What is a No-Build Alternative?

The No-Build Alternative is used as a baseline, or a benchmark, to compare against the Build Alternative(s). The No-Build provides the I-10/Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study team with a basis against which social, environmental and economic impacts can be measured. The No-Build Alternative represents the existing transportation system with ongoing maintenance and any improvement projects that have been previously programmed for construction.

If approved, is there funding for construction?

If a Build Alternative is selected, the Maricopa Association of Governments will fund right of way, utility relocation and construction of the Koli Road Traffic Interchange in the anticipated years of expenditure, FY2025-2026. Pre-Design was funded in FY2024-2025. Right of way and utility, and construction are budgeted for FY2025-2026.

- Pre-Design: $3,832,291
- Right of Way and Utility: $30,445,586
- Construction: $82,570,827

When do you anticipate construction to start?

If a Build Alternative is selected, construction of the I-10 Koli Road Traffic Interchange is anticipated to begin in late 2026.

What are the proposed improvements?

The proposed improvements include the construction of a new traffic interchange located on I-10 between the existing Wild Horse Pass Boulevard and State Route 347/Queen Creek Road traffic interchanges. The Gila River Indian Community is experiencing significant growth. Currently, access to and from I-10 is limited, leading to inefficient and indirect travel routes. This project aims to improve these connections, thereby supporting and fostering planned regional growth.

Are you anticipating right-of-way acquisitions for the Recommended Build Alternative?

If a Build Alternative is selected, some right of way acquisition may be necessary.

Environmental Statement

The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 25, 2024 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

Las consultas, la revisión ambiental y otras acciones requeridas según las leyes ambientales federales correspondientes para este proyecto se están llevando a cabo o se han llevado a cabo por ADOT de acuerdo con 23 U.S.C 327 y un Memorándum de Acuerdo con fecha del 25 de junio de 2024 y se han realizado por FHWA y ADOT.

Title VI Statement

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I-10/Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study

Welcome to the Public Hearing



Study Background

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), as the lead agency and project sponsor, in collaboration with the Gila River Indian Community (Community), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design Memo (DM) for the proposed Interstate 10 (I-10)/Koli Road Traffic Interchange. The proposed I-10/Koli Road Traffic Interchange would be located on I-10 between the existing Wild Horse Pass Boulevard/Sundust Road and State Route 347/Queen Creek Road traffic interchanges.

The draft EA considers and assesses alternatives for the traffic interchange, including a no-build alternative. Some considerations analyzed in-depth in the draft EA include the proposed project's impacts on cultural resources, biological resources, water quality, recreational resources, noise impacts and air quality, as well as other social, economic, and environmental impacts.

Public scoping was the first step of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental study process. The scoping and alternatives process provided the opportunity for the Community and the general public to educate the study team about the I-10/Koli Road Traffic Interchange study area, as well as share concerns about modifying I-10 to incorporate a traffic interchange at approximately Koli Road.

The next step in the study process is an I-10/Koli Rd Traffic Interchange Study Public Hearing.

Comment on the Draft EA and DM

Submit your comments on the I-10/Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study draft EA and DM from **July 14, 2025, through Aug. 13, 2025**. All comments received during the public comment period will be documented and responded to in the I-10 Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study Final EA and DM. All comment methods are considered equal.

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Provide written/verbal comments at the in-person or virtual public hearing.

Online through our comment form: azdot.gov/koliroad

Call: 602.522.7777

Email: koliroad@azdot.gov

Mail: I-10/Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study Office 7130 W. Fairview St. Chandler, AZ 85226

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Public Hearing/Open House

An in-person public hearing and a virtual public hearing will be held to provide an overview of the draft EA and DM, share ADOT's preliminary recommendation and accept public comment. The public hearing presentation and materials can also be viewed on the study website at **azdot.gov/koliroad**.

You Are Invited to Participate

1. **In-Person Public Hearing for the Gila River Indian Community | Tuesday, July 29, 2025 | 5:30 – 7 p.m.**
   Whirlwind Golf Club at Wild Horse Pass Shelde Building, 5692 W. North Loop Rd., Chandler, AZ 85226
2. **Virtual Public Hearing | Wednesday, July 30, 2025 | 5:30 – 7 p.m.**
   Call-in/Online through Zoom

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In-Person Agenda:	Virtual Agenda:
5:30 – 6 p.m. Open House	5:30 p.m. Formal Presentation
6 – 6:30 p.m. Presentation 2	6 p.m. Q&A
6:30 – 7 p.m. Formal Public Comments/Open House	6:15 – 7 p.m. Formal Public Comments

Public Hearing Ground Rules

Mutual respect and courtesy are the hearing's guiding principles. We ask that you follow the ground rules listed below so that everyone feels welcome, comfortable and has the opportunity to participate and provide comments.

Open House Area

Please refrain from interrupting conversations between study team members and meeting attendees.

Formal Public Comment Area

Please remain quiet and silence mobile devices while in the audience. Please do not interrupt a speaker and make sure to leave the area for side conversations.

Guidelines for Giving a Live Public Statement

Verbal comments: Following the presentation and question and answer session, members of the public will be allowed to make formal verbal comments in the presentation area. These will be recorded and included in the project record. Additionally, formal verbal comments may be provided to a court reporter privately at the marked location in the meeting area.

Written comments: An individual or group representative who speaks may also submit more detailed written comments by visiting the comment area in the open house portion of the hearing or by using the online comment form at **azdot.gov/koliroad**. Written comments can also be submitted in lieu of a formal verbal statement.

Draft EA and DM Available for Public Review and Comment

The draft EA and DM are published and available for public review and comment from **July 14, through Aug. 13, 2025.**

Printed copies of the draft EA and DM can be reviewed at the repository locations listed below. In addition, the documents are available for viewing or download from the study website at azdot.gov/koliroad. Select technical reports associated with the draft EA will be available upon request. Please email koliroad@azdot.gov or call 602.522.7777 to make a request.

- **Gila River Indian Community Governance Center**
  525 W. Gu U Ki, Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520.562.9500
- **Gila River Indian Community District 1: Blackwater**
  15747 N. Shegoi Rd., Coolidge AZ 85128 | 520.215.2110
- **Gila River Indian Community District 2: Hashan Kehk**
  8070 Park St., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520.562.3450
- **Gila River Indian Community District 3: Sacaton**
  31 N. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520.562.3334
- **Gila River Indian Community District 4: Santan**
  2230 N. Home Run Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520.418.3661
- **Gila River Indian Community District 5: Casa Blanca**
  3456 W. Casa Blanca Rd., Bapchule, AZ 85121 | 520.315.3441
- **Gila River Indian Community District 6: Komatke**
  5230 W. St. Johns Rd., Laveen, AZ 85339 | 520.550.3805
- **Gila River Indian Community District 7: Maricopa Colony**
  8035 S. 83rd Ave., Laveen, AZ 85339 | 520.430.4780
- **Maricopa Association of Governments** | 302 N 1st Ave #200, Phoenix, AZ 85003 | 602.254.6300
- **Chandler Public Library – Downtown** | 22 S. Delaware St., Chandler, AZ 85225 | 480.782.2800
- **Ironwood Library** | 4333 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85048 | 602.262.4636

FAQs

What is an Environmental Assessment?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires agencies to analyze, disclose, minimize and mitigate any adverse environmental impacts from projects requiring a decision/action from a federal agency. An Environmental Assessment (EA) is the NEPA level document that has been prepared to evaluate the potential impacts from the proposed action. This EA describes the need for the proposed action, alternatives developed for the proposed action, identification of the build alternatives and the environmental impacts and the environmental impacts of the build alternatives and No-Build Alternative.

What is a Design Memo?

In conjunction with the EA, which focuses on environmental factors, a Design Memo (DM) is also prepared to document the engineering elements associated with the study. This includes interchange options, drainage modifications, traffic operations and safety, construction requirements and impacts to traffic during construction, right of way requirements, cost and maintainability, to name just a few. These elements are evaluated for a range of reasonable build alternatives, as well as the no-build baseline alternative.

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