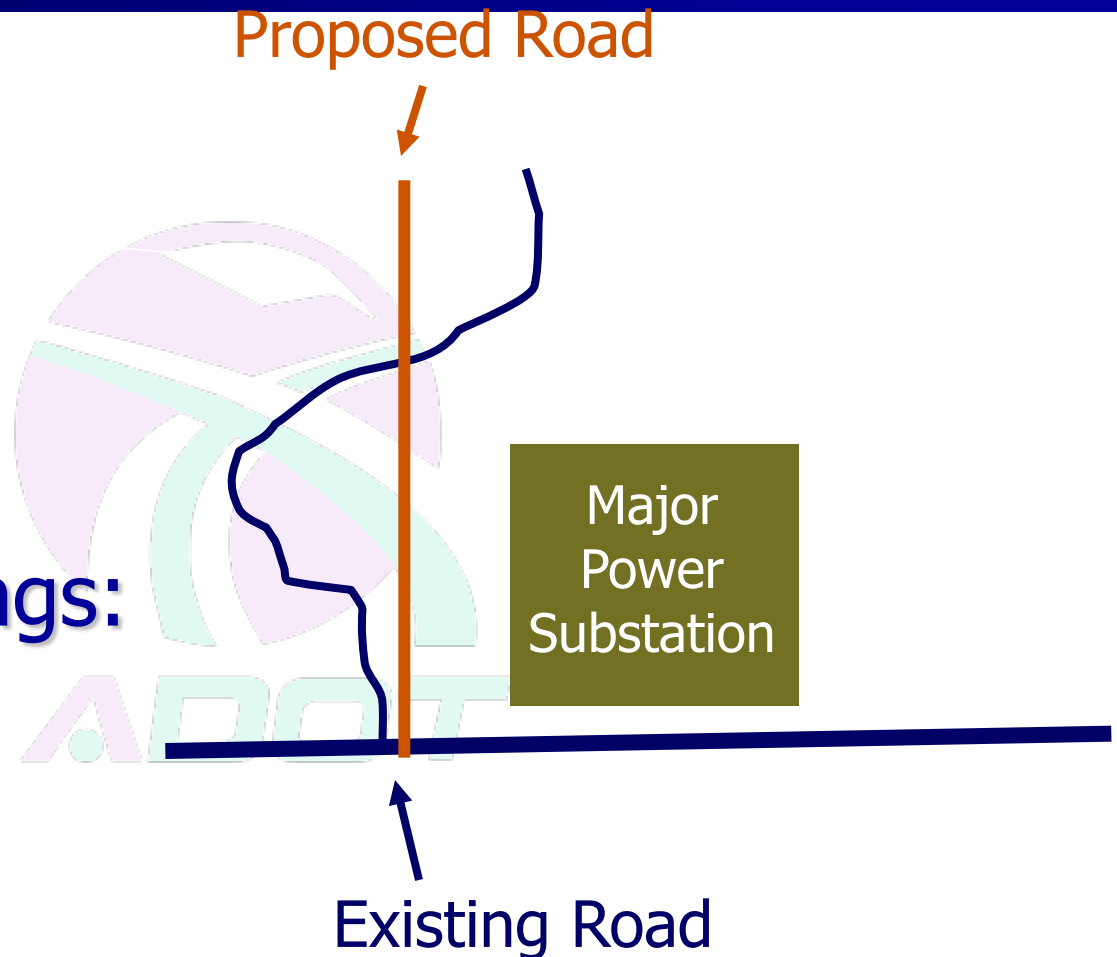
- Consider impact to utilities



Final Alignment

- Utility has Prior Rights (project pays)

- Project Savings:
 - Time
 - Money



Avoid...Avoid...Avoid Utility Conflicts

■ Suggest Alternatives:

- Move alignment
- Change grade
- Widen only one side of highway
- Move ramps
- Other design modifications

***Project may re-align roadway/ modify design to avoid & minimize impact to Utilities

Design Phase

Process Milestones:

1. Identify utilities within project limits
2. Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE Phase I)
3. Utility Conflicts Analysis
4. Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE Phase II)
5. Resolve utility conflicts
6. Agreements (Land Rights, Cost, Plans & Sch.)
7. Issue the Utility Clearance Letter



1. Identify Utilities (Data Collection)

- Contact AZ blue stake center
- Utility owners listing & Field Review
- Obtain As-Builts / Facility maps from Ut.
- Research Permit Database
(Existing & proposed Ut.)
- Review Existing R/W plans



2. SUE Phase I (Designate utilities)

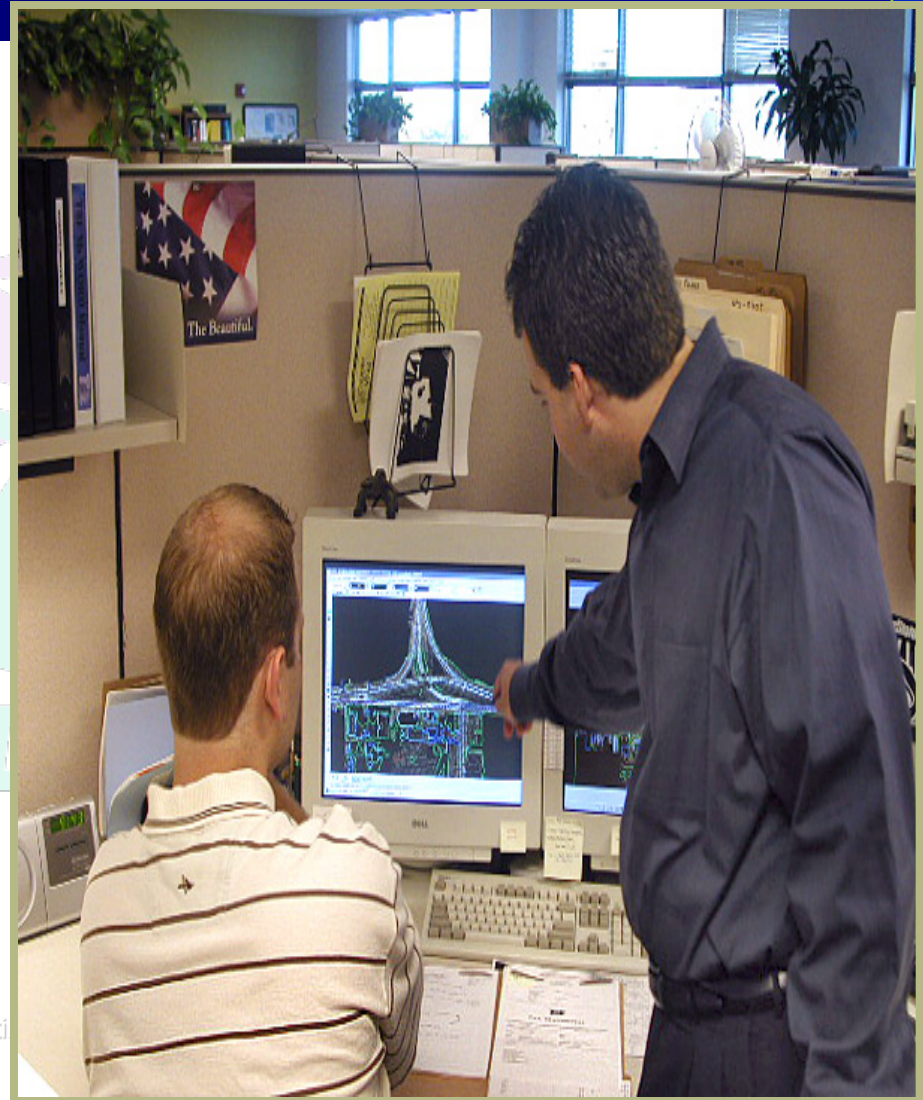
Surveying/Mapping:

- Request utility designation (horizontal QL-B)
- Map designated utilities in GIS/CADD within Project limits

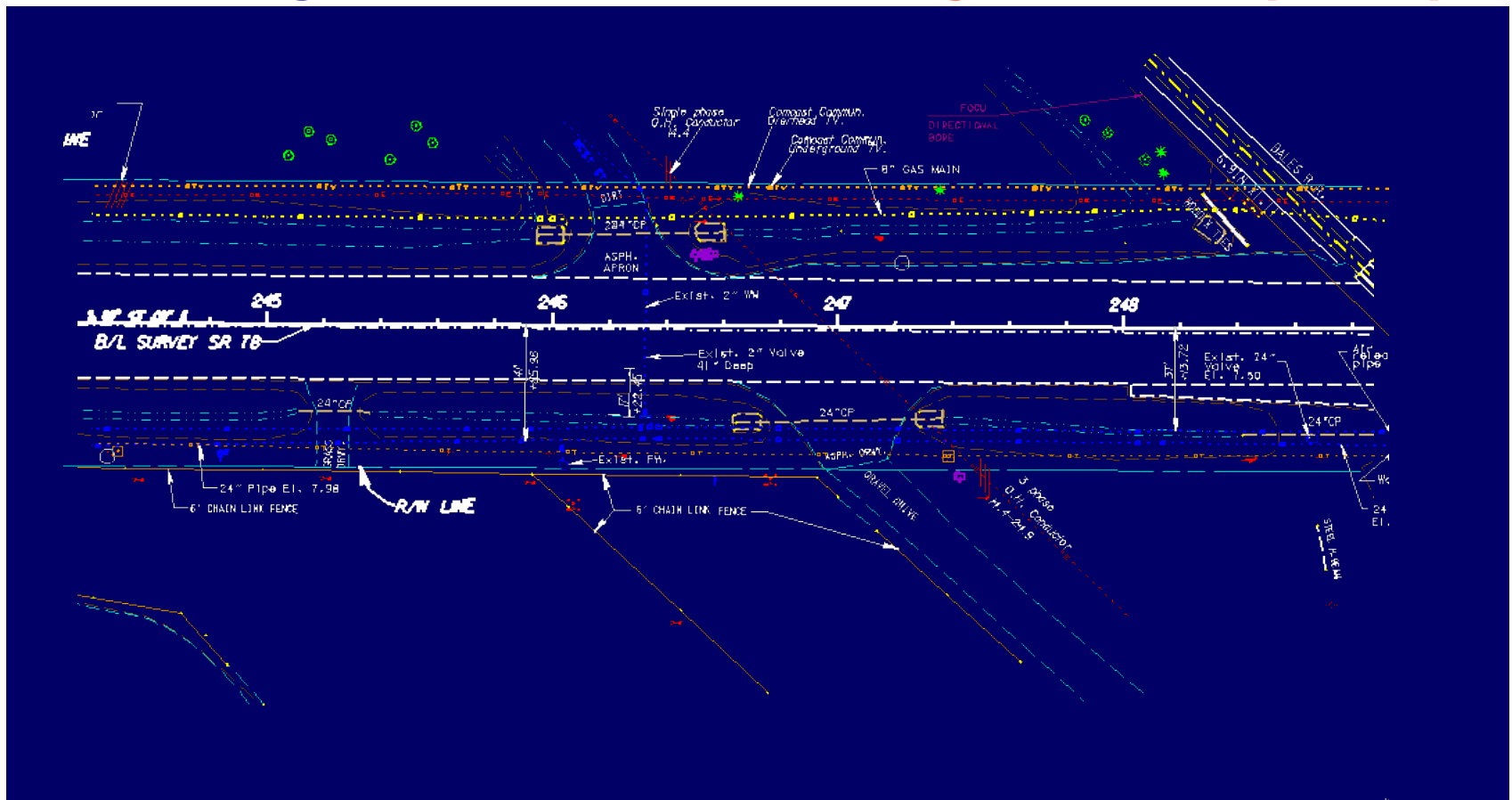


3. Utility Conflict Analysis

- Lay out horiz. Designated utilities on the design plans (Stage II)
- Determine potential utility conflicts:
 - Review plans
 - Engineering analysis

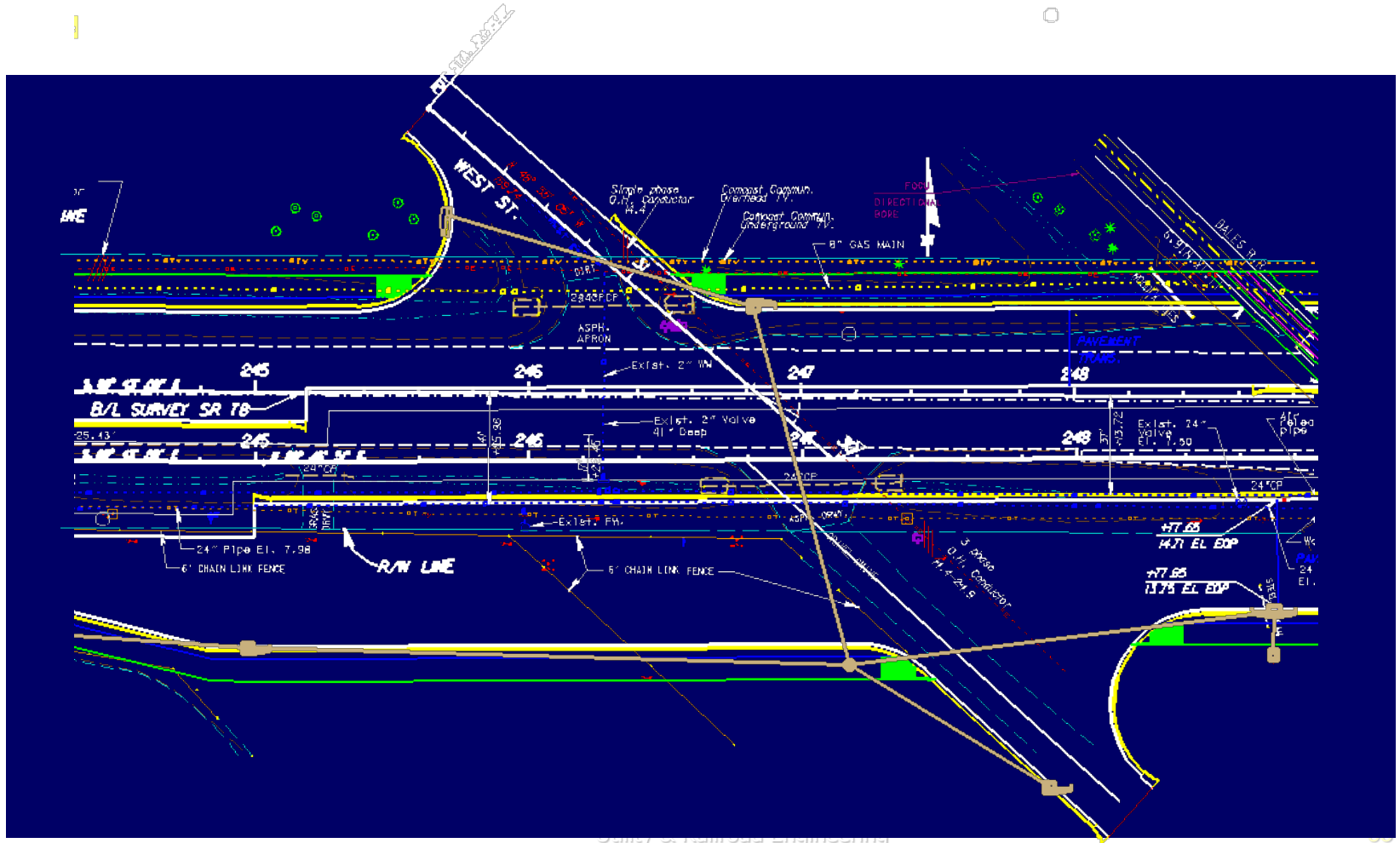


Add Existing Utilities (QL-B)



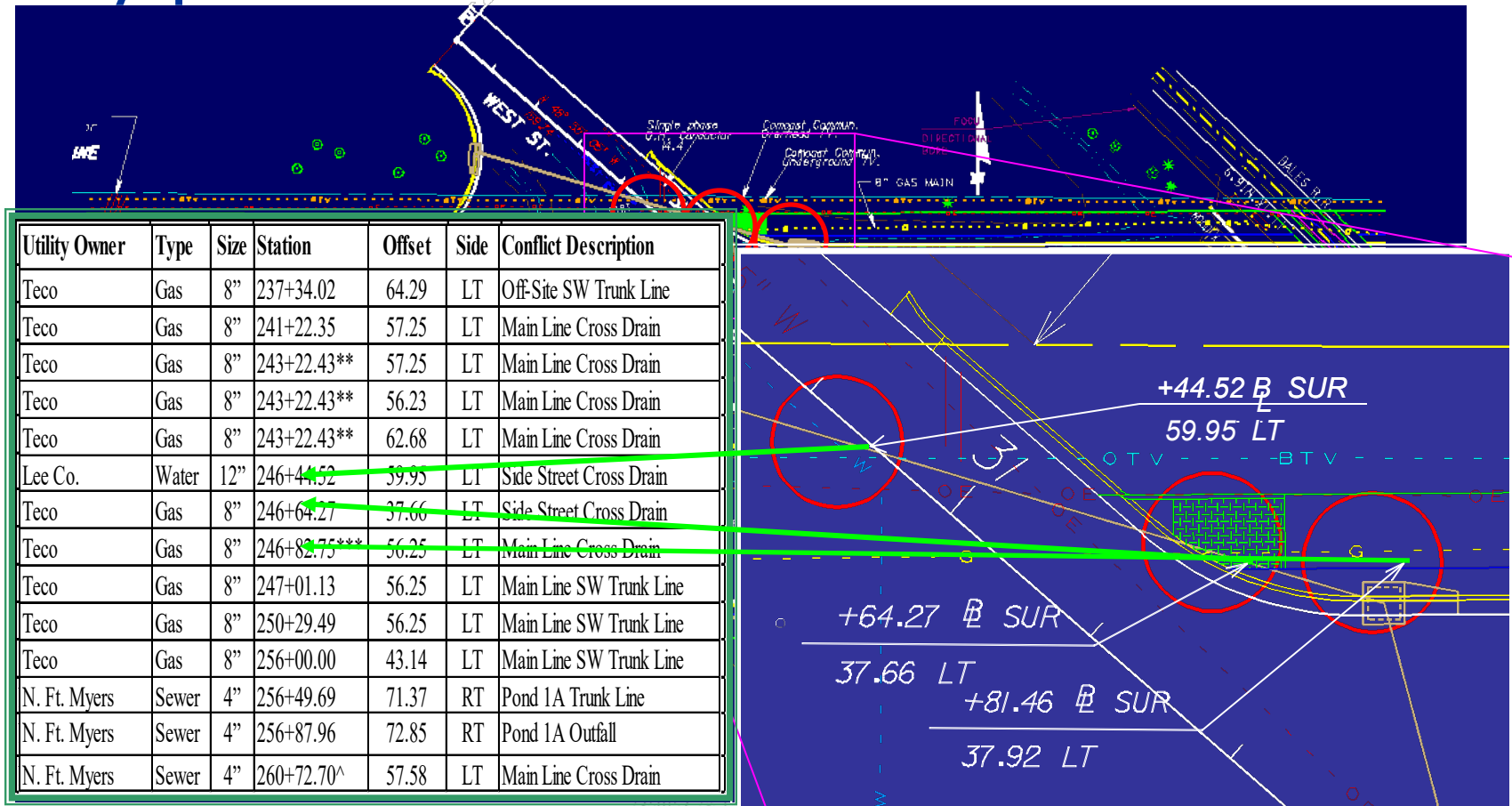
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Add Preliminary Drainage Design



Analyze Conflicts

Identify potential Conflicts



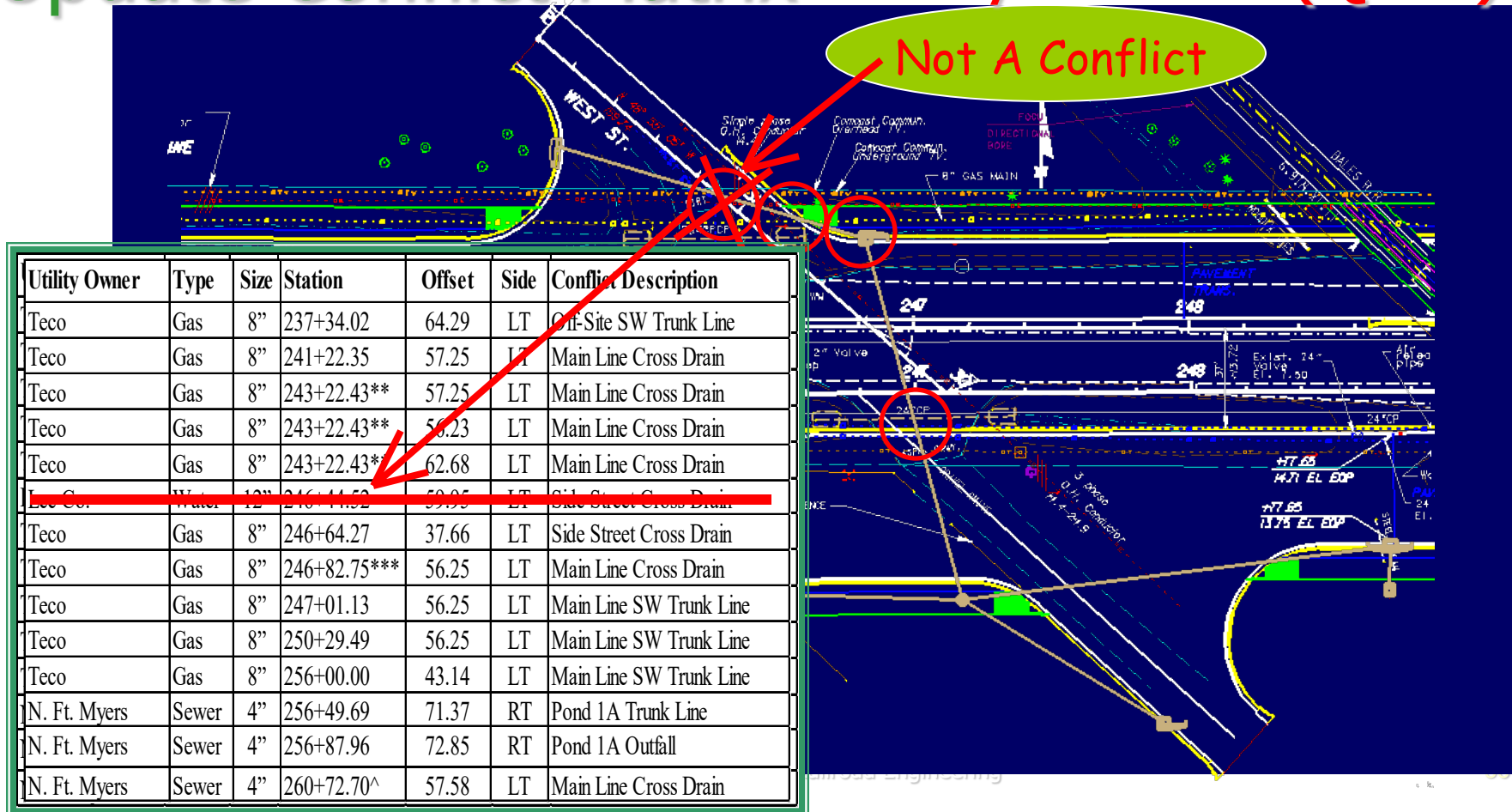
4. SUE Phase II (Locate Utilities)

- Request utility vertical locating services (Potholing QL-A) to confirm/rule out potential conflicts.



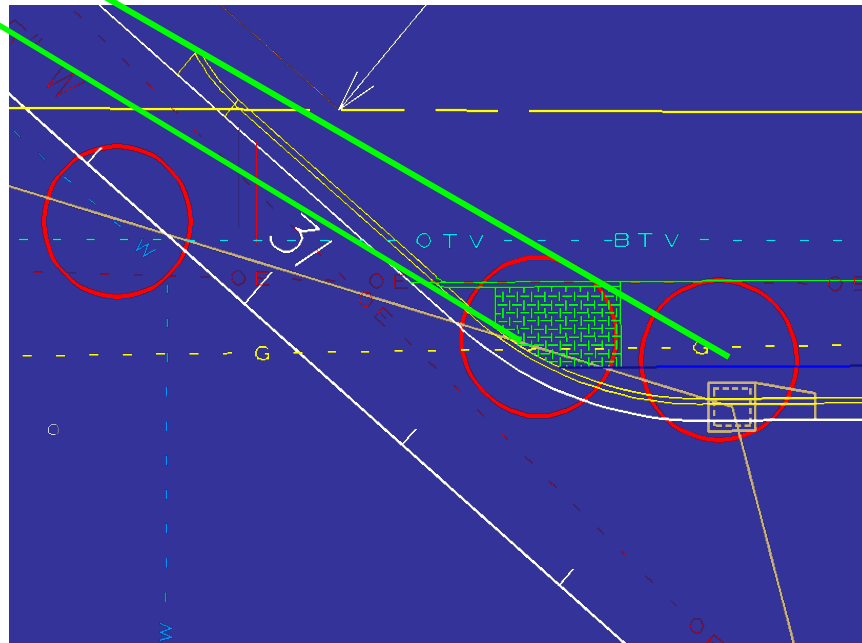
Identify Actual Conflicts

Update Conflict Matrix Analyze Data (QL-A)



Actual Conflict Matrix

Station & Offset	Utility	Comments	Action Required
246+64.27, 37.66 LT (x&y)	Teco	Proposed main line drain in close proximity to 8" gas line	Confirmed 8" gas line at 2.67' deep. CONFLICT
246+82.75; 56.25 Lt (x&y)	Teco	Proposed Side street Cross drain on top of 8" gas line	Confirmed 8' gas line at 2.65' deep. CONFLICT



5. Resolve Utility Conflicts

Provide technical guidance to the design team:

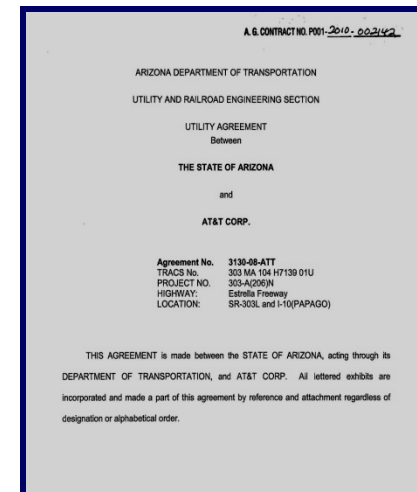
- Safe option
- Cost effective
- R/W
- Environmental
- Permit
- Multiple Utility Relocations Schedule



6. Utility Agreements

Prepare, review and process legal Utility Agreement Contracts:

- Scope of work
- Utility Design Authorization
- Cost Estimates
- Utility Relocation plans
- Land Rights documents
- Schedule of work
- Utility Construction Authorization
- Payments Approval



***** All components in compliance with ADOT Standards & Policies; and with Federal Requirements.**

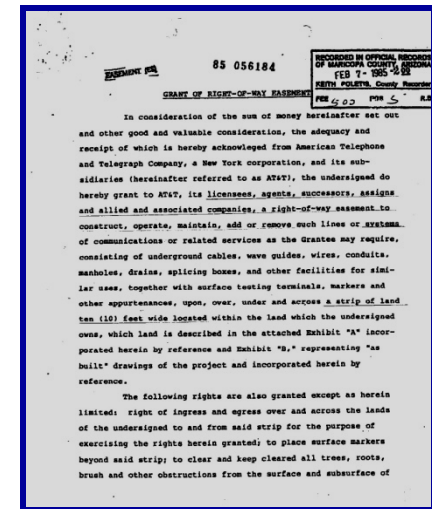
Land Rights

■ Evaluate land rights documentation

- County maps, title reports, Easements, R/W plans, ADOT permit log and other property plans and legal descriptions

■ Determine prior rights status

■ Validate financial responsibilities for relocations as appropriate.



Approve Relocation Plans

- Utility relocation plans and specifications are in compliance with applicable standards, policies and regulations




PROJECT NO. 6661372
SPECIFICATION NG 96591
CABLE CLL- PHNKAZUB517

**WESTERN REGION
MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

PHOENIX POP
TO
BUCKEYE OA

REROUTE FTA CABLE INTO NEXGEN
LINK 13 CONDUIT ALONG THE ROOSEVELT
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WEST OF COTTON LANE
IN GOODYEAR, AZ

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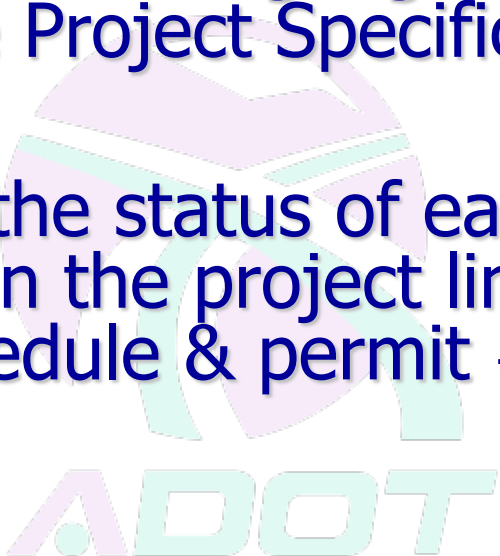
CONSTRUCTION ISSUE
MAY, 2010

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THE DISTRICT APPROVES THESE PLANS FOR CONCEPT ONLY AND
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7. Utility Clearance

- Write the Utility Clearance Letter with Special Provisions language to include in the Project Specifications
- State clearly the status of each utility facilities within the project limits; including schedule & permit # for relocations.
- Issue the utility clearance letter authorizing project construction



Arizona Department of Transportation UTILITY & RAILROAD ENGINEERING SECTION 205 S. 17th AVE., Phoenix, AZ 85007	
MEMORANDUM	
To: Barry Crockett, PE Engineer - Manager Contracts and Specifications (217)	Date: September 3, 2008
From: Mohamed Ali Hour, PE MAG Reentry Coordinator Utility and Railroad Engineering Section MAG UTILITIES MAG 438E	Subject: Utility Clearance letter TRACS NO. 010 MA 120 H211 01C PROJECT NO. SECTION: Phoenix - Phoenix Hwy 0-10 LOCATION: 1-10 VERMADO TO SURVIVAL
<p>The enclosed letter from "URS" certifies utility clearance for the subject project.</p> <p>In addition to your stated specifications under section 107.1.5, please include the attached information in the Project Special Provisions.</p> <p>With respect to utility adjustments, this project may be released for bids.</p> <p><i>M. Hour</i> Mohamed Ali Hour, PE</p> <p>Enclosure: Utility Clearance Letter</p> <p>cc: Stephanie Huang, ADOT VPM Art Schmeier, URS Rob Karpow, ADOT Phoenix Construction D.E. Helen Karpow, ADOT PM, MAG 438E Rob Karpow, ADOT PM Re (TRACS H211)</p>	

Construction Phase

- Attend Partnering/Pre-construction Meetings
- Alert Utilities & Contractor to comply with project CNST schedule
- Ensure minimal interruptions to Utility Services during construction
- Resolve any arising utility issues during project construction



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Questions?

Thank you!



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